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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 May 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 9th Motor Transport Battalion Command Chronology  
(2) Significant Cantonment Improvements

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

9th Motor Transport Battalion

Major JOHN R. STANLEY (4Sep67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company  
 "A" Company  
 "B" Company  
 "C" Company  
 Transport Company

1stLt A.R. MATTESON JR. (6Mar68)  
 1stLt L.D. ALEXANDER (28Apr68)  
 1stLt C.E. DEARNLEY III (9May68)  
 Capt E.L. SULLIVAN (22Nov67)  
 1stLt J.G. CONARD (28Apr68)

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1968: Dong Ha, RVN: H&S, "C", Transport Company  
 "A" Company OPCON to 4th Marines, Camp J.J. CARROLL; "B" Company OPCON to  
 9th Marines, Dong Ha.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer  
 Adjutant  
 S-3  
 S-4  
 Bn Supply  
 Medical Officer

Major R. KULAK (20Oct67)  
 1stLt T. PASKEVICH (22Sep67)  
 Capt J.G. SCHIMENECK (20Oct67)  
 1stLt A.R. MATTESON (18Jan68)  
 1stLt J.R. DUNCAN (18Dec67)  
 Lt J.H. THOMAS (25May68)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
22	384	1	8

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 May 1968, this Battalion participated in ninety-nine (99) tactical movements and fifty-seven (57) Rough Rider operations in support of the 3d Marine Division, 11th Engineer Battalion and FLSG-B. During the same period, this Battalion has driven 43,669 miles, transported 6,567 tons of supplies and 14,640 troops. The maintenance deadline is at seventy-six (76) pieces of equipment of which forty-one (41) are third echelon or higher. The preventive maintenance program remains critical due to total commitment of available assets daily.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat mission assigned: To provide Motor Transport Support to the 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF.

b. Significant operations conducted:

(1) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 1 May 1968, to C-2 in support of 12th Marines.

(2) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 1 May 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of Division Communication Company.

(3) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 2 May 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of Division Communication Company.

(4) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 2 May 1968, to CaLu in support of 9th Marines.

(5) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 3 May 1968, to C-1, in support of 12th Marines.

(6) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 3 May 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(7) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 3 May 1968, to Quang Tri, in support of 4th Marines.

(8) Ten (10) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 4 May 1968, to Phu Bai, in support of 3d Motor Transport Battalion.

(9) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 4 May 1968, to C-1 in support of 12th Marines.

(10) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 4 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 4th Marines.

(11) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 4 May 1968, to Cam Lo, in support of 9th Marines.

(12) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 5 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 4th Marines.

(13) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 5 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(14) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 6 May 1968, to CaLu, in support of 9th Marines.

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(15) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 6 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 4th Marines.

(16) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 6 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 26th Marines.

(17) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 7 May 1968, to Quang Tri and C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(18) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 7 May 1968, to Rock Pile, in support of 4th Marines.

(19) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 7 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 26th Marines.

(20) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 8 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(21) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 8 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 26th Marines.

(22) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 9 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(23) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 10 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(24) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 10 May 1968, to CaLu, in support of 9th Marines.

(25) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 11 May 1968, to C-1, in support of 4th Marines.

(26) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 11 May 1968, to Con Thien, in support of 4th Marines.

(27) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 11 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 26th Marines.

(28) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 12 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 26th Marines.

(29) Three (3) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 13 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(30) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 13 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 26th Marines.

(31) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 14 May 1968, to C-1, in support of 12th Marines.

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(32) One (1) vehicle participated in a tactical convoy on 14 May 1968, to C-3, in support of 12th Marines.

(33) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 15 May 1968, to Camp CARROLL, in support of 4th Marines.

(34) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 15 May 1968, to C-1, in support of 12th Marines.

(35) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 15 May 1968, to Rock Pile, in support of 9th Marines.

(36) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 16 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(37) Five (5) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 16 May 1968, to Phu Bai, in support of 12th Marines.

(38) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 17 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 9th Marines.

(39) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 19 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

(40) Four (4) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 21 May 1968, to Wunder Beach, in support of 26th Marines.

(41) On 22 May 1968, "A" Company (-), 9th Motor Transport Battalion became OPCON to 4th Marines vice "C" Company, 9th Motor Transport Battalion.

(42) On 22 May 1968, "C" Company was OPCON to 9th Motor Transport Battalion.

(43) Fifteen (15) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 22 May 1968, to Phu Bai, in support of 3d Motor Transport Battalion.

(44) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 22 May 1968, to CaLu, in support of FLSG-B.

(45) Six (6) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 24 May 1968, to Gio Linh, in support of 9th Marines.

(46) Eight (8) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 25 May 1968, to Yankee Station, in support of 4th Marines.

(47) Twelve (12) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 25 May 1968, to Phu Bai, in support of 3d Motor Transport Battalion.

(48) Sixteen (16) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 26 May 1968, to Khe Sanh, in support of 12th Marines.

(49) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 26 May 1968, to C-2, in support of 12th Marines.

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(50) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 30 May 1968, to LSA Cameo, in support of FLSG-B.

(51) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 31 May 1968, to LSA Cameo, in support of FLSG-B.

(52) Two (2) vehicles participated in a tactical convoy on 31 May 1968, to C-1, in support of 12th Marines.

(53) Eighteen (18) tactical movements were made in support of 12th Marines.

(54) Two (2) tactical movements were made in support of Division Communication Company.

