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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**Subject: Deployment of the 3d Brigade TF, 82d Airborne Division and Marine RLT 27 (-). (U)**

1. This memorandum is to confirm the closure of all elements of the 3d Brigade TF, 82d Airborne Division and Marine RLT 27 (-) in South Vietnam.

2. The 3d Brigade commenced movement from Pope Air Force Base, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina on 13 February 1968 and completed their deployment to Chu Lai, South Vietnam at 261830 PM EST (270730 AM Saigon time) February 1968. Three thousand seven hundred and twenty-four troops and 2,274.7 tons of cargo were airlifted in 161 missions.

3. The 2d and 3d Battalions of the 27th Marines commenced movement from the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California on 13 February and closed Da Nang, South Vietnam at 231245 PM EST (240145 AM Saigon time) February 1968. Three thousand, three hundred and fifty troops and 1,195.7 tons of cargo were airlifted in 97 missions.

4. The 1st Battalion, 27th Marines moved by sea from Hawaii in three US Navy vessels; the USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2), the USS BEXAR (APA-23), and the USS WASHBURN (AKA-108). One thousand nine hundred and ninety-five troops and 1,495 tons of cargo were transported with the last ship closing Da Nang at 280700 AM EST (282000 PM Saigon time) February 1968.

5. The 27th Marines Tank Company and a number of Shore Party personnel and their equipment departed San Diego, California on 21 February 1968 aboard the USS THOMASTON (LSD-28) and are expected to close Da Nang, South Vietnam at 130400 AM EST (131700 PM Saigon time) March 1968.

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