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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 the period 1-30 September 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) 3d MarDivO 5750.1C

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

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.

2. This letter is unclassified upon the removal of enclosure (1).

  
E. E. PARO, Jr.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1-30 September 1969

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	
3d Shore Party Battalion	Lt. Col. E. E. PARO, Jr.	1-30 Sep 1969
3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMF		
	<u>Subordinate Units</u>	
H&S Company	Capt. E.B. BOYLE	1-23 Sep 1969
	1stLt. J. MIRANDA	24-30 Sep 1969
Company "A"	Maj. W.T. RIDGEWAY	1-16 Sep 1969
	Maj. R.S. DROST	17-30 Sep 1969
Company "B"	Maj. R.S. DROST	1-16 Sep 1969
	Maj. W.T. RIDGEWAY	17-30 Sep 1969
	<u>Attached Units</u>	
None		
<u>2. Location</u>		
1-30 September 1969		
Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN and Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN		
<u>3. Staff Officers</u>		
Bn ExecO	Maj. R.T. SHIGLEY	1-30 Sep 1969
Adj/S-1	2ndLt. R.F. GOLEC	1-30 Sep 1969
S-2/S-3/S-5	Capt. C.E. LESHIER	1-30 Sep 1969
Asst S-3	1stLt. R.W. MARX	1-29 Sep 1969
	CWO-2 H.O. BRAYTON	30 Sep 1969
S-4	Capt. M.K. MILLIGAN	1-30 Sep 1969
Asst S-4	1stLt. A.J. BOTELHO	1-30 Sep 1969
Bn Supply Officer	2ndLt. D. BROWN	1-30 Sep 1969
Comm Officer	Capt. E.B. BOYLE	1-30 Sep 1969
MT/Hvy Equip Plat Cndr	MSgt. R.C. MORAN	1-6 Sep 1969
	1stLt. J. MIRANDA	7-30 Sep 1969
Bn Surgeon	Lt. USN J.C. COSMIDES	1-28 Sep 1969
	Lt. USN D. BRANCATO	29-30 Sep 1969
Bn Chaplain	Lt. USN R.A. CHRIST	1-30 Sep 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	14	0	1

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview. During the reporting period, the 3d Shore Party Battalion supported 3d Marine Division, U.S. Army, and 2nd ARVN Regt. tactical operations in the 3d Marine Division AO. The operations supported included: Arlington Canyon, Iroquois Grove, Idaho Canyon, and Georgia Tar.

2. Command Relations. No significant change.

3. Missions. General support of the 3d Marine Division by:

a. Operating and maintaining Helicopter Loading Zones for the movement of equipment, personnel, and supplies to Division, U.S. Army, and ARVN units operating in the Division AO.

b. Providing Helicopter Support Sections to the infantry and artillery units of the Division down to the Company/Battery level.

c. Providing limited engineer equipment support to Division and U.S. Army units located at Quang Tri Combat Base and Dong Ha Combat Base. Additionally, like support was provided to Marine units at Gua Viet.

d. Providing special rigging teams of officers and/or Staff NCO's to supervise the rigging of unusually configured or high value items for lift.

4. Operations

a. Helicopter Support Team Alpha (Company "A" (Rein)) operated the Helicopter Loading Zone at Quang Tri Combat Base and maintained a daily average of five HSS's in support of 3d and 12th Marine units in the Idaho Canyon operation. On 23 September 1969 this unit assumed the responsibility for providing all HSS's and conducting helicopter resupply operations in the 3d Marine Division AO.

b. Helicopter Support Team Bravo (Company "B" (Rein)) operated a Helicopter Loading Zone at Vandegrift Combat Base and maintained a daily average of eight HSS's in support of the 4th and 12th Marines, plus 2nd ARVN units in the Arlington Canyon, Idaho Canyon, and Georgia Tar operations. Resupply operations were secured at Vandegrift Combat Base on 22 September 1969 when HST Bravo returned to Quang Tri Combat Base to prepare for embarkation with RLT 3.

c. Special rigging teams comprised of Battalion Officers and/or SNCO's were dispatched daily during the reporting period and supervised the rigging of 70 special lifts, consisting of artillery pieces, engineer equipment,

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generators, counter mortar radar units, and other high value or unusually configured end items both to and from Fire Support Bases and LZ's throughout the 3d Marine Division AO.

