

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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

0800 8 November 1966

Period Covered: 010001H Oct66 to 312400H Oct66

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Average strength during Period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF	16	2
ENL	318 291	5 7

1. PERSONNEL

a. Attrition. During October the Battalion lost twenty-six (26) 3531's, five (5) 3516's, three (3) 3537's, one (1) 3041, one (1) 0130, one (1) 0302, one (1) 9999, one (1) 2841, two (2) 2533's, one (1) 0441, one (1) 3371 and two (2) 3502's.

b. Replacements. During October the Battalion gained twenty-three (23) 3531's, four (4) 3516's, four (4) 2841's, one (1) 3051, one (1) 3537, one (1) 3111, one (1) 2311.

c. Shortage. The Battalion is presently short five 3502's and will be seven short due to November rotation. This Battalion is presently short one 0121, four 0141's, three 3051's and 31 3531's. Due to November rotation the following shortages will result within the Battalion.

0121 - 1	3371 - 2
0141 - 4	3516 - 12
2531 - 2	3531 - 45
2533 - 4	9999 - 2
3051 - 3	3502 - 7

2. ADMINISTRATION

a. During October periodic visits were made to the companies to check on administrative functions.

3. INTELLIGENCE. On 151900H a Vietnamese male was observed crossing the road near ASP-1 (AT 994723) carrying two baskets on a pole. One basket contained what appeared to be a 50cal. MG or a small mortar tube. When approached he ran up a rice paddy in a Northwest direction and escaped. MP Company dispatched a mobile patrol to that area but had negative results.

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4. TRAINING

- a. One Officer completed RPS School in Japan.
- b. Thirty-two personnel received lectures of Indoctrination on Vietnam.

5. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- a. Twenty-four (24) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider 1 October - 3 October 1966.
- b. Twenty-seven (27) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider, 7 October - 10 October 1966.
- c. Twenty-two (22) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider, 11 October - 14 October 1966.
- d. Twenty-five (25) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider, 15 October - 18 October 1966.
- e. Fourteen (14) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider, 19 October - 21 October 1966.
- f. Seven (7) M-54's made a tactical move in support of 3d Marine Regiment on 21 October 1966.
- g. Twenty-three (23) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider, 24 October - 27 October 1966.
- h. Ten (10) M-54's made a tactical move in support of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, 26 October - 27 October 1966.
- i. Fourteen (14) M-36's supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with Operation Rough Rider, 28 October 1966 - 3 November 1966.

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS

- a. Two (2) MRC-109's, three (3) PRC-25's and one (1) MRC 83 supported each Rough Rider cited in paragraph (5).

8. CLOSE COMBAT

- a. One (1) M-36 detonated mine of unknown type in Dong Ha area on 20 Oct 66. Driver injured slightly and vehicle forwarded to FLSU-2 for survey.
- b. On 100030H Oct 66 observed three (3) VC 50 meters outside protective wire. Fired approximately 20 rounds SA and received 4 rounds SA in return. Inconclusive results.

c. On 100715H Oct66 one (1) M-54 detonated mine in the vicinity of 2/1 CP. Driver was uninjured but vehicle was totally demolished as results of a fire.

d. On 150320H Oct66 CP received approximately 100 rounds SA from estimated 3-4 VC (AT 987725). Returned approximately 200 rounds SA and 2 rounds M79. One USMC WIA non-medevac.

9. FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE COORDINATION.

a. 150325H Oct66 requested and received five (5) rounds 81 illumination from Hoa Cam training center.

10. AIR DEFENSE. Nothing to report.

11. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT. Nothing to report.

12. LOGISTICS

a. T/E shortages of equipment rated by this unit consist of one (1) Truck, wrecker, M543, seven (7) truck, cargo, M54, and three (3) typewriters. All shortages have been placed on order. In addition to the above shortages, the following items rated by Transport Company are on order, but have not yet been received:

Dolly, Trailer-Converter, 8T, M198A1	(15)
Lubrication Service Unit, 15CFM	(1)
Semi-Trailer, 25T, M172A1	(2)
Semi-Trailer, 12T, M127A2C	(45)
Truck, Tractor, 10T, M123A1C	(2)
Truck, Tractor, 5T, M52A2	(30)

b. The status of the camp construction program is completed.

c. The requisition fill rate is satisfactory. Tracer action on high priority requisitions is on a timely basis and in accordance with existing regulations.

13. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT

a. Vietnamese Sick-Call - 98 seen during October 1966

b. Vietnamese Treatments - 108 treated during October 1966

14. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

a. This Battalion had no Chaplain during the month of October 1966.

15. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Soap, wood, and food was distributed to civilians of the neighboring hamlet of Dong Ba (993724) and the ARVN dependents of the Hoa Cam Training Camp.


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