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

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From: Commanding Officer  
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 1-31 December 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8A

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.

*E. J. Godfrey*  
E. J. GODFREY

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 December 1968

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## Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

3d Shore Party Battalion Major E. J. GODFREY 1 - 31 December 1968  
 3d Marine Division  
 (Rein), FMF

Subordinate Units

H&S Company	Capt. J. J. McCOY	1 - 31 December 1968
Company "A"	Capt. W. O. MOORE Jr.	1 - 17 December 1968
	Major G. G. ABEL	18 - 31 December 1968
Company "B"	Major J. J. NORTON	1 - 17 December 1968
	Capt. W. O. MOORE Jr.	18 - 31 December 1968
Company "C"	1st Lt. P. C. HOPPER	1 - 31 December 1968

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1 - 31 December 1968  
 Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Bn XO	Major J. R. GREEN	1 - 31 December 1968
Adj/S-1	1st Lt. C. H. JACKSON	1 - 31 December 1968
S-2/S-3	Major E. V. SULLIVAN Jr.	1 - 31 December 1968
S-4	Capt. D. A. VOGELGESANG	1 - 31 December 1968
S-5	1st Lt. C. P. MALONEY	1 - 31 December 1968
Bn Supply Officer	Capt. T. A. McINTYRE	1 - 31 December 1968
Communication Officer	1st Lt. E. B. BOYLE	1 - 31 December 1968
Heavy Equipment Officer	1st Lt. D. A. HUNT	1 - 31 December 1968
Motor Transport Officer	WO N. K. WEAVER	1 - 31 December 1968
Bn Surgeon	Lt. M. N. GLASSER	1 - 31 December 1968
Bn Chaplain	Lt. Cmdr. W. R. HAMPTON	1 - 31 December 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
22	459

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	19

OTHERS	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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## Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, 3d Shore Party Battalion participated in or supported 3d Marine Division tactical operations in the Kentucky, Lancaster II, Scotland II, Marshall Mountain, Dawson River, 2nd ARVN and Mai Loc AOs. One Helicopter Support Group of the Battalion also participated in Operation Taylor Common within the 1st Marine Division AO.

Helicopterborne logistic support was provided by four Helicopter Support Groups from LSAs at Dong Ha Combat Base, Vandegrift Combat Base, Quang Tri Combat Base, and An Hoa. Units supported included the 3d, 4th, 5th, 9th, 11th, 12th Marines, 1st of the 5th (USA), 1st of the 44th (USA), and 1st Bn, 2nd ARVN.

Equipment, multiclass supplies and personnel were transshipped from LSAs to widely deployed infantry and artillery units. A total of 10,855, 651 lbs of all classes of supplies, 7,202 passengers, and 15 medevacs were transported by 3,032 helicopter lifts from the LSAs.

Special rigging teams comprised of Battalion SNCOs and Officers were dispatched daily to supervise the rigging and lifts of artillery pieces, engineer equipment, and other assorted end items both to and from LSAs, fire bases, and landing zones throughout the Division AO.

Secondary missions were accomplished within the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Base areas which included security for a vital defense sector and limited engineer equipment assistance.

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## Part III

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 equipment support to organic and attached units of the Division and to U.S. Army units in the Quang Tri Combat Base, Dong Ha Combat Base, Cua Viet and Camp Carroll areas.

d. Providing a Security Platoon and a Command Group for Sector G of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter defense.

e. Providing direct support to the 3d Marines (-) participating in Operation Taylor Common within the 1st Marine Division AO.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Helicopter Support Group ALFA (Company "A" (Rein)) operated the provisional LSA at Quang Tri Combat Base and maintained an average of eight HSTs in the field in support of 9th Marines and 2/12 units in the Dawson River AO.

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 thirteen HSTs in the field in support of 4th Marine units in the Scotland II AO.

c. Helicopter Support Group CHARLIE (Company "C" (-) (Rein)) operated a landing zone at Dong Ha Combat Base and maintained two HSTs in the field in support of Task Force BRAVO and elements of the 3d Marines within the 3d Marine Division AO.

d. Helicopter Support Group DELTA (Detachment Co "C" (Rein)) was formed and deployed in support of the 3d Marines (-) operating within the 1st Marine Division AO on 9 December 1968. HSG DELTA operated in cooperation with Co "B", 1st Shore Party Battalion at the LSA at An Hoa. Also an average of nine HSTs were deployed in support of elements of the 3d Marines (-) on Operation Taylor Common.

