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

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (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 November 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.

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 30 November 1968

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ENCLOSURE (1)  
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## Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

3d Shore Party Battalion Major E. J. GODFREY 1 - 30 November 1968  
 3d Marine Division  
 (Rein), FMF

Subordinate Units

H&S Company	Capt. J. J. McCOY	1 - 30 November 1968
Company "A"	Major E. V. SULLIVAN JR.	1 - 14 November 1968
	1stLt J. E. GWIN	15 - 27 November 1968
	Capt. W. O. MOORE JR.	28 - 30 November 1968
Company "B"	Major J. J. NORTON	1 - 30 November 1968
Company "C"	Capt. D. A. VOGELGESANG	1 - 22 November 1968
	1stLt P. C. HOPPER	23 - 30 November 1968

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1 - 30 November 1968  
 Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Bn XO	Major J. R. GREEN	1 - 30 November 1968
Adj/S-1	1stLt C. H. JACKSON	1 - 30 November 1968
S-2	1stLt J. E. GWIN	1 - 15 November 1968
	Major E. V. SULLIVAN JR.	16 - 30 November 1968
S-3	Capt. J. R. COGHILL	1 - 9 November 1968
	Major J. R. GREEN	10 - 14 November 1968
	Major E. V. SULLIVAN JR.	15 - 30 November 1968
S-4	1stLt J. E. OLMES	1 - 22 November 1968
	Capt. D. A. VOGELGESANG	23 - 30 November 1968
S-5	1stLt J. E. GWIN	1 - 22 November 1968
	1stLt C. P. MALONEY	23 - 30 November 1968
Bn. Supply Officer	Capt. T. A. McINTYRE	1 - 30 November 1968
Communications Officer	1stLt E. B. BOYLE	1 - 30 November 1968
Heavy Equipment Officer	1stLt D. A. HUNT	1 - 30 November 1968
Motor Transport Officer	WO N. K. WEAVER	1 - 30 November 1968
Bn. Surgeon	Lt. M. N. GLASSER	1 - 30 November 1968
Bn. Chaplain	LtCmdr. W. R. HAMPTON	1 - 30 November 1968

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4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
21	476

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	21

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

  
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## Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During November, the 3d Shore Party Battalion operated almost exclusively in its helicopter support role in support of 3d Marine Division organic and attached units throughout the Division AO. Helicopter support provided to the 26th Marines (-), operating within the 1st Marine Division AO, was terminated on 10 November 1968.

Elements of the Battalion participated in or supported tactical operations in the Kentucky, Lancaster II, Scotland II, Napoleon-Saline, Dawson River, 2nd ARVN and Mai Loc AOs.

The Battalion's three Helicopter Support Groups provided support from LSAs at Danang, Dong Ha Combat Base, Vandegrift Combat Base, and Quang Tri Combat Base. The LSAs transshipped by helicopter multiclass supplies, equipment, and personnel to widely dispersed infantry and artillery units. A total of 9,278,411 lbs of all classes of supplies, 7,892 passengers, and 43 med evacs were moved by 2,535 helicopter lifts from the LSAs. In addition, the Battalion provided to Marine units, Helicopter Support Teams down to the infantry company and artillery battery level.

Special Staff NCO supervised rigging teams continued to be dispatched on virtually a daily basis to handle the rigging and lift of artillery pieces, engineer equipment, and other assorted 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 include security for vital defense sectors and limited engineer equipment assistance which included the construction and completion of an LCM Ramp and access road at the northeast corner of the Quang Tri Combat Base.

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## Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 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 equipment support to organic and attached units of the Division and to U.S. Army units in the Quang Tri Combat Base.
  - d. Providing a Security Platoon and a Command Group for Sector G of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter defense.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

- a. Helicopter Support Group ALFA (Company "A" (Rein)) operated two Landing Zones and provided an average of nine HSTs in the Danang AO, in support of the 26th Marines (-). This support was terminated on 10 November 1968 and the company relocated to 3d Shore Party Battalion Headquarters, Quang Tri Combat Base. The company was placed in direct support of the 9th Marines and 2/12 on 15 November 1968. It maintained an average of eight HSTs in the field in the 9th Marines AO. ALFA assumed operational responsibility for the provisional LSA at Quang Tri Combat Base from Company "C" of the Battalion on 18 November 1968.

