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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July to 31 July 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

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

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Headquarters Battalion

LtCol E. A. DEFTULA

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt W. F. HURLEY
 (1-25 July 1968)
 Capt D. L. CHILCOTE
 (26-31 July 1968)

Service Company

Capt J. GEISKE

Communications Company

LtCol J. D. HINES
 (1 July 1968)
 Maj F. J. REISINGER
 (2-31 July 1968)

Military Police Company

Maj G. W. GEVER
 (1-16 July 1968)
 Maj V. E. FIRNSTAHL
 (17-31 July 1968)

2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1968: Quang Tri, Republic of Viet Nam (Less Communications
 Company, Dong Ha, RVN)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol E. F. VOZELLA
 (1-16 July 1968)
 Maj G. F. KURTH
 (17-31 July 1968)

S-1/Adjutant

Capt C. RIGGS
 (1-5 July 1968)
 1stLt J. V. FISHER Jr.
 (6-31 July 1968)

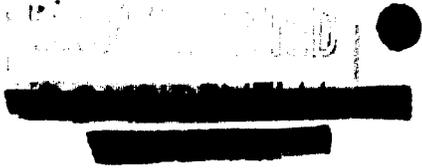
Assistant Adjutant

1stLt J. V. FISHER Jr.
 (1-5 July 1968)
 C/O R. T. POWELL Jr.
 (26-31 July 1968)

Operations/Logistics Officer

Capt C. B. HARTZELL
 (1-22 July 1968)
 Capt R. H. FLAGLER
 (23-31 July 1968)

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Motor Transport Officer

Supply Officer

Surgeon

Chaplain

1stLt A. E. DOSS

1stLt B. A. HALL
(1-23 July 1968)

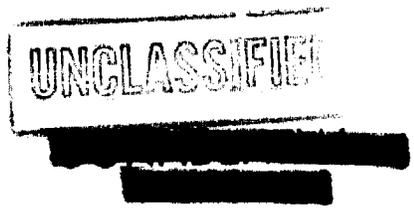
2ndLt J. P. SHERMER Jr.
(24-31 July 1968)

Lt M. W. K. ROTHEUND

Cmdr H. E. PHILLIPS (USN)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>EEL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EEL</u>
265	1707	10	22



PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division area of operation during this period. The locations of major elements are as follows.

Quang Tri

Headquarters Company (-)

Service Company (-)

Military Police Company (-)

Dong Ha

Communications Company (-)

2. UNIT ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

During the month of July OPERATION SURE (Small Unit Rehabilitation Exercise) was utilized by several units of the 3d Marine Division. The following list indicates the dates, and units that participated in the program.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>
5-6 July	3d Battalion 9th Marines
8-9 July	1st Battalion 3d Marines
9-10 July	2nd Battalion 3d Marines
10-11 July	3d Battalion 3d Marines
12-14 July	1st Battalion 1st Marines
28-29 July	2nd Battalion 9th Marines

All participating units were provided with clean clothing, shower facilities, a steak and egg breakfast, and an opportunity to relax in the Headquarters Battalion club facility. An ordnance van was available for repair or replacement of individual or crew served weapons.

An orientation program was conducted from 8-11 July in the Headquarters Battalion messhall for the advance Party, 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division.

Company "D", 1st Battalion 3d Marines, under the operational control of Headquarters Battalion, provided security for the construction of the ASP at Quang Tri. "F" Co., 2nd Battalion 1st Marines provided security from 8 to 13 July 1968. On 14 July, Company "B", 1st Battalion 1st Marines assumed the mission of security for the new ASP. Company "B" was subsequently relieved of the security mission by Company "E", 2nd Battalion 26th Marines on 24 July.

