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9th Motor Transport Battalion (-)
3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
(1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

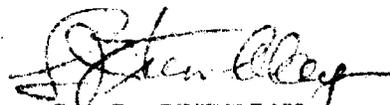
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September
1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) FMF PacO 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 DCR 5200.10.


L. J. TREMBLAY

9TH MT BN

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

9th Motor Transport Battalion LTCOL L. J. TREMBLAY (11Nov68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

W&S Company	1stLt. B. L. ERICKSON (3Jul69)
"B" Company	1stLt. S. W. MURPHY (22Aug69)
"C" Company	1stLt. R. D. WELLS (1Jul69)
Transport Company	2ndLt. T. E. BARRETT (22Aug69)

2. LOCATION

1-30 September 1969: Quang Tri RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. L. D. DERRYBERRY (23Sep69)
S-3	1stLt. B. A. ROWE (11Apr69)
Adjutant	1stLt. M. L. BALLARD (24Sep69)
S-4	1stLt. P. D. BUCKLEY (1Jun69)
Medical	C.P.O. J. F. TOMSEY (26Sep69)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>EML</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EML</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EML</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview. From 1 September 1969 to 23 September 1969, the 9th Motor Transport Battalion minus "A" Company provided medium and heavy transportation support to the 3d Marine Division, FLSG-B and Arvn forces. The medium transportation support was in the form of 71 M54A2C, 5 ton, 6X6 cargo trucks. The heavy transportation support was supplied by 29 M52A2C, 5 ton, tractors with 45 M127 trailers, 15 M198 dolly converters, 2 M123, 10 ton tractors with 2 M172, 25 ton low bed trailers. On 23 September 1969, "B" Company with 31 M54A2C's, 5 M127 trailers, 5 M198 dolly converters, and 21 M105 trailers, stood down from its assigned mission, to prepare for its redeployment to CONUS. As a result of the "B" Company stand down the Battalion now has 40 M54A2C, 5 ton, 6X6 cargo trucks, 29 M52A2C, 5 ton tractors, 40 M127 trailers, 10 M198 dolly converters, 2 M123, 10 ton tractors, 2 M172, 25 ton trailers, remaining to provide medium and heavy transportation support to the 3d Marine Division. During the entire month of September this Battalion participated in four hundred and twenty-four (424) tactical movements and sixty-four (64) rough rider operations. During the same period of time this Battalion has driven 74,716 miles, transported 9,214 tons of supplies and 40,900 troops. The convoys covered a vast area in I Corps, ranging from Da Nang to Vandegrift Combat Base.

2. Command Relations. This Battalion minus "A" and "B" Companies, 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 September the Battalion supported the 3d Marine Division and FLSG-B, who in turn supported the following operations:

Iroquois Grove
Arlington Canyon
Idaho Canyon
Georgia Bar

c. Sequential Listing of Operations.

1 Sept - Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 7th Motors.

Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Cua Viet in support of 3d Marine Division.

3 Sept - Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to CP 24 in support of 3d Marine Division.

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

5 Sept - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of ARVN.

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

Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Cua Viet in support of 3d Marine Division.

6 Sept - Twenty-seven (27) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Mai Loc in support of ARVN.

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

Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of ARVN.

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

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- 8 Sept - Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 9 Sept - Four (4) 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 Gio Linh in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 11 Sept - Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of ARVN.
- 12 Sept - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Cam Lo in support of Foxtrot 2/3.
- 13 Sept - Fourteen (14) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of ARVN.
- 14 Sept - Nine (9) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to CP 60 in support of C 2/3.
- Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 15 Sept - Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Gio Linh in support of ARVN.
- Seven (7) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 16 Sept - Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 17 Sept - Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

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- 18 Sept - Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 20 Sept - Twenty-four (24) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to ECB in support of 3d Marines.
- Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Cam Lo in support of H 2/3.
- Eleven (11) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to CP 37 in support of A 1/3.
- Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 21 Sept - Twenty-six (26) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marines.
- Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to ECB in support of 3d Marines.
- Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to C-3 Bridge in support of 3d Marines.
- 24 Sept - Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.
- Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Da Nang in support of 3d Marine Division.
- 30 Sept - Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base in support of 3d Marine Division.

6. Results of Operations.

- a. Casualties inflicted on the enemy - None
- b. Casualties sustained - (1) WIA
- c. Equipment and Supplies captured/destroyed - None

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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 over-all supply situation is as follows:

a. General Supply - Satisfactory

b. Ordnance - Satisfactory

c. Embarkation - During the month of September the embarkation personnel were heavily tasked by way of preparation and mount out of "B" Company, 9th Motor Transport Battalion with RLT #3 to CONUS.