5. Results of Operationsa. Lifting Data Recapitulation:

	<u>Weight Lifted</u>	<u>Passengers</u>	<u>Medevacs</u>	<u>Lifts</u>
Quang Tri LZ	702,800 lbs	183	0	129
Vandegrift LZ	4,404,000 lbs	1,077	4	2,482
Bn Total	5,106,800 lbs	1,260	4	2,611

b. Casualties Sustained. Non-hostile: 12; Hostile: 2.6. Civic Action

a. MedCaps were held in the villages of Nhan Bieu and Nhu Le by Battalion medical personnel. A total of 75 patients were treated.

b. The construction of the Info/PSYOPS Center at Nhan Bieu was completed on 30 September 1969.

7. Personnel and Administration

a. Transfers and Extensions. No Marines extended their overseas tours. Three Marine Officers, 21 Marine enlisted, two Navy Officers, and five Navy enlisted were joined, while two Marine Officers, 25 Marine enlisted, no Navy Officers, and one Navy enlisted were transferred.

b. Awards

(1) Navy-Marine Corps Medal	1
(2) Purple Heart	2
(3) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star	1

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 1-2 September 1969, Battalion cantonment suffered damages as a result of Typhoon Doris.
2. 22 September 1969, operations at Vandegrift Combat Base Helicopter Loading Zone terminated. "B" Company relocated to Quang Tri Combat Base.
3. 23 September 1969, received official warning order on the redeployment of the remainder of the Battalion. Helicopter resupply operations commenced at Quang Tri Combat Base by "A" Company (Rein).
4. 28 September 1969, the Battalion lost one (1) M-109 Radio Jeep and one (1) M-151 Jeep as a result of enemy rockets. No personnel casualties resulted.

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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 September 1969

- ✓ 1. 040505 Communications Officer Conference
- ✓ 2. 050541 Storm Damage
- ✓ 3. 080503 Rice and Ordnance Cache Report
- ✓ 4. 100531 Generator 600 Series
- ✓ 5. 150503 Deadline of Crew Served Weapons and M-79 Grenade Launchers,  
Report of
- ✓ 6. 180111 Request Release
- ✓ 7. 180113 Request Release
- ✓ 8. 180115 Request Release
- ✓ 9. 220550 Request Release
- ✓ 10. 220552 Request Release
- ✓ 11. 270509 Request Release
- ✓ 12. 270511 Search for Lost Weapons



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ROUTINE 040505Z SEP 69

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

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COMM OFFICER CONFERENCE

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 312222Z AUG 69

1. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REF A.

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ROUTINE 050546 2 SEPT 69

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

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STORM DAMAGE

A. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 030302Z SEPT 69

1. PURSUANT TO REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF STORM DAMAGE IS SUBMITTED:

A. 5 FT

B. 3 FULL SIZED SEAHUTS - COLLAPSED

1 HALF SIZED SEAHUT - ROOF BLOWN OFF

1 FULL SIZED SEAHUT - MINOR DAMAGE TO ROOF

1 SNCO SHOWER - MINOR DAMAGE TO ROOF

1 STAGE - MINOR DAMAGE TO ROOF

1 CHAPEL - MINOR DAMAGE TO ROOF, STEEPLE BLOWN OFF

1 MESSEHALL - FIRE RESULTING IN MINOR DAMAGE. CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL SHORT.

3 HEADS - BLOWN OVER

1 MAX SHELTER (QTL2) - EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO ROOF

3 G.P. TENTS - BLOWN OVER AND TORN

C. NEGATIVE

D. NEGATIVE

E. ONE AS-2236/GRC DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA BLOWN OVER

F. CULVERTS UNDER ROAD LEADING TO BN C.P. DISMOUNT POINT ARE INADEQUATE  
 RESULTING IN A FLOOD THREAT AND PARTIAL WASHOUT OF ROAD.

G. TRIAGE BUNKER - 2 EXTERIOR SAND BAG WALLS COLLAPSED

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ROUTINE 080503 Z SEP 69

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

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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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ROUTINE 100531 Z SEPT 69

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

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ATTN: AC OF S, G-4

GENERATOR 600 SERIES

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 051228Z SEPT 69

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOC. NO.</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>DATE GA CARD SUBMITTED</u>	<u>DATE GB CARD SUBMITTED</u>
FU-694	9231-2089	02	2	9242	9222
FU-667	9231-2090	02	12	9242	9222

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PRIORITY 150503 2 SEPT 69

FM: THIRD SEABOARD PARTY BATTALION  
 TO: CG, THIRD MARINE DIVISION (-)(REIN)

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ATTN: (SC-8)

DEADLINE OF CREW SERVED WPMS 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:

