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1st Shore Party Battalion (-) (Rein)
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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From: Commanding Officer
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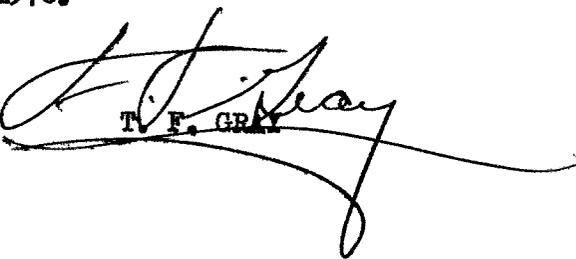
Subj: Command Chronology for period 12 March 1970 to 30 June 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMF PacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 1st Shore Party Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. The last Command Chronology submitted by this Command covered the period through 11 March 1970.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
12 MARCH 1970 to 30 JUNE 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Shore Party Battalion (-) (Rein)

COMMAND

Capt. G. G. FOX

11 March to 31 March 70

Maj. F. G. HUTCHISON

1 April to 30 June 70

SUBORDINATE UNIT

Headquarters & Service Company

1st Lt. L. H. OREFICE

12 March to 2 April 70

1st Lt. R. D. MANES

3 April to 30 June 70

ATTACHED UNITS

Company B (-) (Rein) 3d Shore Party Bn.

Maj. B. E. WACHA

1 - 2 April 70

1st Lt. L. H. OREFICE

3 April to 25 May 70

1st Lt. J. W. PARKS

26 May to 30 June 70

2. LOCATION

1st Shore Party Battalion (-) (Rein)

12 March to 27 March USS VANCOUVER LPD 21 enroute CONUS

28 March to 30 June 1970 Camp Pendleton, California 92055

Company B, 3d Shore Party Battalion

1 April to 30 June 1970 Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. B. E. MACHA
	1 April to 8 June 70
S-1	Capt C. G. FOX
	1 April to 23 June 70
	Capt B. D. NICHOLAS
	24 June to 30 June 70
S-2/3	Capt J. P MERIDETH
	15 April to 21 May 70
	Capt D. G. FITCHORN
	22 May to 30 June 70
S-4	Capt E. W. GRAEFF
	2 April to 26 June 70
	2nd Lt. K MIZUSHIMA
	26 to 30 June 70

4. Average Monthly Strength

1st Shore Party Battalion

	<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>
MARCH	5	30	Ø	Ø	NONE	
APRIL	13	159	1	15	NONE	
MAY	14	223	1	12	NONE	
JUNE	13	214	1	16	NONE	

Company B, (-) (Rein) 3d Shore Party Battalion

APRIL	2	57	NONE	NONE
MAY	5	97	NONE	NONE
JUNE	5	116	NONE	NONE

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 13 March 1970, the 1st Shore Party Battalion departed DaNang, RUM enroute to Camp Pendleton, California. Upon debarkation on 27 March, the Battalion located at Camp Del Mar and commenced recovery tasks. The primary emphasis during this reporting period has been on training with secondary emphasis being placed on supply and maintenance tasks.

The Battalion assumed operational and administrative control of Company B, 3d Shore Party Battalion of 1 April 1970 from Provisional Service Battalion, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

Major exercises of the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade that were supported during the reporting period included Operation Bell Call, MEBFEX 1-70 (13-17 April), Operation Beagle House, MEBLEX 1-70 (1-8 June) and Rancher Corral V, an air movement exercise conducted with the 63rd Military Airlifts Wing, MAC, USAF. Company C, 4th Shore Party Battalion, USMCR was hosted during AFD-70 (13-26 June). Training in HST operations was conducted for the 3rd Marines as required for scheduled exercises.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

