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HEADQUARTERS

3d Shore Party Battalion (Fwd)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: SC-3)
Subj: Command Chronology (U)
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. Organizational Data:

- (1) Designation/Location: 3d Shore Party Battalion, DaNang, RVN.
(a) Period: 1-11 October 1966
- (2) Designation/Location: 3d Shore Party Battalion (Fwd), Thuan-An, 3d Shore Party Battalion (Rear), DaNang, RVN.
(a) Period 12-31 October 1966.
- (3) Average Monthly Strength:
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| Marine Officers: | 18 |
| Marine Enlisted: | 386 |
| Navy Officers: | 2 |
| Navy Enlisted: | 23 |

b. Sequential listing of significant events pertaining to:

- (1) Personnel:
- (a) Four (4) marines were wounded during Operation Prairie.
- (b) Three (3) Purple Heart Medals and One (1) Navy Commendation Medal were awarded.
- (2) Administration: None
- (3) Intelligence: None
- (4) Training.
- (a) One (1) marine completed MUMS Training at Okinawa.

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(b) One (1) marine departed for Okinawa to attend Vietnamese Language Course.

(c) One (1) Civil Affairs officer attended MACV/USAID/JUSPAC Advisor Course.

(d) One (1) marine departed to attend III MAF Vietnamese Language School.

(e) One (1) marine completed motion Picture Operators School at Japan.

(f) Two (2) marines attended Mine Warfare School at 3d Engineer Battalion, DaNang, RVN.

(g) Twenty (20) marines attended Mine Warfare School for eight (8) hours with Company "B", this Battalion providing the instructor.

(h) Sixteen (16) marines attended Equipment School for eight (8) hours instruction.

(i) Fifty-eight (58) marines attended HST School for eight (8) hours of instruction.

(j) Twenty (20) marines attended school on Shore Party Operations for two (2) hours of instruction.

(k) Twelve (12) marines attended an FO Class for three (3) hours of instruction.

(5) Special Operations:

(a) One (1) Platoon (Rein) from Company "C" operating separate LSA in support of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines (operation Prairie) at Khe Sanh during the entire period.

(b) Company "B" (Rein), operated resupply point and offloading ramps at Dong Ha during the reporting period.

(c) Company "C" (-) (Rein), operated resupply point and offloading ramp at Dong Ha (assisting Company "B") during the reporting period: 19-31 October 1966.

(d) Company "A", provided one (1) Team to assist Company "B" (Rein) in the operation of the resupply point and offloading ramps at Dong Ha during the period 1-23 October 1966.

(e) Company "A" (-) (Rein) operated two (2) offloading ramps at Hue and Colco causeway during the entire period.

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(f) Company "B" (Rein), provided HST's in support of Operation Prairie to the following units during the period:

- (1) 2dBn, 5th Mar
- (2) 2dBn, 9th Mar
- (3) 3dBn, 3d Mar
- (4) 3dBn, 4th Mar
- (5) 3dBn, 7th Mar

(g) Company "A" (Rein), provided one (1) HST to 2d Battalion, 26 Marines for Operation Pawnee III, 29-31 October 1966.

(6) Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other special type of warfare: None

(7) Command Control:

BNCO	LTCOL D. E. MARCHETTE	1-31 Oct 1966
BNKO	Major J. A. HARRINGTON	1-31 Oct 1966
CO HASCo	Captain J. H. MESSICK	1-31 Oct 1966
CO Co "A"	Captain H. C. VALENTINE	1-15 Oct 1966
CO Co "A"	Major H. C. VALENTINE	16-17 Oct 1966
CO Co "A"	Captain W. E. PHELPS	18-31 Oct 1966
CO Co "B"	Captain M. E. BROWN	1-31 Oct 1966
CO Co "C"	Captain D. L. ANDERSON	1-31 Oct 1966

(8) Communication/Electronics: None

(9) Close Combat: None

(10) Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination: 2d Battalion, 4th Marines provided fire support within Thuan-An area with two (2) 81 Mortar sections during the entire period.

(11) Logistics:

(a) Company "A" offloaded 2,579 tons of general cargo and vehicles and backloaded 379 tons of general cargo at Colco and Hue ramps during the entire period.

(b) Company "B" resupplied units on operation Prairie with 1,297 tons of supplies utilizing 1,084 Helicopter lifts during the entire period.

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- (12) Air Defense: None
- (13) Combat Air Support: None
- (14) Medical and Dental Support: See paragraph 1.b(16) (a).
- (15) Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations:

(a) The Battalion MEDCAP Team administered 2355 treatments in assigned hamlets and schools throughout the area.

(b) The Battalion assisted in completing a well at Hoa Cuong village.

(c) The Civil Affairs Team attended a dinner at the Hoa Cuong School.

(d) The school at AP Nai Nam is completed. The dedication of the school is being planned.

(e) Hoa Vang Providence provided the Hoa Tien Refugee Camp with a nurse on a day by day practice.

(f) This Battalion assisted villages and schools by giving clothing, books, school supplies and building material (Scrap lumber).


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