

HEADQUARTERS  
7th Motor Transport Battalion, FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

3/JLB/trh  
5750  
4 Dec 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (SC-3,  
Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology with Appendix A

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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7th MTB

Nov 1966

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: 7th Motor Transport Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Period Covered: 1 November 1966 to 30 November 1966

I. Organization of the 7th Motor Transport Battalion

On 1 November 1966 the 7th Motor Transport Battalion consisted of H&S Company and Companies A, B, C and Transport Company. Company B and Transport Company, 7th Motor Transport Battalion Operational Control Task Force X-Ray. 7th Motor Transport Battalion assumed operational control of Company A and Transport Company 9th Motor Transport Battalion. The Commanding Officer, principal staff and subordinate commanders were as follows:

Commanding Officer	Major S. H. BATCHELDER
Executive Officer	Major F. R. SMITH
S-1/Adjutant	2ndLt J. E. SOMMERHAUSER
S-2/S-3	Captain J. L. BARKER
S-4/Supply	1stLt R. M. HUTCHINSON
Commanding Officer, H&S Company	2ndLt M. W. NEILL
Commanding Officer, Company A	Captain T. C. KEELING III
Commanding Officer, Company B	1stLt J. T. DUNN Jr.
Commanding Officer, Company C	Captain P. S. BRADLEY
Commanding Officer, Transport Company	Captain J. H. CARTER
Battalion Medical Officer	Lt D. L. STOUT USNR
Commanding Officer, Company A 9th MTBn	1stLt R. D. MCRAE
Commanding Officer, Transport Company 9th MTBn	Captain W. R. MURPHY

II. Narrative Summary of Significant Events

1. During the month of November the Battalion continued operations under operational control of the 1st Marine Division. The following figures are based on commitments assigned this Battalion not to include Company B and Transport Company 7th MTBn but to include Company A and Transport Company 9th MTBn.

	<u>TACTICAL</u>	<u>LOGISTICAL</u>
a. Number of Trips	1168	8229
b. Total Miles Traveled	28633	94518
c. Total Personnel Transported	3200	13645
d. Total Cargo Transported (Tons)	26298	43954

### III. Detailed description of Significant Events

- 8 Nov Convoy comprised of 17 task vehicles of Company C and supporting engineer vehicles from 3rd Engineer Battalion transported 50 tons of wheat. Wheat provided by 29th Civic Action Company U. S. Army and delivered to Duy Xuyen (BT 047512) and returned. Security provided by "G" Co 2nd Bn 1st Marines. Convoy proceeded south on Route 1 from 2/1 CP and received 10-12 rounds of AW fire (BT 075517). Returned 15 rounds of AW fire to enemy location at approx (BT 075518). Vehicles did not sustain any damage and proceeded.
- 9 Nov Convoy comprised of 10 task vehicles transported "M" Company 1/3 from 3/1 to 8 miles southeast of 1/1. 7 troops from 3/1 provided security. Convoy while returning from 1/1 area received an undetermined number of SA and AW fire, 1 mortar round at BT 033640 at 08-1940H. Troops dismounted vehicles and returned undetermined amount of SA fire. Troops remounted vehicles and proceeded. Vehicles sustained minor damage.
- 11 Nov Convoy comprised of 41 task vehicles transported rice/cement and generator spare parts from Da Nang to An Hoa. Convoy of 12 vehicles transported 300 troops from Delta Company CP to 3/1 CP. Convoy received AW fire at BT 044578, no fire returned. Vehicles sustained no damage.
- 20 Nov Battalion provided blocking force in conjunction with Operation Baltimore, Southern Sector 1st Marine Division Rear Area Defense OPORDER 4-66. Operation Baltimore sweep resulted in the capture of miscellaneous publications an assorted small arms ammunition and apprehension of 26 Viet Cong suspects.
- 24 Nov Convoy comprised of 11 task vehicles transported 18 tons of Class II supplies from Naval Support Activity Da Nang to 3/7 CP (AT 920580). Convoy comprised of 8 task vehicles transported 16 tons of Class II and 18 tons of Class IV supplies from FLSG-A to 1/1 CP (BT 104583). Convoy proceeding southeast to 1/1 CP received 7-8 rounds of SA sniper fire at BT 042621 at 240835H. Convoy sustained no damage and proceeded without returning fire.

