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9th Motor Transport Battalion
3d Marine Division (-)(Rein) FMF
APO 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
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1969

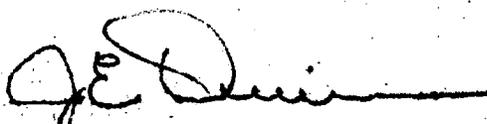
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 9th Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. Downgraded at three year intervals. Declassified after 12 years. DPD DOR 5200.10.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1969

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER

9th Motor Transport Battalion LTCOL L. J. TREMBLAY (14Nov68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	2ndLt. B. L. ERICKSON (3Jul69)
"A" Company	1stLt. T. R. PRITCHETT (22Apr69)
"B" Company	1stLt. J. A. PANNETON (22Jan69)
"C" Company	1stLt. R. D. WELLS (4Jul69)
Transport Company	1stLt. W. D. STULL (24Jun69)

2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1969: Quang Tri RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. E. QUILL (22Jul69)
S-3	1stLt. B. A. ROWE (11Apr69)
Adjutant	CWO2 J. M. BURGESS (8Sept68)
S-4	1stLt. T. D. BUCKLEY (1Jun69)
Medical	Lt. H. FORBURG (1Jun69)

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>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview The 9th Motor Transport Battalion provided medium and heavy transportation support for the 3d Marine Division and FLSC-B. The medium transportation support was in the form of 96 M54A2C, 5 ton, 6X6, cargo trucks. The heavy transportation support was supplied by 30 M52A2C, 5 ton tractors with 42 M127 trailers, and 2 M123, 10 ton tractors with 2 M172, 60 ton low bed trailers. During the period 1-31 July 1969, this Battalion participated in three hundred ninety-four (394) tactical movements and one hundred eighty-six (186) rough rider operations. During the same period this Battalion has driven 126,388 miles, transported 15,398 tons of supplies and 36,823 troops. The convoys covered a vast area in I Corps, ranging from Da Nang to Vandegrift Combat Base. This month found 9th Motor Transport Battalion transporting two Battalion's from Regimental Landing Team-9 from their forward area at Vandegrift Combat Base to their rear areas at Quang Tri Combat Base, and finally to their points of embarkation. This month also saw the relocation of 9th Motor Transport Battalion from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base and the stand down of "A" Co. 9th Motor Transport Battalion in preparation for their redeployment with the 3rd increment of 9th Regimental Landing Team.

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 July the Battalion supported the 3d Marine Division and FLSC-B, who in turn supported the following operations:

Virginia Ridge
Herkimer Mt.
Utah Mesa
Williams Glade

Iroquoise Grove
 Arlington Canyon
 Idaho Canyon
 Georgia Tar

c. Sequential Listing of Operations

- 1 July - Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 11th Engineers.
- 2 July - Twenty-six (26) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.
- 3 July - Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 5 July - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of 3d Marines.
- 7 July - Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 1/9.
- 9 July - Fifty-eight (58) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 1/4.
- 3 July - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 10 July - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/3.
 Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mia Loc in support of 3d Marine Division S-5.
 Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 11 July - Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 1/9.
- 10 July - Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 9th Marines.
- 12 July - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

13 July - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3rd Engineers and 1/4.

Fifty (50) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 9th Marines.

14 July - Forty-three (43) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Quang Tri in support of 9th Marines.

12 July - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mia Loc in support of 3/3.

18 July - Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

19 July - Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

20 July - Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Cam Lo in support of 3d Marines.

Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

22 July - Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3rd Engineers and 9th Marines.

23 July - Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

24 July - Twenty-four (24) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/9 and 2/9.

25 July - Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/3.

26 July - Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 9th Marines.

- 27 July - Twenty-one (21) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 9th Marines.
- 28 July - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.
- 29 July - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.
- 30 July - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mia Loc in support of Special Forces.
- 29 July - Twenty-three (23) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/9.
- 28 July - Thirty-nine (39) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mia Loc in support of 3d Marines, 9th Marines and 4th Marines.
- 31 July - Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

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 for road security from the First Brigade Forty Fourth Artillery U.S. Army.

8. Logistics.

- a. The embarkation and supply sections were heavily tasked this month due to the stand-down, checking out and embarkation manifests required by "A" Co as they prepared for their redeployment.

9. Communication Electronics.

- a. Radio. The Communication Section provided radio communications for 36 convoys, 5 minesweeps, 2 patrols. During deployment from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base continuous communications was established between forward and rear CP's while continuing to provide communication for convoys. This was accomplished although the Communication Section was in a C-3 status at this time. The T/E called for 5 AN/MRC-109's of which the number available was 3 AN/MRC-109's. With current convoy commitments, the present communication provided by the AN/MRC-109's is inadequate. At the present time we have 5 AN/MRC-110's to replace the AN/MRC-109's.
- b. Wire. The Communication Section maintained a 24 hour switchboard watch handling approximately 1,700 calls, after deployment from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base the new area was rewired for service of 28 telephones, TA-312. Perimeter was rewired and a switchboard installed for more reliable communications.
- c. Technician. The technicians worked diligently to maintain the equipment in a high state of readiness. During the month of July only 2 RT-505's had to be sent to higher echelon for repair due to their efforts.

