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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 - 31 December 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 references (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 - 31 December 1967

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Shore Party Battalion LtCol J. W. QUINN  
 3d Marine Division  
 (Rein), FMF

1 - 31 December 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

1stLt. R. M. HART  
 Major F. S. BRECKENRIDGE  
 Major T. J. POWER  
 Capt. C. M. FISANCHIN

1 - 31 December 1967  
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ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 23 December 1967,  
 Phu Bai, RVN  
 24 - 31 December 1967,  
 Dong Ha, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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

Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr.  
 WO R. E. PLUMLEY  
 Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr.  
 Capt. R. K. CHIAGO  
 Capt. A. J. HUNTER  
 1stLt. G. L. CHESHER  
 WO H. F. WAXMENT

1 - 31 December 1967  
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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24

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, Third Shore Party Battalion provided combat support for operations Neoshe, Scotland, Lancaster, Kentucky, Osceola, and Napoleon. A total of 6,554,493 pounds of resupply, lifted by helicopters, was provided to units participating in these operations. Operation of a BSA at the mouth of the Cua Vist River was continued. Harbor and dredge security was provided for Thuan An Island complex. 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. Security was provided 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. On 23 December 1967, Battalion Headquarters displaced and relocated at Dong Ha Combat Base. This command was designated as Base Coordinator for the Thuan An Island complex.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT AND 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 Operation Scotland. Providing a total of 1,032,030 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(b) Operated a Landing Zone within the ISA at Camp Evans in support of Operation Necoho. Providing a total of 166,533 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 Ninth and Twelfth Marine Regiments and also provided helicopter resupply of the combat base at Khe Sanh.

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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 1,294 helicopter lifts from the Landing Zone which resulted in the total of 5,355,930 pounds of supplies in support of tactical operations Lancaster and Kentucky.

(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 Combat Base.

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

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: Non-hostile: None  
Hostile: (1) WIA  
(1) KIA

e. New techniques employed: None

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

#### PHU BAI

1-23 December 1967 3d Shore Party Battalion  
1-31 December 1967 H&S Company (-)  
1-31 December 1967 Company "B" (-) (Rein)  
1-31 December 1967 1st Plt Company "B", 1st Antrac Battalion  
24-31 December 1967 1st Scout Dog and 1st Sentry Dog Plt 3d Military Police Battalion

#### DONG HA

24-31 December 1967 3d Shore Party Battalion  
1-31 December 1967 Company "C" (Rein)

#### CAMP EVANS

1-31 December 1967 Company "A" (-) (Rein)

#### KHE SANH

1-31 December 1967 2d Plt (Rein), Company "A"

#### CUA VIET

1-31 December 1967 2d Plt (Rein), Company "B"

**g. Equipment: None**

**h. Logistics: A total of 2,057 cube - 26,747 pounds of supplies and equipment has been moved within the 3d Shore Party Battalion elements.**

**i. Civic Action**

**(1) Phu Bai**

**(a) Various Med-Caps were held throughout the month in the surrounding hamlets.**

**(b) Continued long range project of building schoolhouses.**

**j. Administration: S-1 displaced to Dong Ha Combat Base on 23 December 1967. S-1 (Rear) remained at Gia Le Combat Base.**

**k. Personnel: Personnel status remained Category-2. Four MOS's were reported critical: 1141, 2531, 3041, and 3516. Twenty-eight personnel went on out-of-country R&R during the month of December.**

**l. Intelligence: None**

**m. Communications: Primary communication by radio with secondary communication by wire and integrated wire/radio maintained with all companies.**

**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 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.**

**p. Air Support: None**

**q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation: None**

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**PART IV**

**CHRONOLOG OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

**NONE**

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