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7th Motor Transport Battalion, FMF
FPO, San Francisco California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1MAR67 to 31MAR67

Ref: (a) MGO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓ (1) March 1967 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1Mar67 to 31Mar67

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. UNIT DESIGNATION

7th Motor Transport Battalion
FPO, San Francisco Calif 96602

COMMANDER

Maj S. H. BATCHELDER
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

Subordinate Units

Headquarters & Service Company

2ndLt. H. HARIAN
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

Company "A"

1stLt. M. W. NEILL
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

Company "B"

Capt. R. W. SMITH
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

Company "C"

Capt. T. O. PITTMAN
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

Transport Company

1stLt. J. P. DOODY
1Mar67 - 21Mar67

1stLt. J. A. STEED
22Mar67 - 31Mar67

OPCON UNITS

Company "C"
1st Motor Transport Battalion

Capt. J. A. FREEMAN
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

2. LOCATION

1Mar67 - 31Mar67, Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major F. R. SMITH
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

S-1/Adjutant

2ndLt. J. E. SOMMERHAUSER
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

S-2/S-3

Capt. J. L. BARKER
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

S-4/S-5

Capt. D. J. CAILLAGHAN
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

Battalion Medical Officer

Lt. C. E. JULIUS, USNR
1Mar67 - 31Mar67

OPCON UNITS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
20	354	1	5

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	70	0	1

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this period 7th Motor Transport Battalion continued operating under the Administrative control of 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF and Operational control of Task Force X-Ray. Company "C" 1st Motor Transport Battalion remained under the Operational Control of 7th Motor Transport Battalion.
2. 7th Motor Transport Battalion transported troops, equipment and supplies in support of classified operations and other everyday commitments.
3. The operational summary shown herein includes 7th Motor Transport Battalion and Company "C", 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

	<u>TACTICAL</u>	<u>LOGISTICAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
a. Number of Trips	186	2,518	2,704
b. Miles Traveled	11,280	102,681	113,961
c. Personnel Transported	2,518	36,530	39,048
d. Cargo Transported (tons)	712	25,754	26,466

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 3 March Convoy of 26 task vehicles transported 535 marines with equipment from Quang Ngai to Chu Lai in support of Operation Desoto.
2. 4 March Convoy of 6 task vehicles transported 132 marines with equipment from Quang Ngai to Chu Lai in support of Operation Desoto.
3. 8 March Convoy of 15 task vehicles transported 630 ARVN troops with equipment from Chu Lai to LY Tin.
4. 9 March Convoy of 13 task vehicles transported 630 ARVN troops with equipment from Ly Tin to Chu Lai.
5. 16 March Convoy of 6 task vehicles transported 42 tons Class IV from 94th Fld Arty to NSA, Chu Lai.
6. 22 March Convoy of 4 task vehicles transported 36 tons Class IV from 94th Fld Arty to NSA, Chu Lai.
7. 22 March Second Lieutenant J. A. STEED assumed command of Transport Company vice First Lieutenant J. P. DOODY.
8. 24 March Convoy (Rough Rider) of 23 task vehicles transported Class II and Class IV supplies from Chu Lai to Da Nang. Enroute convoy encountered heavy mortar, recoilless and automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of Thinh Binh. One task vehicle and one control vehicle was destroyed by enemy fire. One task vehicle was destroyed by an enemy mine.
9. 25 March Convoy of 10 task vehicles transported 157 tons Class I, III, IV and V from Chu Lai to Lsa, Quang Ngai.
10. 26 March Convoy of 15 task vehicles transported 300 Vietnamese civilians from Chu Lai to Binh Son.

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11. 28 March Convoy of 15 task vehicles transported 125 tons Class I,III, IV and V to LSA, Quang Ngai.
12. 31 March Convoy of 7 task vehicles transported 5th Marines Command Group to Quang Ngai.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- ✓1. Convoy Commanders Report 3 Mar 1967
 - ✓2. Convoy Commanders Report 4 Mar 1967
 - ✓3. Convoy Commanders Report 8 Mar 1967
 - ✓4. Convoy Commanders Report 9 Mar 1967
 - ✓5. Convoy Commanders Report 16 Mar 1967
 - ✓6. Convoy Commanders Report 22 Mar 1967
 - ✓7. BSO 39-67
 - ✓8. (Classified)
 - ✓9. Convoy Commanders Report 25 Mar 1967
 - ✓10. Convoy Commanders Report 26 Mar 1967
 - ✓11. Convoy Commanders Report 29 Mar 1967
 - ✓12. Convoy Commanders Report 31 Mar 1967

