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9th Motor Transport Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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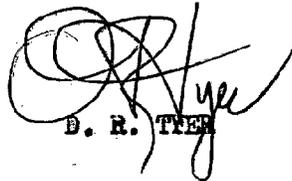
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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

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

Encl: ✓(1) 9th Motor Transport Command Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Motor Transport Battalion

COMMANDER

Major D. R. TYER (27Aug66)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
 "A" Company
 "B" Company
 "C" Company
 Transport Company

1stLt H. J. DAVIS (90Oct66)
 1stLt J. C. NELLES (22Nov66)
 1stLt M. G. LOUGHMAN (21Nov66)
 1stLt B. R. NOLAN (30Jan67)
 Capt W. R. MURPHY (8Aug66)

2. LOCATION

1-31 January: (Dong Ha, RVN, (H&S Co, "B" Co, and "C" Co))
 1-31 January: (Da Nang, RVN, ("A" Co and Trans Co))

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
 Adjutant
 S-3
 S-4
 Medical Officer

Capt J. D. MATTINGLY (40Oct66)
 2ndLt E. A. NELSON (17Oct66)
 Capt J. D. MATTINGLY (25Jun66)
 2ndLt J. M. THOMPSON (4Dec66)
 Lt C. H. NUMSEN (1Dec66)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
14	357

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	10

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	1 RVN Interp.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period (1 - 31 January) this battalion supported seventeen (17) tactical troop movements and ran one (1) Operation Rough Rider to the "Chinook" Area. An average of thirty-four (34) 6 X 6 trucks were available daily to support the 3d Marine Division (Forward), however the weather and road conditions adversely affected the total vehicle assets. Vehicle deadline at Field Maintenance increased substantially due to engine, clutch, and transmission failure. Lack of repair parts at this facility resulted in few completed work orders. The battalion still has two companies OPCON to the 1st Marine Division. Administration/Personnel/Morale and Personnel Services, Discipline and Training have been good considering increased operational commitments and distance factor separating two companies.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat mission assigned: To provide Motor Transport Support to 3d Marine Division.

b. Significant operations conducted.

- (1) Ten (10) trucks supported tactical movement of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and "G" Company 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 1 January 1967.
- (2) Seven (7) trucks supported 3d Engineer Battalion operation on 11 and 13 January 1967.
- (3) Five (5) trucks supported tactical movement of elements of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 13 January 1967.
- (4) Six (6) trucks supported elements of 3d Engineer Battalion on 14 January 1967.
- (5) Eight (8) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 15 January 1967.
- (6) Ten (10) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 17 January 1967.
- (7) Four (4) trucks supported tactical movement of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on 18 January 1967.
- (8) Sixteen (16) trucks supported 9th Motor Transport Battalion convey in connection with operation "Rough Rider" and operation Chinook on 20 January 1967.
- (9) Four (4) trucks supported movements of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on 21 January 1967.
- (10) Three (3) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on 22 January 1967.
- (11) Nine (9) trucks supported tactical movement of elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 25 January 1967.
- (12) Fourteen (14) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on 26 January 1967.
- (13) Nine (9) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on 27 January 1967.
- (14) Six (6) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 27 January 1967.

- (15) Thirty-Four (34) vehicles supported tactical movements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 27 January 1967.
- (16) Twelve (12) trucks supported tactical movements of elements of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 29 January 1967.
- (17) Seven (7) trucks supported tactical movement of elements of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 29 January 1967.
- (18) Seven (7) trucks supported tactical movement of elements of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on 30 January 1967.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: None

e. New techniques employed: None

f. Command relations:

- (1) 9th Motor Transport Battalion - ADCON - 3d Marine Division
 - (a) H&S, "B", "C" Company - OPCON - 3d Marine Division
 - (b) "A" and Transport Company - OPCON - 1st Marine Division

g. Equipment: Operations in a wet climate and on muddy roads continues to have an adverse effect on all components of all brake systems. Rough driving on poor roads has resulted in a high usage on torque rods.

h. Logistics:

- (1) Major trends in deadline status show 3d echelon maintenance and direct exchange repairable parts as being responsible for the major portion of deadlined vehicles. Items of particular interest are: clutches, transmissions, fuel tanks, generators, engines, wheel cylinders and brake shoes and torque rods.
- (2) Shortage of 1100 x 20 tires will result in a critical situation if pending requisitions are not filled in the near future.

i. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

- (1) Periodic visits to the assigned Hamlet curtailed due to increased V.C. activity in this area.
- (2) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick-call - 204; Vietnamese treatments - 301

j. Administration/Personnel

- (1) All companies on addressograph system.
- (2) Joined (1 - 31 January 1967)
one USMC Officer Twenty-three USMC Enlisted One USN Enlisted
- (3) Transferred (1 - 31 January 1967)
One USMC Officer Twelve USMC Enlisted
Five USN Enlisted
- (4) Morale: Excellent
- (5) Personnel Services
 - (a) PX facilities have been adequately stocked with all essential items. Postal Services continue to be satisfactory.
 - (b) Awards. 1 Purple Heart - 5 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
- (6) Discipline (1 - 31 January 1967)
 - (a) One violation of Article 86, two violations of Article 91, six violations of Article 92, two violations of Article 113, and one violation of Article 134. Ten office hours and one summary court-martial have been completed.
- (7) Training
 - (a) Twenty-three (23) personnel received three hours school on field fortification.
 - (b) Twenty-eight (28) personnel received two hours school on interior guard.
 - (c) One (1) person received sixteen hours school on wrecker operations.
 - (d) Three (3) personnel received eight hours school on supply and embarkation.
 - (e) Two (2) personnel received four hours of school on administration.
 - (f) Ninety-two (92) personnel received three hours training on tactical convoy procedures.
 - (g) Three (3) personnel received two hours of school on Claymore mines.
 - (h) Fifty-five (55) personnel received three hours school on weapon safety.

- (i) Four (4) personnel received one hour of school and actual firing weapons: .45 cal; M-14 rifle; M-60 MGun; and .50 cal. MGun.
- (j) Ten (10) personnel received two hours of training on preventative maintenance.
- (k) Nine (9) personnel received one hour school on radio procedures.
- (l) Twenty-six (26) personnel received one hour lecture on safety.
- (m) Twenty-six (26) personnel received one hour lecture on telephone security.
- (n) Twenty-six (26) personnel received one hour lecture on Orientation on Vietnam.
- (o) Twenty-six (26) personnel received one hour lecture on savings bond and 10% savings program.

k. Intelligence: At 231045H January 1967 a working party on outer defensive wiring found two sketches, using foreign symbols, drawn on pieces of card board showing 9th Motor Transport Battalion, 3d Tank Battalion (Fwd) and adjoining infantry defensive positions, number of men manning each position, approximate location of each man, tents and number in each tent, position of flares, claymore mines, trench lines, barbed wire, opening in fighting bunkers.

l. Communications

- (1) MRC 109's used extensively in support of tactical movements cited in paragraph b..

m. Close Combat

- (1) At 241530H January 1967 located one (1) 50mm mortar (YD 238590).
- (2) At 281845H January 1967 four (4) trucks convoy heading east on route 9 received one (1) round SAF (YD 077572). No enemy observed and no action taken.
- (3) At 281900H January 1967 fourteen (14) truck convoy heading west on route 9 received four (4) rounds SAF at (YD 035563). No enemy observed and no action taken.