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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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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 hereby submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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9th Motor Transport Battalion

LTCOL L. J. TREMBLAY (14 Nov 68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Maj. R. DAVIS (12 May 69)
 1stLt. T. R. PRITCHETT (22 Apr 69)
 1stLt. J. A. PANNETON (22 Jan 69)
 Capt. T. V. ALLEN (25 Feb 69)
 1stLt. W. D. STULL (24 Jun 69)

2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1969: Dong Ha RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
 S-3
 Adjutant
 S-4
 Medical

Major R. DAVIS (13 Feb 69)
 1stLt. B. A. ROWE (11 Apr 69)
 CWO2 J. N. BURGESS (8 Sept 68)
 1stLt. T. D. BUCKLEY (1 Jun 69)
 Lt. H. FORBURG (1 Jun 69)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
25	342	2	8	0	1

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview The 9th Motor Transport Battalion provided medium and heavy transportation in support of the 3d Marine Division and ELSC.B. The Battalion ~~separated from its home base area located in~~ Dong Ha Combat Base, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. During the period 1-30 June 1969, this Battalion participated in two hundred fifty eight (258) tactical movements and two hundred forty (240) rough rider operations. During the same period this Battalion has driven 105,523 miles, transported 10,878 tons of supplies and 36,823 troops. The convoys covered a vast area in I Corps, ranging from Da Nang to Vandegrift Combat Base.

2. Command Relations This Battalion remains OPCON/ADCON to the 3d Marine Division.

3. Mission Assigned To provide medium and heavy transportation support in reinforcing and augmenting the organic land transportation capabilities of the 3d Marine Division.

4. Intelligence There are no significant intelligence operations to report this period.

5. Operations

a. Operations have remained within the scope of our assigned mission.

b. During the month of June the Battalion supported the 3d Marine Division and ELSC.B, which in turn supported the following operations:

Virginia Ridge
 Herkimer Mt.
 Cameron Falls
 Utah Mesa
 Iroquois Grove

c. Sequential Listing of Operations

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- 2 June - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marines.
- Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to A - 2 in support of 3d Marines.
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- Twenty (20) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Engineers.
- Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to C - 2 in support of 3d Marines.
- 3 June - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Engineers.
- Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to MAI LOC in support of G-5.
- 4 June - Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 6 June - Twenty-four (24) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Grid Coordinates 042865 in support of Arvn.
- Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 7 June - Eighteen (18) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 8 June - Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Hang in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 9 June - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marines.
- Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to G - 2 in support of 3d Marines.

- 10 June - Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 11 June - Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to A - 2 in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Thirty-six (36) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of Arvn.
- Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 12 June - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of Arvn.
- 13 June - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to C - 2 in support of 3d Marines.
- Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 15 June - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of 11th Cavalry.
- 12 June - Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 14 June - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 16 June - Fifty-six (56) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Sixty-six (66) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Dong Ha in support of 3d Marines.
- Forty (40) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of 3d Marines.
- 17 June - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines & 3d Engineers.

- 19 June - Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 20 June - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 21 June - Twenty-three (23) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to A - 4 in support of **3d Marines**.
- 23 June - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 24 June - Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to LOC in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 25 June - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Khe Gia Bridge in support of **3d Marines**.
- Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 26 June - Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Phu Bai in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 27 June - Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 28 June - Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to C - 2 in support of **3d Marines**.
- 29 June - Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to C - 2 in support of 9th Marines & 3rd Marines.
- 30 June - Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Marine Division.

6. Results of Operation.

- a. Casualties inflicted on the enemy - None.
- b. Casualties sustained - None.
- c. Equipment and Supplies captured/destroyed - None.

7. Supporting Arms.

- a. Air Support. The Battalion continues to use Third Marine Division A.O.'s in the capacity of Air Security Coverage.
- b. Artillery Support. The Battalion continues to use F.O.'s for Convoy Artillery coverage from the Fourth Battalion Twelfth Marines.
- c. Convoy Road Security. The Battalion continues to receive Quad-Fifties from the First Brigade Forty Fourth Artillery U.S. Army.

