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COMPANY B

1st Shore Party Battalion  
(ADCON) 5th Marine Regiment  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FTF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team 5

Subj: Command Chronology Report

Ref: (a) 60 RLT FIVE msg 132250Z MAY66

Encl: (1) Narrative Summary (C)  
(2) Chronology (C)

1. The subject report is submitted in accordance with reference (a), with the forwarding of enclosures (1) and (2).

  
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**CONFIDENTIAL**COMPANY B, 1ST SHORE PARTY BATTALION NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Organizational Data

- a. Company B (-) (Rein) located at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, R. I.
- b. Report covers the period of 1 March 1966 through 27 May 1966.
- c. Commanding Officer - Captain Roy M. MARKS  
Executive Officer - First Lieutenant John P. MEREDITH  
First Sergeant - First Sergeant Lester R. KLOCK

2. Narrative Summary. This reporting period has been characterized by a great deal of Shore Party amphibious cargo loading activity. 2 BLT's, the Division Headquarters and an RMT-5 Headquarters have been loaded aboard ship. 1 BLT was off-loaded. This work was performed by the Company Headquarters due to the deployment of the 2d Landing Support Platoon throughout most of the period.

Logistically, work continued internally on improving maintenance of equipment and preparing supplies and equipment for mount out.

Excellent training was accomplished during one CFX-FEX and one RMT-CP displacement by helicopter during this period.

This period closed with the Shore Party Headquarters again without any platoons but capable of administrative loading and off-loading support, for units requiring or desiring it, and the Company Headquarters in excellent condition although short of personnel.

3. Logistical Details. During this reporting period this unit has steadily progressed logistically receiving more efficient support from the 5th Marine Regiment. This unit has become more proficient in warehousing, supply procedures and embarkation. All organizational equipment, operating stocks and mount out blocks are either on hand or requisitioned.

ENCLOSURE (1)

**CONFIDENTIAL**COMPANY B, 1ST SHORE PARTY BATTALION COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

- 2Mar66 Captain J. C. POPE, transferred to HqBn, 1stMarDiv(Rein), FMF.
- 11Mar66 Captain R. M. MARKS reports and is assigned as Executive Officer.
- 12Mar66 1stLt J. P. MEREDITH reports and is assigned as Heavy Equipment Officer/Motor Transport Officer.
- 16Mar66 Major M. H. COOK transferred to HqBn, 1stMarDiv(Rein), FMF.  
Captain R. M. MARKS assumed command, 1stLt MEREDITH assigned as Executive Officer.
- 14-18  
Mar66 Staged and loaded 1stMarDiv Hqs at White Beach.
- 17Mar66 Participated in Quick Response Motor Transport Exercise conducted by RLT-5.
- 25Mar66 2d Platoon designated as 2d Landing Support Platoon (Rein) to support the activated BLT-2/5.
- 26Mar66 Off-loaded BLT-3/5 at White Beach.
- 1Apr66 2d Landing Support Platoon (Rein) transferred to BLT-2/5.
- 3-5Apr66 Out-loaded BLT-2/5 at White Beach.
- 18Apr66 Pre-FMFPac Inspection rated, Satisfactory with discrepancies.
- 19Apr66 BLT-3/5 activated for planning, 2d Landing Support Platoon (Rein) to be transferred to BLT-3/5 shortly after return from RVN.
- 20-22  
Apr66 Participated on CPX with BLT-3/5, Shore Party maintained supply and Med-Evac Point at Marine Air Facility, Futema.
- 26Apr66 BLT-3/5 activated for operations.
- 29Apr66 2d Landing Support Platoon (Rein) arrived from RVN.
- 6May66 2d Platoon redesignated as 2d Landing Support Platoon (Rein) and transferred to BLT-3/5.
- 10May66 Provided BST support for a displacement command post exercise for RLT-5 Hqs.
- 11-13  
May66 Out-loaded BLT-3/5.
- 18-22  
May66 Out-loaded RLT-5 Hqs; CoB, 1stSPBn embarked aboard the USS WINSTON (AKA-94).
- 23May66 Departed Okinawa.
- 27May66 Arrived RVN.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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R. T. TAYLOR, JR.

