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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE OCCUPIED BILLET</u>
1st Shore Party Battalion	LtCol R. F. ARMSTRONG	1-28 February 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1st Lt P. E. VANNOY	1-10 February 1970
	1st Lt R. D. CLARK	11-28 February 1970
Company A	1st Lt W. H. SMATHERS	1-15 February 1970
	1st Lt R. D. MANES	16-28 February 1970
Company B	Capt R. W. EBERT	1-15 February 1970
	1st Lt L. H. OREFICE	16-28 February 1970
Company C	Capt J. R. HARRIS	1-24 February 1970
	Maj D. B. CONE	25-28 February 1970
Company A/5	1st Lt R. H. MONNAVILLE Jr.	1-3 February 1970
	1st Lt K. W. COPELAND Jr.	4-24 February 1970
	1st Lt J. O. ALBER	25-28 February 1970

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1970 Da Nang RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj D. B. CONE	1-24 February 1970
S/1 Adjutant	Capt J. D. DILLION	1-5 February 1970
	Capt C. G. FOX	6-28 February 1970
S/2-S/3	Maj D. B. CONE	1-24 February 1970
S/4	Capt D. G. FICHTHORN	1-8 February 1970
	CWO3 W. G. SEXTON	9-28 February 1970

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 this reporting period the Battalion was visited by the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Major General E. B. WHEELER.

On 11 February 1970 four officers and sixty-one enlisted personnel embarked aboard ship at Da Nang for redeployment in conjunction with Embarkation Unit #2 of Keystone Blue Jay.

Company "A" continued furnishing Helicopter Resupply for the 1st Marine Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. Helicopter Resupply for the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines was furnished from LZ 425.

The daily resupply missions for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Battalions, 1st Marine Regiment were handled through the LSA at Hill 55. Helicopter Support Teams were attached to various individual infantry companies during small scale operations in the Dodge City, Goi Noi Island, and Arizona Territory areas and other areas surrounding Hill 55. The 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment units occupying Observation Post Crowsnest, Osterich, Roadrunner, and Chinstrap received their resupply directly from LZ 425.

Company "A" during this reporting period continued to provide the Mine Sweep for the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. On 17 February 1970 all operational commitments normally handled by Company "A" were assumed by Company "C" due to the Company's operational stand down in preparation for redeployment in conjunction with Operation Keystone Blue Jay. Company "A" has actively progressed toward completion of embarkation preparations.

During the reporting period 1 February to 22 February 1970, Company "B" provided Logistic Support to the Fifth Marine Regiment through the Logistic Support Area at An Hoa.

The Fifth Marine Regiment did not participate in any named operations. Activities were limited to Battalion, and Company size search and clear operations throughout the Fifth Marine Regiment's tactical area of responsibility.

On 23 February 1970 Company "C" assumed operational responsibility of HST commitments in support of the 5th Marine Regiment as well as operational control of the Logistic Support Area at An Hoa. At this time Company "B" activities were focused on preparations for redeployment in conjunction with Operation Keystone Blue Jay.

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During the reporting period 1 February to 25 February Company "C" continued to support the 7th Marine Regiment and the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, operating Helicopter Resupply Missions for these units from the Logistic Support Area at Baldy. The two Fire Support Bases, Ross and Ryder, continued being resupplied by helicopter from the Logistic Support Area at Baldy.

Helicopter Support Sections were attached to various infantry companies engaged in sweeping operations, in the area surrounding the Regimental Base Camp at Baldy, also in the vicinity of Fire Support Base Ross and Ryder.

On 25 February 1970, Company "C" became OPCON/ADCON to the 1st Engineer Battalion. All HST responsibility within the 1st Marine Division TAOR were assumed by Company "C", 1st Shore Party Battalion on 23 February 1970.

During this reporting period Company "A", 5th Shore Party Battalion continued to support units within the 1st Marine Division. From 1 February to 22 February 1970 this Company supported the 26th Marine Regiment from LZ 467, operating resupply missions to the five regimental positions Eagle-Eye, Reno, and Bunkers 1, 2, and 4, along with daily troop movement of passengers and small cargo from the LZ to the 5th Marine Regiment at An Hoa Combat Base and 7th Marine Regiment at LZ Baldy.

LZ 460 supported the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines with resupplies to Out Post 1, 2, 4, and Hill 124. The resupplies of the different Out Post of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion were supported by LZ 401. LZ 401 also aided the movement of 1st Marine Division personnel to various command posts throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

LZ 495 at Hill 10 continued to support the operations of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment. A two man HST continued to support the Marines on Hill 270, a fire support base supporting company sweeps of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

Company "A", 5th Shore Party Battalion, fulfilled special missions during the month of February by assisting the 1st and 2nd Engineer Battalions in the movement of towers, Huskies, and miscellaneous resupplies.

During this period one hundred sixty Vietnamese civilians of the village of Hoa Phu were treated for non-hostile wounds, ailments, and illnesses by Med Cap personnel of 1st Shore Party Battalion.

Five truck loads of dunnage and scrap lumber was delivered to the Hamlet of Thai Lai to assist material wise, in the construction of a bridge. The bridge project originally planned by 1st Shore Party Battalion S-5 Section will not be completed prior to redeployment of this Battalion. Laison was made with the 7th Engineer Battalion, S-3 for the purpose of assisting the Hamlet of Thai Lai with technical help, as well as material assistance needed to complete the bridge project.

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On 25 February 1970 nine officers and two hundred and one enlisted personnel of 1st Shore Party Battalion were transferred to various units within the 1st Marine Division remaining in country. Of the personnel transferred one hundred and eleven were transferred to Company "C" 1st Shore Party Battalion.

During this reporting period the Battalion helilifted 10,644 passengers, 3,943,103 pounds of supplies, in a total of 1,324 lifts.

The Battalion sustained one WIA during this reporting period.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSCOMPANY A

1-25 February Helicopter resupply for the 1st Marine Regiment
 1-22 February Operations of the LSA at Hill 55
 1-22 February Mine Sweep operations for the 2nd Battalion, 1st
 Marine Regiment
 23-28 February Operational stand down in preparations for redeployment

COMPANY B

1-22 February Operations of the LSA at An Hoa in support of the
 5th Marine Regiment
 23-28 February Operational stand down in preparation for redeployment

COMPANY C

1-28 February Operations of LSA Baldy in support of the 7th Marine
 Regiment and the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment
 25 February Company C, 1st Shore Party Battalion ADCON to 1st
 Engineer Battalion OPCON to CG, 1st Marine Division

COMPANY A/5th Shore Party Battalion

1-22 February Support of the 26th Marine Regiment through LZ 467
 1-22 February Operations of LZ 467 in support of Out Post 1, 2, 4,
 and Hill 124
 1-22 February Operations of LZ 401 in support of the 1st
 Reconnaissance Battalion