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7th Motor Transport Battalion
Force Logistic Command, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco California 96602

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5750
4 July 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command, FMFPac.
(Attn: ACofS G-2)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June 1967 to 30 June 1967.

Ref: (a) FLCO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) June 1967 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. UNIT DESIGNATION7th Motor Transport Battalion
Force Logistic Command, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco Calif. 96602COMMANDERMaj. S. H. BATCHELDER
1Jun67 - 30Jun67Subordinate Units

Headquarters & Service Company

Capt. J. D. PARRIS
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

Company "A"

1st Lt. G.T. STARKWEATHER
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

Company "B"

Capt. R. W. SMITH
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

Company "C"

1st Lt. G.S. MCKISOCK
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

Transport Company

1st Lt. J. A. STEED
1Jun67 - 30Jun672. LOCATION1Jun67 - 14Jun67, Chu Lai, RVN
15 Jun67- 30Jun67, Da Nang, RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1/Adjutant

2nd Lt. J.E. SOMMERHAUSER
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

S-2/S-3

Capt. J. L. BARKER
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

S-4/Supply Officer

1st Lt. C.D. PARKER
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

S-5

Capt. J.D. PARRIS
1Jun67 - 30Jun67

Battalion Medical Officer

Lt. C. E. JULIUS, USNR
1Jun67 - 16Jun674. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this reporting period, 7th Motor Transport Battalion remained under the operational control of Force Logistic Command. First Marine Division (Rein), FMF exercised administrative control from 1June to 5June. On 5June administrative control was passed on to Force Logistic Command. Company "B" (Rein) remained located in the Phu Bai TAOR in direct support of FLSG-A. On 8June Company "C" (Rein) was relocated at FLSG-B to provide direct support to FLSG-B located in the Chu Lai TAOR. On 13June Transport Company (-) and Headquarters and Service Company (-) embarked aboard LST 1163 and departed on 14June for Da Nang. On 14June Company "A"(-) and elements of Headquarters and Service Company embarked aboard LST 692 and departed 15June for Da Nang. On 15June the remaining elements of Company "A" embarked aboard LST 1088 and departed on 16June for Da Nang.
2. During this period 7th Motor Transport Battalion transported 379 tons of all classes plus 20,000 gallons class IIIA in support of Operation Oregon II. On 19June, 7th Motor Transport Battalion began committing and operating vehicles in support of Force Logistic Command.
3. The Operational summary shown herein includes all elements of 7th Motor Transport Battalion during the reporting period.

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|----------------------------|---------|
| a. Number of Trips | 3,135 |
| b. Miles Traveled | 128,582 |
| c. Personnel Transported | 24,546 |
| d. Cargo Transported(tons) | 15,350 |

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1-5 June In support of Operation Oregon II, 7th Motor Transport Battalion hauled 72 tons Class I, 29 tons Class II, 12 tons and 20,000Gal. Class III and IIIA, 2 tons Class IV, and 264 tons Class V.
2. 3 June Lance Corporal Leroy OWENS, Company "A", was presented the Purple Heart Medal by the Battalion Commander. The presentation was awarded for wounds received while participating in a convoy from Tam Ky to Hill #29* on 20 May 1967.

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3. 5 June 7th Motor Transport Battalion began operating under the administrative control of Force Logistic Command.
4. 6 June A M-54 while in convoy, was destroyed when it ran over and detonated a pressure type mine.
5. 8 June Company "C" (Rein) was relocated to FISG-B, Chu Lai TAOR to provide direct support for that organization.
6. 14 June Transport Company (-) and Headquarters and Service Company (-) departed aboard LST 1163 for Da Nang.
7. 15 June Company "A" (-) and elements of Headquarters and Service Company departed aboard LST 692 for Da Nang.
8. 16 June Final elements of Company "A" departed aboard LST 1088 for Da Nang.
9. 19 June Memorial services were conducted at 7th Motor Transport Battalion for one member of the battalion who died as a result of wounds received while on a convoy from Chu Lai to Quang Ngai.
10. 20 June Captain R.W. SMITH was presented the Silver Star by Brigadier General J.E. HERBOID JR. Commanding General, Force Logistic Command for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on 24 March in connection with operations against Communist (Viet Cong) forces. Captain SMITH was serving as commander of a motor march enroute to Da Nang combat base from Chu Lai.
11. 29 June Corporal Harold E. VANDYKE, Company "A" was presented with a letter of appreciation by the Battalion Commander from Major General Donn J. ROBERTSON Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. It was awarded for his achievements accomplished while serving as a motor vehicle operator attached to the forward command post of the 5th Marine Regiment during "Operation Union I" from the period of 18-22 May 1967.
12. 29 June 7th Motor Transport Battalion was presented with the Minute Man Flag on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy. This is the U.S. Treasury Departments highest award. It was presented in recognition for the accomplishment of the Officers and men of the battalion in achieving 90 percent or more participation in the Savings Bond program.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ~1F 1. Convoy Commanders Reports (Notal)
- " 2. (Notal)
- " 3. CG First MarDiv 220225Z May67(Classified)
- 4. Spot Report 3-67
- ~1F 5. CG ForLogComd 011632Z Jun67(Classified)
- " 6. CG ForLogComd 011632Z Jun67(Classified)
- " 7. CG ForLogComd 011632Z Jun67(Classified)
- " 8. CG ForLogComd 011632Z Jun67(Classified)
- " 9. (Notal)
- " 10. (Notal)
- 11. Letter of Appreciation; case of Corporal Harold E. VANDYKE,
2230637/3531, USMC
- 12. Treasury Departments highest award; presentation of

*for: FLC Order 5401.8 "Administration of the 7th M.T. Div," 7 Jun 67.
See Tab J to D&C Chronology, Jun 67*

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

SPOT REPORT 3-67DATE 6 June 1967

A. Unit: 7th Motor Transport Battalion

B. DTG of Incident: 060815

C. Grid Coordinates: 1. Friendly 564993
 2. Enemy _____

D. Incident: 1 M-54 in convoy ran over and detonated one mine. Mine presumed to be pressure type. M-54 severely damaged no smallarms or or automatic fire received.

