

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 August 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 (21 Jun 1967)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt S. A. WILLIAMS (6Aug67)

"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 August: (Dong Ha, RVN: H&S, "A", "B", "C", Transport Company)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. R. STANLEY (21Jul67)

Adjutant

2ndLt 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)

Chaplain

LtJG W. E. THOMPSON (12Aug67)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
22	374

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	9

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period (1-31 August), this battalion participated in seventeen (17) tactical troop movements in support of operations of the Third Marine Division. Three (3) "Rough Rider" operations were conducted in support of the Third Marine Divisions and MCB-11. During this period this battalion has driven 99,386 miles, transporting 13,549 tons of supplies and 37,545 troops. The battalion's third echelon deadline remains a major problem with this battalion continuing to support FLSU-#1 with mechanics and tools to complete third echelon work on our vehicles. The Direct Exchange (DX) Program is still of negligible value in its support of our maintenance program.

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 (52) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 1 August 1967 to Lang Vei in support of the Special Forces Unit.

(2) Fifty-eight (58) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 2 August 1967 to Lang Vei in support of the Special Forces Unit.

(3) Fifty-two (52) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 3 August 1967 to Khe Sanh on a resupply mission.

(4) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 7 August 1967 to Con Thien in support of 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(5) Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 August 1967 to Con Thien in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(6) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 11 August 1967 to YD 133655 in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(7) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 August 1967 to YD 314548 in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(8) Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 August 1967 from Camp J. J. Carroll to Con Thien in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

(9) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 17 August 1967 from Rock Pile to Ca Lu in support of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(10) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 18 August 1967 to YD 233655 in support of 3rd Battalion, 26 Marines.

(11) Thirty-three (33) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 19 August 1967 from YD 219697 to Dong Ha in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(12) Thirty (33) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 20 August 1967 to Con Thien in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(13) Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 22 August 1967 from Cam Lo to Rock Pile in support of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(14) Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 August 1967 to Con Thien in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(15) Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 25 August 1967 to Rock Pile in support of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.

(16) Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 28 August 1967 from Rock Pile to Camp J. J. Carroll in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

(17) Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 28 August 1967 from Rock Pile to Camp J. J. Carroll in support of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.

(18) Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 29 August 1967 to Con Thien in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(19) Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 29 August 1967 to CAC-Papa 2 in support of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.

(20) Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 31 August 1967 from Camp J. J. Carroll to Cam Lo in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

(21) Two (2) Tactical movements made in support of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(22) Four (4) tactical movements made in support of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.

(23) Three (3) tactical movements made in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

(24) Five (5) tactical movements made in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

(25) Three (3) tactical movements made in support of 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: Five

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 remains the same with our mechanics accomplishing the majority of the work. Much of this work is done with parts salvaged from destroyed vehicles.

h. Logistics:

(1) Tubes (9.00 x 20) still remains the most critical item. Although some tubes (11.00 x 20) and 6TN Batteries have been received during the reporting period, a critical need still exists for these items.

(2) The construction of the battalion's new messhall has halted due to lack of material. So far, only the concrete deck has been poured.

(3) This battalion still remains short twenty-three (23) M-52A2 tractors. M-54 trucks are being used as a substitute item.

i. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

(1) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick call - 370; Vietnamese treatments - 355

j. Administrative/Personnel

(1) Joined (1-31 August 1967) - Six (6) USMC Officers, One (1) USN Officer, Forty (40) USMC Enlisted, One (1) USN Enlisted.

(2) Transferred (1-31 August 1967) - Three (3) USMC Officers, Fifty-two (52) USMC Enlisted, Two (2) USN Enlisted

(3) Morale: Excellent

(4) Personnel Services

(a) PX facilities are adequately stocked with essential items. Postal service continues to be satisfactory.

(5) Discipline (1-31 August 1967)

(a) Three violations of Article 92, Three violations of Article 134, Two violations of Article 91, Two violations of Article 113, and Three violations of Article 86. One special court-martial pending.

(6) Training: General Military Subjects

(a) Fifteen (15) personnel received one (1) hour school on NCO leadership.

(b) One hundred fifty-three (153) personnel received one (1) hour school on field sanitation and first aid class.

(c) One hundred twenty-seven (127) personnel received one (1) hour school on weapons safety.

(d) Fifteen (15) personnel received one (1) hour school on M-16

(e) Fifty-seven (57) personnel received one (1) hour school on the UCMJ.

(f) Thirty-seven (37) personnel received one (1) hour school on field fortification.

(g) Forty-three (43) personnel received one (1) hour school on guard and sentry duty.

(h) Twelve (12) personnel received one (1) hour school on Mine warfare.

(i) Nineteen (19) personnel received one (1) hour school on Map Reading and the Compass.

(j) Twenty (20) personnel received one (1) hour school on Squad Patrolling.

(k) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one (1) hour school on concealment and camouflage.

(l) Six (6) personnel received one (1) hour school on the Code of Conduct.

(m) Six (6) personnel received one (1) hour school on the Use of test equipment.

(n) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one (1) hour school on Convoy Procedures.

(o) Two hundred forty-eight (248) personnel received sixteen (16) hours practical application on first echelon of maintenance.

(p) Several classes were cancelled due to possible attacks which precluded any congregation of troops.

k. Intelligence: Nothing to report.

l. Close Combat:

(1) At 211350H August 1967 a resupply convoy proceeding south between YD 980543 and YD 010461 received heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and recoilless rifle fire from estimated battalion NVA at approximately YD 978508. Three (3) vehicles received hits. Two (2) vehicles were severely damaged beyond economical repair. There were two (2) USMC WIA, non medevac, and one (1) USMC MIA.

(2) At 301100H August 1967 an M-54A2 on a support mission for 2nd Bn, 12th Marines received one (1) round artillery while in the Gio Linh complex. The vehicle is beyond economical repair. One (1) USMC KIA, one (1) USMC WIA.