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e. Lifting Data Recapitulations:

<u>Weight Lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Lifts</u>
Quang Tri LSA 210,950 lbs	5	0	33
Vandegrift LSA 7,557,640 lbs	5,980	15	1,956
Dong Ha LSA 285,400 lbs	350	0	180
An Hoa LSA 2,801,661 lbs	867	0	863
10,855,651 lbs	7,202	15	3,032

f. Special Equipment Lifts. During the month of December, Special Rigging Teams of the Battalion supervised the lifts of approximately 127 special items of equipment from LSAs, LZs and Fire Support Bases in the 3d Marine Division and 1st Marine Division AOs. Items lifted included 155mm howitzers, 105mm howitzers, case 450 Tractors, backhoes, 3/4 ton trucks, generators, separators, Radar equipment, radio vans, tower control box, bunker, and a 35' tower.

3. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 10; hostile 0.

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:

Company "A"

1 - 31 December 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Quang Tri Combat Base  
1 - 31 December 1968 (Detachment (1st Plat) (Rein)) Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "B"

1 - 31 December 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Vandegrift Combat Base  
1 - 31 December 1968 (Admin Detachment) Quang Tri Combat Base

Company "C"

1 - 31 December 1968 (Company (-) (Rein)) Dong Ha Combat Base  
1 - 31 December 1968 (Security Detachment) Quang Tri Combat Base  
10 - 31 December 1968 (Detachment (Rein)) An Hoa

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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 517 patients were treated.

b. The Battalion Chaplain conducted five English classes each week at the Thanh Mau School and at Quang Tri City. The average number of students attending classes each week was 250.

c. A civic action project was conducted by the Battalion on 17 and 18 December 1968 at Quang Tri City. It consisted of burning and burying garbage at the city dump which constituted a possible health/sanitation hazard to residents of the city. Engineer equipment furnished for the project were two TL 16s, one TD-15 and one 550 grader. Approximately ten Marine personnel participated in the project.

7. Personnel

a. Transfers and Extensions. Twelve enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour. Two Marine Officers, fifty-three Marine enlisted and ten Navy enlisted were joined. Three Marine Officers, fifty-seven Marine enlisted and sixteen Navy enlisted were transferred.

b. Awards: Bronze Star Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (1), Purple Heart Medal (4), Navy Achievement Medal (1), Certificates of Commendation (6), Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal 2nd Class (1), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze (1).

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

9. Significant Engineer Effort. None

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## PART IV

A. Originated Messages from Co, 3d SP Bn.  
for December 1968

✓ <u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
✓ 020603H	CG THIRD MARDIV 280127Z DEC68 RECEIVED
✓ 291030H	29DEC68
✓ 291030H	REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEAVE
✓ 291030H	APPOINTMENT TO GUNNERY SERGEANT CASE OF
✓ 291030H	CHARLES B. HIETT 1507776
✓ 291030H	APPOINTMENT TO FIRST SGT CASE OF HENRY D.
✓ 291030H	BAYARD
✓ 251205H	DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS AND PRESENT CONDITION
	IN CASE OF LCPL J. H. DUBOIS 2378237,
	REQUEST OF
	IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING
	NAMED OFFICER IS NOMINATED TO ATTEND SUBJ
	CRS.
✓ 240555H	ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING
✓ 231115H	EXCHANGE INVENTORY
✓ 220945H	QUANTITIES OF RADIO SETS AN/PRC-47
✓ 211001H	SPEED REQUIREMENTS (C)
✓ 180513H	REFERENCE A RECEIVED 17 DECEMBER 1968
✓ 060535H	CERTIFICATE OF APPT CASE OF 1stLT M.D.
	JORDAN 094816 USMCR.

B. No subordinate chronologies.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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ROUTINE 020603 DEC68

FROM: CO THIRD SPEN

TO: CO THIRD MARDIV

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1. CO THIRD MARDIV 280127Z DEC68 RECEIVED 29DEC68.

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J. H. GREEN, MAJ  
3D SHORE PARTY 5

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ROUTINE \_\_\_\_\_ DE060

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CPL HAROLD D. SMITH 2329504 MC COMB MISSISSIPPI  
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
MB NAVSTA SFMAN

UNCLAS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEAVE

REQUEST FOR 15 DAY EXT OF LV APPROVED. ADJUST YOUR REPORTING DATE ACCORDENLY.  
THIS EXT OF LV WILL BE COUNTED AS ANNUAL LV. RETAIN THIS MSG WITH ORD ORDERS.

