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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

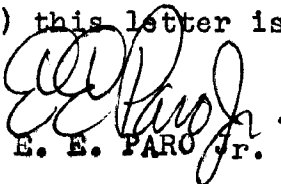
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 1969

Ref: (a) Division Order 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) 3d Shore Party Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted:

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

  
E. E. PARO Jr.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-31 August 1969

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## Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation                      Commander
- |                    |                       |                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 3d Shore Party     | Maj J.B. KNOTTS       | 1-16 August 1969  |
| Battalion          | Lt.Col. E.E. PARO Jr. | 17-31 August 1969 |
| 3d Marine Division |                       |                   |
| (-)(Rein), FMF     |                       |                   |
- Subordinate Units
- |             |                      |                  |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| H&S Company | Capt E.B. BOYLE      | 1-31 August 1969 |
| Company "A" | 1stLt J.S. NEWBY Jr. | 1-30 August 1969 |
|             | Maj W.T. RIDGEWAY    | 31 August 1969   |
| Company "B" | Maj R.S. DROST       | 1-31 August 1969 |
- Attached Units
- None
2. Location  
 1-31 August 1969  
 Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN
3. Staff Officers
- |                     |                      |                   |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Bn ExecO            | Maj R.T. SHIGLEY     | 1-31 August 1969  |
| Adj/S-1             | 2ndLt R.F. GOLEC     | 1-31 August 1969  |
| S-2/S-3/S-5         | Capt W.O. MOORE Jr.  | 1-13 August 1969  |
|                     | Capt C.E. LESHER     | 14-31 August 1969 |
| Asst S-3            | 1stLt R.W. MARX      | 1-31 August 1969  |
| S-4                 | Capt M.K. MILLIGAN   | 1-31 August 1969  |
| Asst S-4            | 1stLt A.J. BOTELHO   | 1-31 August 1969  |
| Bn Supply Officer   | 1stLt R.G. HARRIS    | 1-11 August 1969  |
|                     | 2ndLt D. BROWN       | 13-31 August 1969 |
| Comm Officer        | Capt E.B. BOYLE      | 1-31 August 1969  |
| M. T. Officer       | MSgt D.F. FENNEL     | 1-31 August 1969  |
| Heavy Equip Officer | MSgt R.C. MORAN      | 1-31 August 1969  |
| Bn Surgeon          | Lt.USN J.C. COSMIDES | 1-31 August 1969  |
| Bn Chaplain         | Lt.USN R.A. CRIST    | 1-31 August 1969  |

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4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
17	310	2	15	0	1

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## Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview. During the reporting period, 3d Shore Party Battalion participated in or supported 3d Marine Division, U.S. Army, and 2nd ARVN units tactical operations in the Mai Loc, Arlington Canyon, Iroquois Grove, Idaho Canyon, Georgia Tar, 3d Recon, and 3d Marine Division AO's.

2. Command Relations. No significant change.

3. Missions. 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, 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 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, and to Marine units at CUA VIET.

d. Providing special rigging teams of Officers and/or Staff NCO's to supervise helicopter external lifts and hook ups from LLZ's, fire bases, and Landing Zones within the 3d Marine Division AO.

4. Operations

a. Helicopter Support Group Alpha (Company "A" (Rein)) operated landing zones within the Logistic Support Area at Quang Tri Combat Base and maintained a daily average of 5 HST's in support of the 3d and 12th Marine units in the Idaho Canyon AO.

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 10 HST's in support of the 4th and 12th Marines, and 2nd ARVN units in the Arlington Canyon, Idaho Canyon, and Georgia Tar AO's.

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C. Special rigging teams comprised of Battalion Officers and/or SNCO's were dispatched daily during the reporting period and supervised the rigging of forty-six special lifts consisting of artillery pieces, engineer equipment, generators, counter mortar radar units, and other high value or unusually configured end items both to and from LLZ's, fire bases, and landing zones throughout the 3d Marine Division AO.

5. Results of Operations

## a. Lifting Data Recapitulation:

	<u>Weight Lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Lifts</u>
Quang Tri LLZ	9,475 lbs	171	0	161
Vandegrift LLZ	7,591,600 lbs	3,447	0	2,191
Bn Total	7,601,075 lbs	3,618	0	2,352

b. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 7; Hostile: 46. Civic Action

a. Medcaps were held in the villages of Nahm Bieu and NHU LE by Battalion medical personnel. A total of 364 patients were treated.

b. Bricks, cement, and sand are being furnished to the people of Nahm Bieu for a Information/PSYOPS Center in their hamlet. The construction of the project is being accomplished by Vietnamese laborers.

