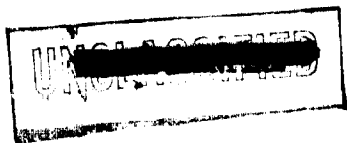


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Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, III MAF
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 January 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Shore Party Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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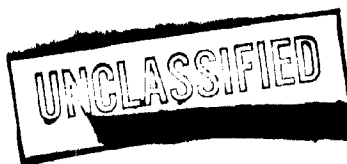
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 January 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

1 - 31 January 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

1stLt. R. M. HART 1 - 31 January 1968
 Major F. S. BRUCKENRIDGE 1 - 27 January 1968
 1stLt. R. L. SINGLETON 28 - 31 January 1968
 Major T. J. POWER 1 - 31 January 1968
 Capt. C. M. PIRANCHIN 1 - 27 January 1968
 Major F. S. BRUCKENRIDGE 28 - 31 January 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January 1968
 Dong Ha, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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

Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr. 1 - 31 January 1968
 WO R. E. PLUNKLEY 1 - 8 January 1968
 1stLt. D. F. JOHNSON 9 - 31 January 1968
 Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr. 1 - 23 January 1968
 Major H. W. WAINFIELD 24 - 31 January 1968
 Capt. R. K. CHIAGO 1 - 26 January 1968
 Capt. C. M. PIRANCHIN 27 - 31 January 1968
 Capt. A. J. HUNTER 1 - 31 January 1968
 1stLt. G. L. CHESHER 1 - 31 January 1968
 WO WATMENT, H. F. 1 - 31 January 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
25		440	2		22

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, Third Shore Party Battalion provided combat support for operations Neosho, Scotland, Lancaster, Kentucky, Osceola, and Napoleon. A total of 5,642,890 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. Harbor and dredge security was provided for Thuan An Island complex. Within the Dong Ha area of operation, assistance was provided to FISH-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.

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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 1,297,355 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(b) Operated a Landing Zone within the ISA at Camp Evans in support of Operation Neosho. Providing a total of 81,102 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(c) Participated in operation Osceola II, 20-24 January 1968.

(2) Company "B"

(a) Conducted foot and mechanized patrols in the vicinity of their base camp at Thuan 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"

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(a) Provided logistical support for the Third, Fourth, Ninth, Twelfth, and Twenty-Sixth Marine Regiments, and also provided helicopter resupply of the combat base at Khe Sanh. This support included providing those units with helicopter support teams. There were a total of 884 helicopter lifts from the Landing Zone which resulted in 2,195 passengers, and 4,304,430 pounds of resupply in support of tactical operations Napoleon, Osceola, Lancaster, and Kentucky.

(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) 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: (11)
Hostile: (1) KIA
(6) MIA

e. New techniques employed: None

f. Command relations: During the reporting period, 3d Shore Party Battalion remained task organized for OPCON/ABCON by areas of operation as follows:

PHU BAI

1-31 January 1968	3d Shore Party Battalion (Rear)
1-31 January 1968	H&S Company (-)
1-31 January 1968	Company "B" (-) (Rein)
1-31 January 1968	1st Plt, Company "B", 1st Amtrac Battalion
1-31 January 1968	4th Plt, Company "A", 3d Amtrac Battalion
1-31 January 1968	Det FLSG-4
1-31 January 1968	1st Scout Dog and 1st Sentry Dog Plt, 3d Military Police Battalion

DONG HA

1-31 January 1968	3d Shore Party Battalion
24-31 January 1968	Company "A" (-) (Rein)
1-31 January 1968	Company "C" (Rein)

CAMP EVANS

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1-18 January 1968 Company "A" (-) (Rein)

QUANG TRI

29-31 January 1968 Det H&S Company
19-24 January 1968 Company "A" (-) (Rein)

KHE SANH

1-31 January 1968 2d Plt (Rein), Company "A"
24-31 January 1968 1st Plt (Rein), Company "A"

CUA VIET

1-31 January 1968 2d Plt (Rein), Company "B"

g. Equipment: None

h. Logistics: A total of 23,917 cube - 305,765 pounds of equipment and cargo has been moved within the 3d Shore Party Battalion elements.

1. Civic Action

(1) Phu Bai

(a) Various Med-Caps were held through the month in the surrounding area of the Col Co Island complex.

j. Administration: A Battalion admin rear has been established to control personnel accounting on casualties due to the separation of companies.

k. Personnel: The personnel status moved up to category-1 during the month. Six enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour. Four Marine Officers, ninety-eight Marine enlisted, and three Navy personnel were joined. Fifty-four Marine enlisted and six Navy enlisted were transferred.

(1) Promotions to: Sgt - 3, Cpl - 16, LCpl - 16, PFC - 3

(2) Awards: Bronze Star - 1, Vietnam Gallantry Cross - 3, Meritorious Medal - 1

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".



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p. Air Support: None

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation: None

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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