E. Action Taken: Med Evac called and received. Army unit proceeded to probe area for more mines.

F. Friendly KIA: 2

G. Friendly WIA: 4

H. Friendly MIA: 0

I. VC KIA: 0

J. VC WIA: 0

K. VC Captured: 0

L. VC Suspects: 0

M. Weapons Captured: 0

N. Equipment Captured: 0

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APPROVED BY:

J. L. Barker
 By DIRECTION

NOTE: 1. Spot Reports to be approved by BnCO or BnXO before submission.
 2. Spot Reports to be called in to DivCOC after approval.
 3. Copy of Spot Report to be attached to the daily unit journal.
 4. Copy of Spot Report to be filed in Command Chronology folder.

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UNCLASSIFIEDUNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN)
FLEET MARINE FORCE PACIFIC
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602Address reply to:
Commanding General
And refer to:
7/FERS/prt
1650
19 JUN 1967

From: Commanding General

To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command

Subj: Letter of Appreciation; case of Corporal Harold E. VANDYKE,
2230637/3531, USMC

1. During the period 18-22 May 1967, Corporal VANDYKE was attached to the forward command post of the 5th Marine Regiment as a truck driver during "Operation Union I". Throughout this period Corporal VANDYKE continually and energetically carried out his duties in an outstanding manner. On many occasions Corporal VANDYKE displayed an admirable enthusiasm when he consistently volunteered for additional duties, working parties, etc.

2. On 20 May 1967 Corporal VANDYKE was the driver of the first truck in a two truck convoy between Hill 29 and Tam Ky. When the second truck hit an explosive device wounding 5 marines, Corporal VANDYKE immediately loaded the wounded aboard his truck and without hesitation proceeded alone to Tam Ky where the wounded were treated. His quick actions and display of courage played a significant role in saving the lives and well-being of several Marines.

3. The professional and highly competent manner in which Corporal VANDYKE conducted himself and carried out his duties materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the support for "Operation Union I". His fine example is certainly a credit to himself and to the 7th Motor Transport Battalion.

/S/ DONN J. ROBERTSON

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26 Jun 1967

AU 211 240 00001 on Special Assistant for Savings Bonds Letter
P-1000-2/vi, of 20 April 1967

From: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command, Fleet Marine Force,
Rancho Cucamonga
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Motor Transport Battalion
Subj: Treasury Department's Highest Award; Presentation of

1. Forwarded with pleasure,

2. It is indeed gratifying to forward correspondence of this nature. Please convey my congratulations and appreciation in addition to that previously expressed to the Officers and men of the 7th Motor Transport Battalion for surpassing the requested goal of participation in the Savings Bonds Program.

J. E. Head Jr.
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23 JUN 1967

NETAD ENDORSEMENT on Special Assistant For Savings Bonds ltr
MCRS-Gc/71r of 20 April 1967

From: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Motor Transport Battalion
Via: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command

Subj: Treasury Department's Highest Award; presentation of

1. Redressed and forwarded.

2. It is with great pleasure that I forward this symbol of
the patriotism shown by your command while part of the 1st
Marine Division.



DONN J. ROBERTSON

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15 JUN 1967

SECOND ENDORSEMENT on Special Assistant for Savings Bonds ltr
base-5c/102 of 20 April 1967

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Commanding Officer, 7th Marine Transport Battalion,
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco 96602

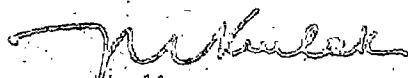
VIA: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein),
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco 96602

Subj: Treasury Department's Highest Award; presentation of

1. Readdressed and forwarded.

2. Enclosure (2) will be forwarded under separate cover.

3. The pride of achievement, which you and every participating
member of your command so richly deserve, is shared by me. I
regret that I cannot be present personally to present this Minute
Men Award.



V.H. KRULAK

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25 MAY 1967

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Special Assistant for Savings Bonds ltr
Pers-Gc/vlr of 20 Apr 1967

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Motor Transport Battalion,
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Fleet Post Office San
Francisco 96602
Via: (1) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific,
Fleet Post Office San Francisco 96610
(2) Commanding General, First Marine Division, Fleet
Marine Force, Pacific, Fleet Post Office, San
Francisco 96602

Subj: Treasury Department's Highest Award; presentation of

Encl: (2) Letter of appreciation for Major Sidney H.
BATCHELDER, 058045, USMC

1. The basic letter is readdressed and forwarded with congratulations.
2. Enclosure (2) is forwarded for appropriate presentation to Major Sidney H. Batchelder.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370

IN REPLY REFER TO
Pers-Gc/vlr

20 APR 1967

From: Special Assistant for Savings Bonds
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Motor Transport Battalion,
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Fleet Post Office San
Francisco 96602
Via: Commandant of the Marine Corps
Subj: Treasury Department's highest award; presentation of
Encl: (1) Minute Man Flag (3' x 5')

1. Enclosure (1), the highest award of the Treasury Department, is forwarded for presentation. The accomplishment of the officers and men of the 7th Motor Transport Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in achieving 90 percent or more participation in the Savings Bond Program is most significant.
2. On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, congratulations and a "Well Done" are extended to you and those of your command who have so effectively supported our nation's economic as well as military goals.

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