10. Equipment. Due to the age and excessive mileage on the Battalions four AN/MRC 109's, we are experiencing ever increasing amounts of mechanical failures.

11. Civic Action.

- a. 9th Motor Transport Battalion has picked up the Civic Affairs area of responsibility of 3rd Motor Transport Battalion. This area consists of the hamlet of Tri Buu (YD 345535) Thach Mon (YD 345521) and Thach Han-N Zone (YD 332518), all of which are part of Hai Tri village, Hai Lang District, Quang Tri Province. In addition, two schools, Phuoc Mon, a girls high school, and Tri Buu, an elementary school are included in the area taken over by 9th Motor Transport Battalion.

- b. The Battalion has been holding three MedCaps a week, one at each of the three above named hamlets. In each hamlet a dispensary and nurse exists. Our MedCap team has consisted of a doctor, a corpsman, civil affairs officer, interpreter, and several Marines for general security. As part of our program to place the G.V.N. into our civil affairs role, we are beginning to use PF troops on our Med Caps.
- c. Currently the following projects are underway. A dispensary is being built at Thach Han- M Zone, and is 90% complete. A dispensary is being built at YD 342537. This project is in cooperation with the village chief of Hai Tin' Village. We will provide what building materials we can and he will construct the building. A nurse has already been assigned to the area. A two room addition to Phuoc Non School (YD 33655295) is 90% complete. It will house motorcycle and bicycles.
- d. The Civil Affair Officer has been active in implementing the General Walt Scholarship program in the Quang Tri Area, in preparation for the coming school year.

12. Training.

- a. This Battalion continues a dynamic training program not only in GMS and MOS training, but also utilizing school quotas allocated by G-3.
- b. All new replacements received comprehensive indoctrination training in accordance with the Division Order 1510.3 and FMFPacO P1500.3 - COATIP requirements.
- c. On 25 July 1969 the Division Drug Abuse Presentation team presented a Battalion level lecture type class to the personnel of 9th Motor Transport Battalion.
- d. All companies and shop/section's conducted a monthly training program in accordance with the requirements of En-Bul 1500 dtd 18 June 1969 training plan for the first quarter FY 70.

13. Chaplains Activities.

- a. Due to the close proximity of the 9th Motor Transport Battalion's new cantonment to the adjoining cantonment of 3d Engineer Battalion, the Postal needs of 9th Motor Transport Battalion are now being filled by W. E. BRAY, LCDR., Chaplain, U.S. N.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 11 July - The Commanding Officer of 9th Motor Transport Battalion issued his movement plan for the relocation of the Battalion from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base.
- 15 July - "B" Co. and "C" Co. 9th Motor Transport Battalion completed their relocation from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base.
- 16 July - Transport Company, H&S, S-1 section and the Commanding Officer of 9th Motor Transport Battalion completed their relocation from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base.
- 17 July - "A" Company, S-3 section, S-4 section and the Maintenance Shop completed their relocation from Dong Ha Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base.
- 23 July - "A" Company began their stand-down phase in preparation for their redeployment with the Regimental Landing Team - 9.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
✓ 260527 July 1969 (S)	STANDDOWN OF COMPANY "A" (REIN) 9TH MTBN; REPORT OF
✓ 310523 July 1969 (S)	TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF RPS ALLOWANCES (U)
✓ 012300 July 1969 (C)	QUARTERLY PAC FLEET STR STATUS RPT (U)
✓ 250109 July 1969 (C)	AS OF 30 JUNE 1969 5300-1 RELOCATION OF 9TH MTBN
012306 July 1969 (U)	MARS TYPE FA REPORT
130330 July 1969 (U)	MILSTRIP CANCELLATION
140620 July 1969 (U)	NESTOR EQUIPMENT
230806 July 1969 (U)	MILSTRIP FOLLOWUP
241252 July 1969 (U)	CPL DENNIS HART P. R.
250330 July 1969 (U)	MILSTRIP REQUISITION
261030 July 1969 (U)	MILSTRIP FOLLOWUP
03 July 1969 (U)	Battalion Order 1746-1B

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a. 9th Motor Transport Battalion Directives, published during the Month of July 1969.

