

KOREAN WAR PROJECT

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SHORE PARTY BATTALION,
1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIG**

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In the field
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Annex MIKE to Brig Special Action Report

INTRODUCTION

Company "A" 1st Shore Party Battalion was assigned the following missions on the activation of the Brigade.

(a) Co "A", Shore Party Battalion coordinates control unloading, shipping, control indigenous labor.

(b) Augment Engr. Co in Engr. duties as necessary.

(c) Coordinates control brigade supply dumps at Brigade Railhead.

(d) Organize all around security of railhead dumps and service installations with particular attention to security of field hospital.

(e) Organize provisional rifle company for duty at Brigade on order.

Summary of Shore Party Activities

Upon arrival at Pusan, Korea on the evening of 2 August, 1950, the Brigade Shore Party with attached service units supervised the unloading of the ships upon which embarked and provided dock security. This work continued throughout the night and at 1400, 3 August, Shore Party was secured for entrainment to Chang Won, arriving at this destination 2300, 3 August.

Upon arrival at Chang Won, Shore Party Headquarters and attached service elements established the brigade railhead. This required that the Army Rail Transportation Officer be contacted to determine where carloads of supplies could be staged, and the assignment of locations to the service elements from which to function. An information center was established and all incoming railroad cars containing supplies were received and routed to the cognizant supply agency for appropriate action. Unloading of heavy equipment was supervised and as the operators stayed with their equipment enroute, they moved it to their parent organization upon unloading. The final step in the establishment of the railhead was the coordination of security for all service elements within the vicinity. This was done by Shore Party Team #2, the remainder of the company moved into the bivouac

area approximately two (2) miles south of brigade. This situation remained unchanged during 4 and 5 August.

On 6 August, Shore Party Team #3 was dispatched to Masan where it established a railhead. The remainder of the company joined Team #2 at Chang-Won. At this point it should be brought out that when brigade moved it was necessary for the railhead commanders and the RTO to closely coordinate their activities to insure the correct number of cars were ordered, the marking of the train was correct, etc. Shore Party assisted in salvage operations which were conducted in the Chang-Won area.

On 8 August, Shore Party Team #1 departed for Chin-dong-Ni where it conducted the normal Shore Party mission from LST Q0119.

On 9 August, Headquarters section joined Team #3 at Masan.

On 10 August, Headquarters and Team #2 proceeded to Chin-dong-Ni, this left only Team #3 at Masan, no one at Chang-Won. Team #3 continued its operation of the Masan railhead and assisted in salvage operations.

At 1900, 11 August elements of company headquarters and Team #1 embarked on LST Q0119 at Chin-dong-Ni, destination Tang-dong-Ni. Shore Party Team #2 and elements of company headquarters remained at Chin-dong-Ni to assist in salvage operations.

At 1000, 12 August, LST Q0119 docked at Tang-dong-Ni. Team #1 remained at Tang-dong-Ni to operate from LST serving as a forward supply point, and at 1300, elements of Headquarters section departed for Kosong where it established a CP at 1400. Arriving by motor convoy from Chin-dong-Ni, the remainder of Headquarters section and Team #2 joined the CP at 1600.

Thus at 1600 the situation was: Team #1 operating from LST Q0119 at Tang-dong-Ni, Headquarters section and Team #2 at Kosong and Team #3 at Masan. That evening orders were received to return to Chin-dong-Ni and at 2010 elements of Headquarters section and Team #2 departed Kosong for Chin-dong-Ni by motor convoy.

At 0915, 13 August the remaining elements of Headquarters section departed Kosong by motor convoy; destination Chin-dong-Ni where CP was established at 1310.

Team #1 aboard LST Q0119 arrived at Chin-dong-Ni. The situation was: Company Headquarters section and Team #2 in the river bed at Chin-dong-Ni, Team #1 at the LST landing Chin-dong-Ni conducting first unloading, the reloading of supplies, coordinating supply requests and maintaining beachhead. At approximately 2000, orders were received to load all heavy equipment aboard LST Q0119, destination LST landing, Masan.

Schedule of 14 August, 1950

0130 - Loading of heavy equipment aboard LST Q0119 completed.

0530 - LST Q0119 departed Chin-dong-Ni, destination Masan. Aboard were 1st Bn, 5th Marines, Shore Party Team #1 with attached service elements and heavy equipment.