11 March 1970	Administrative and Operational control of 5th MEB (CG, III MAF 120201 March 70 (S)).
27 March 1970	Disembarked Del Mar Boat Basin, Camp Pendleton, California.
1 April 1970	Assumed OPCON ADGON Company B (-) (Rein) 3d Shore Party Battalion from DET 3d Svc Bn, 5th MEB (CG, 5th MEB 012133Z April 70 (S)).
13-17 April	MEBPEX 1-70 (BdeBul 03120 dtd 26 May 70)
4-7 May 1970	Conducted Helicopter Support Team Training for 3d Marines (-). (See tabs A&B of Part 4 to enclosure (1)).
1 June 1970	Loaded shipping for MEBLEX 1-70.
13-26 June 1970	Hosted Company C, 4th SPBn, 4th Marine Division USMCR during ATD-70 (See tabs C and D to Part 4 to enclosure (1)).
15 June 1970	Commenced off loading of 4 LST's from RVN at Del Mar Boat Basin.
24 June 1970	Supported Air Movement Exercise, Rancher Coral V for 5th MEB/63rd Military Air Wing (BdeBul 4600 dtd 28 May 1970).
25 June 1970	Company B (-) (Rein), 3rd Shore Party Battalion received the Meritorious Unit Commendation (See tab E and F to Part 4 to Enclosure (1)).

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ENCLOSURE (1)

HEADQUARTERS
4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF, USMC
CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA 92055

Training Schedule for "C" Group, 4th SP Bn (-) for the period 13 June 1970 to 21 June 1970 (ATD 1970)

DAY/DATE	HOUR	SECTION	SUBJECT	REFERENCE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	REMARKS
1st/13 June	TEA	All	Enroute to ATD-Camp Pendleton Calif. Billeting/Check out Gear		Co CMDR		
2nd/14 June	0001-0300	All	Holiday Routine		Co CMDR		
3rd/15 June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 610OR.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	HE/MT	OJT	FMFM 4-3	Co CMDR	HE/MT Lot	
	0800-1700	Comm	Communications School	FMFM 4-3	LT GREENWAY	1st SP Bn Area	
	1500-2400	C Co	SP Beach Operations-Unload	IST	Co CMDR	DelMar Basin	
4th/16 June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 610OR.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	HE/MT	OJT	FMFM 4-3	Co CMDR	HE/MT Lot	
	0800-1700	Comm	Communications School	FMFM 4-3	LT GREENWAY	1st SP Bn Area	
Tuesday	0001-1500	C Co	SP Beach Operations-Unload	IST	Co CMDR	DelMar Basin	
5th/17 June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 610OR.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	HE/MT	OJT	FMFM 4-3	Co CMDR	HE/MT Lot	
	0800-1700	Comm	Communications School	FMFM 4-3	LT GREENWAY	1st SP Bn Area	
	0800-1200	C Co	Helicopter Support Team	FMFM 4-3	SSgt HEED	21 Area Theatre	
Wednesday	1300-1700	C Co	HST Operation, Tasks Organization, Landing Zone Selection, and Preparation Helicopter Direction HST Equipment, External Lifts, Landing Site Ops	Section 5			
18 June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 610OR.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	HE/MT	OJT	FMFM 4-3	Co CMDR	HE/MT Lot	
	0800-1700	Comm	Communications School	FMFM 4-3	LT GREENWAY	1st SP Bn Area	
Thursday	0800-1700	C Co	HST Operations	FMFM 4-3	Co CMDR	Aliso Strip & 21 Area Football (2) UH 3 Field	
7th/19 June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 610OR.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	HE/MT	OJT	As Applicable	Co CMDR	HE/MT Lot	
	0800-1700	Comm	Communications School	FMFM 4-3	LT GREENWAY	1st SP Bn Area	
Friday	0800-1200	C Co	Embarkation School	FMFM 4-2 FMFM 4-3	CySet DREAD- FULWATER	21 Area Theatre	
8th/20 June	1300-1700	C Co	Ship to Shore Operations	FMFM 4-3	Co CMDR	1st SP Bn Area	
9th/21 June	TEA	All	Holiday Routine		Co CMDR		
	TEA	All	Holiday Routine		Co CMDR		

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CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA 92055

