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Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 June to 30 June 1968

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1968

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PART 1  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Headquarters Battalion  
3d Marine Division(Rein) FMF

LtCol E. A. DEPTULA

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt W. F. HURLEY

Service Company

Capt J. GEISKE

Communications Company

LtCol J. D. HINES

Military Police Company

Maj G. W. GEYER

2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1968: Quang Tri, Republic of Viet Nam (Less  
Communications Company, Dong Ha, RVN)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol E.F. VOZELLA

S-1/Adjutant

Capt C. RIGGS

Assistant Adjutant

1stLt J. V. FISHER Jr

Operations/Logistics Officer

Capt C. B. HARTZELL

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt A. E. DOSS Jr

Supply Officer

1stLt B. A. HALL

Surgeon

Lt C. C. WILSON(USNR)

(1-9 June 1968)

Lt M.W.K. ROTHMUND(USNR)

(10-30 June 1968)

Chaplain

Cmdr A.E. PHILLIPS(USN)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
264	1720	13	22

Enclosure ( 1 )

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division Area of Operation during this period. The location of major elements is as follows:

Quang Tri

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

Dong Ha

Sub Unit #2 (-)  
Communications Company (-)

2. Unit activities/events

a. On 2 June Operation SURE hosted the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines and on 3 and 4 June the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in Operation SURE. On 16 and 17 June Operation SURE hosted 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. On 19 and 20 June 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines utilized the facilities of Operation SURE.

b. On 22 June Headquarters Battalion assumed OpCon of "F" and "H" Companies of 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines. Their mission was to provide security for the new ASP being constructed at Quang Tri Combat Base. On 25 June Headquarters Battalion chopped OpCon of "F" and "H" Companies, 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines. On 25 June Headquarters Battalion assumed OpCon of "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines whose mission was also to provide security for the new ASP. On 28 June Headquarters Battalion chopped OpCon of "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines back to Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. On 28 June Headquarters Battalion assumed OpCon of "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines who relieved "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines on the new ASP security.

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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) Furnishing security details for road clearance/mine sweep details.
- (2) Maintaining two vital area reaction companies for employment as required.
- (3) Performing Military Police functions as required throughout the 3d Marine Division Area of Operation.
- (4) Responsible for maintaining Sector H of the perimeter defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.
- (5) Responsible for maintaining security forces for new ASP at Quang Tri Combat Base during those periods when Headquarters Battalion assumed OpCon of those units tasked with this mission.

b. Significant Operations Conducted

Continued Operation SURE in accordance with CG, 3d MarDiv msg 290837Z May 1968.

c. Casualties Inflicted on the enemy. None.d. Casualties Sustained

KIA		WIA		Injury, non-battle		Death, non-battle		MIA	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</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>
1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0

e. New Techniques Employed. None.f. Command Relations. Satisfactory.

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g. Equipment. The high dead-line rate of 2½ ton vehicles has seriously hampered the combat support missions of this Battalion. Extensive use of the Red Ball System has partially alleviated this condition. Replacement of the M422A1 vehicles with M151 vehicles is continuing.

h. Logistics. Headquarters Battalion continues to support various units throughout Northern I Corps. Task Force Hotel has been provided with vehicles and items of housekeeping supplies and equipment.

i. Civic Action. Local indigenous workers have been employed by Headquarters Battalion to assist in completion of the protective sandbag wall project within the Battalion area.

j. Administration. Sub Unit #2 reduced to zero strength on 3 June 1968. Personnel reassigned to appropriate companies within Headquarters Battalion in order to reduce an administrative workload at an isolated area.

k. Personnel

(1) During June, 327 personnel were joined and 249 were transferred from this Battalion.

(2) Casualties

(a) WIA Enlisted - SSgt John Roger RILEY 1555785/0161 USMC, Headquarters Company, 1430, 18 June 1968, vicinity of Cua Viet River. Received shrapnel wounds in left forearm from an enemy explosive (Arty) device while participating in an operation against hostile forces. Condition listed as good and prognosis also good. Treated at Headquarters, 4th Marines, BAS.

(b) Injury Non-Battle Enlisted - LCpl Carl D. CARTER 2356897/2575 USMC, Headquarters Company, 15 June 1968, 1130, vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base, received Gun Shot wound. Lacerations of scalp caused by accidental discharge of Caliber .45 pistol. Condition was listed as good and prognosis was also good. Treated at 18th Surgical Hospital.

(c) Injury Non-Battle Enlisted - Cpl Eddie Gerald FALK 2311315/0311 USMC, Headquarters Company, 0900, 13 June 1968, vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base, compound fracture of right leg while riding in the back of an "otter". Leg was caught accidentally in the track. Condition and prognosis were both good. Treated at A-Med in Phu Bai.

(d) WIA Enlisted - LCpl Ken M. GARR 2382329/2532 USMC, Communications Company, 1500, 7 June 1968. Vicinity of Ca Lu, received frag wounds right thumb from enemy arty while in a defensive position. Condition and prognosis were both listed as excellent. Treated at BAS and returned to duty. First wound.

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(e) WIA Enlisted - LCpl Harris GLICK 2186832/4312 USMC Headquarters Company, 2015, 7 June 1968, vicinity of Khe Sanh. Received shrapnel wounds right lower back and left shoulder from an enemy arty while in a defensive position. Condition and prognosis were both listed as excellent. Treated in field and returned to duty. First wound.

(f) KIA Officer - Capt Richard Francis CORCORAN 084623/0302 USMC Headquarters Company, died 0830, 7 June 1968, 2 miles south of Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received burns entire body as a result of enemy small arms fire when helicopter crashed while participating in operation against hostile forces. Body taken to D-Med to be further transferred to Tan Son Nhut Mortuary, Saigon, RVN.

l. Intelligence. Nothing significant.

m. Communications

(1) Radio, radio relay, communication center and cable installations were established at Landing Zone STUD to support the forward Command Post.

(2) The installation of fixed-plant teletype equipment was completed at the Division Communications Center. Installation of the tactical dial telephone system began at Dong Ha Combat Base. Telephone communications between Dong Ha and Quang Tri was further improved with the installation of a fifty-pair cable.

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 9,000 pounds of mail were processed during the period of this report.

(2) Medical. Nothing significant.

(3) Special Services. In support of Task Force Hotel several items of stationery and other health and comfort needs were delivered to Khe Sanh and Landing Zone STUD.

(4) Chaplain. 19 Protestant worship services were conducted. 32 counseling cases were handled.

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