



HEADQUARTERS 3d Shere Party Battalien

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

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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1.	Designation	Cemmander				
	3d Shere Party Battalien 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF	LtCel R. A. SULIK	1 -	30	September	1968
		Suberdinate Units				
Cem	Cempany pany A pany B pany C	Capt J. T. STOSKUS Capt E. V. SULLIVAN Major E. J. GOIFREY Major F. S. BRECKENRIDGE Major J. R. GREEN	1-	30 30 5	September September September September	1968 1968 1968

Attached Units

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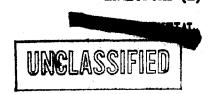
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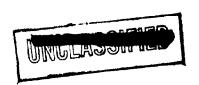
3. Staff Officers

Bn X O	Major K. D. HYSLOP	1 - 23 September 1968
S-1	lst Lt J. A. PARKER	1 - 30 September 1968
S-2/ 5	1st Lt H. C. BROWN	1 - 17 September 1968
	1st Lt J. E. GWIN	18- 30 September 1968
S-3	Capt J. R. COGHILL	1 - 30 September 1968
s- 4	Capt N. J. McMASTER	1 - 30 September 1968
Bn Supply Officer	lst Lt T. A. MeINTYRE	1 - 30 September 1968
Communications Officer	Capt J. T. STOSKUS	1 - 30 September 1968
Heavy Equipment Officer	1st Lt D. A. HUNT	1 - 30 September 1968
Meter Transpert Officer	wo n. K. Weaver	1 - 30 September 1968
Bn Surgeen	Lt M. E. GLASSER	1 - 30 September 1968
Bn Chaplain	LGmdr W. R. HAMPTON	1 - 30 September 1968

4. Average Menthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER		
OFF 18	ENL 485	OFF ENL 2 19		OFF O	ENL	
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Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During September the 3d Shere Party Battalien supported the 3d Marine Division throughout its area of operations. In addition, support was provided to the 26th Marines in the Danang/Cae Dei area.

Logistic Support Areas were operated in support of tactical operations in the Kentucky, Scotland II, and Lancaster II areas of operation.

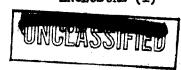
A total of 12,546,351 lbs of all classes of supply; 9,458 passengers and 335 medevaes were moved by helicopter for the LSAs and LZs.

In addition, the Battalien provided to supported units, Helicopter Support Teams, eften down to the infantry company and artillery battery level. The HSTs facilitated landing and movement of helicopterberns troops, equipment, and supplies, and evacuation of casualties.

In addition, Shore Party officers and staff non-commissioned officers were frequently deployed with special rigging teams to supervise the movement of artillery and engineer equipment. This new procedure helped assure the success of helicopter relocation of fire support base weapons and engineer equipment such as the 105mm and 155mm howitzers, and a variety of tractors and dozers.

Important secondary missions were accomplished within the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Base areas and included security for vital sectors of both defense systems and engineer equipment assistance.

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Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 1. Mission Assigned. General support of the 3d Marine Division by:
- a. Operating and maintaining Landing Zenes within Legistic Support Areas for movement of equipment, men, and supplies to erganic and attached units of the Division.
- b. Providing Helicopter Support Teams to infantry and artillery units in the field, in many cases down to the Company/Battery level.
- e. Providing security for assigned sectors of the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Base defense systems.

2, Significant Operations Conducted

- a. Company A operated landing senes and provided HSTs in the Danang/Cas Doi area in support of the 26th Marines and also provided seven Helicopter Support Teams to the 3d Marines in Quang Tri Province.
- b. Company B operated a landing zone within the Logistic Support Area at Vandegrift Combat Base and provided eleven Helicopter Support Teams to 1th Marines units in the Lancaster II and Scotland II ACs.
- c. Company C operated a landing zone within the LSA at Dong Ha Combat Base and previded nine Helicepter Support Teams to the 9th Marines and the 12th Marines in the Lancaster II and Scotland II AOs.
 - d. Lifting Data Recapitulation:

	Weight lifted	Passengers	Medevaes	Sorties
	Vandegrift Comba	at Base (Company	r B)	
	9,777,196	6,218	320	2,947
	Dong Ha Combat I	Base (Company C)	•	
	1,854,615	1,111	0	479
	Danang/Cac Doi I	Za (Company A)		
	912,240	2,394	<u> 15</u>	<u> 5119#</u>
Total	12,546,351	9,723	335	3,975

*Estimated





- 3. Casualties Sustained. Nen-hostile: 11; hostile: 2.
- 4. Command Relations. No significant change occurred in command relationships however constant ecordination with Task Force Hotel took on ever increasing importance.
- 5. Geographic Disposition of Units. During the reporting period, units of 3d Shore Party Battalion were geographically disposed as follows:

Company A (Rein)

Company B (Rein)

1	- 30 September 1968	(Company (-) (Rein))	Vandegrift Combat Base
	- 30 September 1968	(Detachment, Company B)	Quang Tri Combat Base

Company C (Rein)

1 - 30 September 1968

Dong Ha Combat Base

6. Civic Action. Daily Medeaps were held by Battalion medical personnel at the MACV Compound, Quang Tri City. One thousand seven hundred twenty patients were treated as a part of this effort. In addition, 237 Vietnamese civilians workers were treated by Company B medical representatives at Vandegrift Combat Base. The Battalion Chaplain conducted primary and secondary school classes 5 hours per week.

7. Personnel.

- a. Transfers and Extensions: Five enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour. Three Marine Officers and sixty three enlisted Marines were joined. Seven Navy enlisted were joined. Three Marine Officers and twenty three enlisted Marines were transferred. Four Navy enlisted were transferred.
- b. Awards: Bronze Star Medal (1), Navy Commendation Medal (2), Navy Achievement Medal (1), Certificate of Commendation (2), Good Conduct Medal (3).
- 8. Weather. Rain during September frequently slowed the pace of helicopter resupply operations, but prevented resupply operations completely only on 5 September.

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- 9. Significant Accomplishments. On 17 September 1968 Company B set what is believed to be a single day one-LZ helicepter lift record for a Marine Corps Shore Party Company or Battalion. On that day it lifted out by helicepter from the LZ at Vandegrift Combat Base LSA, 964,800 lbs of carge and equipment for direct resupply to units in the field. During the seven day period from 15 21 September, it moved a total of 4,361,350 lbs of carge and equipment, from its LZ. This is also believed to be a record.
- 10. New Procedures. During September, the Battalion began providing special staff NCO supervised rigging teams to Division units moving artillery and heavy engineer equipment. By general practice new, no heavy lift should move by helicopter in the Division AO unless it is rigged and the lift is supervised by a Shere Party efficer or staff NCO.

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Part IV

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