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**Encl:** (1) 3d Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b), and (c) enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Group 4, downgraded at 3 year intervals, declassified after 12 years.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Motor Transport Battalion (Rein)

COMMANDER

Major W. H. STEWART Jr.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company  
 Company "A"  
 Company "B"

1stLt J. G. RICHEY  
 Capt R. R. PANZER  
 Capt D. P. FLOOD  
 (through 27 March)  
 Capt W. P. BARCLAY  
 (eff 28 March)  
 Capt J. M. REARDON

Company "C"

UNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL

A. Detachment, 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 9th Motor Transport Battalion

2. LOCATION

a. Quang Tri, RVN

Hq 3d MTBn (-)  
 Co "A" (-)  
 Co "B" (-)  
 H&S Co (-)

b. Phu Bai, RVN

Det, Hq 3d MTBn  
 Det, Hq Plt, Co "A"  
 Det, Hq Plt, Co "B"  
 Co "C" (-)  
 Det, Hq Plt, H&S Co  
 Det, 2nd Plt, Co "C", 9th MTBn

c. Cam Lo, RVN

1st Plt, Co "B"  
 Det, Otter Plt, H&S Co (6 M-76 Otters)

d. Camp Carroll, RVN

Det, Otter Plt, H&amp;S Co (6 M-76 Otters)

e. Khe Sanh, RVN

Det, Otter Plt, H&S Co (8 M-76 Otters)  
 Det, 1st Plt, Co "C"

f. Qua Viet, RVN

Det, Otter Plt, H&S Co (15 M-76 Otters)  
 Det, 1st Plt, Co "A"

3. STAFF

Executive Officer  
 S-1/Adjutant  
 S-3

S-4  
 S-5  
 H&S Co Cmdr  
 Co "A" Cmdr  
 Co "B" Cmdr

Co "C" Cmdr  
 Bn SgtMaj

Major W. O. DAY  
 WO1 M. E. HAWKINS  
 Capt W. P. BARCLAY  
 (through 27 March)  
 Capt D. P. FLOOD  
 (eff 28 March)  
 1stLt R. G. HANSLITS  
 1stLt L. J. CHANLEY  
 1stLt J. G. RICHEY  
 Capt R. R. PANZER  
 Capt D. P. FLOOD  
 (through 27 March)  
 Capt W. P. BARCLAY  
 (eff 28 March)  
 Capt J. M. REARDON  
 SgtMaj H. A. STADIUS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| <u>off</u>  | <u>enl</u> | <u>enl</u> |
| 18          | 360        | 9          |

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OPERATIONS: During the month of March the battalion continued its mission of providing general support to the 3d Marine Division.

Major mission of the battalion was to support "Operation Checkers", and units at Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll, Cam Lo, and Gua Viet.

The 1st Platoon, Company "B" remained OPCON to Task Force Robbie at Cam Lo.

At the end of the month only 1 truck from 1st Platoon, Company "A" was left OPCON to 3rd Marines at Gua Viet.

On 2nd of March Company "A" moved to Quang Tri. On the 29th, H&S Company and Company "B" minus it's maintenance section, moved to Quang Tri, leaving Company "C" at Phu Bai.

The Otter Platoon, H&S Company traveled 636 miles carrying 576 tons of supplies, 1550 personnel and made 354 medevacs.

Daily availability of battalion task vehicles averaged 89% and daily commitments averaged 81%. Tonnage, mileage, and personnel transported figures are shown in the table below:

|          | Mileage | Tonnage | Personnel |
|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 3d MTBn  | 61,403  | 3,370   | 12,551    |
| 9th MTBn | 466     | 296     | 44        |

2. ADMINISTRATION: During the month, an FMFPac Maintenance Team held maintenance classes for 3d Marine Division in 3d Motor Transport Battalion area. The classes lasted for seven days.

3. CIVIL AFFAIRS: Due to tactical situation, no MEDCAPs were held by the battalion, however 75 pounds of soap were distributed.