CON \_\_\_\_\_ RELEASED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

TOR 291030H  
Lep T. Sherman

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ROUTINE \_\_\_\_\_ DEC68

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BN

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV

TO: CMC (CODE DHB)

INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BN

BT

UNCLAS

SUBJ: APPOINTMENT TO GUNNERY SERGEANT CASE OF CHARLES B. HIETT 1507776

REF: A. CMC MSG 202239Z DEC68

B. MCO 1830.1B

1. GYSOT CHARLES B. HIETT 1507776 HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF HIS PROM TO GYSOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A. GYSOT HIETT MEETS THE PREREQUISITES OF REF B. TOTAL ACT SER: 11 YRS 1 MO 27 DA.

DRAFTER  
C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT  
3D SHORE PARTY 1

RELEASER  
C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT  
3D SHORE PARTY 1

7CR 291030H  
Lsgl T. Sherman

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ROUTINE \_\_\_\_\_ DEC68

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BN

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV

TO: CMC (CODE DMB)

INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BN

BT

UNCLAS

SUBJ: APPOINTMENT TO FIRST SOT CASE OF HENRY D. BAYARD 1281844

REF: A. CMC MSG 202239Z DEC68

B. MCO 1830.1B

1. FIRST SOT HENRY D. BAYARD 1281844 HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF HIS PROM TO FIRST SOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A). FIRST SOT BAYARD MEETS THE PREREQUISITES OF REF (B). EAS: 22 SEP 1971.

DRAFTER

C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT  
3D SHORE PARTY 1

RELEASER

C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT  
3D SHORE PARTY 1

TOR 291030H  
LpLT T. Sherman

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ROUTINE \_\_\_\_\_ DEC68

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: USNH GUAM  
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

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DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS AND PRESENT CONDITION IN CASE OF LCPL J. H. DUBOIS  
2378237, REQUEST OF

1. SUBJECT MARINE WAS TR BY SR TO CAMP S. D. BUTLER WHILE SK USNH GUAM FOR  
INJURIES SUSTAINED WHILE A MEMBER OF THIS COMMAND.

2. REQUEST FURNISH THIS HQ DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS OF SUBJ MARINE. INVES-  
TIGATIVE REPORT PENDING RECEIPT THIS INFO.

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TOR 29103014  
Lsgl T. Sherman

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ROUTINE \_\_\_\_\_ DEC 68

FROM: CG THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

ATTN: C-5

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THIRD MARDIV PERS RESP COURSE

A. THIRD MARDIV MSG 170702 DEC68

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER IS NOMINATED  
TO ATTEND SUBJ CRS.

WO WEAVER, N. K. 0105823/3510

2. BILLETING NOT REQUIRED

DRAFTER \_\_\_\_\_  
(C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT)

RELEASER \_\_\_\_\_  
(C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT)

TOR  
25/2054  
Lsgt Sherman

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ROUTINE 240555 DEC68

FROM: THIRD SPBN

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: THIRD ENGRBN

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A. DIVO 5100.11A

1. 211845 DEC68

2. 3D SHORE PARTY BN

3. ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

4. SECTOR G, DEFENSIVE PERIMETER QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE

5. 1 B PFC 2139287, USMC, ENGR SPT CO, 3D ENGR BN

6. .50 CAL MACHINE GUN, 3D SHORE PARTY BN

7. MARINE WOUNDED IN THE HAND WITH A SINGLE .50 CAL ROUND WHILE POSTED AS SENTRY, POST 1 SECTOR G, DEFENSIVE PERIMETER QTCB. INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN SUBJECT ASSISTED BY ANOTHER MARINE WAS POSITIONING .50 CAL MACHINE GUN IN BUNKER. SUBJECT'S HANDS WERE GRASPING BARREL WITH FOREFINGER OF RIGHT HAND OVER MUZZLE WHEN WEAPON DISCHARGED. NO BELT IN MACHINE GUN. WEAPON BELIEVED CLEAR. SUBJECT ARRIVED IN COUNTRY AUG 68. ASSIGNED AS SENTRY 10 WEEKS. WEAPONS SAFETY INSTRUCTION GIVEN DAILY AT GUARD SCHOOL. SUBJECT PRESENT AT GUARD SCHOOL 21DEC68.

