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HEADQUARTERS
Battalion Landing Team 1/3
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commander, Task Group 79.4

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2 January 1968

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1968 to 0600, 2 January 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Battalion Landing Team 1/3

LtCol R. W. GOODALE
(1-2 January 1968)SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Capt D. W. DADISMAN
(1-2 January 1968)

Company A

Capt D. HANCOCK
(1-2 January 1968)

Company B

Capt T. A. SCHEIB
(1-2 January 1968)

Company C

Capt W. H. OSGOOD
(1-2 January 1968)

Company D

Capt P. N. HENDRIX
(1-2 January 1968)ATTACHED UNITS

Det, 9th MAB (Radio Relay)

Capt L. M. ZWICK
(1-2 January 1968)Det, Disbursing Section Hq Bn,
3d Mar DivWO R. C. REEDY
(1-2 January 1968)Det, Postal Section, Hq Bn,
3d Mar DivCpl B. D. BRYANT
(1-2 January 1968)

Det, Hq Co, 26th Mar (Radio Relay)

Cpl J. M. MAGGI
(1-2 January 1968)

Det, Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar (Ln Tm)

Lt J. K. KALLSTROM
(1-2 January 1968)1st Clearing Plt (Rein), Co B,
3rd Med BnLt R. E. JONES (USN)
(1-2 January 1968)

Det, 15th Dental Co

Lt H. E. OLIVER (USN)
(1-2 January 1968)

1st Plt (-), Co B, 3rd Recon Bn

Lt D. L. ANDERSON
(1-2 January 1968)

Btry A (-) (Rein), 1st Bn, 12th Mar

Capt W. O. KENYON
(1-2 January 1968)

4.2" Mortar Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar

Capt A. M. PATTERSON Jr.
(1-2 January 1968)

2nd Plt (-) (Rein), Co A, 3rd EngrBn

Lt G. D. GARDNER
(1-2 January 1968)

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| 1st Plt (Rein), Co B, 3rd MT Bn | Capt W. P. BARCLAY (1-2 January 1968) |
| 4th Plt (Rein), Co A, 5th AmTracBn | Lt T. W. KAUFMAN (1-2 January 1968) |
| 3rd Plt (Rein), Co A, 3rd AT Bn | Lt B. BLACK (1-2 January 1968) |
| 3rd Plt (Rein), Co C, 3rd Tank Bn | Lt J. L. BUCKLEY (1-2 January 1968) |
| 2nd Plt (-) (Rein), Co B, 3rd SP Bn | Lt W. H. WOOSLEY (1-2 January 1968) |
| Det, LSU, 3rd Serv Bn | Lt J. V. KENNEY (1-2 January 1968) |

2. LOCATION

a. 1-2 January 1968 - Quang Tri Airfield Complex, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Executive Officer | Major E. J. ROCHFORD Jr. (1-2 January 1968) |
| S-1 | Lt R. J. BARNES (1-2 January 1968) |
| S-2 | Lt G. D. DOCKENDORFF (1-2 January 1968) |
| S-3 | Major R. C. MCCORMICK (1-2 January 1968) |
| S-4 | Capt B. H. LANDES Jr. (1-2 January 1968) |

4. 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> |
| 65 | 1418 | 8 | 85 | NONE | NONE |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this period BLT 1/3 assumed the mission of defending the Quang Tri Airfield Complex while participating in Operation OSCEOLA. The battalion administrative rear continued displacement of personnel and equipment from Phu Bai to the Quang Tri Airfield Complex. Offensive action was limited to squad and platoon size patrolling which resulted in light contact with the enemy. At 020600H Jan 1968, BLT 1/3 chopped OPCON from CTG 79.4 to the 3d Marine Division.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. Maintain one company west of National Route 1 in depth to provide air field defense in locations/positions to be determined by the Commanding Officer BLT 1/3.

b. Conduct offensive operations in vicinity of airfield complex, to locate and destroy enemy force and interdict routes of communications.

c. Provide, until such time as sufficient tenant personnel become available, close in security of airfield proper from posts/locations (fixed or mobile) and reaction unit as determined by the Commanding Officer BLT 1/3

Ref: FIRST MARINES 290645Z DEC67 (S)

2. Significant Operation Conducted.

1-2 January 1968 - Operation OSCEOLA

3. Command Relations.

OPCON-1st Marines
ADCON-RLT-26 (Rear)

4. Sequential Listing Of Significant Events.

1 January 1968 Assumed mission of defending the Quang Tri Airfield Complex.
(Ref: BLT 1/3 010935Z Jan 1968)

1 January 1968 Company A, BLT 1/3 chopped OPCON 1st AmTracBn to BLT 1/3

2 January 1968 BLT 1/3 chopped from CTG 79.4 to 3rd Mar Div
(Ref: CG THIRD MARDIV 040059Z Jan68 (S))

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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1st Battalion, 3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, III MAF
(3) Commanding General, FMP, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 2 January to 31 January 1968
Ref: (a) 3dMarDivO 5750.1A
(b) MCO 5750.2
(c) FMFPACO 5750.8
Encl: (1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

0601, 2 January to 31 January 1968

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 3d Marines LtCol R. W. GOODALE
(1-31Jan68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&SCo Capt D. W. DADISMAN
(2-31Jan68)

Co A Capt D. HANCOCK
(2-26Jan68)
1stLt K. L. ANTLE
(27-31Jan68)

Co B Capt T. A. SCHEIB
(1-24Jan68)
1stLt G. C. NORRIS
(25-31Jan68)

Co C Capt W. H. OSGOOD
(2-31Jan68)

Co D Capt P. N. HENDRIX
(2-31Jan68)

ATTACHED UNITS

Det CoB, (-), 3d Engr Bn Spt CRAIG
(31 Jan)

