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3d Shore Party Battalion
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 - 31 October 1967

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(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 - 31 October 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

LtCol J. W. QUINN

1 - 31 October 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"

Capt. T. J. POWER

1 - 31 October 1967

Capt. P. J. SMITH Jr.

1 - 31 October 1967

Capt. J. L. SHELTON

1 - 31 October 1967

Capt. C. M. PISANCHIN

1 - 31 October 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 October 1967, Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

BNXO

Major C. T. NEWKIRK

1 October 1967

BNXO

Major C. F. DININGER

2 - 13 October 1967

BNXO

Major G. C. HARRIS

30 - 31 October 1967

S-1

WO R. E. PLUMLEY

1 - 31 October 1967

S-2/3

Capt. T. J. POWER

1 - 31 October 1967

S-4

Capt. J. J. GUZZIO

1 - 31 October 1967

Communications Officer

Capt. A. J. HUNTER

1 - 31 October 1967

Supply Officer

2dLt. G. L. CHESHER

1 - 31 October 1967

HE/MT Officer

1stLt. J. GEISKE Jr.

1 - 31 October 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, Third Shore Party Battalion provided combat support for Operations Ardmore, Kingfisher, and Fremont. A total of 3,634,621 pounds of resupply lifted by helicopter was provided to units participating in these operations. Operation of a BSA at the mouth of the Cua Viet River was continued. Provided security for Thuan An Island, to include three (3) pipeline dredges, two (2) houseboats and three (3) crane barges. Within the Dong Ha TAOR, assistance was provided to FLSU-1 and other units, this assistance consisted of providing material handling equipment and light engineer support. Within the Phu Bai TAOR assistance was provided to units of the Division in the form of material handling equipment and light engineer support. Provided security for portions of the Phu Bai and Dong Ha TAOR. Daylight foot and mechanized patrols were conducted as well as night patrols and the establishing of ambush sites.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT SELF

a. Combat missions assigned throughout period;

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

(a) Operating and maintaining Landing Zones within the Logistical Support Areas.

(b) Providing helicopter support teams to infantry battalions in the field.

(c) Operating and maintaining a Beach Support Area.

(d) Providing light engineer support.

(e) Providing security for Thuan An Island and dredge security within Thuan An Bay.

b. Significant Operations conducted:

(1) Company "A"

(a) Operated a Landing Zone within the ISA at Khe Sanh in support of Operation Ardmore. Providing a total of 766,204 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(b) Operated a Landing Zone within the ISA at Camp Evans in support of Operation Fremont. Providing a total of 207,700 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(2) Company "B"

(a) Conducted foot and mechanized patrols in the vicinity of their base camp at Thuan An Island. Also executing Operation Order 4-67 for harbor dredge security.

(b) Operated a Beach Support Area at Quan Trieu Phong, (mouth of the Cua Viet River) in support of Operation Dyemarker.

(3) Company "C"

(a) Provided logistical support for the 1st, 2d and 3d Battalions, 9th Marines; 1st and 3d Battalions, 3d Marines; 2d and 3d Battalions, 4th Marines; 3d Battalion, 26th Marines and 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

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This support included providing these units with helicopter support teams and operation of helicopter resupply points. There were a total of 691 helicopter lifts from the Landing Zone which resulted in the total of 2,660,717 pounds of supplies in support of tactical operations.

(b) Provided security for LCU Ramp at Dong Ha, which entails manning two (2) posts during the daylight hours and four (4) posts at night.

(c) Assumed responsibility of operating a 400 man mess hall at Dong Ha.

(d) Moved on 8 October 1967, into a new billeting area in the Dong Ha Combat Base, which necessitated assumption of responsibility for manning a portion of sector 5 base defense vice sector 1.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: (2) WIA Hostile

(7) Non-hostile

e. New techniques employed: Helicopter resupply requirements are submitted by Battalion S-4's in the field to their Battalion rears. This replaces the old system whereby the HST called in the resupply requirements to the Landing Zone personnel who in turn submitted the list to the Battalion rear.

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

PHU BAI

3d Shore Party Battalion
H&S Company (-)
Company "B" (-) (Rein)
1st Plt. Company "B", 1st Amtrac Bn
3d Plt. Company "B", 1st Amtrac Bn

DONG HA

Company "C" (Rein)

CAMP EVANS

Company "A" (-) (Rein)

KHE SANH

2d Platoon (Rein) Company "A"

QUAN TRIEU PHONG

2d Platoon (Rein) Company "B"

g. Equipment: None

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h. Logistics: Sixty-four per cent of the monsoon requirement items were received, and shipments were made to each of the other areas in which elements of the Battalion were located. Company "C" located at Dong Ha received 10,151 pounds of supplies and equipment which, included monsoon, seasonal and general supply items.

i. Civic Action

(1) Phu Bai

(a) MED CAP Team administered treatments to 1,226 local villagers.

j. Administration: Companies "A" and "C" administrative control returned to their parent units at Camp Evans and Dong Ha respectively. Companies "A" and "C" have received an estimated 40% of their publications, directives etc. that were destroyed by enemy artillery fire 3 September 1967.

k. Personnel: Four Marines enlisted extended their overseas tour. Four Marine Officers, seventy-two Marine enlisted and five Navy enlisted were transferred. Two Marine Officers, seventeen Marines enlisted, and six Navy enlisted were joined. Personnel strength remains marginal at condition 2, with 82% of manning level actually on hand.

(1) Promotions to: GySgt - 1, Cpl - 43, LCpl - 60, Pfc - 1.

l. Intelligence: None

m. Communication: Primary communication by radio with secondary communication by wire and integrated wire/radio maintained with all companies except "B" Company, which is radio only, as are Landing Zones of Operations Kingfisher, Ardmore, and Fremont.

n. Weather: No adverse effect on operations.

o. Fire Support: Direct support provided by one section, 81mm mortar platoon, of H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines to Company "B". In the Phu Bai TAOR general support to H&S Company is provided by H&S Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. 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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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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