8. Logistics.

- a. The S-4 Section of Ninth Motor Transport Battalion turned in its semi-annual Motor Vehicle Status Report. This report is a list of the motor transport equipment by USMC number including nomenclature, T.A.M., Authorized Quantity and on hand amounts. An example of this report is as follows:

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>O/H</u>
Truck, Cargo 5 Ton M54A2C "A" Co.	98	96

As evidenced by this section of the Motor Vehicle Status Report, this Battalion is short two M54A2C's at this time. This report is used by Division Motor Transport Office to evaluate the Battalion Motor Transport Status.

b. The S-4 Section submitted the Deadline of Crew-served weapons and M 79 grenade launchers. According to this report the following information must be noted:

Item	Auth	O/R	No. D/L	O/R	T/E Def.
BL-60	18	17	4	13	1

By the fact that the Battalion is short one BL-60 by T/E, the requisition document number on that item is noted. (Doc. No. 9151-6296) This report is submitted to Division Ordnance on a bi-monthly basis.

c. The S-4 Section of 9th Motor Transport Battalion submitted the Logistic Summary Report. The following information is noted in particular:

- (1) Status of Supply Situation
- (2) Status of Communication/Electronics
- (3) Status of Engine Equipment and Engine. Generators
- (4) Status of Motor Transport Equipment
- (5) Status of Ordnance Equipment.

The following is an excerpt from the Log Sum dealing with the Status of Communication/Electronics Equipment:

Situation: At present this command rates 5 radio sets AN/MRC 110. However due to the fact that the AN/MRC 110's have not yet arrived, we are still using radio set AN/MRC 109. We have four (4) AN/MRC 109's on hand, we did have an AN/MRC 109 on order but it has been cancelled due to the fact that we will be getting the AN/MRC 110s. With current convoy commitments, the present communication provided by the AN/MRC 109s is becoming excessively inadequate. Also it should be noted that the unit's AN/MRC 83 is on requisition well in advance of normal leadtime. This piece of equipment is vitally needed by this command.

9. Communications - Electronics.

- a. Radio. During the month of June the Radio section supplied communications for 60 convoys, three (3) patrols and five (5) mine-sweeps.
- b. Wire. For the month of June there were about three thousand one hundred (3100) calls placed through the switchboard. The perimeter lines were reconstructed and TA 312 phones were installed in place of ME-8's. Telephones were also installed in the Company Tire Shops.
- c. Technician. The technicians completely serviced and grounded the shops work bench and correctly grounded switchboard in the Battalion C.O.C. bunker.

10. Equipment. During the month of June the Battalion received three (3) new M-127A2C Semi-Trailers. We turned in two (2) M-127A1 Semi-Trailers on a Code H for cracked frames. Due to the age and the excessive mileage on the Battalion, four (4) AN/MRC 109's, we are experiencing ever increasing amounts of mechanical failures.

11. Civic Action.

- a. During the month of June the Battalion conducted eight (8) MedCaps in the hamlets of Throng Ninh and Dia Do. We treated seven hundred and eighty (780) Vietnamese Nationals. During several of these MedCaps we provided transportation to D-Med for hamlet natives, that we were unable to treat at the Med Cap level. We have provided transportation not only for our own projects, but for other units as well. On eight (8) occasions during the month of June our vehicles provided transportation to Division G-5 for food and other gear that was carried to the needy throughout the Northern I Corps area. On one of these missions of mercy we carried thirty (30) tons of rice from Quang Tri City to Mai Loc to alleviate the extreme hunger conditions of the Montagnard's in that area. The Battalion has three (3) projects working during the month of June. The hamlet of Dia Do and two (2) other smaller adjacent hamlets are building water closets to help improve sanitation conditions. There are four (4) water closets

being built. 9th Motor Transportation Battalion has supplied 90% of all the material, with the Vietnamese providing the labor necessary to build the closets. The second project undertaken was a community pig sty. Material has been collected by this Battalion and as soon as the water closets are finished the Vietnamese will begin building. The third project is an English Class, taught by one of our Vietnamese language trained Marines working in the Battalion. He holds two (2) classes a week, each class is two hours long. Twenty-five (25) to thirty-five (35) Vietnamese attend these classes regularly.

