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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Radio Battalion (-), FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol P.J. FENNELL  
(1-31 March 1969)

2. LOCATION

1-31 March 1969 - Camp Horn, Damang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J.B. POZZA  
(1-31 March 1969)

S-1 Officer

1stLt J.D. KIMBERL  
(1-31 March 1969)

S-2 Officer

1stLt L.D. SHOVE  
(1-31 March 1969)

S-3 Officer

Major J.H. HUMMEL  
(1-31 March 1969)

S-4 Officer

Capt H.C. RICHARDSON JR.  
(1-31 March 1969)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
21	339	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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(S) The Battalion continued to support III MAF operations in the I Corps Tactical Zone with the collection, processing and reporting of Signal Intelligence. The six task organized platoons provided immediate tactical support to Regimental and Division Headquarters. Second echelon reporting was provided by the Battalion Operations Control Platoon to III MAF in Danang. Direct Support Teams (DST) were active in Operation Dewey Canyon which ended on 18 March and Operation Purple Martin from 21 to 30 March. Operation Taylor Common was supported by the First Platoon until 8 March when it was terminated.

(S) Transmission Security Monitoring in support of III MAF continued throughout the period with 194 violations noted in 118,920 messages that were monitored. Serious violations/compromises were spot reported direct to the unit involved. 860 man-hours were devoted to transmission security during this period. Lectures were presented by the Platoon Commanders as requested by the supported commander.

(S) Short Range Direction Finding was utilized with a total of 159 fixes resulting from the nets. The VHF Direction Finding netted a total of 69 fixes during the same month. The primary source of Direction Finding continued to be the airborne platforms of the Army and Air Force working in conjunction with 1st Radio Battalion platoons and Army units on the ground. As a result of these efforts, a total of 4,040 fixes were passed to tactical commanders.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (S) Operations supported by the 1st Radio Battalion during the period 1-31 March were as follows:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Supported Unit</u>	<u>Supporting Unit</u>
Taylor Common	1-8 March	Task Force Yankee	1stPlt
Dewey Canyon	1-18 March	9thMar	DST 4A (1 Off-10 Enl)
Maine Crag	19-30 March	3dMar	DST 4B (1 Off-3 Enl)
Purple Martin	21-30 March	1stBn 4thMar	DST 4C (1 Off-3 Enl)
Montana Mauler	23-30 March	1stBde 5th Mech	3dPlt

2. (U) Personnel and equipment casualties. None.

3. (U) Equipment and Logistics

a. 1st Radio Battalion remained in a C-1 status in equipment and supplies on hand. 43 pieces of combat essential equipment was not on hand throughout the period.

b. No GA cards were submitted during March as a result of reporting a C-1 status.

c. The Battalion remained in a C-1 status. Deadlined equipment in NORM/NORS was:

Within the Battalion

NORM - 11  
NORS - 32

Evacuated to Higher Echelon

NORM - 5  
IN TRANSIT - 6

d. No new items of equipment were received and no construction was started.

4. (U) Maintenance

a. Electronics. A total of 20 work orders were submitted, 15 pieces of equipment were repaired and 2 were evacuated to higher echelon. There were 5 pieces awaiting repair parts.

b. Engineer. There were 67 tactical equipment repair orders (TERO) submitted and 63 completed. 4 were evacuated to higher echelon. 30 of the TERO's were for general repairs and the remainder were for scheduled maintenance.

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5. (U) Motor Transport. The Motor Transport section travelled 25,870 miles hauling 73 tons of cargo and 5,174 personnel. A total of 73 tactical equipment repair orders were submitted with 69 completed of which 31 were for general repairs. 2 were evacuated to higher echelon.

6. (U) Supply. A backorder reconciliation submitted to CG III MAF resulting in 530 requisitions that required AT follow-ups, 113 were cancelled and there were 595 that were still outstanding. A total of 654 requisitions were submitted and 176 were filled. Of the former, 52 were priority 02 and 22 were completed. There was 1 follow-up submitted.

7. (S) Communications. The CRITICOMM relay station (CRS) Danang, operated by 1st Radio Battalion, transmitted 3,634 locally originated messages totaling 1,110,142 groups. CRS Danang received 7,477 messages totaling 2,863,691 groups. The total manpower figure during this time was 64, including 18 personnel located at the platoons and 7 assigned to maintenance.

8. (C) Courier. A total of 145 courier runs were made to the 6 platoons of this Battalion in March by the S-2 Section.

9. (U) Personnel

a. Joined: 4 Officers and 16 Enlisted.

b. Detached: 2 Officers and 18 Enlisted.

c. Overseas Extensions:

(1) 6 months: 14

(2) 3 months: 0

d. Reenlistments: 2

e. Off-duty Education Enrollment:

(1) MGI: 3

(2) USAFI: 1

(3) University of Maryland (tuition): 1

f. Savings Bonds and Savings Participation. Approximately 78 per cent of the command participated in the bond program and 22 per cent in the Savings Deposit Program.

g. Promotions. Twenty-four enlisted men were promoted during March.

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h. Leaves and R&R:

- (1) Emergency Leave: 4
- (2) Annual Leave: 1
- (3) Special Leave: 9
- (4) R&R: 15

i. Hospitalization: 8, all non-combat.

10. (U) Miscellaneous

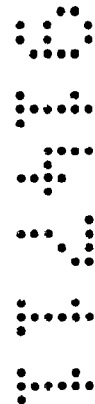
a. Postal. Postal service is provided by the III Marine Amphibious Force. Average mail delivery time is five days.

b. Legal:

- (1) Special Courts-Martial: 0
- (2) Summary Courts-Martial: 0
- (3) Non-Judicial Punishment (BnCO): 3

c. Disbursing. Disbursing support is provided by the III Marine Amphibious Force.

d. Morale. Morale is good.



PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. (U) Chronology of subordinate commands are not required.
2. (U) Supporting documents are of a higher classification and - 2/R  
passed separately as a part of the 1st Radio Battalion Historical  
File.