ITEM	AUTH	Q/H	NO. D/L	TOT		T/E	
				OPER	NOTE #1	DEFICIENCIES	NOTE #2
M-60 MACHINE GUN	10	9	0	9		1	
M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER	16	15	1	14		1	
M-2 50 CAL MACHINE GUN	6	3	0	3		3	

NOTE #1: ONE M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER EVAC TO FLSC-2 FOR REPAIR OF SIGHTS,  
 TERO NO. 80-0909-0

NOTE #2:

FSN	DOC. NO.	QTY	PRI	LKR	STATUS
1005-605-7710	9238-2212	1	02	MC1	NONE
1010-691-1382	9238-2290	1	05	MC1	NONE
1005-726-5636	9020-9990	1	02	MPB	SHIPPED
	9151-6774	1	02	MC1	NONE
	9240-2378	1	02	MC1	NONE

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SEC SUP	PHONE 21
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ROUTINE 180111 Z SEP 69

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

## REQUEST RELEASE

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

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## MILSTRIP REQUISITION

A. THIRD FORSERVREPT MSG #13113 Z SEP 69

1. IAW REF A, THE BELOW LISTED REQUISITION IS RETRANSMITTED.

2. A01/M01/T/5186-633-6233/KT/00002/M13556/9238/2222/M/Y/COMM/E/  
BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/LA ~~010002101000~~

KIT, MODIFICATION, AM/USM-15, SI-300131A, PAGE 2, ITEM 22, DTD:AUG 69

3. REQN IS FOR NON-SERIALIZED END ITEM. REQUEST SUPPLY ACTION BE CONTINUED.

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ROUTINE 184113 2 SEP 69

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

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG, THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN), PMF  
TO: CG, MCSA PHILA  
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION

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MILSTRIP CANCELLATION

A. CG, MCSA PHILA MSG 101843Z SEP 69

1. IAW REF A THE BELOW LISTED CANCELLATION IS SUBMITTED.

2. ACL/MPB/T/2414-886-8441/EA/00003/M13556/9107/5157/M/RE/C/BLNK/  
BLNK/892/12/BLNK/LA 9D0A21K2000

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SEC SUP PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
CWO \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTINE 180115 Z SEP 69

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

REQUEST RELEASE

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

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CONFIRMATION OF REQUIREMENTS

- A. ADVN MCSA PHILA MSG 051502 Z SEP 69  
B. DOC ML3550/9149/6716 FSN 5820-296-1249 QTY 2 EA

1. IAW REF A, REQUIREMENTS CITED BY REF B CONFIRMED. ITEM AND QUANTITY STILL REQUIRED.

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ROUTINE 220554 Z SEPT 69FROM: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION  
TO: CG, THIRD MANDIV (-) (REIN), FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM: CG, THIRD MANDIV (-) (REIN), FMF  
TO: CG, III MAF  
INFO: THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION~~USMC~~ CONFIDENTIAL NR

MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT

A. CG, III MAF 1180016Z SEPT 69 (C)

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

USMC NO.INFO

309009

PLACED MAINT FLOAT ON 21 JAN 68

308959

CODE H LTR OF 1 APR 69

309013

CODE H LTR OF 7 MAR 69

308987

NO RECORD

308968

NO RECORD

309006

NO RECORD

303982

NO RECORD

309011

NO RECORD

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CCN

RELEASED BY

TIME

22-055

DRAFTER RJT  
 SEC SUP PHONE 21  
 CWO

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

REQUEST RELEASE

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

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CONTROLLED ITEMS REPORTING

- A. MCO 4440.19D
- B. WE7 ERROR CARD DOC M13550/7257/0007
- C. WE7 ERROR CARD DOC M13550/8207/1372

REPORT DIRECTED BY REF A, COMPLETED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

NO RECORD OF REQUISITION TO SUPPORT REF B.  
 NO RECORD OF REQUISITION TO SUPPORT REF C.

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DRAFTER 3/CEL/r11  
 SEC S-3 PHONE SP S-3  
 CWO \_\_\_\_\_

PRIORITY 270509Z SEP69

FROM: CO, THIRD SP BN  
 TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (-)(REIN)

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TASK ORGANIZATION

A. DIVO 3100.D

1. FOLLOWING RPT FWD IAW REF (A):

<u>SUB-UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
H&S Co	QTCE	9/189
Co "A"	QTCE	4/60
Co "B"	QTCE	5/58

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ROUTINE 2705-11 2 SEP 69

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

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SEARCH FOR LOST WEAPON

A. CO, THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN), FMF MSG 100730 SEP 69

AS REQUESTED BY REF: A, SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED FOR LOST RIFLE M-16. WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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