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3d Motor Transport Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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

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

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

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Group 4 downgrade at 3 year intervals, reclassified after 12 years.

R. S. DAVIS, JR.

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Third Motor Transport Battalion Major J. F. LAVIN 1-8Jul69
 Major R. S. DAVIS, JR. 9-31Jul69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company 1stLt E. F. MURPHY, JR. 1-15Jul69
 1stLt R. E. ORDWAY 16-31Jul69
 Company A 2ndLt D. L. EDWARDS 1-31Jul69
 Company B 1stLt R. P. CURTIS 1-31Jul69
 Company C 1stLt J. F. CRAWFORD 1-31Jul69

2. LOCATION

- a. Third Motor Transport Battalion (-), 1-17Jul69, Quang Tri, RVN
 18-31Jul69, Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
 b. H&S Co, 1-17Jul69, Quang Tri, RVN, 18-31Jul69, Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
 c. Company A, 1-14Jul69, Quang Tri, RVN, 15-31Jul69 Enroute to Oki w/RLT-9
 d. Company B, 1-31July 1969, Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
 e. Company C, 1-14Jul69, Quang Tri, RVN, 15-31Jul69 Enroute to Oki w/RLT-9

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer Major J. E. QUILL 1-21Jul69
 1stLt R. E. ORDWAY 22-31Jul69
 S-1/Adjutant/Legal Officer 1stLt R. E. HUGHES 1-7Jul69
 (period 8-15Jul69 BnExec0 filled in)
 1stLt R. E. ORDWAY 16-31Jul69
 S-3 1stLt E. F. MURPHY, JR. 1-15Jul69
 1stLt R. A. ELSETH 16-31Jul69
 S-4 1stLt R. A. ELSETH 1-31Jul69
 S-5 1stLt R. M. WHITE 1-7Jul69
 (period 8-15Jul69 BnExec0 filled in)
 1stLt R. E. ORDWAY 16-31Jul69
 Supply Officer 1stLt R. A. ELSETH 1-31Jul69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
10	158

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	6

ARVN	
OFF	ENL
0	1

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1. OPERATIONS: The month of July brought many changes to Third Motor Transport Battalion. On 9 July 1969, a change of command ceremony at the battalion cantonment was held as Major J. F. LAVIN transferred the Battalion Colors to Major E. S. DAVIS, JR. On 21 July 1969, Major J. E. QUILL, Battalion Executive Officer, was reassigned as Executive Officer, Ninth Motor Transport Battalion.

The loss of Company "A" (Rein) and Company "C" (Rein) to RLT-9 left the Battalion with Company "B" and essential personnel of Headquarters and Service Company. Company "B" remained at Vandegrift Combat Base in support of the units stationed there. Headquarters and Service Company remained at Quang Tri Combat Base until 18 July 1969 when it relocated and joined Company "B" at Vandegrift combat base and established Battalion Headquarters. Although the mission of Third Motor Transport Battalion still is the support of the Third Marine Division, it is mostly confined to support of Vandegrift Combat Base which is controlled by the Fourth Marine Regiment.

Operations Virginia Ridge, Cameron Falls, Herkemer Mountain and Apache Snow which were previously supported by Third Motor Transport Battalion have been terminated. During the month of July, 3d Motor Transport Battalion was additionally assigned to support Operations Idaho Canyon, Williams Glade, Arlington Canyon and Georgia Tar in the I Corps Tactical Zone.

In addition to the loss of two T/O Companies, the detachment of Carrier Amphibious M-76 Otters assigned to Headquarters and Service Company was reassigned on 8 July 1969 to Ninth Motor Transport Battalion.

During July, daily availability of task vehicles was 88% and daily commitments averaged 95%. In addition, the average monthly deadline was 12%. Total miles traveled was 37,870, a total of 1,843 tons of cargo and 20,852 personnel were transported.

2. CIVIL AFFAIRS. During the month of July, all civil affairs action was suspended because of Battalion reassignments and relocation.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 8 July 1969, Major J. F. LAVIN was reassigned to Headquarters Battalion for duty as Assistant Division Motor Transport Officer.
2. On 9 July 1969, Major R. S. DAVIS, JR. assumed command of Third Motor Transport Battalion.
3. On 21 July 1969, Major J. E. QUILL was reassigned to Ninth Motor Transport Battalion.
4. On 18 July 1969, Third Motor Transport Battalion relocated at Vandegrift Combat Base.

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following documents are attached to support the Command Chronology of Third Motor Transport Battalion for the month of July 1969.
 - M - a. Daily Commitment sheets and Vehicle Availability
 - ✓b. Daily Dispatching Record of Vehicles 11240 (by companies)

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