7. Personnel and Administration

a. Transfers and Extensions. Two Marine enlisted extended their over-seas tours. Twenty eight Marine enlisted and four Marine officers joined. Thirty two Marine enlisted, five Navy enlisted, four Marine officers, and two Navy officers were transferred.

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b. Awards

(1)	Navy Commendation	4
(2)	Navy Achievement	2
(3)	Purple Heart	4
(4)	Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star	2

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1. 16 August 1969, Lt. Col. E. E. PARO Jr. assumed Command of 3d Shore Party Battalion.
2. 31 August 1969, Battalion area suffered damage as a result of two 122mm rocket rounds on the evening of 31 August. CO/ExecO office and the Sgt. Maj's hut were heavily damaged. Minor damage was sustained to approximately six other sea huts. Minor damage to several pieces of Motor Transport equipment was sustained. No vehicles or heavy equipment were deadlined as a result of the rocket attack.

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## Part IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

ORIGINATED MESSAGES from  
3d Shore Party Battalion for August 1969

- ✓1. 010521 Combat Loss of Equipment
- ✓2. 010523 Rice and Ordnance Cache Report
- ✓3. 010525 Deadline of Crew Served Wpns and M-79 Grenade Launchers, report of
- ✓4. 060716 Request Release *MILSTRIP Cancellation*
- ✓5. 060718 Request Release *L/Cpl David W. Nason*
- ✓6. 100521 Rice and Ordnance Cache Report
- ✓7. 120640 Request Release *L/Cpl Z.G. Brewer*
- ✓8. 130510 Request Release *Receipt of msg*
- ✓9. 130510 Request Release *Dupl of #8*
- ✓10. 150509 Deadline of Crew Served Wpns and M-79 Grenade Launchers, report of
- ✓11. 170517 Rice and Ordnance Cache Report
- ✓12. 210630 Request Release *MILSTRIP Requisition for Modification Kit*
- ✓13. 240537 Rice and Ordnance Cache Report
- ✓14. 240816 Request Release *Status of Cpl David W. Nason*

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ROUTINE 010521 Z AUG 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REIN) FMF

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ATTN: AC OF S G-4

COMBAT LOSS OF EQUIPMENT

A. DIVO 4400.16A

1. IAW REFERENCE A, A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD  
0000H 1 AUGUST TO 2400 31 AUGUST 1969.

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ROUTINE 010525 Z AUG 69

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FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) PMF

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RICE AND ORDNANCE CACHE REPORT

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 290744Z JAN 69 (C)

1. IAW REF A, A NEGATIVE REPORT IS HERewith SUBMITTED.

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PRIORITY 010525 1 AUG 69

FROM: THIRD SEASIDE PARTY BATTALION  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION (-) (NRIN)

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ATTN: (SO-8)

HEADLINE OF CREW SERVED WPMS AND M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, REPORT OF

A. CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION MSG 230234Z FEB 69 (C)

1. IN REF A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

ITEM	AUTH	Q/N	NO. D/L NOTE #1	TOT OVER	T/E DEFICIENCIES NOTE #2
M-60 MACHINE GUN	10	9	1	8	1
M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER	14	15	0	15	1
M-2 50 CAL MACHINE GUN	6	3	1	2	3

NOTE #1: ONE M-60 MACHINE GUN EVAC TO FLSC-B FOR UPDATE OF MODIFICATIONS, ZERO NO. 0-0075.

ONE M-2 50 CAL MACHINE GUN EVAC TO FLSC-B FOR BURRED BOLT AND POSSIBLE LOOSE BLACK THROUN, ZERO NO. 9-0373.

