

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 1-31 July 1967

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (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. J. MAYSILLES (21Jun67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt D. W. CLEELAND (6Jun67)

"A" Company

1stLt J. C. NELLES (22Nov66)

"B" Company

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

"C" Company

1stLt G. P. KNAPP (6Jun67)

Transport Company

1stLt D. W. DAWSON (15Jun67)

2. LOCATION

1-31 July: (Dong Ha, RVN: H&S, "A", "B", "C", Transport Company)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. R. STANLEY (21Jul67)

Adjutant

2dLt E. A. NELSON (17Oct66)

S-3

Capt P. B. SOUTHMAYD (15Jun67)

S-4

1stLt D. D. GILLESPIE (1Aug67)

Medical Officer

Lt G. N. NUMSEN (1Dec66)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
17	420

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	8

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period (1-31Jul), this Battalion participated in 22 tactical troop movements in support of operations of the Third Marine Division. Six "Rough Rider" operations were conducted in support of the Third Marine Division and MCB-11. During the period, this Battalion has driven 104,325 miles, transporting 14,594 tons of cargo and 34,229 troops. The Battalion's maintenance program, first and second echelon, has suffered due to constant daily maximum commitments and also because of having to furnish security details for convoys, rough riders and MCB-11 which many times have run concurrently. The third echelon deadline has been greatly relieved by the Battalion mechanics working at FLSU#1. Torque rods for the M-36's and bellcranks on the M38A1's have reached the very critical stage.

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) Fifty-two vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 1 July 1967 to Khe Sanh on a resupply mission.

(2) Sixty-six vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 2 July to Phu Bai in support of 3d Bn, 3d Mar and FLSU-1.

(3) Fifty vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 12 July 1967 to Khe Sanh on resupply mission and in support of CBMU-301.

(4) Thirty-eight vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 16 July 1967 to Camp Evans in support of 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(5) Seventy-four vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 21 July 1967 to Khe Sanh on resupply mission. There was an operational hold on this Rough Rider due to an ambush. Mission was accomplished on 25 July 1967.

(6) One hundred-five vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 29 July to Khe Sanh on resupply mission and in support of 1st Bn, 13th Marines.

(7) Eight vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 3 July 1967 to Camp Carroll in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

(8) Four vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 3 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

(9) Eight vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 7 July 1967 to Cam Lo in support of 3d Bn, 9th Marines.

(10) Eight vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 8 July 1967 to Cam Lo in support of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

- (11) Ten vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 July 1967 to Cam Lo in support of 2d Bn, 9th Marines.
- (12) Ten vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 3d Bn, 9th Marines.
- (13) Eighteen vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 12 July 1967 from Camp Carroll to Dong Ha in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (14) Thirty-five vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 July 1967 from Con Thien to Camp Carroll in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (15) Thirty vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 1st Bn, 4th Marines.
- (16) Forty vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 July 1967 to Camp Carroll in support of 1st Bn, 9th Marines.
- (17) Thirty vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 July 1967 from Camp Carroll to Dong Ha in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (18) Five vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 16 July to Con Thien in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (19) Eighteen vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 16 July 1967 to Payable in support of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.
- (20) Five vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 22 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (21) Eight vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (22) Eight vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 27 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.
- (23) Thirty-two vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 30 July 1967 to Con Thien in support of 2d Bn, 9th Marines.
- (24) Eight vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 31 July 1967 to Ca Lu in support of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(25) Thirteen vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 31 July 1967 from Quang-Tri to Ha Tahn in support of Division G-5.

(26) Three vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 31 July 1967 to Quang-Tri in support of Kit Carson Scouts.

(27) Seven tactical movements were made in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

(28) One tactical movement was made in support of 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

(29) Two tactical movements were made in support of 3d Bn, 9th Marines.

(30) Four tactical movements were made in support of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(31) Two tactical movements were made in support of 2d Bn, 9th Marines.

(32) Two tactical movements were made in support of 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

(33) One tactical movement was made in support of 1st Bn, 9th Marines.

(34) One tactical movement was made in support of 1st Bn, 13th Marines.

(35) One tactical movement was made in support of Division G-5.

(36) One tactical movement was made in support of Kit Carson Scouts.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None.

d. Casualties sustained: Four.

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: Third echelon maintenance has shown some improvements due mainly to the fact our mechanics have been accomplishing the majority of the work.
- h. Logistics:
- (1) Tires, batteries and electrolyte are no longer critical but tubes are still critical and according to the information received from 1st FSR two hundred (200) 900X20 and one hundred (100) 1100X20 tubes were released for shipment to us on 16 July but as yet we have not received them. Presently there are twenty-five (25) M-105 trailers on deadline for tubes. Third echelon spare parts for M52A2 are also critical. The battalion has 3 out of 7 of the M52A2 on deadline. All for third echelon repairs.
 - (2) The butler buildings for maintenance and storage of supplies are now completed and in use.
 - (3) Lack of construction material has delayed the building of the battalion's mess hall. This is a critical area because of the health hazards that exist.
- i. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations
- (1) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick call - 215, Vietnamese treatments - 200
- j. Administrative/Personnel
- (1) Joined (1-31 July 1967)
Two (2) USMC Officers, Fifteen (15) USMC Enlisted, Two (2) USN Enlisted
 - (2) Transferred (1-31 July 1967)
One (1) USMC Officer, Forty-eight (48) USMC Enlisted
 - (3) Morale: Excellent
 - (4) Personnel Services
 - (a) PX facilities are adequately stocked with all essential items. Postal service continues to be satisfactory.
 - (5) Discipline (1-31 July 1967)
 - (a) One violation of Article 91, two violations of Article 92. Two special court-martials completed.
 - (6) Training: General Military Subjects

- (a) Eighty-six (86) personnel received two (2) hours school on weapons safety.
- (b) Sixty-four (64) personnel received eight (8) hours school on preventive maintenance procedures.
- (c) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one (1) hour school on blackout driving.
- (d) Forty-three (43) personnel received four (4) hours school on driver's maintenance.
- (e) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one (1) hour school on defensive driving.
- (f) Due to the tactical situation, the following subjects were scheduled but not held. These subjects will be injected into the quarters schedule.
 - (1) Treatment for shock, one (1) hour.
 - (2) M-16 rifle, two (2) hours.
 - (3) VD prevention and habit forming drugs, one (1) hour.
 - (4) Squad patrolling, one (1) hour.
 - (5) Vehicle recovery and use of the wrecker, two (2) hours.

k. Intelligence: Nothing to report.

l. Close Combat:

- (1) At 011730H July 1967, M-54 on resupply mission for 2nd Bn. 9th Marines hit a mine at (YD 130660) damaging the front axle assembly and power plant. No casualties.
- (2) At 260845H July 1967, IHC 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicle of MCB-11 hit a mine at (YD 224661) injuring four (4) personnel of this command, employed as their security. Two (2) were evacuated. One (1) has since returned to duty.