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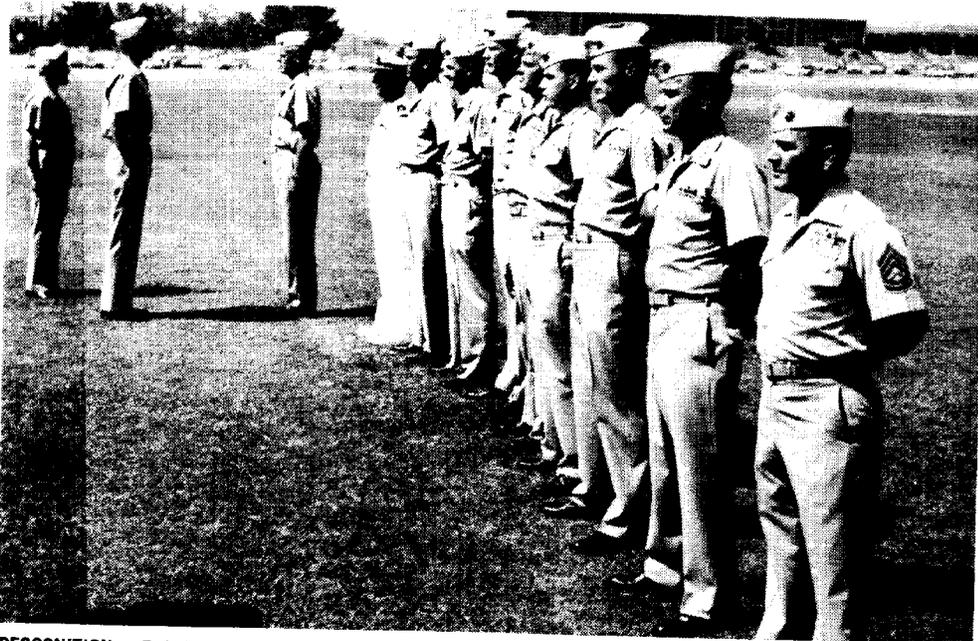
Training Schedule for "C" Group, 4th SP Bn (-) for the period 22 June 1970 to 28 June 1970 (ATD 1970)

DAY/DATE	HOUR	SECTION	SUBJECT	REFERENCE	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	REMARKS
10th/22June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 6100R.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	All	Fam Firing	LPM Ch. 9&10	Co CMDR		
Monday			.50 Cal Machine Gun	RLT 287	SSgt COXTINAS	Range 227	Read & cor
			M79 Grenade Launcher	FM 23-67	-do-	Range 110	with BO P.
			Hand Grenades	FM 23-65	-do-	Range 109	prior to
			IAAW		-do-	Range 227	of the ra
11th/23June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 6100R.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1200	All	Co CMDR Inspection	LPM Ch. 2	Co CMDR	Co Area	
Tuesday	1300-1700	All	OJT/Preventative Maintenance	Current Dir.	Co CMDR	Co Area	
12th/24June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 6100R.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1200	All	Squad Defensive Position	FMFM 6-5	SSgt GRIFFIN	Oscar I	
Wednesday			Squad in the Assault	FMFM 6-5			
	1300-1700	All	NBC School	FM 3-5	CySgt EGAN	21 Area Theatre	
13th/25June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 6100R.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1200	All	TAG-LOG Operations	FMFM 4-3	SSgt REED	21 Area Theatre	
Thursday	1300-1700	All	OJT/Preventative Maintenance	Current Dir.	Co CMDR	Co Area	
14th/26June	0730-0800	All	Physical Training	MCO 6100R.6A	Co CMDR	Co Area	
	0800-1700	HE/MT	OJT	As Applicable	Co CMDR	HE/AT Lot	
Friday	0800-1700	Comm	OJT	As Applicable	Co CMDR	Comm Center	
	0800-1200	C Co	Mine Warfare	TM 9-1345-200	B Co/3d Engr	21 Area Football Field	
	1300-1700	C Co	Const. of Facilities in LZ	FMFM 4-3	SSgt TEMEYOSA	21 Area Football Field	
15th/27June	0730-1700	All	Admin Time - Prepare to Depart to NAS, Seattle		Co CMDR	Co Area	
Saturday							
16th/28June	TBA	All	Enroute to NAS, Seattle		Co CMDR		

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TAB E



RECOGNITION — BrigGen. Ross T. Dwyer, Commanding General, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Brigade Sergeant Major H. Chuck (left) face retirees and unit representatives as they approach for recognition during the 5th MEB parade June 24. From left to right are: retirees, Col. M. J. Sexton, LtCmdr. W. F. Cole, USN; CWO J. W. Harman and 1stSgt. E. V. Yocum; Capt. H. E. Lindfelt, Jr., and