- b. Helicopter Support Group BRAVO (Company "B" (Rein)) operated a Landing Zone within the Logistic Support Area at Vandegrift Combat Base and maintained an average of fourteen HSTs in the field in support of 4th Marines and 3/12 units in the Scotland II and Lancaster II AOs.

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c. Helicopter Support Group CHARLIE (Company "C" (Rein)) operated a Landing Zone at Dong Ha Combat Base. CHARLIE HSTs in the 9th Marines AO were relieved in place by HSG ALFA on 15 November 1968 and placed in support of the 3d Marines on that date. The company was relieved of its operational responsibility for the LSA at Quang Tri Combat Base by ALFA on 18 November 1968. An average of nine HSTs were maintained in support of the 3d, 9th and 12th Marines in the Lancaster II, Scotland II and 2nd ARVN AOs.

d. Lifting Data Recapitulations:

<u>Weight Lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Lifts</u>
Danang LSAs 155,900 lbs.	974	33	87
Quang Tri LSA 346,200 lbs.	358	0	166
Vandegrift LSA 8,473,211 lbs.	6,202	10	2,123
Dong Ha LSA 303,100 lbs.	358	0	159
9,278,411 lbs.	7,892	43	2,535

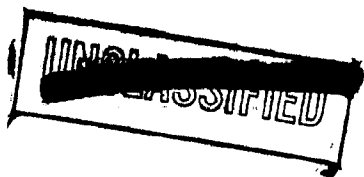
e. Special Equipment Lifts. During the month of November, Special Rigging Teams of the Battalion supervised the lifts of approximately 102 special items of equipment from LSAs, LZs and Fire Support Bases in the 3d Marine Division AO. Items lifted included 155mm howitzers, 105mm howitzers, Case M-450 Tractors, backhoes, generators, Radar sets, equipment, a house trailer, and a fuel tank trailer.

3. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 16; hostile: 1.

4. Command Relations. No significant change.

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

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Company "A"

1 - 10 November 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Danang  
 1 - 10 November 1968 (Admin Detachment) Quang Tri Combat Base  
 11 - 28 November 1968 (Company (Rein)) Quang Tri Combat Base  
 29 - 30 November 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Quang Tri Combat Base  
 29 - 30 November 1968 (Detachment (1st Plat.)) Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "B"

1 - 30 November 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Vandegrift Combat Base  
 1 - 30 November 1968 (Admin Detachment) Quang Tri Combat Base

Company "C"

1 - 16 November 1968 (Company (Rein)) Dong Ha Combat Base  
 16 - 30 November 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Dong Ha Combat Base  
 16 - 30 November 1968 (Security Detachment) Quang Tri 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 646 patients were treated.

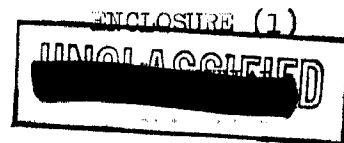
b. The Battalion Chaplain conducted on the average of four English classes each week at the Thanh Mau School and at Quang Tri City. Average number of students attending classes each week was 170.

c. One five ton dump truck was provided the 3d Marine Division G-5 to haul laterite fill for the Quang Tri Childrens Hospital.

d. Collections for the contributions to the Quang Tri Childrens Hospital Drive were completed with contributions totalling \$1,546.36.

7. Personnel

a. Transfers and Extensions. Nineteen enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour. Six Marine Officers, 15 Marine enlisted and two Navy enlisted were joined. Two Marine Officers, twenty six Marine enlisted and 7 Navy enlisted were transferred.





b. Awards: Purple Heart Medal (1), Navy Achievement Medal (1), Certificate of Commendation (1), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver (10), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze (14).

8. Weather. Seasonal monsoon rains were light and therefore no overall adverse effects on helicopter resupply efforts from LSAs to units in the field were experienced.

9. Significant Engineer Effort. The need for a new supply facility became apparent when unusually heavy October rains made Route 1 between Dong Ha and Quang Tri virtually impossible. Tasked with this problem the Battalion undertook, with some engineering equipment support from the 3d Engineer Battalion, the construction of an LCM ramp at the northeast corner of the Quang Tri Combat Base.

The construction of the ramp was divided in two segments. Phase I involved the construction of a 100 foot steel runway matted ramp and a storage area. Phase II involved the construction of an access road to Route 1. The new facility was completed on 26 November 1968.

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Part IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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