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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-29 February 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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9TH MT BN CMD CHRON

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February to 29 February 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESTINATION

9th Motor Transport Battalion

Major JOHN R. STANLEY (14Sep67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company  
 "A" Company  
 "B" Company  
 "C" Company  
 Transport Company

1stLt T.J. BENSON (23Nov67)  
 1stLt R.D. LEWIS (2Feb68)  
 Capt G.A. JONIC JR. (20Apr67)  
 Capt E.L. SULLIVAN (22Nov67)  
 Capt T.E. CASH (5Jan68)

2. LOCATION

1-29 February 1968; Dong Ha, RVN, H&S, "B", "C", Transport Company;  
 Camp J.J. CARROLL, RVN, "A" Company

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer  
 Adjutant  
 S-3  
 S-4  
 Bn Supply  
 Medical Officer  
 Chaplain

Major R. KULAK (20Oct67)  
 1stLt T. PASKEVICH (22Sep67)  
 Capt J.G. SCHIMENECK (20Oct67)  
 1stLt A.R. MATTESON (18Jan68)  
 1stLt J.R. DUNCAN (18Dec67)  
 Lt W.C. NOBLET (9Sep67)  
 LtJG R.D. SWIFT III (29Jan68)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
22	380	2	9

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-29 February 1968, this Battalion, with the assistance of the 515th Transportation Company, USA, participated in Fifty-five (55) tactical movements and three (3) Rough Rider Operations in support of the First and Third Marine Divisions, the 11th Engineer Battalion, FLSG-B, the 2nd 9th Artillery USA, 1st 40th Artillery USA, the 1st Air Cavalry, and the U.S. Air Force. During the period, this Battalion has driven 52,161 miles, transporting 22,687 tons of supplies and 22,000 troops. During the same period the 515th Transportation Company, USA, has driven 24,627 miles, transporting 2,921 tons of supplies and 3,593 troops. The maintenance deadline is at forty-five (45) vehicles of which thirty-three (33) are third echelon or higher. The preventive maintenance program remains critical due to heavy commitments of vehicles resulting in insufficient time and availability of vehicles to perform necessary maintenance.

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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) Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 1 February 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 12th Marines.

(2) Fifty-five (55) vehicles participated in operation Rough Rider run by this command on 1 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL and Rock Pile in support of 4th Marines.

(3) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 2 February 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

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

(5) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 3 February 1968 to Check Point 37 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(6) On 4 February 1968, "Alpha" Company became OPCON to the 4th Marines.

(7) On 4 February 1968, "Bravo" Company became OPCON to the 9th Marines.

(8) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 4 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(9) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 4 February 1968 to Check Point 37 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(10) Forty-three (43) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 5 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 4th Marines.

(11) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 5 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 94th Artillery USA.

(12) Forty-nine (49) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 6 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 4th Marines.

(13) Fifty-two (52) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 7 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 4th Marines.

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(14) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 7 February 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 9th Marines.

(15) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 8 February 1968 to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.

(16) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 12th Marines.

(17) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 9 February 1968 to Con Thien in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(18) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 10 February 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 9th Marines.

(19) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 11 February 1968 to Quang Tri in support of FLSG-B.

(20) Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 11 February 1968 to C-2 in support of 9th Marines.

(21) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 11 February 1968 to Con Thien in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(22) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 12 February 1968 to Con Thien in support of 9th Marines.

(23) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 12 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 9th Artillery USA.

(24) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 1st 40th Artillery USA.

(25) Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 February 1968 to Quang Tri in support of FLSG-B.

(26) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 9th Artillery USA.

(27) Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 13 February 1968 to Con Thien in support of 9th Marines.

(28) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 February 1968 to Check Point 99 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(29) Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 14 February 1968 to C-2 in support of 9th Marines.

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(30) Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 15 February 1968 to Check Point 99 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(31) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 15 February 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 12th Marines and 9th Marines.

(32) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 16 February 1968 from Con Thien to Gio Linh in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(33) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 16 February 1968 from Cam Lo to Gio Linh in support of 9th Marines.

(34) Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 17 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 9th Marines.

(35) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 17 February 1968 to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.

(36) Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 18 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 9th Marines.

(37) Thirty-six (36) vehicles participated in Operation Rough Rider run by this command on 18 February 1968 to Camp EVANS in support of 1st Air Cavalry.

