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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 the Period 1-31 January 1968
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
Encl: (1) 9th Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology
(2) Significant Cantonment Improvements

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Motor Transport Battalion

Major JOHN R. STANLEY (4Sep67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt T. J. BENSON (23Nov67)

"A" Company

1stLt K. T. AUER (4Sep67)

"B" Company

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

"C" Company

Capt E. L. SULLIVAN (22Nov67)

Transport Company

Capt T. E. CASH (5Jan68)

2. LOCATION

1-31 January 1968: Dong Ha, RVN; H&S, "A", "B", "C", Transport Company

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major R. KULAK (20Oct67)

Adjutant

1stLt T. PASKEVICH (22Sep67)

S-3

Capt J. G. SCHIMENECK (20Oct67)

S-4

2ndLt A. R. MATTESON (18Jan68)

Bn Supply

2ndLt J. R. DUNCAN (18Jan68)

Medical Officer

Lt W. C. NOBLET (9Sep67)

Chaplain

LtJG R. D. SWIFT III (29Jan68)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
23	372	2	9

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period, this Battalion, with the assistance of the 515th Transportation Company, USA, participated in sixty-eight (68) tactical movements and two (2) Rough Rider Operations in support of operations of the First Marine Division, Third Marine Division, 11th Engineer Battalion and 1st 44th Artillery, USA. During the period, this Battalion has driven 60,765 miles transporting 27,903 tons of supplies and 22,436 troops. During this same period the 515th Transportation Company, USA, has driven 26,891 miles transporting 6,855 tons of supplies and 4,440 troops. The maintenance deadline is at thirty-nine (39) vehicles. The preventive maintenance program is at the critical stage due to over commitment and having fifty-six (56) vehicles on temporary additional duty.

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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 (Rein).
- b. Significant operations conducted:
- (1) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 1 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (2) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 2 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (3) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 3 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (4) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 4 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (5) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 4 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.
 - (6) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 5 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (7) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 5 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.
 - (8) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 6 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (9) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 7 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.
 - (10) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 7 January 1968 to A-2 and A-3 in support of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.
 - (11) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 8 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.
 - (12) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 8 January 1968 to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.
 - (13) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 8 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.
 - (14) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 January 1968 to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.

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(15) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(16) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 January 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

(17) Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 January 1968 to Con Thien in support of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

(18) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 10 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(19) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 10 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(20) Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 10 January 1968 to Con Thien in support of 12th Marines.

(21) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 11 January 1968 to A-2 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(22) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 11 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(23) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 12 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(24) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 12 January 1968 to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.

(25) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 12 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(26) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(27) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines.

(28) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(29) Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(30) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 January 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(31) Dropped 3rd Platoon, "C" Company, 3d Motor Transport Battalion on 14 January 1968 which was OPCON to this command.

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(32) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 15 January 1968 from Quang Tri to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Marines.

(33) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 15 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(34) Twenty-four (24) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 15 January 1968 from Camp J.J. CARROLL to Quang Tri in support of 3d Marines.

(35) Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 16 January 1968 from Camp J.J. CARROLL to Quang Tri in support of 3d Marines.

(36) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 16 January 1968 from Quang Tri to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Marines.

(37) Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 17 January 1968 from Camp J.J. CARROLL to Quang Tri in support of 3d Marines.

(38) Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 17 January 1968 from Quang Tri to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Marines.

(39) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 17 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(40) Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 18 January 1968 from Camp J.J. CARROLL to Quang Tri in support of 3d Marines.

(41) Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 18 January 1968 from Quang Tri to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Marines.

(42) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 18 January to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(43) Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 19 January 1968 from Camp J.J. CARROLL to Quang Tri in support of 3d Marines.

(44) Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 19 January 1968 from Quang Tri to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Marines.

(45) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 19 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

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(46) Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 20 January 1968 from Camp J.J. CARROLL to Quang Tri in support of 3d Marines.

(47) Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 20 January 1968 from Quang Tri to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Marines.

(48) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 20 January 1968 to Ca Lu in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(49) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 21 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(50) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 22 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(51) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 22 January 1968 to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.

(52) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 23 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(53) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 23 January 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 12th Marines.

(54) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(55) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(56) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 25 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(57) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 25 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(58) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 26 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 3d Marines.

*(59) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 26 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(60) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 27 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 3d Marines.

(61) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 27 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(62) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 27 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 1st 4th USA.

*(59a) Assumed OPCON of 515th Transportation Company, U. S. Army on 26 January 1968.

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(63) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 28 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 3d Marines.

(64) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 28 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(65) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 29 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 3d Marines.

(66) Forty (40) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 29 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 4th Marines, 9th Marines and 12th Marines.

(67) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 30 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 3d Marines.

(68) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 30 January 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 12th Marines.

(69) Thirty (30) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 30 January 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL and Rockpile in support of 4th Marines, 9th Marines and 12th Marines.

(70) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 31 January 1968 to C-3 in support of 3d Marines.

