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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 August to 31 August 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

9th Motor Transport Battalion      LTCOL E. J. TREMBLAY (14 Nov 68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	2ndLt. B. L. ERICKSON (3 Jul 69)
"B" Company	1stLt. S. W. MURPHY (22 Aug 69)
"C" Company	1stLt. R. D. WELLS (4 Jul 69)
Transport Company	1stLt. W. D. STULL (24 Jun 69)

2. LOCATION

1-30 August 1969: Quang Tri RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major J. E. QUILL (22 Jul 69)
S-3	1stLt. B. A. ROWE (11 Apr 69)
Adjutant	CWO2 J. N. BURGETT (8 Sept 68)
S-4	1stLt. T. D. BUCKLEY (1 Jun 69)
Medical	C.P.O. D. A. HOLDEN (11 Aug 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>
17	317	0	6	0	1

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview. The 9th Motor Transport Battalion provided medium and heavy transportation support for the 3d Marine Division, FLSG-B and ARVN. The medium transportation support was in the form of 71 M54A2C, 5 ton, 6X6 cargo trucks. The heavy transportation support was supplied by 30 M52A2C, 5 ton, tractors with 46 M127 trailers and 2 M123, 10 ton tractors with 2 M172, 60 ton low bed trailers. During the month of August this Battalion participated in three hundred twenty (320) tactical movements and sixty-eight (68) rough rider operations. During the same period this Battalion has driven 106,482 miles, transported 10,473 tons of supplies and 38,614 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 August the Battalion supported the 3d Marine Division and FLSG-B, who in turn supported the following operations:

Virginia Ridge  
Herkimer Mt.  
Utah Mesa  
Williams Glade  
Iroquois Grove  
Arlington Canyon  
Idaho Canyon  
Georgia Tar.

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## c. Sequential Listing of Operations

1 Aug - Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

2 Aug - Twenty-three (23) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/9.

Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

3 Aug - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

4 Aug - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/4.

Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/4.

5 Aug - Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Hill 37 in support of "C" Co. 1/3.

Eighteen (18) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

6 Aug - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/4.

Thirteen (13) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

7 Aug-- Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

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8 Aug - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to CP 60 in support of 3/9.

9 Aug - Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

Eighteen (18) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/4.

11 Aug - Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 4th Marines.

Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/9.

Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/3.

12 Aug - Twenty-two (22) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/9.

13 Aug - Seventeen (17) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3/3.

14 Aug - Twenty-three (23) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of ARVN.

16 Aug - Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to C-3 Bridge in support of H 2/3.

17 Aug - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Engineers.

18 Aug - Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

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- 19 Aug - Twenty-one vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Engineers.
- 20 Aug - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Engineers.
- 21 Aug - Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 22 Aug - Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 23 Aug - Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of G 2/4.
- 25 Aug - Thirty-three (33) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 7th Motors.
- 26 Aug - Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of G 2/4.
- 27 Aug - Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 28 Aug - Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Coor 078571 in support of HQ 2/3.
- Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 2/4.
- 29 Aug - Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of ARVN.

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29 Aug - Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mai Loc in support of 2/3.

30 Aug - Nineteen (19) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mai Loc in support of ARVN.

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

31 Aug - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of 3d Marine Division.

6. Results of Operations.

- a. Casualties inflicted on the enemy - None
- b. Casualties sustained - (2) WIA
- c. Equipment and Supplies captured/destroyed - One  
(1) M54A2C destroyed by an Anti-Tank mine.

7. Supporting Arms.

- a. Air Support. The Battalion continues to use 3d Marine Division Airborne A. O.'s in the capacity of Air Security Coverage.
- b. Artillery Support. The Battalion continues to use F. O.'s from the Fourth Battalion Twelfth Marines for Convoy Artillery coverage.
- c. Convoy Road Security. The Battalion continues to receive truck-mounted Quad-Fifties for road security from the First Battalion Forty Fourth Artillery, U.S. Army.

8. Logistics. The overall supply situation is as follows:

- a. General Supply - satisfactory
- b. Ordnance - satisfactory
- c. Motor Transport - During the month of August there was a shortage of wheel cylinders and brake shoes through the "direct exchange" program which adversely affects the Battalion maintenance program.



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9. Communication and Electronics.

- a. Radio Section. During the month of August the radio section provided communications for 320 convoys. This was accomplished with only one (1) AN/MRC-109 in dependable condition. The radio section received two M151 to temporary use as comm vehicles and mounts were installed in them. Of two AN/MRC-109's sent to FLSG-B for repairs, one was designated Code "H". Three Communication men were assigned to Company "A" (Rein) deploying with RLT 9 to Okinawa. One M151 from "A" Company was mounted with a complete AN/GRC 125 and a complete AN/PRC 25 was also assigned. On August 15th the radio section received one AN/MRC-83 and it was immediately sent to Electronics-Maintenance because of failure to transmit or receive. The Transmitter unit, receiver unit, and coupler were exchanged thru the DX program and the AN/MRC-83 is now in operational condition. The Battalion's sector of the perimeter was completely wired, due to the many breaks in the lines. In the COC Bunker a power ringer was installed to assist the telephone operator.

