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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 July 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 reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Upon the removal of enclosure (1), this letter is unclassified.

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Command Chronology

1 - 31 July 1968

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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 R. A. SULIK

1 - 31 July 1968

Subordinate Units

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

Capt D. M. SAMS 1 - 26 July 1968
Capt J. T. STOSKUS 27 - 31 July 1968
Capt E. M. HENDERSON 1 - 18 July 1968
Capt E. V. SULLIVAN 19 - 31 July 1968
Capt D. J. BARETTA 1 - 31 July 1968
Major F. S. BRECKENRIDGE 1 - 31 July 1968

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1 - 31 July 1968
Quang Tri, RVN

3. BNKO

S-1
S-2/S-3
S-2/S-3
S-4
Communications Officer
Supply Officer
Heavy Equipment Officer
Motor Transport Officer

Major H. W. WAHFELD 1 - 31 July 1968
1stLt J. A. PARKER 1 - 31 July 1968
Major R. C. KROFINACK 1 - 28 July 1968
Capt N. J. MCMASTER 29 - 31 July 1968
Capt N. J. MCMASTER 1 - 31 July 1968
Capt J. T. STOSKUS 1 - 31 July 1968
1stLt G. L. CHESHER 1 - 31 July 1968
1stLt D. A. HUNT 1 - 31 July 1968
1stLt J. R. ANDERSON 1 - 31 July 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC	
OFF	ENL	
22	455	

	USN	
OFF	ENL	
1	20	

	OTHER	
OFF	ENL	
0	0	

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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 II, Lancaster North and Kentucky. This support was accomplished by the operation of Landing Zones at Dong Ha and Ca Lu, and furnishing Helicopter Support Teams to units participating in these operations. From Dong Ha Landing Zone a total 2,133,530 pounds, 613 lifts and 1,795 passengers was lifted in support of operations. From Landing Zone STUD at Ca Lu a total of 7,490,350 pounds, 2,992 lifts, and 6,038 passengers was lifted in support of operations. Within the Dong Ha - Quang Tri area engineer equipment assistance was provided to units in the area. Security was provided for portions of the Dong Ha - Quang Tri defense systems.

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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 Logistical Support Areas.

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

(c) Providing security for portions of the Dong Ha - Quang Tri base defense systems.

b. Significant operations conducted

(1) Company "A"

(a) Operated a Landing Zone on Hill 55 at Danang and moving to Cao Doi operating a LZ with 3d Battalion, 26th Marines.

(b) Provided Helicopter Support Teams in support of Operation Lancaster North and Operation Mameluke Thrust.

(2) Company "B"

(a) Operated a Landing Zone at Ca Lu and provided Helicopter Support Teams to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, and 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

(3) Company "C"

(a) Operated a Landing Zone within the LSA at Dong Ha. Also provided HST's to the 9th Marines and 12th Marines.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: Non-hostile (3)
Hostile (4)

e. New techniques: None

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

DONG HA

1 - 31 July 1968 Company "C" (Rein)

QUANG TRI

1 - 31 July 1968 3d Shore Party Battalion
 1 - 31 July 1968 H&S Company (-)
 1 - 31 July 1968 Det Company "A"
 1 - 31 July 1968 Det Company "B"

DAMANG OPCON (26th Marines) (1st Marine Division)

1 - 21 July 1968 Company "A" (-) (Rein)

CAO DOI (26th Marines)

22 - 31 July 1968 Company "A" (-) (Rein)

CA LU

1 - 31 July 1968 Company "B" (-) (Rein)

g. Equipment: None

h. Logistics: The Battalion supported Companies with Air Delivery nets, slings, cables and other organic equipment.

i. Civic Action: Medcaps were held at the MACV Compound, Quang Tri City.

j. Administration: No significant administrative problems or accomplishments in the reporting period.

k. Personnel: Four enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour. Two Marine officers, forty one enlisted were joined. Five Navy enlisted were joined. Four Marine officers, thirty two Marine enlisted, and six Navy enlisted were transferred during this reporting period.

(1) Awards: Purple Heart Medal-6, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry-19, Bronze Star-2.

l. Intelligence: None

m. Communications: None

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- n. Weather: Generally good
- 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

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