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1st SHORE PARTY BATTALION (-) COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

H&S Company (-); Company "A" (-); Company "C"

1. Organizational Data:

- a. Location: Chu Lai Combat Base, Republic of Viet Nam
- b. Period Covered: 1 - 30 April 1966
- c. Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates:

ROMA T. TAYLOR, JR.	LtCol	Commanding Officer
STANLEY G. ROBERTS, JR.	Maj	Executive Officer
MALCOLM G. GREGORY	Maj	S-2/S-3
STERLING W. CARTER	Maj	CO, Company "A"
KEVIN P. KEOUGH	Capt	CO, Company "C"
EDMOND D. GAUCHER	Capt	CO, H&S Company
GERALD R. HOLIDAY	1stLt	S-4
JAMES T. WILLIAMS	1stLt	S-3A
BURROWS T. YOUNKIN	1stLt	S-4A
WILLIAM G. HICKEY	2ndLt	S-1
JAMES C. PALMA	SgtMaj	Battalion Sergeant Major
CLARENCE J. POWELL	MSgt	S-3 Chief
EDGAR C. ELLIOTT	MSgt	S-4 Chief

2. Commander's Narrative Statements:

Operational control of Company "A" (-) and Company "C" reverted from FLSG-B to 1st Shore Party Battalion (-) as did responsibility for operation of Cus Ho Sand Ramp. (See Appendix A, References (a) and (b).) Routine round the clock operation of the sand ramp by this battalion continued throughout the entire reporting period as did efforts toward CP improvement. The battalion furnished helicopter support teams (HST's) and manned logistic support areas (LSA's) on four occasions during the month. These were in support of the 1st Marines or 7th Marines for Operations Iowa, Nevada, Hot Springs and Wyoming. Three members of the battalion were decorated with Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in action against the VC. Captain K. P. KEOUGH was decorated by the Republic of Viet Nam with the Cross of Gallantry with Star for Operation Hot Springs.

3. Significant Events:

- a. 1 April: Operational control of Company "A" (-) and Company "C" reverted to 1st Shore Party Battalion (-).
- b. 7 - 9 April: Company "A" (-) (Rein) committed in support of 1st Marines for Operation Iowa. HST's furnished to two battalions. LSA established and operated in MAG-36 area.

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c. 11 - 17 April: Company "C" (Rein) committed in support of 7th Marines for Operation Nevada. HST's furnished to two battalions. LSA established and operated at Quang Ngai airfield.

d. 13 - 22 April: 1st Shore Party Battalion (-) hosted one shore party team from Company "B", which had been attached to BIF 2/5, until the team returned to Okinawa.

e. 21 - 23 April: Company "C" (Rein) committed in support of 7th Marines for Operation Hot Springs. HST's furnished to two battalions. LSA established and operated at Quang Ngai airfield.

f. 25 April: Brigadier General STILES, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division, presented Purple Heart Medals to Sergeant F. H. LACKEY, Company "A", and PFC's M. O. HERRERA and H. P. TAYLOR, Company "C", during ceremonies held at 1st Shore Party Battalion CP. Captain K. P. KEOUGH, Commanding Officer, Company "C", was decorated by the Republic of Viet Nam with the Cross of Gallantry with Star for Operation Hot Springs. This ceremony took place at Quang Ngai.

g. 25 - 30 April: Company "A" (-) (Rein) committed in support of 1st Marines for Operation Wyoming. HST's furnished to two battalions. LSA established and operated in MAG-36 area.

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APPENDIX "A"

1. Reference (a) CG 1stMarDiv msg 310559Z Mar66
2. Reference (b) CG 1stMarDiv msg 300850Z Mar66