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From: Commanding General, 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF Camp Pendleton,
California 92055

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Missing Command Chronology for period 1 February 1970 to 13 March
1970

Encl: (1) 7th Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology

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7th MT Bn

1970 - 13 March

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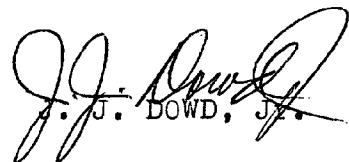
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Ref: (a) CG FMFPac msg 210253Z November 1970
(b) MCO P5750.1
(c) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 7th Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology
- (2) Voyage Report; USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b),
and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 FEBRUARY to 13 MARCH 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

7th Motor Transport Battalion

COMMANDERMaj. L. E. DAVIES
1 Feb 70 - 13 Mar 70SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

Capt. E. K. SCHOPPAUL
1 Feb 70 - 13 Mar 70

"A" Company

1stLt. T. J. HAYEK
1 Feb 70 - 13 Mar 70

"B" Company

1stLt. L. W. SCHULER
1 Feb 70 - 13 Mar 70

"C" Company

1stLt. C. J. JACKSON
1 Feb 70 - 13 Mar 70

Transport Company

Capt. N. A. STICKLER

ATTACHED UNITS1. DETACHMENT, Bridge Company (19 Feb - 12 Mar)2. LOCATION1 Feb - 18 Feb, DaNang, RVN
19 Feb - 12 Mar, Enroute to CONUS embarked aboard USN vessels
13 Mar, Camp Pendleton, California3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Info not avail

S-1/Adjutant

Capt. W. HICKEY

S-2/S-3

Capt. W. HICKEY

S-4

Capt. S. F. CAPPIELLO

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

Information not available

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period covered by this report, the 7th Motor Transport Battalion prepared for embarkation aboard USN vessels for the return to CONUS and, after preparations had been completed, embarked aboard the USS Tulare, USS Anchorage, and the USS Alamo for the actual voyage, arriving CONUS approximately three weeks later.

From the first of February until the actual embarkation aboard the vessels began, 7th Motor Transport Battalion was based at the FLC "stand-down" area in DaNang, RVN. The time was utilized in the preparation of personnel and equipment for the voyage. On the 12th of February an advance party from "B" Company departed DaNang aboard the USS Tulare, arriving at Camp Pendleton, the future home of the Battalion, on 1 March. The remainder of "B" Company was placed in a cadre status.

On the 19th of February the Battalion Headquarters, "A" Company (Rein), and Headquarters and Service Company (-) and one platoon from the 3rd Bridge Company embarked aboard the USS Anchorage (LSD-36), departing at 2000 the same day. Transport Company and "C" Company embarked aboard the USS Alamo and also departed DaNang on the 19th of February.

During the 21 day voyage the Battalion conducted inspections, held classes on shipboard life and other subjects, and conducted normal maintenance on the vehicles. The voyage was interrupted by a refueling stop at Subic Bay, Phillipine Islands. The USS Anchorage arrived at Camp Pendleton, California, on 12 March, docking at Camp Del Mar. The USS Alamo arrived on the 13th of March, also docking at Camp Del Mar.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| 1 Feb 70 - 18 Feb 70 | 7th M.T. Bn. prepares for embarkation |
| 12 Feb 70 | USS Tulare, with advance party, departs DaNang, RVN |
| 19 Feb 70 | USS Anchorage, USS Alamo depart DaNang, RVN, destination Camp Pendleton |

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| 20 Feb 70 | Departure from the tax exclusion zone |
| 21 Feb 70 | Arrival at Subic Bay for a refuel stop |
| 24 Feb 70 | Departure from Subic Bay |
| 1 Mar 70 | USS Talores arrives Camp Pendleton |
| 12 Mar 70 | USS Anchorage arrives Camp Pendleton |
| 13 Mar 70 | USS Alamo arrives Camp Pendleton |

PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Subordinate command chronologies are not available. The voyage report of the USS Anchorage, the only supporting document available to this Command, is submitted as enclosure (2).

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31 MAR 1970

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 7th MP Bn ltr 1/LED/drft of 17Mar70

From: Commanding General, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade,
FMF, Camp Pendleton, California 92055

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Voyage Report; USS Anchorage (LSD-36), Embark Unit IV,
Phase III Redeployment

1. Forwarded.

M. W. SCHMIDT
Chief of Staff

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CO, 7th MP Bn

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7th Motor Transport Battalion
 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
 Camp Pendleton, California 92655

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 17 Mar 1970

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
 Via: Commanding General, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade
 Subj: Voyage Report, USS Anchorage (LSD-36), Embark Unit IV, Phase III
 Redeployment
 Ref: (a) WMPFACO 3000.3E
 Enccl: (1) Command Chronology
 (2) Lessons Learned
 (3) Guard SOP
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1. This report is submitted in accordance with reference (a). Enclosure (1) depicts the Command Chronology, enclosure (2) represents Lessons Learned, enclosure (3) is the Guard SOP which was utilized aboard ship.
2. The Officers and men of the USS Anchorage extended every courtesy and displayed continuing interest in the welfare and well-being of the embarked troops. The attitude and the spirit of cooperation made for a very pleasant journey.

