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Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

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

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Headquarters Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Col G. E. JERUE

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt R. L. JOHNSON

Service Company

Capt D. R. SYKES

Communications Company

LtCol J. D. HINES

Military Police Company

Maj G. W. GEYER

Sub Unit #2

LtCol G. F. MEYERS

Sub Unit #5

Capt R. P. HORNE

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 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

Maj W. D. ISBELL

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt C. RIGGS

Assistant Adjutant

1stLt J. V. FISHER Jr.

Operations/Logistics Officer

Maj W. D. ISBELL
(1-16 Dec 1967)Maj R. I. JAMES
(17-31 Dec 1967)

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt T. J. GLEASON

Supply Officer

2dLt B. A. HALL

Surgeon

Lt H. D. JORDAN (USNR)

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Chaplain

Lt H. T. JONES
(1-28 Dec 1967)

LtCmdr D. F. FOGARTY
(29-31 Dec 1967)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
244	1627

USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
11	22

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

<u>Phu Bai</u>	Headquarters Company (-) Service Company (-) Communications Company (-) Military Police Company (-)
<u>Dong Ha</u>	Sub Unit #2
<u>Khe Sanh</u>	Sub Unit #5

2. Unit Activities/Events

a. Continued improvement was made in the established street system in the Headquarters Battalion Area.

b. A total of ten (10) vehicular accidents were investigated by the Military Police during this reporting period. Ten accidents occurred in the Phu Bai area, resulting in one (1) Marine fatality and seven (7) minor injuries. Total property damage caused by vehicular accidents in the Phu Bai area is estimated at \$2,963.00. The consolidated monthly total for property damage is \$2,963.00.

c. The city of Hue was inspected for Black-market activities on several occasions during December. There were no changes in Black-market volume and prices have remained stable.

d. Planning was commenced for the displacement of the Division Command group to the Forward Command Post at Dong Ha. Completion of the move is expected by 10 January, 1968.

e. Various items of communications equipment were moved to Dong Ha during December in order to support the planned move of the Command group.

f. The Division Communications Center was relocated to a bunker next to the Command Post bunker at Phu Bai. This has the effect of providing the Commander with a more secure communications capability.

g. Both the new Officers Club and the new SNCO Club opened during the month.

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The larger and more complete facilities will provide a better measure of relaxation for the Officers and SNCO's of this command as well as the many transients who visit here.

h. A new SNCO mess was opened during the month. The new mess is larger and better equipped to provide a full range of food service to the large number of SNCO's in the Battalion.

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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.
- (3) Manning two blocking positions as required inside the Phu Bai Defense Perimeter.
- (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 AO.

b. Significant Operations Conducted. Nonec. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. Noned. Casualties Sustained:

KIA		WIA		Injury, non-battle		Death, non-battle	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
0	0	0	3	0	5	0	0

e. New Techniques Employed. Nonef. Command Relations. Satisfactoryg. Equipment. Distribution of the 2nd Increment of M-16A1 rifles is still in effect at this time.

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 deadline situation.

i. Civic Action. On 23 December 1967, a Christmas party was held for the children of Chiet Bi Ha hamlet, just adjacent to "B" Sector of the Perimeter. Approximately 300 toys were distributed and refreshments were served. A small MedCap was held and 33 civilians were treated.

j. Administration. A study was conducted as to the feasibility of relieving Sub Unit #5 of the responsibility of base functions at Khe Sanh and thus bring the unit to zero strength. Through liaison

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with the G-1, 26th Marines and this Headquarters, recommendations were submitted to Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force. III Marine Amphibious Force concurring in the recommendation will provide 4 officers and 24 enlisted men as a regimental headquarters with augmentation of 1 officer and 8 enlisted from this headquarters. It is anticipated that Sub Unit #5 will be reduced to zero strength about 10 January 1968. Those personnel in excess of the augmentation requirement will be reassigned within Headquarters Battalion.

k. Personnel. 23 officers and 220 enlisted were rotated to CONUS during this period. 38 officers and 265 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/Resignations. None
- r. Personnel Services

(1) Postal. Approximately 16,000 pounds of mail were processed during the period of this report.

- (2) Medical. Nothing significant.
- (3) Special Services. Nothing Significant.
- (4) Chaplain. Nothing significant.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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