NOTE #2:

FILE	DOC. NO.	QTY	PRI	LEN	STATUS
1005-605-7710	9238-2212	1	02	NCL	NONE
1010-691-1382	9238-2290	1	05	NCL	NONE
1005-726-5636	9080-9990	1	02	NFB	SKIPPED
	9151-6716	1	02	NCL	NONE
	9240-2376	1	02	NCL	NONE

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ROUTINE 060716 2 AUG 69

FROM: CO, THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CO, THIRD MARINE DIVISION (RKN), FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CO, THIRD MARINE DIVISION (RKN), FMF  
TO: CO, FORLOGGEND  
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

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MILSTRIP CANCELLATION

1. AGL/MEL/T/3845-856-5342/PA/10002/K13554/7201/5256/A/L/EE/C/  
BLNK/BLNK/892/12/BLNK/LA 900002100000

FORKLIFT ASSEMBLY P/LOADER SCOOP

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ROUTINE 0209718 MAY 69

FROM: 3D SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) PMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) PMF  
TO: MARKS NAVSTA SERRAN  
INFO: USNS RS DES MOINES IOWA  
CG MARCONE CAMP BUTLER  
3D SHORE PARTY BN

UNCLAS

LCPL DAVID W. NASON 2380034/1345

1. SUBJECT MARINE DEPARTED ON 7APR69 FOR CONUS 30 DAYS SPECIAL LEAVE. WHILE  
NMR 1ST AMTRAC BN. LV ADD NR #2, HOPKINTON, IOWA. NMR HAS NOT RPT BACK  
PARENT COMMAND. NMR ASSUME IN UA STATUS.  
PLEASE ADVISE

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ROUTINE 100521 2 AUG 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) FMF

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 290744Z JAN 69 (C)

1. IAW REF A, A NEGATIVE REPORT IS HEREWITH SUBMITTED.

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ROUTINE 120640 Z AUG69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN), FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN), FMF  
TO: CG MARCORS CAMP BUTLER  
INFO: THIRD SPEN

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LCPL Z. J. BREUER 242 42 33/1381

1. SHM DEP THIS COMMAND FOR CAMP HANSEN FOR 30 DAYS TAD IN CONNECTION WITH MCO SCOL ON 18JUN69. NO INFO RECD TO INDICATE REASON FOR NONRETURN. PARENT ORG ASSUME IN A UA STATUS. PLEASE ADVISE.

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PRIORITY 130510 2 AUG69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN), FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG, THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN), FMF  
TO: COMUSMACV  
INFO: THIRD SPBN

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A. 101645Z AUG 69

1. RECEIPT OF REF (A) ACKNOWLEDGED

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PRIORITY 150509 2 AUGUST 69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
 TO: CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION (-) (NRIN)

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ATTN: (SC-8)

DEADLINE OF CREW SERVED WPNS AND M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, REPORT OF

A. CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION MSG 230234Z FEB 69 (C)

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>NO.</u> <u>D/L</u> <u>NOTE #1</u>	<u>TOT</u> <u>OPEN</u>	<u>T/E</u> <u>DEFICIENCIES</u> <u>NOTE #2</u>
M-60 MACHINE GUN	10	10	2	8	0
M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER	16	16	0	16	0
M-2 50 CAL MACHINE GUN	6	4	1	3	2

NOTE #1: TWO (2) M-60 MACHINE GUNS EVAC TO FLSC-B FOR UPDATE OF MODIFICATIONS, TERO NO. 0-0075 AND 0-0076.

ONE M-2 50 CAL MACHINE GUN EVAC TO FLSC-B FOR BURNED BOLT AND POSSIBLE LOOSE BLOCK THRUWICH, TERO NO. 9-0373.

NOTE #2:

<u>FSN</u>	<u>DOC. NO.</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>LKH</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1005-726-5636	9020-9990	1	02	MCI	SHIPPED
	9151-6774	1	02	MCI	NONE

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ROUTINE 170507 Z AUG 69

BRAPTR \_\_\_\_\_  
SEC \_\_\_\_\_ FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
CWO \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (RKN) FMF

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 290744Z JAN 69 (C)

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ROUTINE 240537 Z AUG 69

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TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) FMF

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RICE AND ORDNANCE CACHE REPORT

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 290744Z JAN 69 (C)

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ROUTINE 240816 Z AUG69

FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CO, THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CO THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) FMF  
TO: MARINES NAVSTA SFPM  
INFO: CMC  
USMC RS DES MOINES, IOWA  
CO MARCORB CAMP BUTLER  
3D SHORE PARTY BN

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STATUS OF CPL DAVID W. NELSON 236 OO 34/1315

A. CO THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) MSG 071355H AUG69

1. REF A REQUESTED INFO ON SSM WHO DEPARTED RVN ON 7APR69 FOR 30 DAYS SPECIAL LEAVE, TO DATE NO REPLY RECEIVED FOR REASON OF NONRETURN THIS COMMAND. REQUEST ADTAK.

2. LV AND RE#2, HOPINGTON, IOWA

OCN 2522 RELEASED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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