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

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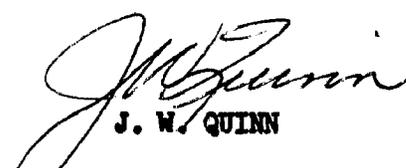
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, III MAF
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 30 November 1967

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

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

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


J. W. QUINN

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 30 November 1967

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Shore Party Battalion 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF	LtCol J. W. QUINN	1 - 30 November 1967
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	Major T. J. POWER	1 - 15 November 1967
H&S Company	1stLt R. M. HART	16 - 30 November 1967
Company "A"	Capt. P. J. SMITH	1 - 15 November 1967
Company "A"	Major F. S. BRECKENRIDGE	16 - 30 November 1967
Company "B"	Capt. J. L. SHELTON	1 - 20 November 1967
Company "B"	Major T. J. POWER	21 - 30 November 1967
Company "C"	Capt. C. M. PISANCHIN	1 - 30 November 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 November 1967,
Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

BNKO	Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr.	1 - 30 November 1967
S-1	WO R. E. PLUMLEY	1 - 30 November 1967
S-2/3	Major T. J. POWER	1 - 20 November 1967
S-2/3	Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr.	21 - 30 November 1967
S-4	Capt. J. J. GUZZIO	1 - 22 November 1967
S-4	Capt. R. K. CHIAGO	23 - 30 November 1967
Communications Officer	Capt. A. J. HUNTER	1 - 30 November 1967
Supply Officer	2dLt. G. L. CHESHER	1 - 30 November 1967
HE/MT Officer	1stLt. J. GEISKE, Jr.	1 - 13 November 1967
HE/MT Officer	WO H. F. WAYMENT	14 - 30 November 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
23	366	2	21

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, Third Shore Party Battalion provided combat support for operations Ardmore, Kingfisher, Fremont, Granite, Neosho, Scotland, Cove, Lancaster, Kentucky, Osceola, and Napoleon. A total of 2,145,575 pounds of resupply, lifted by helicopters, 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: 4 pipeline dredges, 2 houseboats, and 4 crane barges. Within the Dong Ha area of operation, 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 area of operation, assistance was provided to units of the Third Marine Division in the form of material handling equipment and light engineer support. Provided security for portions of the Phu Bai and Dong Ha area of operation. Daylight foot and mechanized patrols were conducted as well as night patrols and the establishing of ambush sites.

PART III

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

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 Operations Ardmore and Scotland. Providing a total of 672,969 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(b) Operated a Landing Zone within the ISA at Camp Evans in support of Operations Fremont, Granite, Cove, and Neosho. Providing a total of 252,755 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 Cua Viet in support of Operation Dyemarker.

(3) Company "C"

(a) Provided logistical support for the Third and Ninth Marine Regiments and also provided helicopter resupply of the combat base at Khe Sanh.

This support included providing these units with helicopter support teams and operation of helicopter resupply points. There were a total of 300 helicopter lifts from the Landing Zone which resulted in the total of 1,219,851 pounds of supplies in support of tactical operations.

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

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

(d) Providing personnel for manning a portion of Sector V Base Defense.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: (2) Non-hostile

e. New techniques employed: Adopted a four man helicopter support team (HST) that is attached to letter companies of an infantry battalion, as opposed to practices and techniques developed prior to the Vietnam conflict, of a platoon sized helicopter support team (HST) attached to the headquarters section of an infantry battalion.

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

PHU BAI

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

DONG HA

Company "C" (Rein)

CAMP EVANS

Company "A" (-) (Rein)

KHE SANH

2d Platoon (Rein) Company "A"

CUA VIET

2d Platoon (Rein) Company "B"

g. Equipment: None

h. A total of 12,347 cube - 110,177 pounds of supplies and equipment has been moved within the 3d Shore Party Battalion elements.

Via Air - 918 Cube 3821 Pounds
Via Surface - 11,429 Cube 106,356 Pounds

These supplies include monsoon seasonal general supply items.

i. Civic Action

(1) Phu Bai

(a) MED CAP Team administered treatments to 1200 local villagers.

(b) Continued long range project of building schoolhouses.

j. Administration: Companies "A" and "C" have received an estimated 75% of their publications, directives, etc. that were destroyed by enemy artillery fire 3 September 1967.

k. Personnel: Seven Marine enlisted extended their overseas tour. Eight Officers, sixty-six enlisted personnel were rotated to CONUS. Seven Officers, thirty-six enlisted personnel were joined. An average of 81% of manning level actually on hand.

l. Intelligence: None

m. Communications: Primary communication by radio with secondary communication by wire and integrated wire/radio maintained with all companies except "B" Company which was radio only until 30 November 1967, when a radio phone was installed.

n. Weather: No adverse effect on operations except for high seas in Company "B" area of operations located at Thuan An Island.

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 TACR, general support to H&S Company is provided by 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

p. Air support: None

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation: None

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

ENCLOSURE (1)

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