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co B 7th Motor Transport Battalion

3 Mar. 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 3 Mar. 1967 Crossed SF 0730 Returned 2130No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) See ReverseDestination Quang Ngai L.S.A Time Arrived 0900Distance One Way 38 Speed 25 Rate of March 12 M.I.HSecurity Unit and Strength To: 16 Troops E Co. From ~~535 Troops~~ 1-5Support Units and Strength 9th. EngineersCargo Transported: Troops 535 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V Mission Return 1-5 to Hill 54 From Quang Ngai L.S.A

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

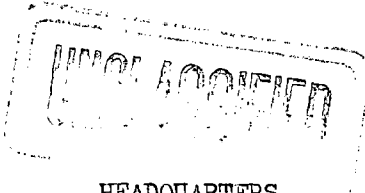
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Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

Bruce T. Heidthe
Lt. Bruce T. Heidthe
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

R.W. Smith
Capt. R.W. Smith
(Company Commander's Signature)

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(Reviewed)



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4 Mar, 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 4 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 0620 Returned 1700No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) See reverseDestination Quang Ng ai Time Arrived 1300Distance One Way 30 Miles Speed 20 MPH Rate of March 15 MIHSecurity Unit and Strength C co. 1/7 8 MenSupport Units and Strength N/A

Cargo Transported: Troops 132 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V

Mission Pick up troops at Quang Ngai and haul to 7th. Mar. Regt. C.P.

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and
brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

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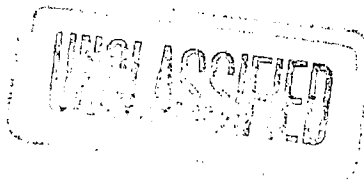
Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

B. A. Bourgeois
Lt. B. A. Bourgeois
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

R. W. Smith
Capt. R. W. Smith
(Company Commander's Signature)

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Co A 7th Motor Transport Battalion

8 Mar. 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 8 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 1200 Returned 1300

No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) See reverse

Destination Iy Tin Time Arrived 1220

Distance One Way 5 Miles Speed 20 MPH Rate of March 15 MTH

Security Unit and Strength N/A

Support Units and Strength N/A

Cargo Transported: Troops 630 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V

Mission Transport troops from Mag. 13 Air Freight to Iy Tin

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 Mrc 109
1 Grc 125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

Claude E. Heldreth
Lt. C.E. Heldreth
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

W.W. Neil
Lt. W.W. Neil
(Company Commander's Signature)

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9 Mar. 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 9 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 0630 Returned 0820

No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 13 Tractors and Trailers

Destination School north of AnTan Time Arrived 0645

Distance One Way 3 miles Speed 15 MPH Rate of March 16 MTH

Security Unit and Strength N/A

Support Units and Strength N/a

Cargo Transported: Troops 630 CL I CL II CL III CL IV
CL V

Mission To transport ARVN Troops to AIR FREIGHT

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 Mrc 109
1 GRC 125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

Lt. J. A Steed
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

Lt. J. P. Doody
(Company Commander's Signature)

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CONVOY COMMANDERS REPORT

Co H 7th Motor Transport Battalion

16 Mar. 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 16 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 0815 Returned 1700No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 6 M-52a2Destination 94th. FLD. ARTY. CP #5 Time Arrived 0930Distance One Way 20 Miles Speed 20 MPH Rate of March 16 MIHSecurity Unit and Strength 4 Army personnel down and 8 Army personnel backSupport Units and Strength 1 M-543a2 1M-543

Cargo Transported: Troops CL I CL II CL III CL IV 42 Tons
CL V

Mission To bring back 6 175 M.M tubes to S/Sgt Burgess from 94th. FLD ARTY CP #5

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and
brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

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Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

Lt. J. A. STEED
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

Lt. J. P. Doody
(Company Commander's Signature)

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CONVOY COMMANDER'S REPORT

Co A 7th Motor Transport Battalion

22 Mar. 1967

Date of Convoy 22 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 0930 Returned 1550

DATE

No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit and type) 4 M-52a2 T co.

Destination 94th. FLD ARTY (630-853) Time Arrived 1030

Distance One Way 16 Miles Speed 15 MPH Rate of March 16 MTH

Security Unit and Strength ARMV 1 Fire team

Support Units and Strength 1 M543 1 M543a2

Cargo Transported: Troops CL I CL II CL III 36 Tons
CL IV CL V

Mission To deliver 175 tubes and bring back old ones

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies
nets and brief statement outlining any communication
problems.)

