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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 (A03D)
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 March 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFACO 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.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-31 March 1969

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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

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

Maj E. J. GODFREY
Maj J. B. KNOTTS

1-7 Mar 1969
8-31 Mar 1969

Subordinate Units

H&S Company
Company "A"
Company "B"
Company "C"

Capt J. J. McCOY
Maj G. G. ABEL
Capt W. O. MOORE Jr.
Maj J. D. INGRAM
Capt M. D. JORDAN

1-31 Mar 1969
1-31 Mar 1969
1-31 Mar 1969
1-5 Mar 1969
6-31 Mar 1969

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1-31 March 1969
Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Bn XO

Maj J. R. GREEN
Maj J. D. INGRAM

1-5 Mar 1969
6-31 Mar 1969

Adj/S-1

1stLt C. H. JACKSON
1stLt W. W. JOHNSON

1-19 Mar 1969
20-31 Mar 1969

S-2/S-3

Maj E. V. SULLIVAN Jr.

1-31 Mar 1969

S-4

Capt E. A. METCALFE

1-31 Mar 1969

S-5

1stLt W. W. JOHNSON

1 Mar 1969

1stLt S. C. BUCKAWICKI

2-31 Mar 1969

Bn Supply Officer

Capt T. A. McINTYRE

1-31 Mar 1969

Communications Officer

Capt E. B. BOYLE

1-31 Mar 1969

Heavy Equipment Officer

1stLt E. L. BLACK

1-31 Mar 1969

Motor Transport Officer

WO N. K. WEAVER

1-31 Mar 1969

Bn Surgeon

Lt M. N. GLASSER

1-31 Mar 1969

Bn Chaplain

LCDR W. B. TURNER

21-31 Mar 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
20	432

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	20

OTHERS	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period 3d Shore Party Battalion participated in or supported 3d Marine Division, U.S. Army, and 2nd ARVN Unit tactical operations in the Dewey Canyon, Mai Loc, Purple Martin, Maine Crag, 4th Marine, 9th Marine, 1st of the 5th (USA), 2nd ARVN Regt, and Montana Mauler AOs.

Helicopterborne logistic support was provided by the Battalion's three Helicopter Support Groups to widely deployed infantry and artillery units from LSAs at Dong Ha Combat Base, Vandegrift Combat Base, Quang Tri Combat Base, and Camp Evans. Units supported included the 3d, 4th, 9th, and 12th Marines, 1st, 2nd, and 3d Provisional 155 Ptrys, 11th Engineer Bn, MASS-2, 3d Recon Bn, FLSG-B, 3d of the 5th Cav (USA), 6th of the 33rd Arty Bn (USA), 1st of the 77th (USA), 1st and 3d Battalion's of the 5th Brigade (USA), 56th Arty Group (USA), 108th Arty Bn (USA), 1st of the 44th (USA), and the 2nd ARVN Regt. A total of 15,064,745 lbs of all classes of supplies, 4,881 passengers, and 6 medevacs were transported by 2,908 helicopter lifts from the LSAs within the 3d Marine Division AO.

Special rigging teams comprised of Battalion SNGOs and/or Officers were dispatched daily during the reporting period and supervised the rigging and lifts of 149 special lifts consisting of artillery pieces, engineer equipment, radar equipment, and other high value or unusually configured end items both to and from LSAs, fire bases, and landing zones throughout the 3d Marine Division AO.

Secondary missions accomplished included providing of security for vital defense sectors, of the Quang Tri Combat Base and Dong Ha Combat Base perimeters. Limited engineer equipment assistance was provided to both Division and Non-Division units. Marine enlisted personnel from the Battalion were deployed as part of a provisional rifle company and in support of 4th CAG units in the field.

