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From: Commanding Officer

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1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with references (a), (b), and (c). R.W. Botelho

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COMPANY "A", 1ST SHORE PARTY BATTALION COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Location: Danang TACR, Republic of Vietnam
- b. Period covered: 1 28 February 1967
- c. Commanding Officer and Senior Subordinates:

Rodney W. BOTELHO	Captain	Commanding Officer
John P. MEREITH	latLt.	Exec Officer/Platoon Leader
William E. INGRAM	lstägt.	First Sergeant
Keith S. HAIGHT	GySgt.	Shore Party Chief
James N. HOSSILIS	GySgt.	Platoon Leader

2. Commanders Narrative Statement

During this reporting period, Company "A" supported the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines and the 2nd Battalion 5th Marines with eight (8) Helicopter Support Teams in connection with "Operation Independence". An ISA was established at An Hoa, RVN in connection with "Operation Independence" and was proven to be highly successful from all reports. Supported "Operation DeSoto" with one (1) Helicopter Support Team aboard the USS Westchester County and six (6) Helicopter Support Teams on "Operation Stone" in support of Headquarters 1st Marines, 1st Battalion 1st Marines, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, and 2nd Battalion 26th Marines.

Daily mine sweeping operations were continued throughout the month in the vivinity of the 1st Marines CP. On 22 February, the north mine sweep detail sweeping Houte 1C recovered 3 box type mines, 5 Chinese Communist hand grenades and one (1) VC confirmed KIA caused by apparent premature detenation of a box type mine he was installing.

Sgt. C.C. CARTER, NCOIC of the sweep team billeted at the lat Marines CP is being nominated for the Silver Star by LtCol. G.E. FETRO Executive Officer of the lat Marines. On 16 February, Sgt. Carter personally disarmed two (2) 200 lb. floating mines attached to one of the abutments, which if detonated could have resulted in extensive damage to the Song Cau Do Bridge located at coordinates 708007 Nong Son, Sheet 6658 IV.

Minor construction projects assigned by work orders from the Division Engineer were continued.

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3. Significant Events

- a. 1 February- Dispatched eight (8) Helicopter Support Teams to the 2nd Bn., 4th Marines and the 2nd Bn., 5th Marines in connection with Operation "Independence", Appendix "A"
- b. 6 February- Sgt C.C. CARTER was recommended for the Silver Star by LtCol. G.E. PETRO, Executive Officer of the 1st Marines, for his professional action and disregard for personal safety while disarming two (2) 200 18. floating mines attached to one of the abutments of the Song Cau Do Bridge, located at coordinates 708007 (Sheet 6658 IV), Nong Son.
- c. 8 February Dispatched one (1) Helicopter Support Team aboard the LST 1122 in connection with Operation "DeSoto".
- d. 12 February Dispatched six (6) Helicopter Support Teams to: Headquarters, 1st Marines, 1st Bn., 1st Marines, 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, and 2nd Bn., 26th Marines in connection with Operation "Stone".

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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None

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None

2. Location.

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3. Staff Officers.

Commanding Officer	Edward H. JONES	LtCol.	1-31 March 1967
Executive Officer	Thomas "J" GIPSON	Jr. Maj.	1-31 March 1967
S-1/Adjutant	Joe J. KOLIHA	2ndLt.	1-31 March 1967
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PART II

1. Narrative Summary.

During this reporting period the Battalion Command Group co-ordinated the timely assignment of Helicopter Support Teams (HST's), and other various Engineer and Logistic support elements which were provided to Task Force X-Ray organizations. This organization provided HST's on operations Desoto, Desoto/Deckhouse VI, Tippy Cance, and once each in Helicopter unloading support of Landing Ship Tanks 1165 and 1170. Also, the Battalion designed and fabricated slings to lift 155mm Howitzers (Towed) by the CH-53 Helicopter. These lifts were performed in an orderly and expeditious manner. The Battalion furnished a detail of one (1) Officer and thirteen (13) Enlisted to form an element of a Provisional Rifle Company for Chu-Lai Defense Command. One (1) squad (Rein) was employed on mine sweep operations at OP's 32 & 39. Work continues on the long Binh Road (Civic Action) project when operational commitments and weather permit. The Med-Cap treated approximately five hundred-and fifty (550) Vietnamese during this reporting period. Company "A" remains OPCON to 3rd Mar Div as noted in enclosure (2) of this report. Two Shore Party Marines were wounded while participating in operation Descto during this reporting period. Minor Engineering and Construction projects were continued which were assigned by Task Force Engineer.

