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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

HEADQUARTERS, 9th Motor Transport Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

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Period Covered: 010001H Feb66 to 282400H Feb66

- J. F. JONES, Major, USMC, Commanding Officer
- E. R. HALEY, Captain, USMCR, Executive Officer
- S. B. BULL, 1stLt., USMCR, Adjutant/S-1/S-2
- V. D. SUTTON, Captain, USMC, S-3
- W. SAHNO, 1stLt., USMC, Supply Officer/S-4

Average strength during period:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
OFF	22	2
ENL	424	11

1. PERSONNEL. The shortage of first sergeants is still critical. This lack of supervisory personnel within the companies has required that senior men be assigned duty as first sergeant, thereby taking them from their regular duties for prolonged periods of time. There is still a shortage of two administrative men and one legal clerk.

2. ADMINISTRATION. Unit Diary pads for use with addressograph plates were received during this period.

3. INTELLIGENCE. At 2300 on 26 February 1966 two trucks returning to the Battalion CP received five (5) small arms rounds resulting in three (3) hits on one truck and two hits on the other. Damage is considered minor.

4. TRAINING

a. Nine (9) personnel attended a one day special mine warfare school on 10 February 1966.

b. Seven (7) personnel attended a generator operators school, were qualified and licensed to operate a PU 239 and PU 482, on 13 February 1966.

5. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

a. Fifteen (15) trucks supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with operation Rough Rider, on 16 February 1966.

b. Twenty (20) trucks supplemented a 3d Motor Transport Battalion convoy in connection with operation Rough Rider, on 20 February 1966.

6. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF WARFARE. Nothing to report.

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7. COMMAND AND CONTROL. Nothing to report.
8. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS. No change from last report.
9. CLOSE COMBAT. Nothing to report.
10. FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATIONS. Nothing to report.
11. LOGISTICS
- a. Strongbacking program is completed.
- b. The fill rate of requisitions has greatly improved. We have received four (4) M-36 trucks. T/E shortages consist of two (2) M-543; two (2) M-107, water trailer, (one (1) on temporary loan to 3d Marine Regiment); three (3) M-105 trailers and seven (7) typewriters.
- c. The galley and messhall is 95% completed. Shower unit has been completed. The camp water supply is currently under construction and will be operative in the near future. Construction of maintenance area has not started. Initial stages, such as staking out the area have been completed however.
- d. A requirement still exists for Engineer support to provide this Battalion with a drainage system.
12. AIR DEFENSE. No change from last report.
13. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT. No change from last report.
14. MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT
- a. During this period 230 Vietnamese personnel made sick call. A total of 250 were treated.
- b. Nothing occurred during this period involving Marines.
15. CHAPLAIN SUPPORT. During the period covered by this report this Battalion joined one (1) Protestant Chaplain. Religious services are held each Sunday in the Battalion CP for Catholics and Protestants.
16. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Soap, wood, and excess food from the messhall was distributed to members of the Hamlet of Dong Be. In addition, a school construction project has commenced in this same hamlet. This is a true self-help project, as the civilians are actually doing the labor under the guidance and assistance of the Marines of 9th Motor Transport Battalion

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