

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

3/RWS/avd  
5750  
4 Sep 1967

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August to 31 August  
1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) August 1967 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and  
(b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. UNIT DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Motor Transport Battalion  
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Maj S. H. BATCHELDER  
1August67-31August67

Subordinate Units

Headquarters & Service Company

Capt J. D. PARRIS III  
1August67-31August67

Company "A"

1stLt G. T. STARKWEATHER  
1August67-31August67

Company "B"

Capt J. L. BARKER  
1August67-31August67

Company "C"

1stLt G. S. MCKISSOCK  
1August67-31August67

Transport Company

1stLt J. A. STEED  
1August67-14August67

Capt T. G. MARTINSON  
15August67-31August67

2. LOCATION

1August67-31August67, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1/Adjutant

WO-1 I. L. KUNI  
1August67-31August67

S-2/S-3

Capt R. W. SMITH  
1August67-31August67

S-4/Supply Officer

1stLt D. D. PARKER  
1August67-2August67

2ndLt R. E. KESLER JR.  
3August67-31August67

S-5

Capt J. D. PARRIS III  
1August67-31August67

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u>  | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 22          | 375        | 0          | 0          |

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this reporting period, 7th Motor Transport Battalion remained under the operational and administrative control of Force Logistic Command, DaNang, RVN. Company "B" (Rein) remained in the Phu Bai TAOR in direct support of Force Logistic Support Group Alpha. One section (5 vehicles) from Transport Company departed DaNang aboard LCU 1612 on 12 August 1967 and arrived Phu Bai the same day. On 13 August these vehicles convoyed to Dong Ha where they remain in direct support of Force Logistic Support Unit #1, relieving one section of Company "B" vehicles, which returned to Phu Bai. During the period 11-22 August 1967 vehicles of 7th Motor Transport Battalion transported 522 tons of all classes of supplies in support of Operations Cochise I & II.

2. The operational summary shown herein includes all elements of 7th Motor Transport Battalion during the reporting period.

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| a. Number of trips          | 4,465   |
| b. Miles traveled           | 163,800 |
| c. Personnel Transported    | 23,489  |
| d. Cargo transported (Tons) | 39,795  |

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1 August Cpl M. J. KRUSE H&S Company was awarded Meritorious Mast by the Battalion Commander for meritorious service.

2. 3 August 2ndLt R. E. KESLER JR. assumed duties as S-4 vice 1stLt C. D. PARKER.

3. 12 August One Section of Transport Company embarked aboard LCU 1612 at DaNang and debarked at Phu Bai, same day. This section is attached to Company "B".

4. 13 August One Section of Transport Company moved in convoy from Phu Bai to Dong Ha and relieved one section of Company "B" which returned to Phu Bai.

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5. 13 August Sgt J. W. LAFFOON Company "C" was awarded Meritorious Mast by the Battalion Commander for meritorious service.
6. 15 August Capt T. G. MARTINSON assumed duties as Commanding Officer of Transport Company vice 1stLt J. A. STEED.
7. 17 August Maj L. D. THOMAS assumed duties as Battalion Executive Officer.
8. 28 August one M52A2/M127 at Dong Ha was destroyed in Camp Area during a mortar attack.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. BnBul 1650 1 Aug 1967, "Meritorious Mast" [Cpl M. J. KRUSE]
2. BSO 121-67
- NIF 3. CG, ForLogComd verbal order to CO, 7thMTBn on 7 Aug 1967
- " 4. CG, ForLogComd verbal order to CO, 7thMTBn on 7 Aug 1967
5. BnBul 1650 13 Aug 1967 "Meritorious Mast" [Sgt J. W. LAFFOON]
6. BSO 134-67
7. BSO 136-67
- NIF 8. NOTAL

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BnBul 1650  
SHB/avd  
1 Aug 1967

BATTALION BULLETIN 1650

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Meritorious Mast

Ref: (a) MARCORPERSMAN, par 8052  
(b) MARCORPERSMAN, par 15114.1f

1. Purpose. To publish a Meritorious Mast, held in accordance with reference (a).

2. Meritorious Mast. A Meritorious Mast was held for Corporal Michael J. KRUSE 2135224/3042 U. S. Marine Corps, on 1 August 1967 at Headquarters, 7th Motor Transport Battalion, for meritorious service as follows:

"During the period 27 January 1967 to 4 August 1967 you have performed your assigned duties in the Battalion S-4/Supply in an exemplary manner.