(38) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 18 February 1968 to Check Point 47 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(39) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 19 February 1968 from Cam Lo to Gio Linh in support of 9th Marines.

(40) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 20 February 1968 to Cam Lo in support of 9th Marines.

(41) Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 21 February 1968 to Cam Lo and Gio Linh in support of 9th Marines.

(42) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 21 February 1968 to A-3 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(43) Twenty-three (23) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 21 February 1968 to Quang Tri in support of FLSG-B.

(44) Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 22 February 1968 to Con Thien in support of 9th Marines.

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(45) Twenty (20) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 23 February 1968 to C-1 in support of 9th Marines and 4th Marines.

(46) Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 23 February 1968 to Check Point 91 in support of Division G-5.

(47) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 9th Artillery USA.

(48) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 February 1968 to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(49) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 24 February 1968 to Quang Tri in support of the U.S. Air Force.

(50) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 25 February 1968 to C-3 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(51) Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 25 February 1968 to C-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(52) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 26 February 1968 to C-2 in support of 9th Marines.

(53) Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 26 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 9th Artillery USA.

(54) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 26 February 1968 to Quang Tri in support of 1st Marines.

(55) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 27 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 9th Artillery USA.

(56) Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 27 February 1968 to Quang Tri in support of 1st and 9th Marines.

(57) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 29 February 1968 to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 2nd 9th Artillery USA.

(58) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy run by this command on 29 February 1968 to A-3 in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(59) Nineteen (19) tactical movements made in support of 9th Marines.

(60) Eleven (11) tactical movements made in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

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- (61) Seven (7) tactical movements made in support of 12th Marines.
- (62) Five (5) tactical movements made in support of 4th Marines.
- (63) Three (3) tactical movements made in support of FLSG-B.
- (64) Two (2) tactical movements made in support of 1st Marines.
- (65) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 3d Division, G-5.
- (66) Seven (7) tactical movements made in support of 2nd 94th Artillery USA.
- (67) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 1st 40th Artillery USA.
- (68) One (1) tactical movement made in support of 1st Air Cavalry.
- (69) One (1) tactical movement made in support of the U.S. Air Force.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: Twelve (12) USMC WIA, Two (2) USMC KIA, One (1) USA KIA.

e. New techniques employed: One (1) Company OPCON to the 9th Marines and One (1) Company OPCON to the 4th Marines.

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. S-4: During the reporting period, 1-29 February 1968, the S-4 Section has progressed in many areas. It has instituted the processing of all TERO documents for Motor Transportation Maintenance in order to insure a closer working relationship between the two. In the area of maintenance we have been carefully scrutinizing daily deadline reports in order that all repair parts are expeditiously placed on requisition and proper priorities are assigned. To alleviate the discrepancies found by the III MAF inspection team, we have updated our TE and TA and are working on a class II type II allowance list. All excesses have been screened and shortages are being placed on requisition. We also are continuing to work on a logistics SOP with much more emphasis being placed on proper liaison between the S-4, Supply and Maintenance. Embarkation being a perpetual thing, we have begun to hold classes with all company supply men and are continuing to give them instructions as needed. All mount-out boxes have now been properly labeled and we are in an excellent position for mounting out immediately.

h. Supply: During the reporting period, 1-29 February 1968, the chief interest rested in two areas. First the Battalion allowance list has been updated. T/E deficiencies arising from the reconciliation of this allowance list are being requisitioned. Secondly, all excesses existing in this account are being turned in in accordance with Division directives.

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## i. Administrative/Personnel:

- (1) Joined: 41 USMC Enlisted
- (2) Transferred: Two USMC Officers, 17 USMC 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) One violation of Article 92 UCMJ; One violation of Article 108 UCMJ; One violation of Article 134 UCMJ.

## j. Training: General Military Subjects

(a) Eighty-nine (89) personnel received one (1) hour school on "care and cleaning" of the M16 rifle.

(b) Two hundred-eight (208) received two (2) hours practical application on zeroing the M16 rifle.

(c) Thirty-two (32) personnel received one (1) hour school on the M-79 grenade launcher.

(d) Twenty-nine (29) personnel received one (1) hour school on the M-60 Machine Gun.

(e) Fifty-one (51) personnel received one (1) hour school on "care and cleaning" of the .50 caliber Machine Gun.

(f) Seventy-four (74) personnel received one (1) hour school on "Tactical trends and training tips".

(g) Nineteen (19) personnel received one (1) hour school on "Scouting and Patrolling".