9. Communication and Electronics.

a. Radio, Wire, and Tech Shop. Radio furnished communication for all convoys of 9th Motor Transport Battalion during the month of September. The wire and radio sections combined rewired the entire Battalion area after the typhoon destroyed most lines, they also rewired "Charlie Sector" of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter twice due to lines being torn down at night. All sections began building mount out boxes and making out new cargo manifest. This work has been accomplished with 4 men below T/O, 1 man TAD and 3 men assigned guard duties.

b. Equipment. During September, Comm Section converted 3 M151's into functional MRC-109's and picked up a MRC-110 from 12th Marines. It also picked up 3 AN/GRC-125's from 3d Tanks and enough AM-2060's and MX-2799/MX-6707 to bring the unit up to T/E on AN/GRC-125's.

10. Equipment. During the month of September the Battalion accepted five (5) new M151A1 jeeps from Barstow, Calif. and one (1) AN/MRC-110 radio vehicle from 12th Marines. Two (2)

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A7/PRC-109 radio vehicles, one (1) M52A2. 5 ton tractor, one (1) M-63 tank truck and two (2) M51A2C's were designated Code "B" by FLCG-3.

11. Civic Action.

a. During the month of September, the MedCap portion of the 9th Motor Transport Battalion Civil Affairs program, treated at the dispensaries at Tri Buu, Thach Han, and Thach Mon, approximately 1,000 patients. Also, construction of the fourth dispensary, located At Hach Hoa (Thach Han) was completed.

b. The S-5 has been distributing the General Walt Scholarship grants to the individual schools involved, for the tuition and books for the sixty individuals who received the above scholarships.

c. In the Education and Schools portion of the Battalion Civil Affairs program, the plans for the English Teaching Project for Phuoc Mon High School in Quang Tri City have been completed. Starting October 9th, four Marines will be conducting English classes, three hours a week for approximately 200 students.

12. Administration and Personnel. On 1 October 1969, "B" Company deployed to COMUS with 1 Marine Officer and 20 Marine enlisted men. This movement was a part of RLT-3. Remaining personnel of "B" Company were subsequently re-assigned to 9th MAB (40 Marine enlisted), FLC (2 Marine Officers and 3 Marine enlisted) and 1st Marine Division (1 Marine Officer).

13. Training.

a. This Battalion continues a dynamic training program, not only GMS and MCS 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 stipulated in the Battalion Quarterly Training plan for the second quarter FY 70.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 Sept - Typhoon Doris hit 9th Motor Transport Battalion at approximately 0600. There was heavy damage to the Battalion area. The S-3 section was operating throughout the storm. Communications were limited throughout the Division.
- 11 Sept - The Otter Platoon deployed to Gva Viet in support of Task Force Clearwater.
- 22 Sept - "C" Company deployed a platoon of trucks to Vandegrift Combat Base to support 4th Marines.
- 23 Sept - Major Derryberry reported to 9th Motor Transport Battalion for duty as Battalion Executive Officer.

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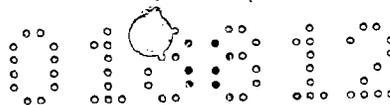
PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

<u>DATE TIME GROUP</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
111545Z September 1969 (U)	Milstrip Cancellation
130234Z September 1969 (u)	Trl, M127, USMC #201367
160100Z September 1969 (u)	Carrier Cargo AIFR M76
200605Z September 1969 (u)	Milstrip Follow Up
201202Z September 1969 (u)	Milstrip Follow Up
201510Z September 1969 (U)	Milstrip Follow Up
240124Z September 1969 (U)	Milstrip Cancellation
240050Z September 1969 (U)	Otter M76 2320-796-5986
280052Z September 1969 (U)	Otter M76 2320-796-5986
280054Z September 1969 (U)	Tube & Ser Unit USMC #192221
291246Z September 1969 (U)	Milstrip Cancellation
301226Z September 1969 (U)	Otter M76 2320-796-5986

b. 9th Motor Transport Battalion (-) directives for the month of September 1969.

1. Battalion Order 5510.3H dated 8 September 1969, Battalion Interior Guard.
2. Battalion Order 3120.1D dated 13 September 1969, Reaction Force.
3. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 14 September 1969, Battalion Officer of the Day; assignment of.
4. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 16 September 1969, Battalion Sergeant of the Guard; assignment of.
5. Battalion Bulletin 1500 dated 17 September 1969, Training Plan.
6. Battalion Bulletin 1650 dated 18 September 1969, Meritorious Mast.
7. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 28 September 1969, Battalion Sergeant of the Guard; assignment of.
8. Battalion Bulletin 1601 dated 30 September 1969, Battalion Officer of the Day; assignment of.



