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#### COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1968 to 0600, 2 January 1968

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#### PART I

#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

# 1. DESIGNATION

# C OMMANDER

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

WITHOUTH ON THE	
Det, 9th MAB (Radio Relay)	Capt L. M. ZWICK
Det, Disbursing Section Hq Bn,	(1-2 January 1968)
3d Mer Div	WO R. C. REEDY (1-2 January 1968)
Det, Postal Section, Hq Bn, 3d Mar Div	Cpl B. D. BRYANT
Det, Hq Co, 26th Mar (Radio Relay)	(1-2 January 1968)
	(1-2 January 1968)
Det, Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar (Ln Tm	(1-2 January 1968)
lst Clearing PIt (Rein), Co B, 3rd Med Bn	Lt R. E. JONES (USN)
Det, 15th Dental Co	(1-2 January 1968) Lt H. E. OLIVER (USN)
1st Plt (-), Co B, 3rd Recon Bn	(1-2 January 1968) Lt D. L. ANDERSON
	(1-2 January 1968)
Btry A (-) (Rein), 1st Bn, 12th Mar	(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	
	(1-2 January 1700)



lst Plt (Rein), Co B, 3rd MT Bn
4th Plt (Rein), Co A, 5th AmTracBn
3rd Plt (Rein), Co A, 3rd AT Bn
3rd Plt (Rein), Co C, 3rd Tank Bn
2nd Plt (-) (Rein), Co B, 3rd SP Bn
Det, LSU, 3rd Serv Bn

Capt W. P. BARCLAY
(1-2 January 1968)
Lt T. W. KAUFMAN
(1-2 January 1968)
Lt B. BLACK
(1-2 January 1968)
Lt J. L. BUCKLEY
(1-2 January 1968)
Lt W. H. WOOSLEY
(1-2 January 1968)
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 Janaury 1968)

#### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		other	
<u>off</u>	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	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 anemy. 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

## .. 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

J. 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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Commanding Officer

To:

Commandant of the Marino Corps (Codo A03D) (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (2) Commanding General, III MAF (3) Commanding General, FMF, Pacific

Via:

Subj:

Command Chronology for period 2 January to 31 January

1968

Ref:

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(c) FMFPACO 5750.8

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#### PART I

# Organizational Data

1.	DESIGNATION

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

# SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&SCo	
Co A	(2-31Jan68) Capt D. HANCOCK
	(2-26Jan68)
	lstLt K. L. ANTLE (27-31Jan68)
Co B	Capt T. A. SCHEIB (1-24Jan68)
	lstLt G. C. NORRIS (25-31Jan68)
Co C	Capt W. H. OSGOOD
Co D	(2-31Jan68)
D	Capt P. N. HENDRIX (2-31Jan68)

## ATTACHED, UNITS

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

Det HqCo, 3d Mar (Snipertms)

Set FASULA
(31 Jan)

# 2. LOCATION

2-31 Jan: Quang Tri Airfield Complex.

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	•	4	MAJE J HOCHFORD
S-1			(2-31 Jan 68) 1st Lt R J BARNES
S <b>-</b> 2			(2-31 Jan 68) Capt G D DOCKENDORFF
S <b>-</b> 3	• • •		(2-31 Jan 68) MAJ R C McCOMMICK
S-4	•		(2-31 Jan 68) Capt B H LANDES JR
S-5			(2-31 Jan 68) 1st Lt G E MOUZAKIS

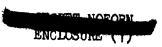


# 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		
OFF	<u>FM</u>	OFF	<u>em</u>	<u> </u>
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PART II

# Narrative Summary

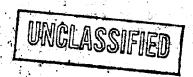
During the month of January 1968, the 1st Battalion.

3d Marines participated in Operation Official and Official II.

at the Quang Tri Airfield Complex, RVN. The overall mission of the pattalion was to provide for defense of the airfield complex and to conduct offensive operations to the west of the airfield complex. The operations were characterised by sporadic enemy contact the frequency of which increased during the latter part of the menth.

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 MDCAPS during which health leaflets were distributed and 312 Vietnamese were examined and treated.



#### PART III

# SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

# 1. Combat Missions Assigned.

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

Ref: lstMarines 2906452 Dec67 (S) (Appendix I)
Combat After Action Report - Operation OSCEOLA (Appendix II)

B. 1500, 31 January - 2400, 31 January 1968. To establish two commany six patrol bases and conduct Search and Destroy operations in the assigned area of eperations 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 Comma
  - 21 31 January 1968 Operation (SCHOLA 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.

#### <u>ADCON</u>

2 - 5 January 1968 - RLT-26 (Rear) 6 - 31 January 1968 - 3dMarDiv

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2 - 19 January 1968 - 1st Marines 20 - 31 January 1968 - 3d Marines

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## 6. Logistics.

A. Supply. During this pariod 16f 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 F3R. Resupply of combat patrol bases was accomplished primarily by surface transportation although acrial resupply was utilized on three occasions.

B. Maintenance. Maintenance support was received from FLSG-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 metabolic 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 Whan Bieu and one MEDCAP tigit was made to Ai Tu hamlet. Health leaflets were distributed and 112 persons were examined and treated. A Tet party was conducted for the children of Ai Tu hamlet. The repeated MEDCAPS in the Whan Bieu area greatly improved relation with the Vietnamese Nationals and the hamlet children reciprocated by disclosing the locations of VC mines and susprise firing devices to Marines operating in these areas.

Ref: 1stBn 3dMar OuOOu5Z Peb68 (Appendix IV)

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

## 9. Personnel.

A. Roplacements.

3 USMC Officers 201 USMC Enlisted



B. Awards.

25 Purnin Heart Medals

C. Postal. Incoming mail was regularly remained during the first two weeks. However, sail for the posteds li - 20 January and 23 - 31 January was not received.

10. Intelligence. The enemy time to avoid any major contact and used sniper fire, susprise 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 chopped 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 OSCEOIA Terminated

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

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

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

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#### PART IV

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1st Marines 290645Z Jan67 (S)

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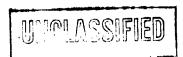
3d Marines 310430Z Jan68 (S)

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1stBn, 3dMar 040045Z Feb68

Appendix V

CG 3dMarDiv 040059Z Jan68 (S)



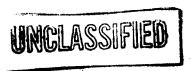
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#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

√1. 3d Mar Div msg 021141Z Mar68 (S)

√2. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Operation Order 6-68



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