0900 - Advance party departed Chin-dong-Ni by motor convoy, destination Miryang.

0950 - Elements of Headquarters section arrived Masan, established CP.

1630 - Advance party arrived Miryang.

On 15 August, at 0712 Team #2 arrived Miryang. The remainder of the Shore Party continued the unloading of brigade at Masan.

On 16 August, Team #3, with attached service elements, established a forward supply dump at Yongsan. Headquarters and Team #1 moved into brigade former bivouac area. Team #2 operated the brigade railhead at Miryang. This situation remained unchanged 18 and 19 August.

On 20 August, preparations were made for the unloading of brigade by rail at the Miryang railhead. Two (2) officers and forty-five (45) men were transferred to the 5th Marines. Shore Party organized into two (2) Shore Party Teams. At 2245 the first elements of brigade departed Miryang for Masan.

On 21 August, at 0130 the advance detail arrived Masan and established an information center. At 1000 Shore Party Headquarters section, Team #1 and Team #2 departed Miryang.

On 22 August, the Shore Party arrived at Masan, at 0400 established a CP, procured and allocated laborers and employed the same routine as utilized at previous railheads.

The company was again organized into three (3) teams. These teams were approximately two-thirds (2/3) strength, lacking privates and privates first class. This situation remained unchanged during 23 August.

On 24 August, LST Q0116 arrived at LST landing Masan with the brigade first resupply. Due to the manner in which this ship was loaded and since this LST had no fingerlifts aboard it required four thousand and one hundred forty-four (4,144) man hours to unload LST Q0116. LST Q0116 sailed at 1900, 30 August for Pusan.

On 30 August at 1710 Team #2 departed Masan via rail for Pusan to coordinate the receipt of equipment and supplies sent to the rear by Brigade. The remainder of Shore Party remained at Masan.

At 1610, 31 August, an advance party from Headquarters section and Team #3 departed from Masan via rail for Miryang, arriving at Miryang at 2014. The elements of Headquarters section established an information center, Team #3 went into bivouac area in the Miryang riverbed. Those elements of Headquarters section which remained in Masan and Team #1 supervised the outloading of brigade at Masan.

On 1 September, elements of the Headquarters section and Team #1 continued the outloading of brigade at Masan. Those elements of Headquarters section at Miryang continued to operate the Miryang railhead. Team #3 prepared to move out to establish a forward supply dump.

On 2 September, at 0422 those elements of Shore Party which had been outloading at Masan departed, via rail, for Miryang and arrived at 0930. Headquarters established a CP at 1330 in the Miryang riverbed. Two (2) squads of Team #1 went with Headquarters section, the other squad took over the operation of the railhead at Miryang. Team #3 with attached service units established a forward supply dump in the vicinity of Kyan-Gyo. Team #2 remained at Pusan. This situation remained unchanged through 5 September, except Team #3 displaced forward to the vicinity of Yongsan. Later in the day the company was alerted for movement to Pusan.

At 1420, 6 September, Headquarters section departed via motor convoy from Miryang riverbed, destination Pusan, arriving 1915. At 1710 Team #3 departed via motor convoy from forward supply dump vicinity of Yongsan, fro Pusan, arriving 2317.

Prior to Team #3 departure all laborers were paid and supplies were either returned to Miryang for rail movement to Pusan or turned over in place to Army elements. As of 2400 Team #1 was still mounting out brigade supply and personnel trains at Miryang railhead. Team #2 was effecting the billeting of brigade personnel at Pier #2, Pusan.

Since landing, Shore Party Commanding Officer, as Brigade Labor Officer, has procured, allocated, delivered and made disbursement to two thousand five hundred and seventy (2,570) indigenous laborers. An expenditure of five million seven hundred eighty one thousand six hundred (5, 781,600) Won was made over this period.

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STATION LIST

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CARVER, Nathaniel H.	019989	Capt	1202	ExecOCo
FEDOR, John J.	039603	1stLt	0410	EquipO
GREEN, Melvin K.	048087	1stLt	1202	Cmdr SPT #3
LEESEBERG, Phillip K.	045068	1stLt	2502	CommO
OLNEY, Orville N.	034143	1stLt	0410	Cmdr SPT #1
STANALAND, Beverly N.	037663	WO	0410	ExecO SPT #3
HOLLOWAY, Charles K.	259994	LtCmdr	2100	Doctor