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3/SPL/wlp
1600
19 Sept 1970

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
(Attn: SC-3)

Subj: Missing Command Chronology for September 1970

Ref: (a) FMFPac msg R301221Z Aug70
(b) CG, 3dMarDiv msg R310205Z Aug70

Encl: (1) BnBul 1601 of 15 September 1969
(2) BnBul 1600 of 17 September 1969

1. In response to reference (b) and in accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.
2. After thorough search of the records and files of this Battalion only enclosures (1) and (2) have been recovered (1 copy each).
3. No other messages, directives or bulletins of this period presently exist and are determined missing in result of movement from the Republic of VietNam to Okinawa.
4. It is regretted that more extensive and more pertinent documents could not be included into the proud history of this organization.


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BnBul 1601
 LDS:tdw
 15 Sep69

BATTALION BULLETIN 1601

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Officer of the Day: Appointment of

Ref: (a) BnO 5510.3F

1. Purpose. To publish an Officer of the Day Roster for the Period 16 Sept 1969 to 29 September 1969.
2. Instructions. Personnel designated below are assigned the duties Of Officer of the Day for the Battalion on the dates indicated. Personnel unable to stand their assigned duty will notify their Company Commander and Company Commanders will in turn notify the Battalion Adjutant so that a change can be effected.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
16Sep69	Tues	EVERHART, M. V.	SSgt	"T"
17Sep69	Wed	HARLEY, M.	SSgt	H&S
18Sep69	Thur	WILLIAMS, J. E.	CySgt	"C"
19Sep69	Fri	JAMES, J. A.	SSgt	"B"
20Sep69	Sat	KOPKA, E. M.	2ndLt	"T"
21Sep69	Sun	HADDOCK, J. A.	SSgt	"C"
22Sep69	Mon	BOWS, D. A.	1stLt	H&S
23Sep69	Tues	DE GLAS, M. L.	SSgt	H&S
24Sep69	Wed	MARSHALL, J. A.	2ndLt	"T"
25Sep69	Thur	SASKE, L. D.	SSgt	H&S
26Sep69	Fri	DALTON, A. G.	SSgt	H&S
27Sep69	Sat	BROOKS, W. P.	SSgt	H&S
28Sep69	Sun	BOIJAS, E. L.	CySgt	"T"
29Sep69	Mon	COBB, R. H.	SSgt	"B"

3. Self-Cancellation. 30 September 1969

J. N. Burgess
 J. N. BURGESS
 By direction

DISTRIBUTION: "A"

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BnBul 1600
 EWW:cdw
 17 Sept 1969

BATTALION BULLETIN 1600

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Battalion Guard of the Day; assignment of

1. Purpose. To publish the Battalion Guard of the Day Roster for the period of 17 September to 30 September 1969.

2. Assignments. Personnel designated below are assigned duty to members of the Battalion Guard of the Day.

Forward Post (1730 - 0700)

Tower LCPL DICKER "T"	LCPL BRESEBEARS "C"	PFC STEPHENS "B"
Tower PFC VAUGHN "H&S"	LCPL DWYER "T"	LCPL BROWN "C"
1. PFC BROWN "B"	LCPL ROBERTS "H&S"	LCPL HARRIS "T"
2. PFC CARVER "C"	LCPL UPTON "B"	PFC CRIGGINGTON "H&S"
3. LCPL NIEDERHAUSER "T"	LCPL HONNICK "C"	LCPL SMITH "B"
		LCPL EVERITT "T"
		PFC McDONELY "B"

Rear Post

1. PFC PLUMLEE "T"	LCPL KING "C"
2. LCPL ZACHRYC "T"	PFC KRZEMIAN "C"
3. PFC WIGGINS "B"	LCPL SASSER "C"
4. PFC JACKSON "B"	PFC McDONELY "B"

Forward Post (0700 - 1730)

Tower LCPL ROCKLIN "H&S"	LCPL DOZIER "H&S"
Tower LCPL WHITE "T"	LCPL COWIE "H&S"
1. LCPL BARNES "H&S"	

Corporal of the Guard

CPL DUNAWAY "H&S"
 CPL CUNNINGHAM "C"

Supernumerary

LCPL SPICER "B"

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BnBul 1600
17 Sept 1969

3. Changes. There will be no changes to Guard assignments without the approval of the Battalion Guard Officer. Company Commanders are responsible for replacing personnel when they are unable to stand guard. If it becomes necessary, the Officer of the Day is empowered to make temporary changes to different posts to insure smooth running of the guard.

4. Cancellation. This Bulletin is cancelled on 30 Sept. 1969.

J. N. Burgett
J. N. BURGETT
By Direction

Distribution: "A"
Plus copy to each member of the Guard.