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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO San Francisco, 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein)FMF
(2) Commanding General, III MAF
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 30 September 1967

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 3d Shore Party Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. After the removal of enclosure (1), this letter is unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 30 September 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESTINATIONCOMMANDER

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 3d Shore Party Battalion 3d Marine Division (Rein), PMAF | LtCol J. W. QUINN | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| H&S Company | Capt A. J. BURGER | 1 - 25 September 1967 |
| H&S Company | Capt T. J. POWER | 26 - 30 September 1967 |
| Company "A" | Capt P. J. SMITH Jr. | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
| Company "B" | Major J. D. HOLLABAUGH | 1 - 13 September 1967 |
| Company "B" | Capt C. K. PISANCHIN | 14 - 25 September 1967 |
| Company "B" | Capt J. L. SHELTON | 26 - 30 September 1967 |
| Company "C" | Capt J. L. SHELTON | 1 - 25 September 1967 |
| Company "C" | Capt C. M. PISANCHIN | 26 - 30 September 1967 |

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 September 1967, Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| BNKO | Major C. T. NEWKIRK | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
| S-1 | WO R. E. PLUMLEY | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
| S-2/3 | Major C. T. NEWKIRK | 1 - 6 September 1967 |
| S-2/3 | Capt T. J. POWER | 7 - 30 September 1967 |
| S-4 | 1stLt J. J. GUZZIO | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
| Communications Officer | Capt A. J. HUNTER | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
| Supply Officer | 2dLt G. L. CHESHER | 1 - 30 September 1967 |
| HS/MT Officer | 1stLt J. GEISKE Jr. | 1 - 30 September 1967 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
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| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the Battalion provided combat service support for operations Ardmore, Kingfisher, Fremont and Cumberland. A total of 3,353,718 pounds of resupply lifted by helicopter was provided to units participating in the above listed operations. Also provided personnel to operate a BSA at Cau Viet. Provided security for Thuan An Island, for three (3) pipeline dredges, two (2) houseboats, three (3) crane barges and one (1) Sand Driller. Also operating an in-country R&R center at Thuan An Island. Within the Phu Bai TAOR assistance was provided to FLSG-A and units of the Division in the form of material handling equipment and light engineer support. Within the Dong Ha TAOR, assistance was provided to FLSU-1 and other units within the TAOR, this assistance consisted of providing material handling equipment and light engineer support. Offloaded 2,000,000 pounds of supplies from truck convoys at Camp Evans. Provided security for portions of the Phu Bai and Dong Ha TAOR, daylight foot patrols were conducted and night ambush sites were established.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT SLE

a. Combat missions assigned throughout period:

(1) General support of 3d Marine Division by:

(a) Operating and maintaining logistic support areas, and a Beach Support Area, providing helicopter support teams to battalions in the field.

(b) Providing light engineer support.

(c) Provided security for Thuan An Island and dredge security within Thuan An Bay.

b. Significant operations conducted:

(1) Company "A"

(a) Operated LSA at Khe Sanh in support of Operation Ardmore. Providing a total of 949,326 pounds of helicopter lifted supplies.

(b) Operated LSA at Camp Evans in support of Operation Fremont. Providing a total of 238,000 pounds of helicopter resupply and, offloading 2,000,000 pounds of supplies from convoys.

(2) Company "B"

(a) Conducted foot and mechanized patrols in the vicinity of their base camp at Thuan An Island. Also executing Operation Order 4-67 for harbor dredge security.

(b) The company was in general support of 3d Marine Division during the month of September 1967. Also furnished fifteen (15) men to "C" Company at Dong Ha, RVN to help with the LSA and Ramp Security. Second platoon (Rein), operating BSA at Quan Trieu Phong, at the north mouth of the Cua Viet River.

(c) The company completed the task of building more adequate defense for Hue Ramp.

(d) Operated recreation beach for Division personnel.

(3) Company "C"

(a) Provided logistical support for the 1st, 2d, and 3d Battalions, 9th Marines, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines, 2d Battalion,

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4th Marines, and 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. This support included providing these units with helicopter support teams and operation of helicopter resupply points. Helicopter lifts hauling 2,166,398 pounds of all classes of resupplies to the above listed units.

(b) On 3 September 1967 the Division Class V dumps adjacent to the Shore Party area was hit by enemy artillery and resulted in secondary explosions which completely destroyed "C" Company area. Fourteen (14) WIA's were sustained and all company records were destroyed in addition to supplies and some equipment.

(c) This unit is presently billeted in a temporary area with 11th Engineer Battalion. Work has commenced on a new area and is being constructed by ICB-11 and the 11th Engineer Battalion. Bunker constructions has been commenced by personnel of this unit.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None

d. Casualties sustained: (20) WIA Hostile
(1) Non-Hostile

e. New Techniques employed: None

f. Command Relations: During the reporting period, 3d Shore Party Battalion remained task organized for OPCON/ADCON by TAOR as follows:

PHU BAI (OPCON/ADCON/3dMarDiv)

3d Shore Party Battalion
H&S Company (-)
Company "B" (-) (Rein)
1st Plt, "B" Company, 1st Amtrac Bn
3d Plt, "B" Company, 1st Amtrac Bn

DONG HA (OPCON/ADCON/3dMarDiv)

Company "C" (Rein)

CAMP IVANS

Company "A" (-) (Rein)

PHU SANH

2d Platoon (-) (Rein) Co "A"

QUAN TRIEU THONG

2d Platoon (Rein) Co "B"

g. Equipment: None

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h. Logistics: Logistics support consisted primarily of motor transport and heavy equipment maintenance, and supplies furnished to elements of the battalion located at Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, Camp Evans and Quan Trieu Phong. Total destruction of the base camp and equipment at Dong Ha necessitated sending considerable quantities of supplies and equipment to that area. Also continuing logistical support for dredge security operations at Col Co Causeway.

i. Civic Action:

(1) Phu Bai

(a) MED CAP Team administered treatments to 105 local villagers.

j. Administration: As a result of Companies "A" and "C" being shelled at Dong Ha, an administrative rear was tentatively established at Headquarters, 3d Shore Party Battalion at Gia Le Combat Base for these units. All service records, publications, directives, files, typewriters, etc. were destroyed. Nonetheless, administration has been efficient. Upon receipt of publications, directives etc. requisitioned, Companies "A" and "C" administrative control will physically return to their parent units.

k. Personnel: Three (3) enlisted Marines extended their overseas tour in NVN and took advantage of the 30 day leave.

l. Intelligence: None

m. Communications: Primary communications by radio with secondary communications by wire and integrated wire/radio maintained with all companies, except "B" Company, which is radio only, and ISA on operations Kingfisher, Ardmore, Fremont, and Cumberland.

n. Weather: No adverse effect on Operations.

o. Fire Support: On call direct mortar fire provided for Company "B" by section 81mm mortar platoon by H&S Company, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines. On call artillery fires are available for H&S Company from 4th Battalion, 12th Marines in the Phu Bai TAOR. Also on call direct dual 40mm fires are available to H&S Company from 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, USA.

p. Air Support: None

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation: None

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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