(71) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 31 January 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 12th Marines.

(72) Nineteen (19) tactical movements made in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(73) Sixteen (16) tactical movements made in support of 9th Marines.

(74) Twelve (12) tactical movements made in support of 12th Marines.

(75) Eleven (11) Tactical movements made in support of 3d Marines.

(76) Eight (8) tactical movements made in support of 1st Marines.

(77) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 4th Marines.

(78) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 1st 44th USA.

(79) Two (2) Rough Rider convoys made in support of 4th Marines, 9th Marines and 12th Marines.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: One (1) NVA, KIA

d. Casualties sustained: One (1) USMC, KIA; Two (2) USMC, 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", Transport Company - OPCON - 3d Marine Division.

g. Supply: Activity for the month of January was centered on the cancellation program instituted by 1st FSR. This program eliminated all of the residue prior to 18 September 1967. Action is still being taken to eliminate discrepancies brought out in the December CG's Inspection. Inventory control data has been computed for the last fiscal quarter. This data is being used to bring us to our correct stockage level. The T/E allowance lists for the battalion and the companies have been updated.

h. S-4: This reporting period shows greatly increased activity in the area of S-4 operations. Constant demands for logistics aid have necessitated many additional hours of labor from the S-4 staff. With the assimilation of the Army personnel OPCON to this unit, much additional emphasis has been placed on preparation for enemy attack. Requests for appropriate fortifications have been screened by the S-4 and submitted to higher headquarters. Additional requests for the improvement of existing facilities within the Battalion have also created a greatly increased work load. In addition to this, much progress has been shown on the Battalion Logistics SOP and a new system for efficient control of vehicle maintenance is currently being integrated within the S-4. Action has also been taken to correct the discrepancies noted on the recent CG inspection. The outstanding item in these corrections is a revised system for the ordering and control of supplies.

i. Administrative/Personnel:

(1) Joined: Three USMC Officers, One USN Officer, 21 USMC Enlisted

(2) Transferred: One USN Officer, 30 USMC Enlisted, One 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:

(a) Two violations of Article 86 UCMJ; One violation of Article 91 UCMJ; Four violations of Article 92 UCMJ; One violation of Article 116 UCMJ; One violation of Article 128; Two violations of Article 134 UCMJ.

j. Civic Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

(1) Med-Cap: Vietnamese sick call - 140; Vietnamese treatments - 140

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k. Training: General Military Subjects

(a) One hundred seventy-nine (179) personnel received one (1) hour school on marijuana.

(b) Fifty-nine (59) personnel received two (2) hours school on Personal Response.

(c) Eighty (80) personnel received five (5) hours school on current events.

(d) Twenty (20) personnel received two (2) hours school on patrolling.

(e) Ten (10) personnel received one (1) hour school on mine warfare.

(f) Thirty-five (35) personnel received one (1) hour school on court martial proceedings.

(g) Fifty-one (51) personnel received one (1) hour school on buddy aid.

(h) Two (2) personnel received five (5) hours school on forward observing.

(i) Sixteen (16) personnel received two (2) hours school on care and cleaning of the .50 caliber machine gun.

(j) Twenty-two (22) personnel received one (1) hour school on M-16 rifle.

(k) Ten (10) personnel FAM fired the M-16 rifle.

(l) Fifty-four (54) personnel received two (2) hours school on preventive maintenance procedures for the multifuel.

(m) Thirty-five (35) personnel received one (1) hour school on blackout driving signal.

(n) Nineteen (19) personnel received one (1) hour school on defensive driving.

(o) Twenty-nine (29) personnel received one (1) hour school on basic rules of the road.

l. Close Combat:

(1) At approximately 131200H January 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy in support of 11th Engineer Battalion was ambushed at approximately YD991494. One (1) M-52A2 was damaged, repairable at organizational level. Two (2) M-52A2 damaged, repairable at field maintenance. One (1) M52A2 destroyed. All vehicles of 9th Motor Transport Battalion. One (1) M-54 damaged, repairable at organizational level and one (1) M-54 destroyed, all of the 515th Transport Company USA. One (1) USMC, KIA and Two (2) USMC, WIA.

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(2) At approximately 251630H January 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion convoy in support of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, received small arms and rifle grenade fire from approximately fifteen (15) NVA at YD141652. Two (2) M-54's damaged, repairable at the organizational level. One (1) USMC WIA, minor. One (1) NVA KIA.

(3) At approximately 301600H January 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Rough Rider hit a mine at YD078571. No casualties of this command.

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SIGNIFICANT CANTONMENT IMPROVEMENTS

1. The interior of the Battalion Chapel has been completed in a most pleasing manner with only a small amount of work necessary to improve this facility.
2. The Battalion Battery Shop and the Battalion Inspection Station have been completed. Lights have been installed in both, making possible the much needed night work on our vehicles.
3. This Battalion's sector of the Base Defense Perimeter has been completely rebuilt.

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