PART III

1. Secuential Listing of Significant Events.

1 Mar 67 - Company "C" (-) (Rein) continued in support of 7th Marines

(3/7), Operation "Desoto/Deckhouse VI", see appendix "A", reference (a).

1 Mar 67 - Company "C" provides (1) HST section (-) (Rein) in support of FISG-B for ISA operations in Duc Pho, see appendix "A", reference (b).

1 Mar 67 - Company "C" provides (1) HST section (-) (Rein) in support of FLSG-B for ISA operations in Quang Ngai, see appendix "A", reference (b).

1 Mar 67 - Detachment Company "B" (Rein) conducting mine sweep operations

at OP's 32 & 39, see appendix "A", reference (c).

1 Mar 67 - One (1) Company Grade Officer and a squad provided as part of Provisional Rifle Company for Chu-Lei Defense Command, see appendix "A", reference (d).

1 Mar 67 - Company "B" provides (1) EST section (-)(Rein) for Helicopter

unloading of IST 1165, see appendix "A", reference (e).

1 Mar 67 - Company "B" provides (1) HST section (-) (Rein) for Helicopter unloading of IST 1170, see appendix "A", reference (e).

4 Mar 67 - Company "C" HST section (-) (Rein) for Helicopter unloading of

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5 Mar 67 - Company "C" (-) (Rein) in HST support of Operation "Desoto/ Deckhouse VIII, with supported units consisting of 7th Marine Headquarters, 5th Marines (1/5), 7th Marines (2/7), 11th Marines (2/11), and the 2nd ARVN Division Forces was secured.

5 Mar 67 - A Platoon (-) (Rein) Company "C" was provided in support of

Operation "Desoto", (3/7).

6 Mar 67 - Detachment Company "C" (Rein) replaced a detachment of Company

"B" on mine sweeping detail at OP's 32 & 39.

12 Mar 67 - 1st Platoon (-) (Rein) Company "B" in support of 5th Marines (1/5), Operation "Tippy Canoe", see appendix "A", reference (b).

17 Mar 67 - 1st Platoon (-) (Rein) Company "B" in support of operation

"Tippy Canoe" was secured.

21 Mar 67 - Company "B" HST section (-) (Rein) for Helicopter unloading of IST 1170 was secured.

22 Mar 67 - Company "B" provided HST section in support of (1/5) for a company sweep, see appendix "A", reference (b).

24 Mar 67 - Company "B" provides (1) HST section (-) (Rein) for Helicopter

unloading of IST 1170, see appendix "A", reference (e).

28 Mar 67 - Company "B" provided a detail of Marines for installation of Defensive Wire for Chu-Lai Defense Command, see appendix "A", reference (f).

30 Mar 67 - Mine sweep operations were secured at OP's 32 & 39, see

appendix "A", reference (c).

31 Mar 67 - The installation of Defensive Wire by Company "B" was completed this date.

APPENDIX "A"

- Reference A. Task Force X-Ray Frag O. 8-67
- Reference B. Verbal instructions of Commanding Officer of 1st Shore Party Battalion
- Reference C. Verbal instructions of Commanding General, Task Force X-Ray (G-3)
- Reference D. CG, Task Force X-Ray Message 270709Z NOV 1966
- Reference E. Verbal instructions of Commanding General, Task Force X-Ray (G-4)
- Reference F. Task Force X-Ray Work Order Number 123-66