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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date Occupied Billet</u>
1st Shore Party Battalion	Lt Col D. L. ANDERSON	1-9 September 1969
	Maj J. E. DUCK	10-30 September 1969

Subordinate Units

Company A	1st Lt G. HUTCHINSON	1-30 September 1969
Company B	1st Lt R. D. CLARK	1-30 September 1969
Company C	1st Lt J. R. HARRIS	1-30 September 1969
H&S Company	1st Lt S. D. VANNESS	1-11 September 1969
	Capt J. G. DILLION	12-23 September 1969
	1st Lt P. E. VANNOY	24-30 September 1969

2. Location

1-30 September 1969	Da Nang RVN
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3. Staff Officers

Commanding Officer	Lt Col D. L. ANDERSON	1-9 September 1969
	Maj J. E. DUCK	10-30 September 1969
Executive Officer	None Assigned	10-30 September 1969
S/1 Adjutant	1st Lt J. L. SPARKS	1-18 September 1969
	Capt J. G. DILLION	19-30 September 1969
S/2-S/3	Capt R. W. EBERT	1-30 September 1969
S/4	1st Lt W. L. CARTER	1-30 September 1969

Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
20	407

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	18

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

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PART II

Narrative Summary

During the period this Battalion conducted two HST Schools, 8-13 and 22-27 September, consisting of a total of 60 students from 1st Marines, 7th Marines, 11th Marines, 26th Marines, 1st Reconnaissance Bn., 7th Engineers and new arrivals into this Battalion.

The Battalion completed a total of nine Division Work Orders and 57 requests for Engineer equipment support.

Personnel and engineer equipment was provided to the ROK Marines for operation "DEFLANT STAND", 9-20 September 1969.

On 6 September 1969 the Battalion sustained a Rocket Attack, receiving one round into the contonement, which hit the Staff NCO Club.

The Battalion continued to provide a daily mine sweep team to 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

Company A continued to furnish Helicopter Resupply for units of the 1st Marine Regiment and 26th Marine Regiment. Most of the daily resupply missions for units of the 1st Marine Regiment were handled through the LSA at Hill 55. On 8 September 1969 resupply missions for units of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, at Roadrunner, Osterich, and Crowsnest commenced. This was handled through LZ 425 "3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion Contonement", by the personnel from this Company who also provides the daily "Mine Sweep" for the 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion. Several special troop lifts for the 7th Marine Regiment, and one for the 26th Marine Regiment were also handled through LZ 425.

During this reporting period this Company continued supporting the 26th Marine Regiment from LZ 467, operating resupply missions to the four Regimental Positions, Eagle Eye, Bunkers 1, 2 and 4 along with the daily movement of passengers and small cargo from this LZ to the 5th Marine Regiment at An Hoa Combat Base and the 7th Marine Regiment at LZ Baldy. The resupply missions for 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment continued operations from LZ 460, in support of Company size sweep operations from Lima-1 and Kilo-1. Additionally this Company rigged for helilifts six guard towers for 7th Engineer Battalion to different locations within the Division TOAR, three generators for the 7th Marine Regiment from LZ 3, III MAF Headquarters to LZ Baldy, one Mini-Dozer for 1st Engineer Battalion from LZ 401, 1st Recon Battalion to OP 146, and one Portable Bridge, with component parts from 1st Bridge Company Contonement to ROKMC units at Hoi An and returned to 1st Bridge Company Contonement.

Company B continued to support the 5th Marine Regiment at An Hoa Combat Base. Giving HST support to Unit on patrols and rice denial operations. In addition gave resupply support to elements of the 51st ARVN Regiment operation out of An Hoa.

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Company C was still in temporary quarters at Hill 63 during the early part of September 1969. The LSA was also in a temporary nature and hastily constructed to fulfill the immediate requirements of the 7th Marines. This also included a secondary LSA at LZ Ross. Company C has spent an entire month fulfilling its normal commitments, and at the same time began to improve their living conditions, and to construct better facilities to improve their direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment and the 3rd Battalion of the 11th Artillery Regiment.

On 3 September 1969, liaison began with the proper authorities in Da Nang on the landing zone, and control tower. Construction of these facilities began on the 15th of September 1969 and supervision of the project was provided by Company C, personnel. The project was completed on the 28th of the month. Company C, coated the LZ with No-Skid and properly marked for the LSA, for operations on the 29th and 30th of September respectively. The Company began construction of the LOC and passenger bunkers on the 18th and the task was completed on the 28th of September 1969.

On 3 September 1969, Company C, moved to its permanent billeting spaces on Hill 63. Coordination was effected with the Army and the move transgressed smoothly and efficiently. Upon acquiring control of the Area, it became evident that the present buildings and area police were totally unsatisfactory and far below the standards traditionally maintained by the United States Marine Corps. Many improvements were implemented to upgrade both the standards of sanitation and habitation. Company C, has initiated temporary facilities to house slings and nets until adequate structures can be built.

There were three medcaps held in THAI LAI Hamlet (921729) with (75) people treated for minor injuries on the three outings. 8 - 8 foot 2 x 4's and 6 sheets of plywood were given to the hamlet chief at THAI LAI Hamlet to build a rural development forces sentry post at the entrance to the hamlet. No movies were shown at the school at Hoa Phu Village Headquarters due to the operational commitments of the G-5 psyops sound tracks.

The Battalion helilifted 11,002 passengers and 3,879,935 pounds in a total of 1,342 lifts during the period.

The Battalion sustained one KIA and three WIA during the reporting period.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

Company A

- 1-30 September Operation of LSA at Hill 55.
- 1-30 September HST in support of 1st Marines.
- 1-30 September HST in support of 26th Marines.
- 1-30 September Conducted mine sweep in Da Nang TAOR.
- 9-20 September In support of Operation "DEFIANT STAND".

Company B

- 1-30 September Operation of LSA at AN HOA in support of 5th Marines.
- 1-30 September Resupply in support of 51st ARVN.

Company C

- 1-30 September Operation of LSA at Hill 63 in support of 7th Marines.
- 1-30 September Operation of LZ Ross.
- 1-30 September Operation of LZ West.

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