

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

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7 April 1967

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 March 1967 to 31 March 1967

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

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

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

9th Motor Transport Battalion

Major D. R. TYER (27Aug66)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

1stLt H. J. DAVIS (9Oct66)
 1stLt J. C. NELLES (22Nov66)
 2ndLt S. A. WILLIAMS (26Mar67)
 2ndLt G. P. KNAPP (21Mar67)
 1stLt E. W. KEITH III (6Feb67)

2. LOCATION

1-31 March: (Dong Ha, RVN, (H&S, "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co))

1-31 March: (Da Nang RVN, (Transport Co))

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
 Adjutant
 S-3
 S-4
 Medical Officer

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

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
16	386

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	7

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period (1-31 March) this battalion participated in thirty-one tactical troop movements in support of operations of the 3d Marine Division (Forward). Two Rough Riders operations conducted in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines and resupply to Khe Sanh. During the month this Battalion has driven 57,246 miles, hauled 16,554 tons of supplies and transported 92,673 troops. Engine failure accounts for the majority of 3d echelon deadline. Organizational maintenance remains excellent. Transport Company, 9th Motor Transport Battalion remains OPCON to 1st Marine Division, Da Nang. On 21 March 1967 the battalion suffered its first fatal combat casualty as a result of NVA ambush of resupply convoy 300 meters south of Gio Linh. On 31 March 1967 the battalion was inspected by CG, 3d Marine Division. Administration/Personnel/Morale and Personnel Services, Discipline and Training have been good considering increased operational commitments and distance factor separating Transport Company. There is a critical shortage of 3502's in the grade of Captain.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

b. Significant operations conducted.

- (1) Twenty-three (23) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this Command on 27 March 1967 in support of Khe Sanh.
- (2) Twenty-nine (29) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 28 March 1967 in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.
- (3) Total of four (4) tactical movements of ammo to Gio Linh made in support of 12th Marines.
- (4) Total of five (5) tactical movements made in support of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines throughout the month.
- (5) Total of six (6) tactical movements made in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines throughout the month.
- (6) Total of three (3) tactical movements made in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines throughout the month.
- (7) Total of five (5) tactical movements made in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines throughout the month.
- (8) Total of four (4) tactical movements made in support of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines throughout the month.
- (9) Total of three (3) tactical movements made in support of 2d Battalion, 26th Marines throughout the month.
- (10) Total of one (1) tactical movement made in support of ARVN Forces throughout the month.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None.

d. Casualties sustained: One (1) KIA; Five (5) WIA

e. New techniques employed: None

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f. Command relations:

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

g. Equipment: In an effort to extend the life of truck engines 50 weight engine oil is being used during periods of high temperature. In addition, the air breather extension hose normally used for deep water fording has been installed on most vehicles to reduce the dust intake into the engine.

h. Logistics:

- (1) Major trends in deadline status continues to show 3d echelon maintenance as being responsible for all but one vehicle which is on deadline. The one vehicle down for 2d echelon repair is awaiting a radiator which is a Direct Exchange repair part.
- (2) All excesses are being collected and turned in to FLSU will be complete by April 11. A review of all pending requisitions for validity is presently underway and necessary cancellations will also be completed by April 11.

i. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

- (1) Periodic visits to the assigned Hamlet with distribution of clothing.
- (2) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick-call - 318; Vietnamese Treatments - 318

j. Administration/Personnel

- (1) All companies on addressograph system.
- (2) Joined (1 - 31 March 1967)
Six USMC Officers, 42 Forty-two USMC Enlisted
- (3) Transferred (1 - 31 March 1967)
Four USMC Officers, Twenty-five USMC Enlisted, One 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.
- (6) Inspection
 - (a) The battalion was inspected by the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division on 31 March 1967.

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(7) Discipline (1-31 March 1967)

- (a) One violation of Article 91, one violation of Article 92, One violation of Article 83, One violation of Article 119, One violation of Article 128, One violation of Article 134, Five office hours have been completed.

(8) Training

- (a) One hundred thirty-five (135) personnel received 4 hour school on the M-14.
- (b) Eight (8) personnel received 1 hour school on Motor Vehicle Records.
- (c) Three (3) personnel attended 8 hour school on Generator Operators Course.
- (d) Forty-one (41) personnel received 2 hour school on Map Reading.
- (e) Twenty-five (25) personnel received 10 hours school on Tactical Convoy Procedures.
- (f) Thirty (30) personnel received one hour school on Claymore Mines.
- (g) Seventeen (17) personnel received one hour school on Radio Procedure/Transmission Security.
- (h) Thirty (30) personnel received one hour school on the .45 Cal. Pistol.
- (i) Sixty (60) personnel received one hour school on Weapons Safety.
- (j) One hundred and thirty-five (135) personnel FAM Fired the M-14 Rifle.
- (k) One hundred and thirty-four (134) personnel FAM Fired the M-60 MG.
- (l) One hundred and five (105) personnel FAM Fired the .50 Cal. MG.

k. Intelligence: Nothing to report.

l. Communications:

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

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m. Close Combat:

- (1) At 151100H March 1967 driver of trash truck at trash dump (YD 228579) apprehended VN male, picked up a claymore mine complete with hand generator, detonation wire and blasting cap out of trash. Claymore mine turned over to EOD.
- (2) At 191500H March 1967 convoy (YD 143591) received 5-6 rounds A/W fire from estimated one (1) VC from vicinity (YD 142589) No hits on vehicle, no fire returned.
- (3) At 210130H March 1967 elements of this battalion in support of 12th Marine Convoy (YD 213737) received 200 to 300 rounds A/W fire, undetermined caliber of high explosive rounds, with yellow and large quantities of smoke. One (1) friendly KIA and Five (5) friendly WIA. Two (2) M-54 trucks lost.
- (4) At 241300H March 1967 a 2½ Ton truck in support of CAC (YD 104542) hit a mine. Rear wheels demolished and bed damage.

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