8. UNKNOWN.

9. PLACEMENT OF WOODEN T BLOCKS IN ALL .50 CAL MACHINE GUNS WHEN NOT IN USE.

10. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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(J. R. GREEN, MAJOR)

RELEASER

(J. R. GREEN, MAJOR)

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ROUTINE \_\_\_\_\_ DEC 68

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

TO: CO, THIRD MARDIV ~~(RECEIVED)~~

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(SC-1)

SUBJ: EXCHANGE INVENTORY

REF: CO, THIRD MARDIV MESSAGE 130603Z DEC 68

1. LAW REF A THE BELOW LISTED MARINES ARE NOMINATED:

WO NAPOLEON K. WEAVER

SOT LENNON HANKIN JR.

SOT WILLIAM C. RING

DRAFTER \_\_\_\_\_

C. H. JACKSON, 1ST LT.  
3D SHORE PARTY 1

RELEASER \_\_\_\_\_

C. H. JACKSON, 1ST LT.  
3D SHORE PARTY 1

TOR 23/115H  
2cpl T. Sherman

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ROUTINE 220945 2 DEC 68

FROM: THIRD SP BN  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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QUANTITIES OF RADIO SETS AN/PRC-47

A. 140114Z DEC 68

REF (A) REFERS. SP BN HAS EIGHT RADIO SETS AN/PRC-47, MANUFACTURED  
UNDER CONTRACT NOM 72372.

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PRIORITY 211001Z DEC 68

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
 TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO: ~~THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION~~

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## SPEED REQUIREMENTS

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 150254Z DEC 68

1. 3D SHORE PARTY BATTALION SPEED 1-68.

2. THE REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR A 20,000 LB CAPACITY VERTICAL REACH PENDANT. THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE PENDANTS WOULD RELEASE THE EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF 20,000 LB SLINGS FSN 1670-935-1925 CURRENTLY BEING EMPLOYED TO LIFT THE NET LIFTING DEVICES.

3. THE VERTICAL LIFT PENDANT SHOULD BE SIMILAR IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TO THE 6,000 LB VERTICAL LIFT PENDANT BELIEVED TO BE MANUFACTURED BY OCEAN CITY PRODUCTS. IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE EXPECTED STRESS AND VIBRATION RECEIVED DURING ITS EMPLOYMENT.

IT SHOULD HAVE A LIFTING RING CAPABLE OF LIFTING 60,000 LBS. AND ADAPTABLE FOR UTILIZATION ON ANY OF THE HELICOPTERS EMPLOYED BY THE MARINE CORPS.

IT SHOULD HAVE A SNAP HOOK CAPABLE OF HOLDING 25,000 LBS. THE SNAP HOOK SHOULD HAVE A SPRING-ACTUATED GATE LATCH, WHICH ENABLES A QUICK ATTACH, QUICK-RELEASE FROM THE LIFTED LOADS.

4. NO SPECIALIZED ADDITIONAL TRAINING OR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO EMPLOY THE VERTICAL REACH PENDANT.

5. N/A.

6. OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY IS DESIRED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. A QUANTITY OF 400 DEVICES WOULD BE THE MOST DESIRABLE QUANTITY TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS OF THE BATTALION.

DRAFTER

D. A. VOGELGESANG CAPT  
 3D SHORE PARTY BN 8-4

RELEASER

J. R. GREEN, MAJOR  
 3D SHORE PARTY BN X.O.

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ROUTINE 180513 DEC68

FROM: CO THIRD SPBN  
TO: CO THIRD MARDIV

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A. CO THIRD MARDIV MSG 160232Z DEC68

1. REFERENCE A RECEIVED 17 DECEMBER 1968.

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(C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT)

RELEASER \_\_\_\_\_  
(C. H. JACKSON, 1STLT)

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ROUTINE 060335Z DEC68

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TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CMC (DHA)  
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

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CERTIFICATE OF APPT CASE OF 1STLT M. D. JORDAN 094816 USMCR

1. REQ DUPE COPY SUBJ CERT OF APPT TO CAPT OF SUBJ OFF BE FWD THIS COMD.
2. SUBJ CERT TRANSMITTED BY SECNAV LTR DTD 1NOV68. ORIG CERT REC 3RD MARDIV 14NOV68. FWD TO 12TH MAR REGT 17NOV68. CERT LOST. SEARCH OF REGT/BN REC REVEAL NEG RESULTS.

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