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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
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 August to 31 August 1967

Ref: (a) HCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. After the removal of enclosure (1), this letter is unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1967

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Shore Party Battalion
3d Marine Division(Rein)FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol J. W. QUINN

1-31 August 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HQS Company
Company "A"
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"
Company "C"

Capt H. J. BURGER
Capt J. L. SHELTON
Capt P. J. SMITH Jr.
Maj J. D. HOLLABAUGH
Capt D. L. ANDERSON
Capt J. L. SHELTON

1-31 August 1967
1 August 1967
2-31 August 1967
1-31 August 1967
1 August 1967
2-31 August 1967

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1967, Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

BN XO
S-1
S-2/3
S-4
S-4
Communications Officer
Communications Officer
Supply Officer
HE/MT Officer
HE/MT Officer

Maj C. T. NEWKIRK
WO R. E. PLUMLEY
Maj C. T. NEWKIRK
Capt P. J. SMITH Jr.
1stLt J. J. GUZZIO
2ndLt B. D. MANSDORF
Capt A. J. HUNTER
2ndLt G. L. CHESLER
2ndLt J. W. PETERSON
1stLt J. GEISKE Jr.

1-31 August 1967
1-31 August 1967
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1-2 August 1967
3-31 August 1967
1-13 August 1967
14-31 August 1967
1-31 August 1967
1-2 August 1967
3-31 August 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the Battalion provided combat service support for operations Ardmore, Kingfisher, Fremont, Stone, Rush and Cumberland. A total of 2,478,465 pounds of resupply lifted by helicopter was provided to units participating in the above listed operations. Provided security for Thuan An Island, for three (3) pipeline dredges, two (2) house boats, and two (2) crane barges. Also operating an in-country R&R center at Thuan An Island. Within the Phu Bai TAOR assistance was provided to FLSG-A and units of the Division in the form of material handling equipment and light engineer support. Within the Dong Ha TAOR, assistance was provided to FLSU-1 and other units within the TAOR, this assistance also consisted of providing material handling equipment and light engineer support and operation of the LCU ramp for offloading/backloading of supplies and personnel. The total of supplies and equipment that were offloaded and backloaded was 22,521.4 tons. Also, 1,950,000 pounds of supplies were offloaded from truck convoys at Camp Evans. Provided security for portions of the Phu Bai and Dong Ha TAOR, daylight foot patrols were conducted and night ambush sites were established.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FIVE ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT SLF

a. Combat missions assigned throughout period:

(1) General support of 3d Marine Division by:

(a) Operating and maintaining logistic support areas, and providing helicopter support teams.

(b) Providing light engineer support.

b. Significant operations conducted:

(1) Company "A"

(a) Operated LSA at Khe Sanh in support of Operation Ardmore. Providing a total of 1,126,595 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(b) Operated helicopter resupply points and provided HST's in support of operation Kingfisher, Freemont, Rush and Stone. Providing a total of 275,700 pounds of helicopter resupply and offloading 1,950,008 pounds of supplies from convoys.

(2) Company "B"

(a) Conducted foot and mechanized patrols in the vicinity of their base Camp at Thuan An Island. Also executed operation order 4-67 for harbor dredge security.

(b) The company was in general support of 3d Marine Division during the month of August 1967. One (1) HST has been in support of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines in support of Operation Cumberland.

(c) The company was given the task of building a more adequate defense for Hue Ramp on 28 August 1967 and was completed on 31 August 1967.

(3) Company "C"

(a) Provided logistical support for the 1st, 2nd and 3d Battalions, 9th Marines; 3d Battalion, 4th Marines; 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines and Khe Sanh. This support included providing these units with helicopter support teams and operation of helicopter resupply points. Helicopter lifts hauling 1,076,170 pounds of resupply to the units listed above.

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(2) Dong Ha.

(a) On the village of Moc Doc we have attempted to emphasize the desirability and convenience of training one of the younger women in the first aid and nursery aspect of medicine.

j. Administration: None

k. Personnel: Six (6) enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour in RVN and took advantage of the 30 day leave.

l. Intelligence: None

m. Communications: Primary communications by radio with secondary communications by wire and integrated wire/radio maintained with all companies, except "B" Company, which is radio only, and LSA on operations Ardmore, Kingfisher, Freemont, Stone and Cumberland.

n. Weather: No adverse effect on operations.

o. Fire Support: On call direct mortar fire provided for Company "B" by section 81mm mortar platoon of H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines. On call artillery fires are available for H&S Company from 4th Battalion, 12th Marines in the Phu Bai TAOR. Also on call direct dual 40mm fires are available to H&S Company from 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, USA.

p. Air Support: None

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation: None

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(b) Operated an offloading ramp on the Cua Viet River, Dong Ha, for 24 hours a day. Offloading all classes of supplies with the majority consigned to FLSU #1. A total of 21,464.3 tons of supplies and equipment were offloaded, requiring 322 boats. Also backloaded 1,057.1 tons of supplies and equipment.

(c) Construction of new enlisted club was completed along with a staff and officer's mess and one tropical hut 90% completed.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: (1) KIA (Hostile)

(4) WIA (Hostile)

e. New Techniques employed: None

f. Command Relations: During the reporting period, 3d Shore Party Battalion remained task organized for OPCON/ADCON by TAOR as follows:

PHU BAI (OPCON/ADCON/3D MARDIV)

3d Shore Party Battalion

H & S Company (-)

Company "B" (Rein)

1st Plt, "B" Company, 1st Amtrac Bn

3rd Plt, "B" Company, 1st Amtrac Bn

LONG HA (OPCON/ADCON 3D MARDIV)

Company "A" (-)(Rein)

Company "C" (Rein)

COBI THAN TAN

1st Platoon (Rein) Company "A"

KHE SANH

2d Platoon (-) Company "A"

g. Equipment: None

h. Logistics: Logistics support consisted primarily of motor transport and heavy equipment maintenance, and supplies furnished to elements of the Battalion located at Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh and Cobi Than Tan. Also continuing logistical support for dredge security operations at Col Co Causeway.

i. Civic Action:

(1) Phu Bai

(a) MEDCAP Team administered treatments to 1495 local villagers.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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