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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 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 - 31 March 1968

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.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 March 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

LtCol. J. W. QUINN

1 - 31 March 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

1stLt D. P. MASON

1 - 31 March 1968

1stLt R. L. SINGLETON

1 - 4 March 1968

Major H. W. WAHLFELD

5 - 31 March 1968

Major T. J. POWER

1 - 12 March 1968

Capt A. J. BURGER

13 - 31 March 1968

Major F. S. BRECKENRIDGE

1 - 31 March 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 15 March 1968  
Dong Ha, RVN  
16 - 31 March 1968  
Quang Tri, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

BNXO

Major G. C. HARRIS, Jr.

1 - 31 March 1968

S-1

1stLt D. F. JOHNSON

1 - 31 March 1968

S-2/S-3

Major H. W. WAHLFELD

1 - 3 March 1968

S-2/S-3

1stLt W. H. WOOSLEY

4 - 31 March 1968

S-4

Capt C. M. PISANCHIN

1 - 31 March 1968

Communications Officer

Capt A. J. HUNTER

1 - 31 March 1968

Supply Officer

1stLt G. L. CHESHER

1 - 31 March 1968

Heavy Equipment Officer

2ndLt D. A. HUNT

1 - 31 March 1968

Motor Transport Officer

WO G. D. LARSON

1 - 31 March 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 3d Shore Party Battalion provided combat support for Operations Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland, Lancaster by operating a Landing Zone within the ISA at Dong Ha Combat Base, and providing Helicopter Support Teams to units participating in these operations. A total of 1024 passengers and 3,619,518 pounds of resupply were air lifted; of this total, 2,374,105 pounds of supplies were in support of the Combat Base at Khe Sanh and its outposts. At Khe Sanh a Landing Zone and Drop Zone was operated receiving a total weight of 9,377,219 pounds of supplies. The operation of a Beach Support Area at the mouth of the Cua Viet River was continued. During the month the Battalion Headquarters and H&S Company were displaced from Dong Ha and Phu Bai, respectively, to the Quang Tri Base. The Battalion was relieved of the security responsibility of the Thuan An Island complex by elements of the 1st Marine Division. Within the Dong Ha - Quang Tri area, assistance was provided to units in the area. This assistance consisted of providing material handling equipment and light engineer support. Security was provided for portions of the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Base defense systems.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FME 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 and Drop Zone within the logistical support areas.

(b) Providing Helicopter Support Teams to infantry Battalions in the field.

(c) Operating a Beach Support Area.

(d) Providing security for Thuan An Island complex.

## b. Significant operations conducted:

## (1) Company "A"

(a) Operated a Landing Zone within the LSA at Khe Sanh Combat Base.

(b) Operated a Drop Zone at Khe Sanh.

## (2) Company "B"

(a) Operated a Beach Support Area at the mouth of the Cua Viet River.

## (3) Company "C"

(a) Operated a Landing Zone within the Dong Ha LSA, in support of Operations Lancaster, Kentucky, Napoleon/Saline II, Scotland, and the 2nd ARVN Regiment.

(b) Provided support with helicopter lifted supplies to the Khe Sanh Combat Base.

## c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

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d. Casualties sustained: Non-hostile: (7)  
Hostile: (33)

e. New techniques employed: None

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

PHU BAI

1 - 17 March 1968	H&S Company (-)
17 - 31 March 1968	Det H&S Company
1 - 6 March 1968	Company "B" (-) (Rein)

DONG HA

1 - 15 March 1968	3d Shore Party Battalion
1 - 10 March 1968	Det Company "A"
7 - 31 March 1968	Company "B" (-) (Rein)

QUANG TRI

16 - 31 March 1968	3d Shore Party Battalion
18 - 31 March 1968	H&S Company (-)
11 - 31 March 1968	Det Company "A"
15 - 31 March 1968	Det Company "B"

KHE SANH

1 - 31 March 1968	Company "A" (-) (Rein)
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CUA VIET

1 - 31 March 1968	2nd Platoon, Company "B"
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g. Equipment: None

h. Logistics: Organic motor transport was used to move H&S Company to Quang Tri via motor convoy.

i. Civic Action: Various Medcaps were held at Dong Ha and Col Co Island.

j. Administration: 12 March 1968 the Battalion S-1 Section moved to Quang Tri. Companies "A" and "B" established administrative rears under the jurisdiction of the Battalion Adjutant. With the establishment of "A" and "B" Company administrative rears and the presence of H&S Company, many administrative problems were eliminated.

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k. Personnel: One enlisted Marine extended his overseas tour. Four Marine officers, forty nine Marine enlisted, and three Navy enlisted were joined. Two Marine officers, twenty nine Marine enlisted, and one Navy enlisted were transferred.

l. Intelligence: None

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

n. Weather: Generally good visibility; fog and light rain reduced helicopter operations.

o. Fire Support: None

p. Air Support: None

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation: None

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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