1st Sgt. Richard L. Latimer, representing the deactivated "A" Co., 3d Anti-tank Bn. and the 1st Anti-tank Bn., (Cadre); 1stLt. Oscar Perez and 1stSgt. P. E. Brady, representing the deactivated 1st Armored Amphibian Co. and Capt. Donald Fichthorn and GySgt. R. G. Huber, representing "B" Co., 3d Shore Party Bn8 which received a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Unit deactivations highlight MEB parade Wednesday

Deactivation ceremonies were held for three Marine units June 24 during a 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade parade on the 11 Area parade field.

History will come to an official end for the 1st Armored Amphibian Co., "A" Co., 3d Anti-tank Bn. and the 1st Anti-tank (Cadre) June 30.

The 1st Armored Amphibian Co., a provisional platoon of armored amphibian tractors, was activated here on June 1, 1966 for a six-month trial operation with the 3d Marine Division in Vietnam.

Deployed to combat in 1966, the company participated in several major operations such as Napoleon-Saline, Mameluke Thrust and Maui Peak. (See page 5 for story and pictures).

"A" Co., 3d Anti-tank Bn., was originally activated as "C" Co., 5th Anti-tank Bn. The unit remained in supporting arms inventory with the 5th Marine Division here.

On Oct. 15, 1969, it was redesignated "A" Co., 3d Anti-tank Bn., but on deactivation of the 5th Marine Division, was assigned that same designation with the newly-formed 5th MEB.

Returning from duty in the Republic of Vietnam on April 9, 1970 in a cadre status, the 1st

Anti-tank Bn. was generally deployed within northern "I" Corps as separate company-sized units.

The parade featured the presentation of a Meritorious Unit Commendation by 5th MEB Commander, BrigGen. Ross T. Dwyer, to "B" Co., 3d Shore Party Bn. It also honored three retiring officers and a first

sergeant transferring to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

Retiring were Col. M. J. Sexton, with 29 years; LtCmdr. W. F. Cole, with nearly 23 years and CWO J. W. Harman, with nearly 24 years.

First Sergeant E. V. Yocum was transferred to the FMCR after 22 years of service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20380

IN REPLY REFER TO

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

COMPANY B (REINFORCED)
THIRD SHORE PARTY BATTALION
THIRD MARINE DIVISION (FMF)

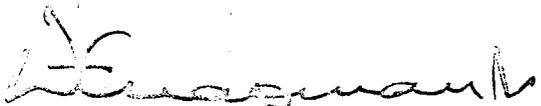
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 August to 30 November 1968. During this period, Company B (Reinforced), Third Shore Party Battalion, Third Marine Division, with an average complement of eighty Marines, participated in and provided direct support to two major tactical operations, LANCASTER II and SCOTLAND II. During these and lesser operations, Company B (Rein) actively supported four Marine rifle battalions, two Marine artillery battalions, two Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) rifle battalions, and one ARVN artillery battery. This support was twofold, providing direct support by an average of fourteen helicopter support teams serving with the infantry units in the field, and an efficient and impressive supply and resupply effort conducted from the Company B (Rein) helipad of the Logistic Support Area located at the Vandegrift Combat Base. This dual support of infantry and artillery units afield resulted in Company B (Rein) supporting a weekly average of forty-five to fifty individual units from regimental headquarters to platoons situated at some seventy-five different and constantly changing locations. The company not only handled all air duties at the helipad, but also rigged and secured 11,253 external loads to hovering helicopters for lift out. In addition to this large number of supply and resupply lifts, a total of 27,380 combat troops were helilifted, through the efforts of Company B (Rein), to far-flung strategic fire support and combat bases along the Demilitarized Zone and the Laotian border. Throughout the entire period, the high standards of courage and professionalism set by Company B (Rein) personnel were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to and serving with Company B (Rein), Third Shore Party Battalion, Third Marine Division, during the above period, or any part thereof, are hereby authorized to wear the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

For the Secretary of the Navy,


Commandant of the Marine Corps

Tab F