(55) Seven (7) tactical movements were made in support of 9th Marines.

(56) One (1) tactical movement was made in support of 11th Engineer Battalion.

(57) Nine (9) tactical movements were made in support of 4th Marines.

(58) Three (3) tactical movements were made in support of 3d Motor Transport Battalion.

(59) Seven (7) tactical movements were made in support of 26th Marines.

(60) Three (3) tactical movements were made in support of FLSG-B.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: 2 WIA, USMC

e. New techniques employed: None

f. Command relations:

(1) 9th Motor Transport Battalion - ADCON - 3d Marine Division

(a) H&S, "A", "B", "C", Transport Company - OPCON - 3d Marine Division

g. S-4: During the period 1-31 May 1968, the S-4 section has continued working on a logistics SOP and an engineer SOP. Closer control on all pieces of engineer items is being instituted within the Battalion to comply with the new SOP. Embarkation records were inspected during the month and all discrepancies are being corrected. The new MEDS system for embarkation has been explained to the companies and a card #2 deck is now in use. GA cards continue to go in everyday and all are reconciled with the DCE and Log Sum, so as to reflect a current up-to-date picture of the Battalion.

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h. Supply: During the period 1-31 May 1968, badly needed repair parts have been received due to the utilization of NORS requisitions. The last of the excesses have been turned in. The Battalion Supply SOP is in the process of being implemented to conform with MCO P4400.15D. A Supply Inspection was held on all companies within the Battalion. Discrepancies noted have been or are being eliminated.

1. Administrative/Personnel:

(1) Joined: Two USMC Officers; One USN Officer; 46 USMC Enlisted

(2) Transferred: One USMC Officer; One USN Officer; 35 USMC Enlisted.

(3) Morale Excellent

(4) Personnel services:

(a) PX facilities are adequately stocked with essential items. Postal service continues to be satisfactory.

(5) Discipline:

(a) One violation of Article 90; Twelve violations of Article 92; Two violations of Article 108; Two violations of Article 113; One violation of Article 117; Four violations of Article 121; One violation of Article 134.

j. Training; General Military Subjects

(a) Thirty-eight (38) personnel received one (1) hour school on Weapons Safety.

(b) One Hundred eighty-eight (188) personnel received three (3) hours FAM Firing the M16 rifle for battle sights zero.

(c) Twenty-five (25) personnel received one (1) hour school on care and cleaning of the M16 rifle.

(d) Twenty (20) personnel received one (1) hour school on convey procedure in Viet Nam.

(e) Twenty-five (25) personnel received four (4) hours school on mine warfare.

(f) Seventy (70) personnel received seventeen (17) hours school on drivers maintenance.

(g) Thirty-six (36) personnel received one (1) hour school on care and use of automotive test equipment.

(h) One Hundred ninety-seven (197) personnel received six (6) hours school on personal response.

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(i) Fourteen (14) personnel received one (1) hour school on Annual and Quarterly PM's.

(k) Three hundred seventy (370) personnel received six (6) hours school on current events.

(l) Forty-eight (48) personnel received one (1) hour school on care and use of hand tools.

(m) Fifteen (15) personnel received one (1) hour school on radio procedures.

(n) Thirty (30) personnel received one (1) hour school on night driving.

(o) Thirty-two (32) personnel received one (1) hour school on arm and hand signals.

(p) Thirty-two (32) personnel received one (1) hour school on bridge markings.

(q) Eight (8) personnel received four (4) hours school on .50 caliber machine gun.

(r) Thirty-eight (38) personnel received two (2) hours school on scouting and patrolling.

(s) Four (4) personnel received one (1) hour school on personnel accounting.

(t) Four (4) personnel received one (1) hour school on ration statements.

(u) Four (4) personnel received one (1) hour school on security of classified matter.

(v) Four (4) personnel received one (1) hour school on maintenance of unit punishment book.

(w) Sixteen (16) personnel received one (1) hour school on Electronic Maintenance Procedures.

(x) Sixteen (16) personnel received one (1) hour school on Electronic Maintenance Records.

(y) Sixteen (16) personnel received one (1) hour school on Tactical Equipment Repair orders.

(z) Sixteen (16) personnel received one (1) hour school on wire and telephone procedures.

(aa) Eleven (11) personnel received one (1) hour school on Allowance Lists and Accounting for non-expendable items.

(bb) Eleven (11) personnel received one (1) hour school on Requisitioning DX procedures.

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(cc) Eleven (11) personnel received one (1) hour schooling on Computation of Inventory Control.

(dd) Eleven (11) personnel received one (1) hour school on maintaining Formal Accounts.

(ee) Six (6) personnel received one (1) hour school on Standard "B" Rations for the Armed Forces.

(ff) Six (6) personnel received one (1) hour school on meat processing.

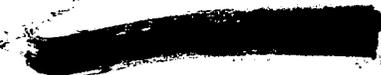
(gg) Thirty-eight (38) personnel received one (1) hour school on Safety.

(hh) Eighteen (18) personnel received three (3) days school on Multifuel Vehicles.

**Close Combat:**

(1) At approximately 300915H May 1968, a 9th Motor Transport Battalion convoy was traveling north on Route #561 when one (1) M54A2 truck came under small arms and RPG fire resulting in damage repairable at organizational level.

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SIGNIFICANT CONTOIMENT IMPROVEMENTS

1. New tropical huts were completed for Alpha Company
2. Staff and Officer\*s tropical huts were completed.

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