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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 the period 1-30 April 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 April to 30 April 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Motor Transport Battalion

COMMANDER

Major JOHN R. STANLEY (14Sep67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

1stLt A.R. MATTESON JR. (6Mar68)
 1stLt L.D. ALEXANDER (28Apr68)
 Capt G.A. JONIC JR. (20Apr67)
 Capt E.L. SULLIVAN (22Nov67)
 1stLt J.G. CONARD (28Apr68)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1968: Dong Ha, RVN: H&S, "A", Transport Company
 "C" Company OPCON to 4th Marines, Camp J.J. CARROLL; "B" Company OPCON to
 9th Marines, Dong Ha.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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

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)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
21	376	1	9

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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Battalion. FLSG-F

5th Artillery U.S. Army. During the period, this Battalion has driven 62,987 miles, transported 13,913 tons of supplies and 28,179 troops. The maintenance deadline is at seventy-three (73) pieces of equipment of which forty-eight (48) are third echelon or higher. The preventative maintenance program has improved slightly, but remains critical due to daily total commitment of available assets.

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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) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 1 April 1968, to C-1 in support of 12th Marines.

(2) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 1 April 1968, to the Rock Pile in support of 14th Marines.

(3) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 1 April 1968, to Ca Lu in support of 11th engineers.

(4) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 1 April 1968, to Camp J.J. CARROLL in support of 14th Marines.

(5) Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 3 April 1968, to Check Point #40, in support of 9th Marines.

(6) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 4 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(7) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 4 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(8) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 5 April 1968 to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(9) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 6 April 1968, to Check Point #91, in support of 3rd Marine Division, G-5.

(10) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 7 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(11) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 7 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(12) Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 8 April 1968, to A-3, in support of 9th Marines.

(13) Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 9 April 1968, to A-3, in support of 9th Marines.

(14) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 10 April 1968, to Check Point #25, in support of 3rd and 5th Artillery, U.S. Army.

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(15) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 10 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(16) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 11 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(17) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 12 April 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Engineers.

(18) Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 13 April 1968, to Khe Sanh, in support of 3rd Motor Transport Battalion.

(19) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 15 April 1968, to A-3 in support of 9th Marines.

(20) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 15 April 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(21) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 17 April 1968, To Quang Tri, in support of 3rd Marine Division, Supply.

(22) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 19 April 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(23) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 21 April 1968, to C-2, in support of 9th Marines.

(24) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 22 April 1968, to C-2, in support of 9th Marines.

(25) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 29 April 1968, to Khe Sanh, in support of FLSG-B.

(26) Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 30 April 1968, to the Rock Pile, in support of 9th Marines.

(27) Three (3) tactical movements were made in support of 12th Marines.

(28) Two (2) tactical movements were made in support of 4th Marines.

(29) Seven (7) tactical movements were made in support of 9th Marines.

(30) Eight (8) tactical movements were made in support of 3rd Engineers.

(31) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of 3rd Motor Transport Battalion.

(32) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of 3rd Marine Division, Supply.

(33) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of 3rd Marine Division, G-5.

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(34) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of 11th Engineers.

(35) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of FLSG-B.

(36) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of 3rd and 5th Artillery, U.S. Army.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: 5WIA, USMC; 1 DOW, USMC

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. S-4: The S-4 section during the period 1-30 April 1968, has been steadily improving itself in many areas. An Engineer and Logistics SOP are being completed. A class II Type II allowance list is almost completed and many small discrepancies have been remedied; i.e. a suitable storage area for oxygen and acetylene has been constructed and embarkation within Battalion Supply has been straightened out. All TERO's are being carefully screened and are being "Red Balled" as deemed necessary. Continuous work requests are being submitted to improve the area and to aid in logistical support. In conclusion, all discrepancies noted on the FMFPac inspection are being corrected.

h. Supply: The majority of our attention remains centered around alleviation of discrepancies noted by the FMFPac Inspection Team. On 19 April 1968, an FMFPac Assistance Team came and spent two days helping the Battalion supply with regards to implementation of MCO 4400.15D. A new T/E allowance list has been published and distributed to the companies.

i. Administrative/Personnel:

(1) Joined: Three USMC Officers; 20 USMC Enlisted

(2) Transferred: Three USMC Officers; 39 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) Four violations of Article 86; Four violations of Article 92; Five violations of Article 134; One violation of Article 113; One violation of Article 91.

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j. Training: General Military Subjects

(a) Thirty-nine (39) personnel received two (2) hours school on weapons safety.

(b) One Hundred-forty (140) personnel received three (3) hours school on personal response.

(c) Fifty-five (55) personnel received two (2) hours school on care and cleaning of the M16A1 rifle.

(d) Ninety (90) personnel received three (3) hours school on Map and Compass Reading.

(e) Ninety-one (91) personnel received three (3) hours school on the Code of Conduct.

(f) Twenty-six (26) personnel received two (2) hours school on Safety Indoctrination.

(g) Thirty-six (36) personnel received one (1) hour school on habit forming drugs.

(h) Three Hundred-sixty (360) personnel received six (6) hours school on current events.

(i) Eighty (80) personnel received three (3) hours of Fam-firing and Zeroing the M-16A1 Rifle.

(j) Twenty-eight (28) personnel received three (3) hours of practical application firing of the LAW.

(k) One (1) person attended supply school for five (5) days.

(l) One (1) person attended NCO Leadership School for ten (10) days.

(m) Eighty-five (85) personnel received eighteen (18) hours MOS training.

(n) Eighty-three (83) personnel received three (3) hours of practical application firing of the M-60 Machine Gun.

Close Combat:

(1) At approximately 011445H April 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy traveling west on Route #9 had one (1) M543A2 damaged due to hostile mortar fire, repairable at organizational level.

(2) At approximately 091320H April 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy was traveling south on Route #1, when one (1) M36, 2½ ton truck hit a mine, destroying the vehicle. One (1) USMC WIA, MedEvac.

(3) At approximately 131220H April 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy was traveling east on the access road south of Camp CARROLL when one (1) M54 truck made a wrong turn south on Route #558 striking a mine resulting in damage repairable at 4th echelon level.

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(4) At approximately 121200H April 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy was traveling east on the access road south of Camp CARROLL, when one (1) M54A2 truck hit a mine resulting in damage repairable at 4th echelon level. One (1) USMC WIA, MedEvac.

(5) At approximately 171430H a 9th Motor Transport Battalion M54A2 truck was traveling north on Route #1 with an 11th Engineers sweep team when the vehicle hit a mine resulting in damage repairable at organizational level.

(6) At approximately 190300H a 9th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy came under artillery attack at Khe Sanh, resulting in damage to three (3) M52A2 tractor repairable at organizational level. Three (3) USMC WIA, two (2) MedEvac and one (1) minor.

(7) At approximately 301730H a 9th Motor Transport Battalion M54 truck came under artillery attack at C-2 resulting in damage repairable at organizational level.

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SIGNIFICANT CANTONMENT IMPROVEMENTS

1. A new game room was constructed which has become part of the overall Special Services facilities for the troops.
2. H&S Company and Bravo Company now have all their tropical huts.

ENCLOSURE (2)