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Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 October to 31
October 1967

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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October to 31 October 1967

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Headquarters Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

Col G. E. JERUE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Captain T. C. BAILEY

Service Company

1stLt D. R. SYKES

Communications Company

LtCol J. M. CUMMINGS

Military Police Company

Maj G. W. GEYER

Sub Unit #2

1stLt R. J. CRANDALL

Sub Unit #4

LtCol R. J. KELLER
(1-15Oct67)

Maj P. E. ROUSH
(16-31Oct67)

Sub Unit #5

1stLt R. P. HORNE

2. LOCATION

1-31 October 1967: Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam (Less Sub Unit #2, Dong Ha, RVN, Sub Unit #5, Khe Sanh, RVN).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol F. J. HEATH

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt C. RIGGS

Assistant Adjutant

1stLt W. A. MOORE

Operations/Logistics Officer

Capt J. W. SCHILM
(1-6Oct67)

Maj W. D. ISBELL
(7-31Oct67)

Motor Transport Officer

Supply Officer

Surgeon

Chaplain

1st Lt W. R. ARATA

2d Lt B. A. HALL

Lt H. D. JORDAN (USNR)

LtCmdr T. J. MCDERMOTT
(1-11 Oct 67)

Lt H. T. JONES
(12-22 Oct 67)

LtCmdr B. G. FILMYER
(23 -31 Oct 67)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
228	1884	11	42

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR during this period. Location of major elements are as follows:

Phu Bai

Headquarters Company (-)
Service Company (-) (Rein)
Communications Company (-) (Rein)
Military Police Company (-)

Dong Ha

Sub Unit #2

Khe Sanh

Sub Unit #5

2. Unit Activities/Events.

a. During the month of October, the construction of new personnel bunkers was started throughout the Battalion area. Old bunkers were found to be inadequate in number, size, and type of construction. Many were dug partially below ground, which resulted in them filling with water during wet weather. The new twenty-man bunkers are built above ground level, and are covered with one layer of pierced-steel planking and two layers of sandbags. This project was approximately eighty-percent completed by the end of the month.


b. Construction of alternate and supplementary positions in "B" Sector of the Phu Bai Vital Area perimeter was commenced. This project was approximately fifty-percent completed by the end of the month.

c. Construction of the new Enlisted Club was completed, and it was opened for business on 28 October.

d. The Officers Club was temporarily moved to a more convenient location, awaiting completion of the new club being constructed behind the new Officers billeting area. A Battalion recreation room is being established in the building formerly occupied by the Officers Club.

e. An additional twenty-five Local National Civilian laborers were hired and are being used in coordination with the Vital Area Defense Coordinator to improve defenses throughout the Phu Bai Vital Area.

f. By improving storage methods in the Battalion Supply bulk storage warehouse it was possible to discontinue the use of two



tents formerly required for storage of supplies.

g. The City of Hue was inspected for black market activities by the Provost Marshal on two separate occasions during this period. Black market volume continues to decline, and prices have remained stable.

h. Construction of SEA huts for billeting the Military Police Company was completed and the Company was moved in by the end of the month.

i. One awards ceremony was conducted. Major General HOCHMUTH presented the following awards: 1 Air Medal, 1 Navy Commendation Medal and 18 Purple Hearts.

j. The Combined Action Group was activated as a separate unit under III MAF. This resulted in a significant decrease in the number of personnel in Sub Unit #4.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat missions assigned.

- (1) Complete support of the Division Command Post
 (2) Defense of Sector "B" of the Phu Bai Vital Area Defense Perimeter.
 (3) Manning two blocking positions as required inside the Phu Bai Vital Area.
 (4) Furnishing security details for convoys as required.
 (5) Furnishing security for road clearance/mine sweep details.
 (6) Maintaining two Vital Area Reaction Companies for employment as required by the Vital Area Defense Coordinator.
 (7) Performing Military Police functions as required throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR.

b. Significant Operations Conducted. Nonec. Casualties inflicted on the enemy. Noned. Casualties sustained:

<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>Injury, non-battle</u>		<u>Death, non-battle</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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e. New techniques employed. Nonef. Command relations. Satisfactory

g. Equipment. Information was received indicating that distribution will soon be made of the second increment of M-16 rifles in accordance with MCO 8370.13.

h. Logistics. The high deadline rate of motor vehicles continued to be the most significant logistics problem. The M422A1 vehicle in particular has proven to be extremely difficult to keep in operating condition. The unavailability of required repair parts is the primary cause of the vehicle deadline situation.

i. Civic action. Nothing significant.

j. Administration. Commanding General, III MAF message 140536Z Oct67 (c) activated the 3d Combined Action Group (CAG) effective 160001 October 1967. Marine personnel, less October and November rotatees, from Sub Unit #4, Headquarters Battalion totaling 8 officers and 360 enlisted were transferred.

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on 15 October to III MAF to form the nucleus of 3d CAG, Phu Bai. Personnel remaining in Sub Unit #4 totaled 1 officer and 16 enlisted. These remaining personnel continue to function as members of CAG. Through normal attrition the Sub Unit will be reduced to zero strength by 30 November.

k. Personnel: 28 officers and 261 enlisted were rotated to CONUS during the period. 46 officers and 203 enlisted were joined in the battalion during the period.

l. Intelligence. Nothing Significant.

m. Communications. Nothing Significant.

n. Weather. Nothing Significant.

o. Fire support. Nothing Significant.

p. Air support. Nothing Significant.

q. Activations/deactivations/redesignations. As stated in paragraph j. above.

r. Personnel services.

(1) Postal. Approximately 10,000 pounds of mail was processed during this report period.

(2) Medical. No significant activities. 1143 outpatient cases, 24 refractions, 312 lab tests, 28 cases referred to higher echelon, 11 physicals, 503 immunizations, 38 screening physicals for Kit Carson Scouts and local civilian employees.

(3) Special Services. Each member of the Command was issued a sweatshirt furnished by Division Special Services

(4) Chaplain. Nothing significant.

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 PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None


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