1. Battalion Bulletin 1650 dtd 3 July 1969 - Meritorious Mast Case of LCpl W. L. WEST U. S. Marine Corps.
2. Battalion Order 1746.1B dtd 3 July 1969 - Alcohol Beverage Control
3. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 4 July 1969 - Sergeant of the Guard Roster
4. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 14 July 1969 - Sergeant of the Guard Roster
5. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dtd 14 July 1969 - Officer of the Day Roster

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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Missing Command Chronology Documents

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
 (ATTN: ACofS, G-3)

Subj: Missing Command Chronology Documents (U)

Ref: (a) CG, 3dMarDiv ltr 3A/ERR/jlp over 5750/1 of 17Feb70

Encl: (1) Copy of 9thMTBn msg 260527ZJul69 (S)
 (2) Copy of 9thMTBn msg 310523Z Jul69 (S)
 (3) Copy of 9thMTBn msg 250109ZJul69 (C)
 (4) Copy of 9thMTBn msg 012300ZJul69 (C)
 (5) 9thMTBn Order 1746.1B (U)

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded. All other documents listed on enclosure (1) to reference (a) have been destroyed or cannot be found.

2. (U) This letter declassified upon removal of enclosures (1) through (4) inclusive.

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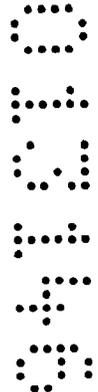
FM NINTH MTBN
TO CG THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: G-3 PLANS)

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STAND DOWN OF COMPANY A (REIN) 9THMTBN; REPORT OF

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 191402ZJUL69

1. LAW REF A, CO A (REIN), 9THMTBN COMPLETED STAND DOWN 23JUL69.
2. HOWEVER DUE TO HEAVY COMMITMENTS LEVIED ON THIS BATTALION, COMPANY A VEHICLES HAVE BEEN UTILIZED WITH DISCRETION TO SUPPORT UNITS OTHER THAN 9TH MARINES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL SUBJECT VEHICLES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RE-HAB/EMBARKATION AFTER 30 JULY 1969.

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FM NINTH MTBN
TO CG THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: SC-10)
INFO: NINTH MTBN

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TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF RPS ALLOWANCES (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 270328Z JUL69 (S)

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF A, A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

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FM NINTH MTBN
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
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RELOCATION OF THE 9TH MTBN

1. THE NINTH MTBN HAS MOVED FROM DONG HA COMBAT BASE, AND IS NOW LOCATED AT THE OLD THIRD MTBN CP QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE.
2. THE ONLY PHONE SERVICE IS THROUGH ARMY LAND LINE QUANG TRI.

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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QUARTERLY PAC FLEET STR STATUS RPT AS OF 30JUN69 5300-1 (U)

A. FMFFAO 5300.2A

1. IAW REF A THE FOL INFO IS SUBMITTED:

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BRAVO - 9TH MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION

CHARLIE - DONG HA, VIETNAM

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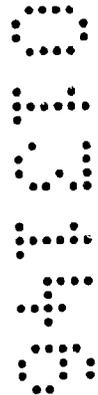
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BnO 1746.1B
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BATTALION ORDER 1746.1B

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Alcoholic Beverage Control

Ref: (a) DivO 1746.6
 (b) FbrO 1700.4

1. Purpose. To issue alcoholic beverage control instructions in accordance with reference (a).

2. Cancellation. BnO 1746.1A

3. Background. Reference (a) sets forth the Authorization and Limitation in the use of Alcoholic Beverages.

4. Definitions

a. An alcoholic beverage is any liquid used for beverage purposes which contains alcohol, regardless of the percentage of alcoholic content to total volume.

b. Distilled spirits, such as whiskey, gin, vodka, etc., are alcoholic beverages produced by a process of distillation.

c. Malt beverages, such as beer, ale, stout, or malt liquors are alcoholic beverages produced from malt.

5. Instructions

a. Package sales are prohibited.

b. Drinks containing distilled spirits will not be sold to persons under twenty-one years of age.

c. Malt beverages will not be sold to persons under eighteen years of age.

d. No person under twenty-one years of age shall be employed in any capacity involving the dispensing of alcoholic beverages.

e. Credit is not permitted.

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BnO 1746.1B
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f. Purchase of alcoholic or ~~other~~ beverages for clubs or messes will be made only through the central clubs system, and in conformity with the direction of higher authorities.

g. No individual will possess or consume distilled spirits at any time or place within the Battalion area except in an authorized club.

h. Reference (b) permits personnel in pay grade E-6 and above to purchase, possess, and use packaged alcoholic beverages in their living quarters. The purchase or possession of packaged alcoholic beverages by personnel in pay grade E-5 or below is prohibited. Commanding Officers will ensure the removal of the alcoholic beverages portion of the MACV Ration Cards of personnel in pay grade E-5 and below.

6. Hours of Operation

- a. Staff NCO Club - 1630 - 2130 (2115 Last Call)
- b. Enlisted Club - 1630 - 2000 (1945 Last Call)

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