10. Equipment. During the month of August the Battalion accepted four (4) new M-127A2C semi-trailers and one (1) AN/MRC 83 radio jeep. A total of five (5) M-54A2C cargo truck were transferred into the Battalion, one of the trucks filled a T/E deficiency and four were on a special allowance. One (1) AN/MRC-109, two (2) M-107 Water Trailers and one (1) High Pressure Tube Unit were designated code "H". One (1) M-170 Ambulance jeep was declared as excess equipment by this Battalion after the new M-718 Ambulance jeep was repaired and placed in operation.

11. Civic Action.

- a. The MedCap portion of the 9th Motor Transport Battalion Civil Affairs Program has continued treating 1,090 patients from the hamlets of Tri Bui, Thach Han - Mzone, and Thach Mon, all in Hai Tri Village. During the month of August we finished the third dispensary in Thach Han, and began working on fourth dispensary in Hai Tri Village. This project is in cooperation with the Village Chief; we are providing materials and he provides land and labor. The Vietnamese will run their own MedCaps from this dispensary when it is finished. During the month we

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began to use P.F. cadre as vehicle guards with the eventual aim of phasing them into the MedCaps.

- b. The S-5 has been working on the General Walt Scholarship Program and has formed committees to process scholarship applications.
- c. In the Education and Schools portion of the Battalion Civil Affairs program, the Battalion distributed 2000 lbs. of paper to local schools. The planning and coordination for an English Teaching project at Phuoc Mon High School in Quang Tri City is in full progress. The English classes will be coordinated by the Principal of Phuoc Mon High School and taught by four Marines and two Vietnamese instructors.
- d. In a combined project with Hai Tri Village, 9th Motor Transport Battalion has provided wood and other materials for the enlarging of the Village Officers. The wood has and is being provided to victims of a recent enemy 122mm rocket attack in Thach Han. This will continue as wood and roofing tin becomes available.

12. Administration and Personnel.

- a. On 14 August 1969, "A" Company (Rein) deployed to Okinawa with four (4) Marine Officers, 105 Marines enlisted men, and 3 U.S. Navy enlisted men. "A" Company (Rein) is presently attached to Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

13. Training.

- a. This Battalion continues a dynamic training program not only GMS and MOS training, but also utilizing school quotas allocated by Division G-3 Training.
- b. All new personnel received comprehensive indoctrination training in accordance with Division Order 1510.3 and FMF PacO P1500.3 COATIP requirements.
- c. All companies and shop/sections conducted a monthly training program in accordance with the requirements of the Battalion Quarterly Training plan for the first quarter FY 70.

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## S E Q U E N T I A L   L I S T I N G   O F   S I G N I F I C A N T   E V E N T S

- 14 Aug - "A" Company (Rein) redeployed to Okinawa with the Third increment of RLT - 9.
- 15 Aug - At 1300 hours near Coord XD 979515, Quang Tri Province, four "B" Company M54A2C trucks carrying security troops enroute to Vandegrift Combat Base with a 7th Motor Transport Battalion convoy came under mortar fire from the south side of the road and small arms fire from both sides of the road. One 9th Motor Transport Battalion driver received shrapnel wounds and two "C" Company First Battalion Fourth Marines security troop also received wounds.
- 19 Aug - At 1030 near coord. YD 063571, Quang Tri Province, one "B" Company 9th Motor Transport Battalion M54A2C carrying security troops for the road sweep team detonated a 24 lbs. plastic anti-tank mine, resulting in one 9th Motor Transport Battalion WIA and several WIA's among the security troops and sweep team personnel. The vehicle was heavily damaged, and eventually declared uneconomically repairable.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

a. 9th Motor Transport Messages for the month of August 1969.

DATE TIME GROUPSUBJECT

080509Z August 1969 (U)  
 090614Z August 1969 (U)  
 090616Z August 1969 (U)  
 110801Z August 1969 (U)  
 191326Z August 1969 (U)  
 260756Z August 1969 (U)  
 260758Z August 1969 (U)  
 260802Z August 1969 (U)  
 270950Z August 1969 (U)  
 290852Z August 1969 (U)

Milstrip Follow-Up  
 Milstrip Cancellation  
 Milstrip Follow-Up  
 Lump Sum VRB; case of Sgt  
 Gary W. BALDWIN, USMC  
 Milstrip Requisition  
 Milstrip Cancellation  
 Milstrip Cancellation  
 Milstrip Follow-Up  
 Milstrip Cancellation  
 Milstrip Cancellation

*ALL missing*

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b. 9th Motor Transport Battalion directives for the month of August 1969.

1. Battalion Bulletin 1400 dated 8 August 1969, Promotion Eligibility to Lance Corporal for the month of August 1969.
  2. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 16 August 1969, Battalion Sergeant of the Guard; assignment of.
  3. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 16 August 1969, Battalion Officer of the Day; assignment of.
  4. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 27 August 1969, Battalion Officer of the Day; assignment of.
- all missing*