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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

HEADQUARTERS, 9th Motor Transport Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

070900H DEC65

Period Covered: 010001H NOV65 to 302400H NOV65

J. F. JONES, Major, USMC, Commanding Officer
E. R. HALEY, Captain, USMC, Executive Officer
L. E. COOK, CWO2, USMC, Adjutant/S-1
V. D. SUTTON, Captain, USMC, S-3
A. E. MANNING, 1stLt, USMC, Supply Officer/S-4

Average strength during period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF	23	1
ENL	501	10

1. PERSONNEL. Replacements in key billets are not being received. The Battalion is presently operating without First Sergeants in three of the Companies. The Adjutant/S-1 will rotate next month and the Battalion was notified that there would be no replacement due to the shortage of Adjutants within the Division. The present shortage and projected loss of 01 personnel will hamper the administrative capability of this Battalion.

2. ADMINISTRATION. No significant facts, events or situations reportable.

3. INTELLIGENCE

a. 102300H November 1965 received call from ASP #1 that they were receiving small arms fire. Battalion went on 100% alert. No contact followed.

b. On 19 November 1965 the guard found several rough directional arrows pointing at the machine-gun bunkers. Removed all arrows and sent Spet Report to G-2.

c. On 25 November 1965 one of the men in the Battalion received a letter from the Viet Nam Day Committee from Berkley, California. Turned the letter over to G-2 for investigation.

4. TRAINING

a. Twenty-two new members of the Battalion attended Driving School.

b. Personnel of the Battalion were given six hours of instructions on the M-14, M-60 and 1911A1 Caliber .45 Pistol.

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c. Personnel of the Battalion fired their T/O weapons and the M-60 for familiarization.

d. Nineteen persons of the Battalion received three hours of instructions on Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Warfare.

5. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. The Battalion has had several actual tactical convoys.

6. CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF WARFARE.

Nothing to report.

7. COMMAND AND CONTROL. Assumed operational control of Company "D", 1 Plt, 7th Motor Transport Battalion during this period.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

a. Direct lines are installed with adjacent units.

b. Radio contact with Monroe.

c. The use of a radio jeep by the Battalion Readmaster for control.

9. CLOSE COMBAT.

Nothing to report.

10. FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATIONS.

Nothing to report.

11. LOGISTICS.

a. 90% of the strongbacking program is completed. Request for three additional strongbacks and 240 2"x4"x1/2" boards has been approved by Division Engineers for completion of the program.

b. The fill rate of the high priority requisitions has improved, however, we are short five M54 vehicles of our T/E and one generator PU 239. The one presently in use is on loan from 7th Communications. Requisitions covering shortages of major T/E items have been submitted. Tracer actions on high priority requisitions have been accomplished on a timely basis.

12. AIR DEFENSE. Five 50 caliber machine guns on the M-63 mounts are within the perimeter of the Battalion for air defense.

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13. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT.

Nothing to report.

14. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT. Medical support provided by the Battalion Aid Station which is manned by one doctor and ten corpsmen.

15. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT. Religious services held each Sunday in the Battalion CP for Catholics and Protestants.

16. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS. During the period of this report 286 civilians were given out-patients treatment at Phuc La Bac by the Medical Officer and Corpsmen from the Battalion Aid Station. 20 November 1965 several bundles of clothing, soap, dolls and volleyballs were taken to Phuc La Bac Hamlet for distribution by the Hamlet Chief.


J. F. JONES