L. E. DAVIES

Copy to: CG, III MAF
 CG, MCB CAMP PENDLETON
 CG, FORLOGCOM
 CO, USS Anchorage (LSD-36)

ENCLOSURE (2)

Chronology of 7th Motor Transport Battalion Commanded by Major L. E. DAVIS
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1. The CO of Troops met with TF 76 representatives on 17 February 1970 and received word that the ships would be ready for loading the morning of the 19th of February. All vehicles from the Battalion, Bridge Company, and retrograde vehicles, and CONKERS were staged and ready to be loaded as soon as the ships were tied up at the pier. A ships platoon, consisting of one officer and 40 enlisted, went aboard as soon as the ships arrived at the pier.

2. The embarkation aboard ship of all troops and equipment commenced at 1030 19 February 1970 and was completed by 2000 19 February 1970. Personnel embarked consisted of the following:

| | Off | SECO | 1st | Navy 1st |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|----------|
| Detachment, 7th Motor Transport Bn | 9 | 11 | 127 | 3 |
| Detachment, Bridge Company | 1 | 0 | 57 | 0 |
| Total | 10 | 11 | 178 | 3 |

3. The embarked troops consisted of Battalion Headquarters, "A" Co. (Rein), BMS Co. (-), and one platoon from Bridge Company. Control of troops was handled by the Company Commanders under the direction of the CO of Troops. Officers were assigned duties including Security Officer, Medic Officer, Laundry Officer, and CIC Ships Platoon. An interior guard was established for security and fire watch.

4. The following is a chronology of the events by date:

19 Feb 1970 - US3 Anchorage (LSD-36) departed DaNang at 2000, destination Camp Del Mar.

20 Feb 1970 - The ship departed the tax exclusion zone (120 miles out) at about 0500 20 Feb 1970. Each Company held formations on the flight deck and conducted personnel and weapons inspections.

21 Feb 1970 - Ship arrived at Subic Bay, Phillipine Islands at 1530 for a supply stop. It was determined by the Navy that the ship would sail at 1600 on 24 Feb 1970.

22 Feb 1970 - Holiday routine; base liberty declared for all embarked troops.

23 Feb 1970 - Holiday routine; base liberty declared for all embarked troops.

24 Feb 1970 - Normal work day; a personnel inspection was conducted on all embarked troops. The ship departed Subic Bay at 1600 24 Feb 1970.

25 Feb 1970 - Each company conducted one hour physical fitness training.

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26 Feb 1970 - All vehicles were started and run for a period of one half hour. Physical Fitness was conducted.

27 Feb 1970 - Preparation for Battalion CO Personnel Inspection.

28 Feb 1970 - All vehicles were checked for security and to insure they were properly tied down. Afternoon, Holiday Routine.

1 Mar 1970 - Holiday Routine; Church Call. An Episcopal Chaplain conducted services and a Catholic Lay Leader held services for all Roman Catholics.

2 Mar 1970 - Inspection of vehicles for tie down and security. Battalion CO's Personnel Inspection of all embarked troops.

3 Mar 1970 - A class given by the Navy on Shipboard protocol, also companies conducted rifle inspections.

4 Mar 1970 - Tour of the ship for designated personnel. A class was given to all troops on Veteran's Benefits.

5 Mar 1970 - Due to crossing the International Date Line 5 March occurred twice. On the first 5 March all vehicles were checked for proper tie down and security and all vehicles were started. A class on Navy traditions was conducted. The 2nd 5 March Physical Fitness was conducted.

6 Mar 1970 - Tour of the ship for designated personnel. A Class on Customs and Traditions of the Marine Corps was conducted.

7 Mar 1970 - Preparation for Battalion CO's Rifle and Personnel Inspection. In the afternoon the ship declared Holiday Routine.

8 Mar 1970 - Church Call, the Embarked Chaplain held services for those personnel of the Episcopal Faith. Lay Leaders conducted services for personnel of other faiths.

9 Mar 1970 - Battalion Commander held a Personnel and Rifle Inspection of 7th Motor Transport Bn.

10 Mar 1970 - A class was conducted on Career Planning and also the Navy gave a class on Naval Nurses.

11 Mar 1970 - Tour of ship for designated personnel. A class was given in Separations and Travel.

12 Mar 1970 - Arrived at Camp Del Mar and disembarked.

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