(h) Ninety-nine (99) personnel received one (1) hour school on "Personnel Response".

(i) Twenty-nine (29) personnel received two (2) hours school on "In Country Troop Indoctrination".

(j) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one (1) hour school on "VD and Personal Hygiene".

(k) Twenty-four (24) personnel received two (2) hours school on convoy procedures.

(l) Twenty-three (23) personnel received one (1) hours school on motor vehicle records.

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(m) Twenty-five (25) personnel received two (2) hours school on vehicle recovery and use of the wrecker.

(n) Thirty-eight (38) personnel received two (2) hours school on preventive maintenance peculiar to the multifuel.

k. Close Combat:

(1) At approximately 011430H February 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Rough Rider convoy traveling east on Route #9 had a M54A2 truck hit a mine at approximately YD 078571 halting the convoy. The convoy then came under fire with RPG, artillery, mortar and small arms. One (1) MRC 109 & one (1) M54A2 destroyed. One (1) MRC 109 damaged repairable at the organizational level. Seven (7) USMC WIA Medevac, Two (2) USMC WIA Minor.

(2) At approximately 020330H February 1968 a 9th Motor Transport Battalion convoy in support of 11th Engineer Battalion (Sweep Team) came under heavy attack at approximately YD 128589. One (1) M54 USMC severely damaged. One (1) USMC and one (1) USA M54 destroyed. One (1) USMC and one (1) USA KIA, one (1) USMC Medevac.

(3) At approximately 021650H February 1968 a 9th Motor Transport Battalion vehicle moving from the impact area during a mortar attack in the Dong Ha complex, along with other traffic, in extreme dusty conditions, hit an earthmover of MCB-5 that was stalled. The M52A2 truck was severely damaged. No casualties sustained.

(4) At approximately 051530H February 1968 a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Rough Rider proceeding west on route #9 came under fire at approximately YD 114580. One (1) M54A2 and one (1) M105 damaged, repairable at organizational level. No casualties resulted.

(5) At approximately 111230H February 1968 a 9th Motor Transport Battalion M36 in support of Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, while unloading barbed wire in a friendly allegedly cleared mine field, hit a mine. Vehicle repairable at organizational level. No casualties sustained. A check of the area revealed seven (7) more friendly mines.

(6) At approximately 111230H February 1968 during an artillery attack on the The Sanh complex resulted in one (1) M36 and one (1) M35 destroyed and one (1) M36 damaged. One (1) USMC KIA.

(7) At approximately 111645H February 1968, an M54A2, tenth vehicle in a Rough Rider convoy run by this command, hit a mine at approximately YD 071571. The vehicle was severely damaged. No casualties sustained.

(8) At approximately 151350H February 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion convoy, on a resupply mission, received approximately four (4) rounds of sniper fire while in the Con Thien complex, resulting in minor damage to an M36. One (1) WIA minor.

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(9) At approximately 191545H February, during an artillery attack in the Dong Ha complex, one (1) M54A2 was damaged, repairable at organizational level. Three (3) GP tents were destroyed. The 515th Transportation Company USA had two (2) M54's, two (2) M35A1's, two (2) large maintenance tents and one (1) GP tent damaged, repairable at the organizational level. No casualties sustained.

(10) At approximately 211430H February 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion convoy came under an artillery attack while in the Con Thien complex. One (1) M54 damaged, repairable at organizational level. No casualties sustained.

(11) At approximately 260800H February 1968, during an artillery attack in the Dong Ha complex, two (2) M54A2's damaged, repairable at the organizational level. Three (3) GP tents damaged, repairable. Two (2) GP tents and thirty (30) drums POL (mogas) destroyed. No casualties sustained.

(12) At approximately 281535H February 1968, during an artillery attack in the Dong Ha complex, nine (9) GP tents, Staff and Officers Club, BAS and one (1) adding machine were damaged, repairable at the organizational level. No casualties sustained.

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SIGNIFICANT CANTONMENT IMPROVEMENTS

1. A new shower for H&S Company capable of holding 500 heated gallons of water and showering four people at a time was completed.
2. A 4500 gallon water tower was completed and it now supplies the messhall with all its needed water.
3. The sand-bagging of the messhall was completed in order to add a measure of safety for personnel working and eating in the messhall plus the protection of refrigeration equipment.
4. All bunkers and defensive fields of fire were completed for the unit and vital area defense.

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EXEMPT (2)