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3D MARINE DIVISION  
BT 577196

HEADQUARTERS  
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 - 30 September 1968

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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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Command Chronology

1 - 30 September 1968

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## Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

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

LtCol R. A. SULIK

1 - 30 September 1968

Subordinate Units

H&S Company  
Company A  
Company B  
Company C

Capt J. T. STOSKUS

1 - 30 September 1968

Capt E. V. SULLIVAN

1 - 30 September 1968

Major E. J. GODFREY

1 - 30 September 1968

Major F. S. BRECKENRIDGE

1 - 5 September 1968

Major J. R. GREEN

6 - 30 September 1968

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1 - 30 September 1968  
Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Bn XO

Major K. D. HYSLOP

1 - 23 September 1968

S-1

1st 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

1st Lt T. A. McINTYRE

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

Motor Transport Officer

WO N. K. WEAVER

1 - 30 September 1968

Bn Surgeon

Lt M. E. GLASSER

1 - 30 September 1968

Bn Chaplain

LCmdr W. R. HAMPTON

1 - 30 September 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
18	485

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	19

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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## Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During September the 3d Shore Party Battalion supported the 3d Marine Division throughout its area of operations. In addition, support was provided to the 26th Marines in the Danang/Cao Dai 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 medevacs were moved by helicopter for the LSAs and LZs.

In addition, the Battalion provided to supported units, Helicopter Support Teams, often down to the infantry company and artillery battery level. The HSTs facilitated landing and movement of helicopterborne 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 Events1. Mission Assigned. General support of the 3d Marine Division by:

a. Operating and maintaining Landing Zones within Logistic Support Areas for movement of equipment, men, and supplies to organic 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.

c. 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 zones and provided HSTs in the Danang/Cao 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 4th Marines units in the Lancaster II and Scotland II AOs.

c. Company C operated a landing zone within the LSA at Dong Ha Combat Base and provided nine Helicopter Support Teams to the 9th Marines and the 12th Marines in the Lancaster II and Scotland II AOs.

d. Lifting Data Recapitulation:

	<u>Weight lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Madevass</u>	<u>Sorties</u>
Vandegrift Combat Base (Company B)				
	9,777,496	6,218	320	2,947
Dong Ha Combat Base (Company C)				
	1,854,615	1,111	0	479
Danang/Cao Doi LZs (Company A)				
	<u>912,240</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>549*</u>
Total	12,546,351	9,723	335	3,975

\*Estimated

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3. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 11; hostile: 2.

4. Command Relations. No significant change occurred in command relationships however constant coordination 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)

1 - 21 September 1968	(Company (-) (Rein))	Cao Doi
22 - 30 September 1968	(Company (-) (Rein))	Danang
1 - 30 September 1968	(Detachment, Company A)	Vandegrift Combat Base
1 - 30 September 1968	(Detachment, Company A)	Quang Tri Combat Base

Company B (Rein)

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

Company C (Rein)

1 - 30 September 1968	Dong Ha Combat Base
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6. Civic Action. Daily Medsaps 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 civilian 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 helicopter lift record for a Marine Corps Shore Party Company or Battalion. On that day it lifted out by helicopter from the LZ at Vandegrift Combat Base LSA, 964,800 lbs of cargo 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 cargo 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 now, no heavy lift should move by helicopter in the Division AO unless it is rigged and the lift is supervised by a Shore Party officer or staff NCO.

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Part IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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