12. Training.

a. This Battalion continues a dynamic training program not only in GIS and MOS training, but also utilizing school quotas allocated by Division G-3.

b. All new replacements received comprehensive indoctrination training in accordance with the Division Order 1510.3 - and the F.M.F. PacO P1500.3 - COATIP requirements.

c. Unit Training

Subjects Covered:

- Veneral Disease Prevention
- Care and Clearing of M-16
- 50 Caliber Machine Gun
- U. S. Defense
- Civic Action
- Techniques of Military Instruction
- Kince and Booby Traps
- 45. Caliber Pistol
- Manpower Management System
- Warehouse Locator System
- Personal Response
- Hand and Arm Signals
- Vehicle Recovery
- Night Driving
- Preventitive Maintenance
- Drug Usage
- Weapon Safety
- Transmission and Transfer
- Care and use of hand tools
- M - 151 fuel systems
- Maintenance Management and quality Control

d. Officers and Staff NCO training

Current Affairs
Legal Procedures
Radio Procedures
Supply Procedures

14. Chaplain Activities:

a. LT WEAVER, U. S. D., Chaplain, U.S.N., was medevaced back to COMUS on 3 May, 1969. The pastoral needs of the Battalion were filled by visiting Chaplains from Division until 26 June 1969, when LCDR WHITAKER, F. E., Chaplain, U.S.N., joined the Battalion. Chaplain WHITAKER came to 9th Motors from 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, where he had served for 8 months.

b. Due to the short period of time that Chaplain WHITAKER has been here, there are no significant areas to report.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

16 June "C" Co. (Rein), 9th Motor Transport Battalion transported 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines from Vandegrift Combat Base to Dong Ha. Under cover of darkness, the forty (40) vehicle convoy then moved from Dong Ha to various debarkation points along Route #1 from C-1 to Gio Linh. The move was made under black-out conditions which required maximum skill and coordination on the part of the convoy commander, serial commanders and drivers.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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a. 9th Motor Transport Battalion Messages for the Month of June 1969

<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
270310 June 1969 (S)	Modified RLT-9 Troop List (U)
270315 June 1969 (C)	Task Organization
090528 June 1969 (U)	III MAF Commanders Conference
100002 June 1969 (U)	Accidental Discharge
182350 June 1969 (U)	Control Item Transfer
191010 June 1969 (U)	Milstrip Follow-up
210640 June 1969 (U)	Milstrip Follow-up
220120 June 1969 (U)	Milstrip Follow-up
240002 June 1969 (U)	Milstrip Follow-up
240402 June 1969 (U)	Milstrip Follow-up
250002 June 1969 (U)	P. George W. NELSON USMC
252350 June 1969 (U)	Anniversary Greeting
270315 June 1969 (U)	Task Organization

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b. 9th Motor Transport Battalion Directives, published during the Month of June 1969.

1. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 1 June 1969 - Battalion Sergeant of the Guard; assignment of.
2. Battalion Bulletin 1650 dtd 4 June 1969 - Meritorious Mast, Case of Cpl Douglas H. MOORE. 2303100/3531/0431 USMC.
3. Battalion Order 1611.2 dtd 6 June 1969 - Administrative Instructions concerning Officer and Non-commissioned Officers Reports.
4. Battalion Bulletin 1600 dtd 12 June 1969 - Battalion Guard of the Day; assignment of.
5. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 13 June 1969 - Battalion Officer of the Day; assignment of.
6. Battalion Bulletin 1500 dtd 18 June 1969 - Training Plan; promulgation of.
7. Battalion Bulletin 1300 dtd 21 June 1969 - Assignment of Messmen.
8. Battalion Bulletin 1400 dtd 23 June 1969 - Promotion eligibility to Lance Corporal for the Month of June 1969.
9. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 28 June 1969 - Battalion Officer of the Day; assignment of.
10. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 13 June 1969 - Battalion Sergeant of the Guard; assignment of

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