Duties performed during the above period were as the Logistic Clerk and the Formal Accounts Clerk. Of particular note was the period 22 June 1967 to 26 July 1967 when as the senior enlisted Marine in the section, you were called upon to assume the responsibilities of Battalion Supply Chief.

Your acceptance of responsibility and willingness to work during a time when the S-4 Section was short handed greatly assisted that section in the performance of its mission. Your ability to plan ahead and organize your own work as well as the work of others was of immeasurable value during the conduct of the annual inventory and reconciliation not only in time saved but in quality and quantity of work accomplished.

These duties have been performed with a professional competence normally expected of older and more senior Marines. Your own native intelligence, initiative, attention to duty and demonstrated leadership have served as an outstanding example to your subordinates and have been extremely gratifying to your commanders."

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1 Aug 1967

3. Action. The Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company will comply with the provisions of reference (b).

4. Self-cancellation. 31 January 1968.

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BnBul 1650  
SHB/rm  
13 Aug 1967

BATTALION BULLETIN 1650

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Meritorious Mast

Ref: (a) MARCORPERSMAN, par 8052  
(b) MARCORPERSMAN, par 15114.1f

1. Purpose. To publish a Meritorious Mast, held in accordance with reference (a).

2. Meritorious Mast. A Meritorious Mast was held for Sergeant John W. LAFFOON 2124716/3516 U. S. Marine Corps, on 13 August 1967 at Headquarters, 7th Motor Transport Battalion, for meritorious service as follows:

"During the period 6 November 1966 to 10 August 1967, you have performed your assigned duties as mechanic and wrecker driver for "C" Company in an outstanding manner.

Your skills as a master mechanic and your guidance to less experienced personnel have been decisive factors on numerous occasions in having tactical vehicles available to this command. In many instances, long hours of work ranging from maintenance of vehicles to off loading combat materials essential to the allied effort, were accomplished in a manner which is a credit to your professional knowledge and dedication to duty.

While in convoy enroute from Chu Lai to Danang on 24 March 1967, the convoy was taken under intense enemy fire. You drove your vehicle out of the killing zone even though it had sustained scores of small arms hits and five flat tires. After the convoy had moved through the killing zone, you retrieved a disabled ONTOS and proceeded to the Danang TAOR. Your action saved valuable time and led to safe and speedy completion of the mission. This is one of many instances in which you have shown your professional abilities.

Your proven presence of mind under various tactical situations is a credit to your maturity and self confidence.

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13 Aug 1967

Your consistently outstanding overall performance in this command has earned you the respect of peers and superiors alike."

3. Action. The Commanding Officer, "C" Company will comply with the provisions of reference (b).

4. Self-cancellation. 12 February 1967.

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1/LLK/avd  
16 Aug 1967

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BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER  
NUMBER.....134-67

1. The following reassignment is effected:

| NAME               | UNIT   | ED        | REMARKS                                    |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|--|
| Capt MARTINSON T G | H&S Co | 15 Aug 67 | TransCo, for du as Commanding Officer vice |
| 086869/3502        | :      | :         | 1stLt J A SEWED C94038/3502                |

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

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CG, FLC

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1/ILK/avd  
17 Aug 1967

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BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER  
NUMBER.....136-67

1. The following reassignment is effected:

| NAME                               | UNIT   | ED        | REPORT TO          |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|
| GySgt BICKLEY E E :<br>608447/3516 | Co B : | 17Aug67 : | CO, TransCo for du |

2. The following assignment is effected:

| NAME                            | UNIT     | ED        | REMARKS                         |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Maj THOMAS L D :<br>059882/3502 | H&S Co : | 17Aug67 : | Asg pri du as Executive Officer |

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

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1/ILK/avd  
30 Jul 1967

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BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER  
NUMBER.....121-67

1. The following assignments are effected:

| NAME                                 | UNIT   | ED      | REMARKS   |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|---|
| 2ndLt KESLER, R E JR<br>0100375/3002 | H&S Co | 3Aug67  | :Asg pri du as S-4; asg add du as EngO, FiscalO,<br>: OrdnanceO, UnitPropertyO vice 1stLt C D PARKER<br>: 087123/3010 |
| 2ndLt SPARKMAN B R<br>0101505/3501   | --do-- | 30Jul67 | :Asg add du as BnTRO vice 2ndLt L J CASEY JR<br>: 094234/3501, SplServO vice 2ndLt M E WHITE<br>: 095198/3502         |

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

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