

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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

081500H Feb66

Period covered: 010001H Jan66 to 312400H Jan66

J. F. JONES, Major, USMC, Commanding Officer
E. R. HALEY, Captain, USMCR, Executive Officer
S. B. BULL, 1stLt., USMCR, Adjutant/S-1/S-2
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Average strength during period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF	22	1
ENL	435	10

1. PERSONNEL. The shortage of first sergeants is still critical. During this reporting period one first sergeant was rotated which leaves a shortage of two. This lack of supervisory personnel within the companies has required that senior men be assigned duty as first sergeant, thereby taking them from their regular duties for prolonged periods of time. There is still a shortage of two administrative men and one legal clerk.

2. ADMINISTRATION. The report of the courtesy-type administrative inspection held by the Division Adjutant Section has been received. Discrepancies which were noted will receive special emphasis. In this connection, a weekly class composed of Company Commanders, Battalion Adjutant personnel, First Sergeants, and clerical personnel is being activated. This class will meet to discuss all aspects of administrative matters affecting this Battalion.

3. INTELLIGENCE. Nothing to report.

4. TRAINING. Nothing to report.

5. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

a. On 10 January seventeen (17) trucks supplemented 3d Motor Transport Battalion in support of Operation Mallard.

b. On 17 January fifteen (15) trucks supplemented 3d Motor Transport Battalion in support of Operation Mallard.

6. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF WARFARE. Nothing to report.

7. COMMAND AND CONTROL. Nothing to report.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS. No change from last report.
9. CLOSE COMBAT. Nothing to report
10. FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATIONS. Nothing to report.
11. LOGISTICS
 - a. Strongbacking program for this unit is 95% completed.
 - b. The fill rate of requisitions is still improving. We are in excess five (5) trucks (M-54) which are being turned in. Also we have received sixteen (16) trucks (M-36). T/E shortages consist of one (1) trailer, (M-107) and one (1) truck wrecker (M-543). We also have on temporary loan one (1) trailer, (M-107) to the 3d Marine Regiment.
 - c. The new 500 man messhall approved by Division is now under construction and is over 50% completed. Also a new shower unit is under construction and is partially completed. Construction of a maintenance area has been set back two weeks. Initial stages of grading to begin about 15 February 1966.
 - d. Tracer action on high priority requisitions has been accomplished.
 - e. FSAO team has completed inspection of this account and all discrepancies found are being corrected.
12. AIR DEFENSE. No change from last report.
13. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT. No change from last report.
14. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT
 - a. During this period 267 Vietnamese personnel made sick call. A total of 327 ailments were treated.
 - b. PFC Clifford W. BANKS, 2110188, USMC fell while getting off the liberty truck on 29 January 1966 fracturing both wrists. As a consequence of this accident the man was medically evacuated on 2 February 1966.
15. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT. Religious services held each Sunday in the Battalion CP for Catholics and Protestants.
16. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Just prior to TET gifts for the neighboring children were presented. The members of this Battalion have further contributed \$120.00 for a self-help project for the civilians of the hamlet Phuc La Bac.


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