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATION: Although major convoys were conducted the battalion did not participate in psychological operations.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Mar- 7 trucks were returned from TAD to 1st Air Cavalry Division.
- 2 Mar- "Rough Rider" 11-68 went to Quang Tri with 440 tons and 506 troops. Company "A" moved it's company office to Quang Tri.
- 3 Mar- "Rough Rider" 11-68 returned from Quang Tri with no retrograde gear. No incidents.
- 5 Mar- "Rough Rider" 12-68 carried 309 troops and 122.5 tons of cargo to Quang Tri. Two trucks were left at Dong Ha to be sent to Khe Sanh via airlift.
- 6 Mar- "Rough Rider" 12-68 returned with no retrograde gear. No incidents.
- 8 Mar- "Rough Rider" 13-68 departed Phu Bai with 240 troops and 432 tons of cargo for Quang Tri and Dong Ha.
- 8 Mar- One of the two trucks airlifted to Khe Sanh from Dong Ha was dropped from an altitude of 500 feet during aircraft evasion maneuvers resulting in total loss of vehicle.
- 9 Mar- Convoy 13-68 returned to Phu Bai with 198 troops and no cargo. No incidents.
- 10 Mar- LOpl Paul N. SAWYER, Company "C" received a shrapnel wound at Khe Sanh in the left shoulder. Medevaced to D Med at Dong Ha.
- 11 Mar- "Rough Rider" 14-68 departed for Quang Tri with 400 tons of cargo and 230 troops. No incidents.
- 11 Mar- LOpl Paul N. SAWYER transferred from D Med in Dong Ha to 22nd CFS at Da Nang.
- 11 Mar- 1 M-76 Otter sent from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha for repair.
- 12 Mar- "Rough Rider" 15-68 returned to Phu Bai with 20 tons of retrograde cargo. No incidents.
- 14 Mar- "Rough Rider" 15-68 departed for Quang Tri with 369 tons of cargo. No incidents.
- 15 Mar- "Rough Rider" 15-68 returned with 2 tons of retrograde cargo. No incidents.
- 15 Mar- 8 M-76 Otters were ordered from Phu Bai to Cua Viet, OPCON to 3rd Marines. 2 M-76 Otters were turned into FLSC-B for the selective parts interchange program.

- 16 Mar- 8 M-76 Otters sent from Phu Bai arrived at Cua Viet.
- 17 Mar- "Rough Rider" 16-68 departed for Quang Tri with 462.5 tons of cargo. Accident with ARVN vehicle.
- 17 Mar- 1 M-76 Otter was sent and arrived at Cua Viet from Quang Tri.
- 18 Mar- "Rough Rider" 16-68 returned from Quang Tri with 255 tons of retrograde cargo. No incidents.
- 18 Mar- FMFPac Maintenance Assistance Team to give a one week class on 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance in 3d Motor Transport Battalion area.
- 19 Mar- 1 M-76 Otter arrived at Cua Viet from Quang Tri.
- 20 Mar- "Rough Rider" 19-68 departed from Phu Bai with 481.5 tons of cargo for Quang Tri. No incidents.
- 20 Mar- 1 M-76 Otter arrived at Cua Viet from Quang Tri.
- 21 Mar- "Rough Rider" 17-68 returned with 3.5 tons of retrograde cargo. No incidents.
- 23 Mar- "Rough Rider" 18-68 departed for Quang Tri with portion of H&S Company, 3d Motor Transport Battalion and 158 tons of cargo.
- 24 Mar- "Rough Rider" 18-68 returned to Phu Bai with no retrograde cargo. No incidents.
- 26 Mar- "Rough Rider" 20-68 departed for Quang Tri carrying 212 tons of cargo and 130 troops.
- 27 Mar- "Rough Rider" 20-68 returned to Phu Bai with 1 ton of cargo and 120 troops. No incidents.
- 29 Mar- "Rough Rider" 22-68 departed for Quang Tri with 260 tons of cargo and 226 troops. Accident involving Vietnamese civilian, SIR submitted, follow up report will be effected.
- 30 Mar- "Rough Rider" 22-68 returned to Phu Bai with no cargo or incidents.
- 31 Mar- Received message from Division stating that all M-76 Otters not at Khe Sanh would be transferred to 3rd Marines.