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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE OCCUPIED BILLET</u>
1st Shore Party Battalion	Maj J.E. DUCK	1-4 October 1969
	LtCol R.F. ARMSTRONG	5-31 October 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company A	1st Lt G. HUTCHINSON	1-5 October 1969
	1st Lt W.H. SMATHERS	6-31 October 1969
Company B	1st Lt R.D. CLARK	1-31 October 1969
Company C	1st Lt J.R. HARRIS	1-31 October 1969
H&S Company	1st Lt P.E. VANNOY	1-31 October 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

Company A 5th Shore Party Bn	20-31 October 1969
LSU 1	28-31 October 1969
LSU 2	28-31 October 1969
LSU 3	28-31 October 1969

2. LOCATION

1-31 October 1969 Da Nang RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	None Assigned	1-4 October 1969
	Maj D.B. CONE	5-31 October 1969
S/1 Adjutant	Capt J.G. DILLON	1-31 October 1969
S/2-S/3	Capt R.W. EBERT	1-31 October 1969
S/4	1st Lt W.L. CARTER	1-31 October 1969

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period this Battalion conducted two HST Schools, 13-17 and 22-27 October, consisting of a total of sixty-four students from 1st Marines, 7th Marines, 1st Reconnaissance Bn., Headquarters Bn. and new arrivals into this Battalion.

The Battalion completed a total of seventy-two requirements for engineer equipment support to units of the Division during the period.

The Battalion conducted helicopter emergency resupply to LZ's at An Hoa, 5th Marines and Baldy, 7th Marines due to roads being impassable.

Company A continued furnishing Helicopter Resupply for the 1st Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Regiment. Daily Resupply Missions for units of the 1st Marine Regiment were handled through the Logistic Support Area at Hill 55. The Resupply Missions for units of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment to fire bases at Roadrunner, Osterich, and Crownest were handled through LZ-425, 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion Contonement, also personnel were provided for the daily Mine Sweep at the 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

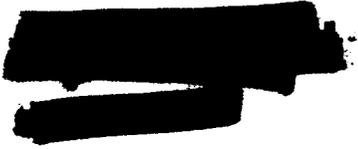
The company continued supporting the 26th Marine Regiment during this reporting period from LZ-467; operating the Resupply Missions to the four Regimental Positions - Eagle Eye, Bunkers 1, 2 and 4 - along with the daily movement of passengers and small amounts of cargo to the 5th Marine Regiment at An Hoa Combat Base. The Resupply Missions for 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment continued operations from LZ-460 in support of company size sweep operations from three semi-permanent positions - LZ 1, 2 and 3. On 21 October 1969, Resupply Missions commenced for Hill 124, Reno, Eagle Eye and Mike #2, from LZ-460.

On 9 October 1969, temporary LSA facilities at LZ-23, Force Logistic Command Contonement, and LZ-21, Ammunition Supply Point #2, were established. The Emergency Resupply was Helo-Lifted to the LSA at An Hoa and the LSA at Baldy, and continued on a daily basis until 12 October 1969. Additional missions performed by the company included Helo-Lifting six, 6 X 6 trucks for the 11th Marine Regiment to different locations within the Division TAOR, to be used as artillery registration points, two guard towers, six generators, and portable bridge parts on two different dates.

Company B continued to provide logistic support to the 5th Marine Regiment. Company B supplied Shore Party men to all Companies of the 5th Marine Regiment for HST support, operated the LSA at An Hoa Combat Base and provided personnel to the 3rd Amtrac for a road sweep team.

In addition to re-supplying the 5th Marines, Company B re-supplied the 37th and 39th ARVN Ranger Groups and successfully lifted a total of 18 Huskies to or from An Hoa.

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Company C continued to provide support for the running of LZ Baldy for 7th Marines and HST support to 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines in addition to giving HST support to 1st Battalion, 51st Regiment RVN.

The company continued to improve the landing zone and living quarters of HST personnel. A passenger terminal has been constructed to provide shelter for passengers from weather elements. Eighty M51 Dump Truck loads of trash and debris were removed from the LZ area. Soil binder has been applied to surrounding area of the LZ. This has greatly reduced dust during dry periods and has greatly strengthened the apron surface during the wet periods. The Logistic Operation Center has been established.

During the period 25 Vietnamese were treated under the Med-Cap program. 10 rolls of barbed-wire were given to the Village Headquarters in Hoa Phu Village to improve their perimeter defense. Construction began on the P.F. Sergeant's quarters. One truck load of dunnage and 3 sheets of tin were furnished for this construction. The district medical advisor of Hieu Duc District was given 30 cases of COPE for distribution among the medical workers.

The Battalion heli-lifted 13,274 passengers and 6,201,750 pounds in a total of 1,654 lifts during the period.

The Battalion sustained no KIA and no WIA during the reporting period.

Attached units were joined ADCON and OPCON and were not assigned a mission during the reporting period.



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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSCOMPANY A

- 1-31 October Operation of LSA at Hill 55.
- 1-31 October HST in support of 1st Marines.
- 1-31 October HST in support of 26th Marines.
- 1-31 October Conducted mine sweep in Da Nang TAOR.

COMPANY B

- 1-31 October Operation of LSA at AN HOA in support of 5th Marines.
- 1-31 October Resupply in support of 37th ARVN Rangers.
- 1-31 October Resupply in support of 39th ARVN Rangers.

COMPANY C

- 1-31 October Operation of LSA at Hill 63 in support of 7th Marines.
- 1-31 October Operation of LZ Ross.
- 1-31 October Operation of LZ West.