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

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Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Shore Party Battalion Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 October 1968

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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

3d Shore Party Battalion	LtCol R. A. SULIK	1 - 5 October 1968
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF	Major E. J. GODFREY	6 - 31 October 1968

Subordinate Units

H&S Company	Capt. J. T. STOSKUS	1 October 1968
	Capt. J. J. McCOY	1 - 31 October 1968
Company "A"	Capt. E. V. SULLIVAN Jr.	1 - 31 October 1968
Company "B"	Major E. J. GODFREY	1 - 5 October 1968
	Capt. D. J. BARRETTA	6 - 8 October 1968
	Major J. J. NORTON	9 - 31 October 1968
Company "C"	Major J. R. GREEN	1 - 6 October 1968
	Capt. D. A. VOGELGESANG	7 - 31 October 1968

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1 - 31 October 1968
Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers

BnXO	None	1 - 6 October 1968
	Major J. R. GREEN	7 - 31 October 1968
S-1	1stLt J. A. PARKER	1 - 24 October 1968
	1stLt C. H. JACKSON	25 - 31 October 1968
S-2/5	1stLt J. E. GWIN	1 - 31 October 1968
S-3	Capt. J. R. COGHILL Jr.	1 - 31 October 1968
S-4	Capt. N. J. McMASTERS	1 - 28 October 1968
	1stLt J. E. OLMES	29 - 31 October 1968
Bn. Supply Officer	1stLt T. A. McINTYRE	1 - 31 October 1968
Communications Officer	Capt. J. T. STOSKUS	2 - 29 October 1968
	1stLt E. B. BOYLE	30 - 31 October 1968
Heavy Equipment Officer	1stLt D. A. HUNT	1 - 31 October 1968
Motor Transport Officer	WO N. K. WEAVER	1 - 31 October 1968
Bn. Surgeon	Lt. M. E. GLASSER	1 - 31 October 1968
Bn. Chaplain	LCmdr. W. R. HAMPTON	1 - 31 October 1968

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4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
20		485

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
2		20

	<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
0		0

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Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During October, the 3d Shore Party Battalion continued to operate almost exclusively in its helicopter support role in support of 3d Marine Division organic and attached units throughout the Division AO. In addition, support was provided to the 26th Marines (-) at and near Danang.

Three Helicopter Support Groups provided logistic support from two LSAs at Danang and from LSAs at Dong Ha Combat Base, Vandegrift Combat Base, and a recently activated one at Quang Tri Combat Base. The Logistic Support Areas were operated in support of tactical operations in the Kentucky, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Napoleon-Saline, and Mai Loc AOs. Support was also provided units operating in the Danang area. The LSAs transhipped by helicopter all classes of supplies, equipment and personnel to deployed units. A total of 12,306, 256 lbs of all classes of supply, 12,718 passengers and 55 med evacs were moved by helicopter from LSAs. In addition, the Battalion provided to Marine units, Helicopter Support Teams down to the infantry company and artillery battery level. Special SNCO supervised rigging teams continued to be dispatched on a virtually daily basis to handle the rigging and lift of artillery pieces, engineer equipment, and other special end items being moved by helicopter throughout the Division AO.

The Battalion accomplished important secondary missions within the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Base Areas which included security for vital sectors of both defense systems and engineer equipment assistance.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Mission. General support of the 3d Marine Division by:

a. Operating and maintaining Landing Zones within Logistic Support Areas for movement of equipment, personnel, and supplies to organic and attached units of the Division and to U. S. Army and ARVN Units operating in the Division AO.

b. Providing Helicopter Support Teams to infantry and artillery units in the field down to the Company/Battery level.

c. Providing limited engineer support to organic and attached units of the Division.

d. Providing security elements for assigned sectors of the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Base defense systems.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Company "A" operated two Landing Zones and provided nine HSTs in the Danang AO in support of the 5th and 26th Marines and also provided eight HSTs to the 3d Marines in the Quang Tri Province.

b. Company "B" operated a Landing Zone within the Logistic Support Area at Vandegrift Combat Base and provided fourteen HSTs to 4th Marine units in the Lancaster II and Scotland II AOs.

c. Company "C" operated Landing Zones within the LSAs at Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Bases and provided eleven HSTs to the 3d, 9th, and 12th Marines in the Lancaster II and Scotland II AOs.

d. Lifting Data Recapitulation:

<u>Weight Lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Lifts</u>
Danang LSAs (Company "A")			
880,476 lbs	3,604	10	465
Vandegrift LSA (Company "B")			
9,518,130 lbs	8,300	45	3,085
Dong Ha LSA (Company "C")			
1,840,650 lbs	814	0	329
Quang Tri LSA (Company "C")			
67,000 lbs	0	0	12
<u>12,306,256 lbs</u>	<u>12,718</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>3,891</u>

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e. Special Equipment Lifts. During the month of October, Special Rigging Teams of the Battalion supervised the lifts of approximately 171 special items of equipment from LSAs, LZs and Fire Support Bases in the 3d Marine Division AO. Items lifted included 155mm howitzers, 105mm howitzers, Case M-450 Tractors, backhoes, laundry units, generators, Radar sets, and one CH46 Helicopter.

3. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 8; hostile: 2.

4. Command Relations. No significant change.

5. Geographic Disposition of Units. During the reporting period, units of the 3d Shore Party Battalion were geographically disposed as follows:

Company "A" (Rein)

1 - 31 October 1968 (Company (-)(Rein)) Danang
 1 - 22 October 1968 (Detachment Company "A") Vandegrift Combat Base
 1 - 31 October 1968 (Admin Detachment, Company "A") Quang Tri Combat Base

Company "B" (Rein)

1 - 31 October 1968 (Company (-)(Rein)) Vandegrift Combat Base
 1 - 31 October 1968 (Admin Detachment, Company "B") Quang Tri Combat Base

Company "C" (Rein)

1 - 31 October 1968 Dong Ha Combat Base

6. Civic Action

a. Medcaps were held in the village of Nanh Bieu and the Quang Tri City Hospital by Battalion Medical personnel. A total of 801 patients were treated.

b. The Battalion Chaplain conducted five English classes each week at the Thanh Mau School and at Quang Tri City. Average number of students attending classes each week was 170.

c. One water pump was installed and a well completed at Thanh Mau School located on Quang Tri Combat Base.

d. Collections continued for contributions to the Quang Tri Childrens Hospital Drive.

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7. Personnel

a. Transfers and Extensions. Sixteen enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour. Five Marine officers and fifty nine enlisted Marines were joined. Five Marine officers and seventy two enlisted Marines were transferred. No Navy enlisted personnel were joined or transferred.

b. Awards: Bronze Star Medal (1), Purple Heart Medals (3), Navy Achievement Medal (1), Good Conduct Medals (2), Meritorious Achievement Certificates (2), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (1).

8. Weather. Monsoon rains early in the month hampered helicopter resupply efforts from LSAs to units in the field, however, better weather prevailed later in the month and resupply efforts gained momentum again quickly.

9. Significant Engineer Effort. The Battalion undertook, with some engineer equipment support from the 3d Engineer Battalion, the construction of an LCM ramp at the Quang Tri Combat Base. The effort began on 31 October 1968 and will consequently be reported in detail in November's Command Chronology.

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Part IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTED DOCUMENTS

NONE

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