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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 areas and to Marine units at Cua Viet.

d. Providing a Security Platoon and a Command Group for Sector G of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter defense and providing personnel for provisional rifle companies in support of 4th CAG units.

e. Providing Special Rigging Teams of Staff NCOs and/or Officers to organic and attached units of the Division to supervise helicopter external lifts and hook ups from LSAs, fire bases, and landing zones within the 3d Marine Division AO.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Helicopter Support Group ALPHA (Company "A" (Rein)) operated a landing zone within the Logistic Support Area at Quang Tri Combat Base. Also the detachment from HSG ALPHA that was deployed to LZ Wyoming at Camp Evans to provide logistic support for elements of the 12th Marines on Operation Dewey Canyon was deactivated on 13 March 1969 and was returned to their parent unit at Quang Tri Combat Base. A daily average of eight HSTs were deployed in support of 3d, 9th Marines and 2/12 units in the Dewey Canyon, 9th Marine, Maine Crag, and Montana Mauler AOs.

b. Helicopter Support Group BRAVO (Company "B" (Rein)) operated a Landing Zone within the Logistic Support Area at Vandegrift Combat Base and maintained a daily average of fourteen HSTs in support of 4th Marine and 2nd ARVN Units in the Purple Martin, 4th Marines and Maine Crag AOs.

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c. Helicopter Support Group CHARLIE (Company "C" (Rein)) operated a landing zone at Dong Ha Combat Base and maintained an average of ten HSTs in the field in support of 3d Marine Units in the Dewey Canyon and Maine Crag AOs.

d. Lifting Data Recapitulations:

<u>Weight Lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Lifts</u>
Quang Tri LSA 997,615 lbs	1,204	0	311
*LZ Wyoming, Camp Evans 307,100 lbs	0	0	46
Vandegrift LSA 13,475,490 lbs	3,492	0	2,161
Dong Ha LSA 284,540 lbs	185	6	90
Bn Total 15,064,745 lbs	4,881	6	2,908

*Deactivated on 13 March 1969

e. Special Equipment Lifts. During the month of March, special rigging teams of the Battalion supervised the lifts of 149 special items of equipment from LSAs, LZs and Fire Support Bases in the 3d Marine Division AO. Items lifted included 155mm howitzers, 105mm howitzers, generators, ART 30 forklifts, backhoes, case 450 tractors, TD-6 tractors, Conex boxes, CH-46 Helicopters, counter-mortar radar units, Comm Vans, two Ontes, one jeep, and one UH-1 Helicopter.

3. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 20; hostile: 4.

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"

1-13 March 1969 (Company (-) (Rein)) Quang Tri Combat Base

14-31 March 1969 (Company (Rein)) Quang Tri Combat Base

1-13 March 1969 (Det Co "A" (Rein)) Camp Evans

Company "B"

1-31 March 1969 (Company (-) (Rein)) Vandegrift Combat Base

1-31 March 1969 (Admin Detachment) Quang Tri Combat Base

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Company "C"

1-31 March 1969 (Company (Rein)) Dong Ha Combat Base

6. Civic Action

a. MedCaps were held in the villages of Thon Thuong, Thuong Xa, Nanh Bieu, Thach Han and at Quang Tri City Hospital by Battalion medical personnel. A total of 455 patients were treated.

7. Personnel

a. Transfers and Extensions. Seven Marine enlisted extended their overseas tours. One Marine Officer and forty Marine enlisted were joined. Three Marine Officers and forty two Marine enlisted were transferred. One Navy Officer and one Navy enlisted were joined.

b. Awards. Navy Commendation Medals w/V (6), Navy Achievement Medals w/V (9), Purple Heart Medals (3), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantrys w/silver (3), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantrys w/bronze (2).

8. Weather. Monsoon weather conditions during the reporting period didn't present any overall adverse effects on helicopterborne re-supply efforts from LSA LZs to units in the field.

9. Significant Engineer Effort. None

10. Other Significant Events.

(a) The Battalion Chaplain conducted religious services, visited hospital patients, and counseled personnel from the Battalion during the reporting period.

(b) During the reporting period a special HST was deployed by Company "A" to assist in the removal of approximately 500 tons of captured enemy rice. These personnel directed the staging, rigging, hook-up of these external rice loads and provided terminal guidance to helicopters entering and departing hasty field landing zones located within the Cache Area.

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Part IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting messages originated by 3d Shore Party Battalion are attached. This organization is not required to maintain Unit Staff Journals.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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DRAFTER _____
 SEC SP PHONE _____
 CWO _____

ROUTINE 090509 Z MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
 TO: CG, III MAF/I CORPS COORINATOR

ATTN: (G-1)

UNCLAS

A. CG, III MAF MSGE 050612Z MAR 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

2. THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION HAS THREE (3) CHARTERED CLUBS.

- (a) STAFF NCO CLUB, S-29 (QTGB)
- (b) ENLISTED MAN'S CLUB, E-29 (QTGB)
- (c) ENLISTED MAN'S CLUB, E-29A (DHCB)

3. CLUB SECRETARIES ARE:

- (a) S/SOT T.H. CARTER, 1836881 (S-29)
- (b) L/CPL A. CHAVEZ, 2402283 (E-29)
- (c) SOT S.W. WILSON, 2207204 (-29A)

THERE ARE NO MESS SECRETARIES.

