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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AOJD)

Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, III MAF
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 December 1966 to 31 December 1966 (U)

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Encl: (1) 3d Shore Party Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1966 to 31 December 1966

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3d Marine Division (Rein)

LtCol D. E. MARCHETTE

1-31 December 1966

SUBORDINATE UNITSNAS Company
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"Capt. L. C. RAMSEY
Capt. W. E. PHELPS
2nd Lt. J. E. BISHOP
Major J. D. HOLLABAUGH
Capt. D. L. ANDERSON1-31 December 1966
1-31 December 1966
1-31 December 1966
18-31 December 1966
1-31 December 1966

None

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1966: Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERSBNXO
S-1
S-2/S-3
S-4/Civil Affairs Officer
Communications Officer
Supply Officer
RE/MT OfficerMajor R. L. SCRUGGS
WO J. A. PIKUTOWSKI
Major H. C. VALENTINE
1st Lt. E. J. KLINE
Capt. L. C. RAMSEY+
1st Lt. J. T. SHEA
2nd Lt. J. W. PETERSON1-31 December 1966
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the Battalion remained deployed, in the three separate FACs, Danang, Hue/Phu Bai and Dong Ha. The volume of cargo handled by the Battalion decreased, due primarily to weather restrictions placed on aircraft. A corresponding increase of tonnage via surface carriers was experienced. The prolonged rainy weather of December created a decided chill, requiring blankets and heaters for health and comfort of personnel.

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- (a) Supervising, operating and maintaining Logistic Support Areas, and offloading ramps/beaches, and providing helicopter support teams.
- (b) Providing limited engineer support.

b. Significant operations conducted.(1) Company "A"

- (a) Provided HST to "H" Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines for search and destroy/survey team security operation, Phu Hai area, 8-16 December 1966.
- (b) Provided HST to 2d Battalion, 26th Marines for Operation Prairie III, 1-24 December 1966.
- (c) Provided one (1) platoon for LSA operation in support of 3d Battalion, 26th Marines for Operation Chinook, 19-31 December 1966.
- (d) Conducted offloading operations at Hue and Coles Causeway ramps, 1-31 December 1966. Offloaded 8,745 tons of vehicles and general cargo, and backloaded 2,295 tons of vehicles and general cargo.
- (e) Conducted foot and mechanized Security Patrols in vicinity of base camp throughout the period, and provided security for grounded refrigeration barge, 1-10 December 1966.

(2) Company "B" (-), reinforced by Company "C" (-)(Rein)

- (a) Provided HST for two (2) infantry battalions in support of Operation Prairie.
- (b) Operated Helicopter Resupply Point within LSA in support of Operation Prairie. Loaded 6,115 tons cargo via 518 helicopter lifts.

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- (c) Operated offloading ramp on Song Hien Cang River, Dong Ha in support of Operation Prairie. Offloaded 9,494 tons of cargo from 277 LCV's and other craft, 1-31 December 1966.
 - (d) Provided HBT to "H" Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines for search and destroy/survey team security operation 17-23 December 1966.
 - (e) Provided Det, 1st Platoon for LSA operation in support of 2d Battalion, 26th Marines for operation Chimcock, 24-31 December 1966.
- (3) Company "C" (-)(Rein)
- (a) Provided Det, 1st Platoon for LSA operation in support of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines at Khe Sanh for Operation Prairie, 1-31 December 1966.
 - (b) Reinforced Company "B" in support of Operation Prairie.
- (4) Det, M&S Company, 3d Shore Party Battalion (Rear)
- (a) Provided cargo handling equipment support to units of 3d Marine Division (Rear) and 1st Marine Division throughout DaNang TACR as required, 1-31 December 1966.
- e. Casualties inflicted on the enemy. None
 - d. Casualties sustained. Three (3) KIA
 - e. New techniques employed. None
 - f. Command Relations. During the reporting period, 3d Shore Party Battalion, remained task organized for OPCON/ADCON as follows, by TACR:

PHU BAI (OPCON/ADCON 3d MarDiv)

3d Shore Party Battalion (Fwd)
 M&S Company (-)
 Company "A" (Rein)

DAHANG (OPCON 1st MarDiv/ADCON 3d MarDiv)

3d Shore Party Battalion (Rear)
 Det, M&S Company
 Company "A" (Rein), 1st SP Bn (OPCON 3d SP Bn/ADCON 1st SP Bn)

DONG HA (OPCON/ADCON 3d MarDiv Fwd)

Company "B" (Rein)
 Company "C" (Rein)

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g. Equipment

(1) One (1) M37 Truck destroyed by enemy mine (See paragraph 1d).

h. Logistics. Logistics Support, primarily motor transport and heavy equipment maintenance and supply support was furnished elements of the Battalion located at DaNang, Hue/Rhu Bai, Dong Ha and the South from 3d Shore Party Battalion (Barr) located in DaNang.

i. Civic Action

(1) DaNang

(a) Battalion MEDCAP Team administered 1460 treatments in assigned hamlets and schools.

(b) Men and equipment aided in clearing debris caused by a commercial plane crash 25 December at DaNang.

(2) Hue/Rhu Bai

(a) MEDCAP Team administered 220 treatments to local villagers.

(b) Equipment and material were furnished for construction of two (2) additional classrooms locally.

(c) Assisted hamlets and schools with USARV furnished food and building materials.

j. Administration No change

k. Personnel: Battalion experienced an increase of replacement enlisted personnel at end of period sufficient to carry on-board strength to 24 over T/O allowance. Average strength remains above manning level, but below T/O.

l. Intelligence. None

m. Communications. Primary communications by radio with secondary communications by wire and integrated wire/radio maintained with Rear CP, all companies, LSA on Operation Chinook, and Battalion Liaison Section at 3d Marine Division CP.

n. Weather. Prolonged periods of precipitation prevented periodic providing of aircraft, helicopter and fixed wing aircraft.

o. Fire Support. On call direct support mortar fires provided Forward CP Group by Section Mortar Platoon, M48 Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.

p. Air Support

(1) Occasional helicopter medical evacuations furnished to Forward CP Group by HHN 163.

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g. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignations. 2d Platoon, Company "A", 5th Shore Party Battalion (BLF 3/26) redesignated 1st Platoon, Company "A", 3d Shore Party Battalion, 11 December 1966.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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