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On 18 July, at about 1915, the security Platoon of sector "H" Quang Tri Combat Base came under small arms fire from an area in the treeline to their front. Members of the Security Platoon sighted 4 or 5 VC/NVA with weapons. The Security Platoon returned fire with small arms. One VC/NVA took cover behind one of the few ruins on the treeline and the others fled into the treeline. Members of the Platoon then fired a 50 cal. machine gun at the partially exposed VC/NVA behind the ruins. The Platoon then fired into the treeline with 60 mm mortar rounds and a ten-man squad was sent toward the ruins where platoon members thought they had sighted a body slumped over the ruins. The VC/NVA began firing small arms from the treeline as the squad approached. The squad was instructed to break contact before they were able to reach the ruins. After the squad arrived in the platoon area, the platoon fired more 60 mm mortar rounds and two 4.2 inch mortar missions were called on the suspected hostile position.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) Furnish security details for road clearance/mine sweep details.
- (2) Maintain two vital area reaction companies for employment as required.
- (3) Perform Military Police functions as required throughout the 3d Marine Division area of Operation.
- (4) Maintain Sector "H" of the perimeter defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.
- (5) Provide security for the new ASP at Quang Tri Combat Base with Headquarters Battalion assigned operational control of the infantry company.

b. Significant Operations Conducted

Continued Operation SURE in accordance with Division Order 10120.2

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>
0	1	0	1	1	13	0	0	0	0

e. New Techniques Employed. NONE

f. Command Relation. Satisfactory

g. Equipment. The high rate of 3d echelon maintenance or higher, has hampered the operational capability of Headquarters Battalion this month. The process of turning in M122A1 vehicles as they become deadlined continues.

h. Logistics. Companies OpCon to Headquarters Battalion during this reporting period were provided class I, III, and V support by the Battalion. Additionally, Sub Unit II, located at Dong Ha Combat Base and tasked with the base coordination and defense, was provided logistical support by Headquarters Battalion. Task Force Hotel was supported by officers and men, and logistic material and equipment from the Battalion as well.

i. Civic Action. Local National Civilians have been employed by Headquarters Battalion to assist in completion of the protective sandbag wall project within the Battalion area. In addition to sandbagging, the Local National Civilians have been used for other details within Headquarters Battalion this month, such as trash runs, head burning and policing of the area.

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j. Administration The following awards were presented on 20 July 1968. One Silver Star; four Bronze Stars; one Joint Service Commendation; one Navy Commendation and fourteen Purple Heart Medals.

k. Personnel

1. 59 Officers and 163 Enlisted rotated to CONUS, while 44 Officers and 157 Enlisted joined the Battalion during the month.

2. Casualties

(a) KIA-Enlisted - Pvt Larry A. GARRISON 2353292 USMC ServCo 1500 17 July 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base, RVN. Received gunshot wound penetrating back and right arm from enemy rifle fire while engaged in action against hostile forces during Operation Kentucky II. Body taken to D. Med in Dong Ha for further transfer to U.S.A. Mortuary, Danang.

(b) WIA - Enlisted -LCpl James A. BROWN 2236502/4312 USMC HqCo 1155 17 July 68 Received gunshot wound while participating in Operation Lancaster II. Cond and Prog both good. Treated at D. Med in Dong Ha.

(c) Injury Non-battle - Cpl Richard L. THOMPSON 2207586 USMC Hq Co 2130 10 July 68 vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base. Received frag wound in right leg and right buttock from grenade thrown in friendly area. Condition good, Prog good. Evac to NSA Danang for surgery.

(d) Injury Non-battle - LCpl Joseph W. MARSHALL 2252715/0311 USMC Hq Co 1820 17 July 68 vicinity Quang Tri Combat Base. Laceration upper portion of right eye while participating in organized basketball game. Condition good Prog good. Returned to duty.

(e) Injury Non-battle - Cpl Charles T. NOIDEN 2173635/3421 USMC ServCo 1730 7 July 68 vicinity of Dong Ha, shoulder seperated while participating in organized athletics, softball. Condition good. Prognosis good. Treated at 3d Med Battalion.

(f) Injury Non-battle - Pvt Charles G. APPLETON 2242734/5537 USMC Hq Co 2130 10 July 68 vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base, altercation in ServCo billeting area, received Human bites to the right clavical. Cond good Prog good. Treated at BAS and returned to duty.

