

HEADQUARTERS
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 A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April 1967 to 30 April 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. 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 G. P. KNAPP (13Apr67)
 1stLt J. C. NELLES (22Nov66)
 Capt G. A. JONIC JR. (20Apr67)
 Capt P. DARLINGTON III (11Apr67)
 1stLt D. W. DAWSON (1Apr67)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April: (Dong Ha, RVN, (H&S, "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co))
 1-19 April: (Da Nang, RVN, (Transport Co))
 20-30 April: (Dong Ha, 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		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
14	419	1	7

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period (1-30 April) this battalion participated in twelve tactical troop movements in support of Operations of the 3d Marine Division. Seven Rough Riders operations were conducted in support of 3d Marine Division and 1st Marine Division. During the month this Battalion has driven 84,099 miles, transporting 15,158 tons of supplies and 33,865 troops. Transport Company returned to the Adcon/Opcon of this Battalion on 20 April 1967. Utilizing the 12 ton trailers organic to this company more than 7,000 tons of cargo was transported from the Dong Ha LCU Ramp in a 10 day period. The Battalion still has one (1) platoon Opcon to 3d Motor Transport Battalion, Phu Bai and has an additional thirty-one (31) man detachment TAD to that organization at present to provide support on Operation Shawnee. The extremely slow return of 3d echelon deadline remains the prominent maintenance problem. Separate correspondence relating to this problem was forwarded during the reporting period.

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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-one (21) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 2 April 1967 in support of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.
 - (2) Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 3 April 1967 in support of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.
 - (3) Forty-seven (47) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 3 April 1967 in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (4) Eighty-nine (89) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 8 April 1967 in support of MCB-5.
 - (5) Sixty-one (61) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 11 April 1967 in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (6) Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run on 20 April 1967 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (7) Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run on 26 April 1967 in support of 11th Motor Transport Battalion.
 - (8) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 3d Marine Regiment.
 - (9) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (10) Total of two (2) tactical movements made in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (11) Total of three (3) tactical movements made in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
 - (12) Total of four (4) tactical movements made in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.
 - (13) One (1) tactical movement made in support of ARVN Forces.

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- c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: Two (2) Probable.
- d. Casualties sustained: One (1) WIA (not as result of any of the above events).
- e. New techniques employed: None.
- f. Command relations:
 - (1) 9th Motor Transport Battalion - ADCON - 3d Marine Division
 - (a) H&S, "A", "B", "C", Transport Company - OPCON- 3d Marine Division
- g. Equipment: Although sufficient time has not yet elapsed the use of 50 weight engine oil and air breather extensions on vehicles has shown favorable results.
- h. Logistics:
 - (1) Major trends in deadline status continue to show 3d echelon maintenance as being responsible for the major portion of deadlined vehicles. Radiators and torque rods are the prime second echelon problem areas.
 - (2) All on hand excesses were turned into FLSU by 11 April. Screening for and turn-in of excesses is being continued on a monthly basis.
- i. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations
 - (1) Periodic visits to the assigned Hamlet with distribution of clothing.
 - (2) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick call - 150 Vietnamese Treatments - 140
- j. Administration/Personnel
 - (1) All companies on addressograph system.
 - (2) Joined (1-30 April 1967)
 - Two (2) USMC Officers, Sixty-six USMC Enlisted, Two (2) USN Enlisted
 - (3) Transferred (1-30 April 1967)
 - Two (2) USMC Officers, Thirty-one (31) USMC Enlisted, One (1) USN Enlisted
 - (4) Morale: Excellent.
 - (5) Personnel Services
 - (a) PX facilities have not been adequately stocked with all essential items. Postal Services continue to be satisfactory.

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(6) Discipline (1-30 April 1967)

- (a) One violation of Article 86, One violation of Article 89, Three violations of Article 91, Two violations of Article 111, Two violations of Article 113, One violation of Article 134, Seven office hours have been completed.

(7) Training: General Military Subjects

- (a) One hundred and eight (108) personnel received one hour school on weapons safety.
- (b) Thirteen (13) personnel received one hour school on Scouting and Patrolling.
- (c) Twenty (20) personnel received one hour school on NCO Leadership.
- (d) Eighty-seven (87) personnel received one hour school on Code of Conduct.
- (e) Twenty-nine (29) personnel received one hour school on Map Reading.
- (f) One hundred and twenty one (121) personnel received one hour school on Military Courtesy.
- (g) Thirteen (13) personnel received one hour school on Radio Procedure.
- (h) Twenty-eight (28) personnel received eight hours school Mines and Booby Traps.
- (i) Fifty-eight (58) personnel received one hour school on treatment of shock.
- (j) Thirty (30) personnel received two hour school on Field Fortifications.

(8) Military Occupation Specialty:

- (a) Two (2) personnel received two hours of school on Supply/Embarkation.
- (b) Thirty-seven (37) personnel received one hour school on Defensive Driving.
- (c) Thirty-seven (37) personnel received one hour school on Night Driving.
- (d) Sixty-five (65) personnel received eight hours school on Preventive Maintenance.

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(e) One (1) man received thirty hours school on Administration.

(10) Informal School:

(a) Eighty-two (82) personnel received one hour school on Civic Action/Psychological Warfare.

(11) Indoctrination:

(a) Sixty (60) personnel received two hour lecture on Indoctrination to RVN.

k. Intelligence: Nothing to report.

l. Close Combat:

- (1) At 031230H April 1967 Rough Rider convoy received 3-4 rounds S/A fire at (YD 182578) from one (1) VC from vicinity (YD 182579). No hits recorded, nor fire returned.
- (2) At 091530H April 1967 Convoy proceeding East between YD 135690 and YD 146692 received heavy S/A and A/W fire from estimated company NVA between YD 136693 and YD 146693. Seven (7) vehicles received hits. One (1) truck severely damaged as a result of collision with another vehicle. One (1) MRC/109 damaged while being freed from a boulder. Returned S/A and grenades. Two (2) friendly WIA, two (2) NVA KIA probable.
- (3) At 151445H April 1967 a 5 ton truck in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines hit a mine at (YD 538065). Rear wheels demolished and bed damaged. Five (5) friendly WIA.
- (4) At 280235H April 1967 CP received 5 rounds 140 MM rocket resulting in one (1) WIA and two (2) 2½ ton trucks damaged.

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