Det HqCo, 3d Mar (Snipertms) Sgt PASULA
(31 Jan)

2. LOCATION

2-31 Jan: Quang Tri Airfield Complex.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer MAJ E J HOCHFORD
(2-31 Jan 68)

S-1 1st Lt R J BARNES
(2-31 Jan 68)

S-2 Capt G D DOCKENDORFF
(2-31 Jan 68)

S-3 MAJ R C McCORMICK
(2-31 Jan 68)

S-4 Capt B H LANDES JR
(2-31 Jan 68)

S-5 1st Lt G E MOUZAKIS
(2-31 Jan 68)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
OFF
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FM
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USN
OFF
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EM
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OTHERS
NONE

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PART II

Narrative Summary

During the month of January 1968, the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines participated in Operation OSCEOLA and OSCEOLA II at the Quang Tri Airfield Complex, RVN. The overall mission of the battalion was to provide for defense of the airfield complex and to conduct offensive operations to the west of the airfield complex. The operations were characterized by sporadic enemy contact the frequency of which increased during the latter part of the month.

BLT 1/3 was deactivated and the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines continued operation under the command of the 3d Marine Division.

The battalion actively participated in the civic action program by conducting MEDCAPS during which health leaflets were distributed and 312 Vietnamese were examined and treated.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned.

A. 0600, 2 January - 1500, 31 January 1968. To provide for the defense of the Quang Tri Airfield Complex and to conduct offensive operations in the assigned area of operations.

Ref: 1stMarines 290645Z Dec67 (S) (Appendix I)
Combat After Action Report - Operation OSCEOLA (Appendix II)

B. 1500, 31 January - 2400, 31 January 1968. To establish two company size patrol bases and conduct Search and Destroy operations in the assigned area of operations in order to deny the enemy the use of approaches to the Quang Tri perimeter and screen the vital area from sniper, mortar and rocket attack.

Ref: 3dMarines 310430Z Jan68 (S) (Appendix III)

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

2 - 20 January 1968 - Operation OSCEOLA

21 - 31 January 1968 - Operation OSCEOLA II

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

1 VC Confirmed

4. Casualties Sustained.

4 USMC KIA

20 USMC WIA

6 USMC WIA (NE)

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5. Command Relations.ADCON

2 - 5 January 1968 - RLT-26 (Rear)

6 - 31 January 1968 - 3dMarDiv

OPCON

2 - 19 January 1968 - 1st Marines

20 - 31 January 1968 - 3d Marines

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6. Logistics.

A. Supply. During this period 168 requisitions were submitted and 23% were filled. The primary source of supply was FL3G-B, located at Dong Ha, however supplies were also obtained from FL3G-A and FSR. Resupply of combat patrol bases was accomplished primarily by surface transportation although aerial resupply was utilized on three occasions.

B. Maintenance. Maintenance support was received from FL3G-B. An LTI of all crew served weapons was conducted on 26 January 1968 and during the period 13 - 20 January 1968 all M-16 rifles were exchanged for new weapons. An extensive vehicle maintenance program was instituted and resulted in increased availability of motor transportation within the Battalion.

7. Civic Action. Five MEDCAPS were conducted in the village of Nham Bieu and one MEDCAP visit was made to Ai Tu hamlet. Health leaflets were distributed and 118 persons were examined and treated. A Tet party was conducted for the children of Ai Tu hamlet. The repeated MEDCAPS in the Nham Bieu area greatly improved relation with the Vietnamese Nationals and the hamlet children reciprocated by disclosing the locations of VC mines and surprise firing devices to Marines operating in these areas.

Ref: 1stBn 3dMar 040045Z Feb68 (Appendix IV)

8. Administration. On 5 January 1968 this battalion was redesignated from BLT 1/3 to the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and administrative control was passed from RL2-26 (Rear) to the 3dMarDiv.

9. Personnel.A. Replacements.

3 USMC Officers
201 USMC Enlisted

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B. Awards.

25 Purple Heart Medals

C. Postal. Incoming mail was regularly received during the first two weeks. However, mail for the periods 14 - 20 January and 23 - 31 January was not received.

10. Intelligence. The enemy chose to avoid any major contact and used sniper fire, surprise firing devices and spider traps to harass the patrol and inflict casualties and attacked the Quang Tri Airfield Complex with 82mm mortars and 122mm rockets. Kit Carson scouts were utilized extensively on daylight patrols.

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11. Fire Support. During the period 10,850 rounds were expended and 833 artillery missions were fired in support of the battalion.

12. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

2 January 1968 BLT 1/3 changed Command CTG 79.4 to 3dMarDiv

Ref: CG 3dMarDiv 040059Z Jan68 (S)
(Appendix V)

5 January 1968 BLT 1/3 deactivated and command of attached units passed to parent organization.

Ref: CG 3dMarDiv 040059Z Jan68 (S)
(Appendix V)

20 January 1968 Operation OSCEOLA Terminated

Ref: Combat After Action Report Operation OSCEOLA (Appendix II)

20 January 1968 1stBn, 3dMar commenced Operation OSCEOLA II at Quang Tri Airfield Complex, RVN.

27 January 1968 1stBn, 3dMar BAS hit by enemy 122mm rocket fire resulting in destruction of large number of health records.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS *Not received by Dept 68*
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Appendix I 1st Marines 290645Z Jan67 (S)
- Appendix II. Combat After Action Report Operation
OSCEOLA
- Appendix III 3d Marines 310430Z Jan68 (S)
- Appendix IV 1stBn, 3dMar 040045Z Feb68
- Appendix V CG 3dMarDiv 040059Z Jan68 (S)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. 3d Mar Div msg 021141Z Mar68 (S)
- ✓2. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Operation Order 6-68

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