DOCUMENTATION

- Tab 1 Sitrep 129-66, period 080001H to 082400H
- Tab 2 Sitrep 130-66, period 090001H to 092400H
- Tab 3 Sitrep 132-66, period 110001H to 112400H
- Tab 4 Southern Sector 1st Marine Division Rear Area Defense *missing*  
Operation Order 4-66 (Confidential) not available
- Tab 5 Sitrep 145-66, period 240001H to 242400H

Appendix A  
Enclosure (1)

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3/JLB/akh  
3500  
8 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (30-3)

Subj: SITREP 129-66, period 080001H to 082400H

1. Unit Operations. Convoy comprised of 17 tank vehicles of Company C and supporting engineer vehicles from 3rd engineers transported 50 tons of wheat. wheat provided by 29th CA Company and delivered to Day Xuyen (BT 047512) and returned. Security elements provided by "Q" Co 2nd Bn 1stMar.
2. Contacts. Convoy proceeded south on Route 1 from 2/1 CP and received 10-12 rounds of AV fire, (BT 075517). Returned 15 rounds of AV fire to enemy location at approximately (BT 075518). Vehicles did not sustain any damage and proceeded.
3. Battalion Readiness. 7thMTBn remains in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. Following is a summary of vehicle availability:

Total vehicles on hand	116
Total downlined	18
Total available for support of 1st Marine Division on 9 November 1966	98
Total vehicles utilized on 8 November 1966	96

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3500  
9 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (MC-3)

Subj: SITREP 130-66, period 090001H to 092400H

1. Unit Operations. Convoy comprised of 7 task vehicles of a Company 9th and 3 task vehicles of A Company 7th transported H Company 1/3 from 3/1 to 8 miles southeast of 1/1. 7 troops from 3/1 provided security.
2. Contacts. Convoy while returning from 1/1 area received an undetermined number of MW and SA fire plus 1 mortar round at BT 033640 at 081940H. Troops dismounted vehicles and returned undetermined amount of SA fire. Troops remounted trucks and proceeded. Trucks sustained minor vehicle damage.
3. Battalion Readiness. 7thMTran remains in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. Following is a summary of vehicle availability:

Total vehicles on hand	116
Total declined	22
Total available for support of 1st Marine Division on 10 November 1966	94
Total vehicles utilized on 9 November 1966	69

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3500  
11 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (SC-3)

Subj: SITREP 132-66, period 110001H to 112400H

1. Unit Operations

a. Convoy of 36 vehicles consisting of 5 serial completed first leg. Hauling rice/cement and generator spare parts from Da Nang to An Hoa. Serial 1-5 return to this CP. Serial 2-5 and 3-5 remained at 9th Marines CP. Serial 4-5 and 5-5 remained at 3/9 CP. Convoy vehicles consisted of 16 vehicles 7thMTEBn, 15 vehicles from 3rdMTEBn and 10 vehicles from 1stLAAMBn.

b. Tactical convoy consisting of 6 "C" Company vehicles transported 130 troops from 2/1 CP to (BT 044578).

c. Tactical convoy consisting of 9 "A" 9th and 3 "C" 7th transported approximately 300 troops from Delta-1 CP to 3/1 CP.

2. Contacts. AW fire received at (BT 044578) no fire returned. (See 1.b)

3. Battalion Readiness. 7thMTEBn remains in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. Following is a summary of vehicle availability:

Total vehicles on hand	116
Total deadlined	16
Total available for support of 1st Marine Division on 12 November 1966	100
Total vehicles utilized on 11 November 1966	81

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
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5/JIB/trh  
3500  
24 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Main), FMF (SC-3)  
Subj: SITREP 145-66, period 240000H to 242400H

1. Unit Operations

a. Convoy comprised of 3 task vehicles of A Company 7th, 5 task vehicles of A Company 9th, 2 task vehicles of Transport Company 9th and 1 task vehicle of C Company 7th transported 18 tons of Class II from 7th MTrBn (AF 984726) to 3/7 (AF 920580). Convoy was preloaded and staged for convoy on 23 Nov 66. Convoy departed SP (AF 984726) at 240945H and returned to SP (AF 984726) at 241830H.

b. Convoy comprised of 4 task vehicles of Transport Company 9th and 4 task vehicles of 3rd Motor Transport Battalion transported 16 tons of Class II and 18 tons of Class IV from PMSG (AF 952787) to 1/1 CP (BT 104583). Convoy departed SP (AF 984726) at 240815H and returned to SP (AF 984726) at 241445H.

2. Contacts. Convoy while proceeding southeast to 1/1 received 7-8 rounds of SA sniper fire at Check Point 29 (BT 042621) at 240835H. Convoy sustained no vehicle damage and proceeded without returning any fire. (See 1.b)

3. Battalion Readiness. 7th MTrBn remains in direct support of the 1st Marine Division. Following is a summary of vehicle availability:

Total vehicles on hand	115
Total declined	17
Total available for support of 1st Marine Division on 25 November 1966	98
Total vehicles utilized on 24 November 1966	96

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