(g) Injury Non-battle - LCpl Walter S. DUNN 2109294/3041 USMC Hq Co 0800 13 July 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base received frag wound in right leg and left arm from grenade thrown in friendly area. Cond and prog good. Sent to NSA Danang for surgery.

(h) Illness - LCpl Charles F. RICE 2314344/0351 USMC Hq Co 0800 13 July 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base had an attack of Allergic Thinitis (hayfever). Cond and Prog good. Treated at Delta Co 3d Med Bn.

(i) Illness - Pvt Robert J. GERARD 2109294/3041 USMC ServCo 1530 16 July 68 Vicinity of Dong Ha Combat Base developed 107 degree temperature. Condition serious and Prognosis serious. Med-Evac to USS SANCTUARY.

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(j) Illness - LCpl Fredrick D. ROBINSON 2281760/4131 USMC Hq Co. 1300 6 July 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base developed Malaria. Cond and Prog Good. Treated at Camp Butler Okinawa.

(k) Illness - Cpl Barry W. ALEXANDER 2317208/0431 USMC Hq Co 1100 July 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base developed case of Malaria. Cond and Prog good. Transferred to Camp Butler, Okinawa.

(l) Illness - Cpl Lander W. PITMAN 2353376/0351 USMC MP Co 1400 11 July 68 developed case of Malaria. Cond Fair. Prog good. Sent to NSA Danang.

(m) Illness - 1stLt William V. COWAN 092854/0302 USMC Hq Co developed case of blood poisoning. Cond and Prog Good. Treated at 18th Surg Hosp U.S. Camp released 1100 17 July 68.

(n) Illness - Sgt Fred A. HOLDER 2018935/0161 USMC Hq Co 1000 11 Jul 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base developed Abdominal Pain (Etiology Undertermined). Cond and Prog good. Present Loc U.S.S. REPOSE.

(o) Illness - Cpl Thomas L. MOLINA 2197749/0161 USMC Hq Co Vicinity of Quang Tri Province 1315 13 Jul 68 Evaluation for surgery of hernia on stomach. Cond and Prog good. Sent to Co D. 3d Med Battalion.

(p) Illness - Sgt Charles H. LEGGIERI 1964264/0311 USMC Hq Co 0900 5 Jul 68 Vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base reported to BAS in reference to old eye trouble due to welding. Cond and Prog good. Sent to NSA Danang for eval.

1. Intelligence Nothing Significant.

n. Communications

1. Improved radio relay links were established between Dong Ha and Camp Carroll and Camp Carroll and Task Force Hotel. Communication Facilities at Khe Sanh were deactivated.

2. Dial Telephone service was extended to FLSG-B and all Division units in Dong Ha. Dial track lines and limited local dial service was established to Division Rear C.P. at Quang Tri.

n. Weather. Nothing Significant.

o. Fire Support. Nothing Significant.

p. Air Support. Nothing Significant.

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation. None.

r. Personnel Service.

(1) Postal. Approximately 9,000 pounds of mail were processed during the period covered by this report.

(2) Medical. Nothing Significant.

(3) Special Services

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(1) Mounting pre-recorded tape request are being filled. Writing gear has been supplied to troops participating in Operation SURE. Sections/units have been provided with picnic materials, food, and drinks for parties. PA systems have been provided for various ceremonies conducted in the area.

(4) Chaplain. Had one Baptism during the month. Conducted one Memorial Service for 3d Recon Battalion - 60 men attended. Delivered two Red Cross Death Messages.

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE UNITS
AND
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓1. Chronology of 3d Dental Company. (Submitted by unit to CG, 3d MarDiv).

-2. Chronology of Military Police Company. *wpw*

(a) Operations.

1. Military policemen were assigned to MCB-11's paving of Highway number 1 to control traffic in area of the paving operations.

2. Inescopes were employed on a limited basis during the month resulting in (12) twelve citations being issued.

3. During the month of July (44) persons were detained and processed as follows.

(a) 11 Prisoners of War

(b) 31 innocent civilians

(c) 1 Returnee

(d) 1 Unclassified

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