

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 AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 May 1967 to 31 May 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

1stLt G. F. KNAPP (13Apr67)

"A" Company

1stLt J. C. NELLES (22Nov66)

"B" Company

Capt G. A. JONIC JR. (20Apr67)

"C" Company

Capt P. DARLINGTON III (11Apr67)

Transport Company

Capt P. B. SOUTHMAYD (16May67)

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1967: (Dong Ha, RVN, (H&S, "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co, Transport Co))

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt J. D. MATTINGLY (4Oct66)

Adjutant

2ndLt E. A. NELSON (17Oct66)

S-3

Capt J. D. MATTINGLY (25Jun66)

S-4

1stLt J. M. THOMPSON (4Dec66)

Medical Officer

Lt G. N. NUMSEN (1Dec66)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
<u>OFF ENL</u>	
15	433

USN	
<u>OFF ENL</u>	
1	8

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period (1-31 May) this battalion participated in eighteen tactical troop movements in support of Operations of the Third Marine Division. Five Rough Rider operations were conducted in support of 3rd Marine Division. During this period the Battalion has driven 77,666 miles, transporting 17,925 tons of supplies and 40,740 troops. The 3rd echelon deadline remains a problem but has been greatly relieved by the policies and efforts of FLSU #1. Excess M35's within the Division were received to make up T/E deficiencies as requested. As a result of an enemy rocket attack on 18 May 1967 an M543 multifuel wrecker was destroyed and five (5) other vehicles received minor damage. One USMC WIA was sustained and evacuated. Vehicle assistance was given to G-5 in the relocation of refugees from the DMZ area to Cam Lo. Construction of two (2) butler buildings for maintenance and one for supply was initiated by MCB-11.

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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) Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this Command on 11 May 1967 to Khe Sanh on resupply mission.
 - (2) Thirty (30) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this Command on 13 May 1967 to Khe Sanh in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (3) Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in tactical convoy run by this Command on 20 May 1967 to Con Thien in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (4) Twenty-five (25) vehicles supported Division G-5 moving Vietnamese Nationals from Gio Linh to the Cam Lo refugee area on 20 May 1967.
 - (5) Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in tactical convoy run by this Command on 21 May 1967 to Con Thien in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (6) Thirty-four (34) vehicles supported Division G-5 moving Vietnamese Nationals from Gio Linh to the Cam Lo refugee area on 21 May 1967.
 - (7) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in tactical convoy run by this Command on 22 May 1967 in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (8) Twenty-nine (29) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this Command on 22 May 1967 to Khe Sanh in support of MCB-11.
 - (9) Fifty-two (52) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this Command on 28 May 1967 to Khe Sanh in support of MCB-11.
 - (10) Sixty-nine (69) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this Command on 29 May 1967 in the transplacement of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines to Comi Tham Thom area and return with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines to Dong Ha.
 - (11) Four (4) tactical movements made in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
 - (12) Four (4) tactical movements made in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

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- (13) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.
 - (14) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 12th Marine Regiment.
 - (15) Two (2) tactical movements made in support of Division G-5.
 - (16) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.
- 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, "A", "B", "C", Transport Company - OPCON - 3d Marine Division
 - g. Equipment: Use of air breather extension and 50 weight engine oil continues to show favorable results as a means of prolonging engine life.
 - h. Logistics:
 - (1) Major trends in deadline continue to show third echelon maintenance as being responsible for majority of deadlined vehicles. Clutches, engines and transmissions are items for concern.
 - (2) Excesses continue to be turned in on a monthly basis.
 - (3) A reconciliation with Supply source revealed that about 50% of all J1.4 and J1.5 were not held as valid obligations.
 - i. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations
 - (1) Periodic visits to the assigned Hamlet with distribution of clothing.
 - (2) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick call - 120 Vietnamese
Vietnamese Treatments - 110
 - j. Administration/Personnel
 - (1) All companies on addressograph system.
 - (2) Joined (1-31 May 1967)
Two (2) USMC Officers Thirteen (13) USMC Enlisted
 - (3) Transferred (1-31 May 1967)
One (1) USMC Officer Sixteen (16) USMC Enlisted

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(6) Discipline (1-31 May 1967)

- (a) Three (3) violations of Article 92, One (1) violation of Article 91, One violation of Article (113), One (1) violation of Article 121. Six office hours have been completed.

(7) Training: General Military Subjects

- (a) Sixty-three (63) personnel received two hours school on Defensive Driving and Night Driving.
- (b) Fifty-two (52) personnel received one hour school on emergency treatment of wounds.
- (c) Fifty-two (52) personnel received one hour school on habit forming drugs.
- (d) One hundred-sixty (160) personnel received one hour school on weapon safety.
- (e) One hundred twenty-five (125) personnel received one hour school on Military Courtesy and discipline.
- (f) Sixty-nine (69) personnel received one hour school on Transporting Explosives.
- (g) One hundred-thirty (130) personnel received one hour school on NBC Defense.
- (h) Ninety-eight (98) personnel received one hour school on Combat Patrol.
- (i) Sixty (60) personnel received one hour school on Combat Intelligence.
- (j) Fifty-six (56) personnel received one hour school on Fire Support and Coordination.
- (k) One hundred-one (101) personnel received one hour school on Map Reading and Compass.
- (l) Six (6) personnel received eight hour indoctrination on the M-16.
- (m) Two (2) personnel received one hour school on Embarkation.
- (n) Thirty-seven (37) personnel received one hour school on Code of Conduct.
- (o) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one hour school on Map and Aerial Photography.

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- (p) Fifty-one (51) personnel received one hour school on Venereal Disease.
- (q) Ninety-nine (99) personnel received one hour school on Buddy Aid.
- (r) Two hundred-thirty-two (232) personnel FAM Fired the M-14, M-60, .50 Cal MG.
- (s) Seventy-eight (78) personnel FAM Fired the .45 Cal Pistol.

k. Intelligence: On 20 May 1967 a document written in Vietnamese was found in the EM Club. It was turned in to 15th CIT and was discovered to contain the function and mission of the G-2, 1st ARVN Division. The Vietnamese woman working in the Club was questioned by 15th CIT and released. This woman has since been removed from the Base.

1. Close Combat:

- (1) At 180300H May 1967CP received five (5) rounds rocket fire resulting in one (1) WIA (MedEvac) and the loss of an M543 wrecker.
- (2) At 201250H May 1967 convoy received two (2) rounds of rocket fire and small arms at (YD 132630). No hits received; no damage.
- (3) At 211140H May 1967 convoy received mortar rounds at Con Thien. No hits received; no damage.
- (4) At 301330H May 1967, M543A2 on Rough Rider hit a mine at (YD 479374) damaging the intermediate axle assembly, the boom power assembly and the fuel tank. One (1) USMC WIA, non MedEvac.

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