Mrc 109

Grc 125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns,
accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as
appropriate. Use additional sheet, if necessary.)

Lt. R.A Prewitt *R.A. Prewitt*
(Convoy Commander's Signature)

Lt. J.A Steed *J.A. Steed*
(Company Commander's Signature)
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19 March 1967

BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER
NUMBER39-67

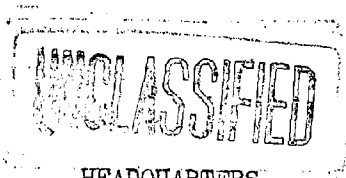
1. The following assignment is effected.

NAME	UNIT	ED	REMARKS
2ndLt J. A. STEED	: Trans Co :	22Mar67	: Pri du as CO, Trans Co vice 1stLt J. P. DOODY
094038/3502	:	:	: 092032/3502

S. H. BATCHELDER
Major, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer

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25 Mar. 1967
(Date)

Date of Convoy 25 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 0800 Returned 1745No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 10 M-52 Tco.Destination Quang Ngai Time Arrived 1000Distance One Way 27 Miles Speed 20 MPH Rate of March 17 MPHSecurity Unit and Strength Squad (REIN) A co. CLDCSupport Units and Strength 1 M-40

Cargo Transported: Troops _____ CL I 40 Tons CL II _____ CL III 30 Tons CL IV 12 Tons
CL V 75 Tons

Mission Resupply LSA and to backload defective gear

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and
brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

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Lt. J.A. Steed *J.A. Steed*
(Company Commander's Signature)

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26 Mar. 1967

(Date)

Date of Convoy 26 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 1305 Returned 1835No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit & type) 2 M-54 Aco. 1 M-40 Aco. 13 M-36 Dco.Destination Binh Son Time Arrived _____Distance One Way 15 Miles Speed 15 MPH Rate of March 15 MIHSecurity Unit and Strength N/ASupport Units and Strength N/ACargo Transported: Troops 300 CL I _____ CL II _____ CL III _____ CL IV _____
CL V _____Mission Pick up refugees at 2/7 and haul to Ben Son

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies, nets and brief statement outlining any communication problems.)

1 Mrc 1091 Grc 125

Remarks: (Include contacts, incidents, backlash incidents, breakdowns, accidents, convoy discrepancies and other information as appropriate. Use additional sheet if necessary.)

R. A. Bourgeny
LT. R. A. Bourgeny

(Convoy Commander's Signature)

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Lt. R. A. Bourgeny

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CONVOY COMMANDER'S REPORT

Co C 7th Motor Transport Battalion

31Mar67

DATE

Date of Convoy 31Mar67 Crossed SP 0710 Returned 1100

No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit and type) SEE REVERSE

Destination Hill 35 to Quang Ngai Time Arrived 1430

Distance One Way 35 Miles Speed 20 MPH Rate of March 15 MPH

Security Unit and Strength 1 Squad Infantry

Support Units and Strength _____

Cargo Transported: Troops 150 CL I 5 tons CL II 5 tons CL III _____
CL IV _____ CL V _____

Mission Transport command group to Quang Ngai

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies
nets and brief statement outlining any communication
problems.)

1 Mrc 109

1 Prc 25

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appropriate. Use additional sheet, if necessary.)

A. J. Kaufman Jr.

Lt. A. J. KAUFMAN

(Convoy Commander's Signature)

J. L. Barker

CAPT. J. L. BARKER

(Company Commander's Signature)

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29 Mar. 1967

DATE

Date of Convoy 28 Mar. 1967 Crossed SP 0800 Returned 2100

No. of Vehicles in Convoy (by unit and type) 14 M-52a2 Tco. 1 M-54 Aco.

Destination Quang Ngai LSA Time Arrived 1045

Distance One Way 25 Miles Speed 15 MPH Rate of March 15 MPH

Security Unit and Strength 2 (REINF.) squads Fco. 1/7 Aco 1/5

Support Units and Strength 1 Eng. Team 1

Cargo Transported: Troops CL I 35 Tons CL II 35 Tons
CL IV 10 Tons CL V 80 Tons

Mission To transport supplies to LSA. To backload civ. action supplies to Binh Son

Communications: (List communications equipment utilized, frequencies
nets and brief statement outlining any communication
problems.)

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1 Grc 125

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