4. NO CONCESSIONAIRES OR DEALERS ARE AUTHORIZED IN ANY THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION CLUB.

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO CRIME PREVENTION SURVEYS REGARDING FALSE REPORTS OF ORIGIN OF PRODUCTS.

6. CONTACT OFFICER IS FIRST LT. E.L. BLACK 0101744.

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DRAFTER _____
SIS _____
CWO _____

ROUTINE 120907 3 MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BN
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

REQUEST RELEASED

FROM: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
TO: CG, NSA PHILA
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BN

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M17A1 GAS MASK

A. CG, NSA PHILA MSG 041359Z MAR 69

1. REF: A REQUESTED FOR 4249-542-4451 (M7 MND) TO BE UTILIZED AS SUBSTITUTE IN LIEU OF FOR 4249-542-4459 90 SAFETY DOC 043556/0876/2205 QTY 4000.

2. FOR 4249-542-4451 IS AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE.

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CON _____ RELEASED BY _____ TIME _____

DRAFTER _____
SEC _____ PHONE _____
CWO _____

TO: 3D MARDIV SH
ROUTINE 140523 Z MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION
TO: THIRD MARDIV

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ATTN: SC-4

BODY ARMOR, LOWER TORSO, TAM NO. K 4004

A. CG 3D MARDIV MSG 111222Z MAR 69

1. IAW REF A, THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM ALLOWANCE FOR SUBJECT
ITEM IS 72 EA.

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DRAFTER _____
SEC _____ PHONE _____
CWO _____

ROUTINE ²¹⁰⁵⁵¹ ~~210551~~ 2 MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: USHH YOKOSUKA JAP
INFO: 3D SHORE PARTY BATTALION

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MEDICAL RECORDS OF WATTS, REGINAL L. IFC 2117105 USMC

REQUEST SP-502 (NARRATIVE SUMMARY) ON SUBJECT MARINE WHO WAS A PATIENT YOUR HOSPITAL 15-27 FEB 69. MARINE STATES HE WAS CONFINED FOR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WHILE THERE. PLEASE VERIFY IF TRUE OR FALSE.

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DRAFTER _____
SEC _____ PHONE _____
CWO _____

ROUTINE ²¹⁰⁵⁵³
~~210553~~ 2 MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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ATTN: (SC-364)

ICM REPORT

A. CG 3D MARDIV MSG 181116Z MAR 68

1. IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

<u>DODAC</u>	<u>QTY O/H LAST RPT</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>EX</u>	<u>QTY O/H END RPT</u>
G 888	30	0	0	30
B 569	216	0	0	216

GP-4

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R. G. [Signature]

TOR-250245Z MAR 69

DRAFTER _____
SEC _____ PHONE _____
CWO _____

ROUTINE _____ 2 MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG MCDEC QUANTICO
INFO: CG FMFPAC

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ATTN: DIRECTOR, MCMSSO

- A. CG MCDEC QUANTICO MSG 201841Z MAR 69
- B. THIRD SHORE PARTY BN. LTR 4/EAM/CG, 4000 OF 28 FEB 69
- 1. AS REQ BY REF A, REF B INCLUDED RUCS 13551, 13552, 13553, 13554.

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DRAFTER _____
SEC _____ PHONE _____
CWO _____

ROUTINE 3107036 2 MAR 69

FROM: THIRD SMOKE PARTY BATTALION
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG THIRD FORSEREGT

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ATTN: MRI - 829/RR

A. CG THIRD FORSEREGT MSG P220030Z MAR 69

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ONE RADIO SET AN/MRC-109 FSN 5820-912-4545
EITHER USMC NO. BE ALLOCATED THIS DIV RUC 13550.

2. AT PRESENT TWO RADIO SETS AN/MRC-109 ARE ON ORDER: ONE ON PRI 05
AND ONE ON PRI 02. UPON NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE WILL CANCEL
DOCUMENT NO. 9011-0165 ON PRI 02.

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