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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology, period 1-30 April 1969

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 1st Radio Battalion (-), FMF

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted, based on the official records of this command.

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1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness
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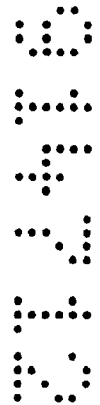
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Radio Battalion (-), FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol P.J. FENNELL
(1-30 April 1969)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1969 - Camp Horn, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J.B. POZZA
(1-30 April 1969)

S-1 Officer

1stLt J.D. KIMBERL
(1-30 April 1969)

S-2 Officer

1stLt L.D. SHOVE
(1-30 April 1969)

S-3 Officer

Major J.H. HUMMEL
(1-30 April 1969)

S-4 Officer

Capt H.C. RICHARDSON JR
(1-30 April 1969)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
29	350

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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PART II

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(S) Support for III MAF during this period continued with the collection, processing and reporting of Signal Intelligence by the 1st Radio Battalion. The six platoons remained in place in Quang Tri and Quang Nam Provinces for the immediate direct support of the Division and Regimental Commanders. The Operation Control Platoon operated at Camp Horn and was directly responsive to the requirements of III MAF. A Direct Support Team (DST) was active this month with the 7th Marines in Operation Oklahoma Hills, and the 5th Marines were supported during Muskogee Meadow. Support to Operation Montana Mauler continued until termination of the operation on 3 April.

(S) Transmission Security Monitoring in support of III MAF continued throughout the period. The number of violations dropped from the last months figure of 194 to 163 for April. This is of note since a higher number of messages were monitored (149,130) with 294 man-hours devoted to this task. Lectures were provided to tactical units upon request, although they sometimes had to be cancelled by the tactical unit due to operational commitments.

(S) Airborne, short range and VHF Direction Finding efforts were continued and at times the fixes were utilized for firing of artillery into the suspected area. Fixes were attained as follows:

ARDF - 1669

SRDF - 223

VHF - 35

(S) The Army and Air Force units continued to work in close harmony with the Radio Battalion. The 138th Aviation Company has provided direct support in a responsive and timely manner. Many "unident" fixes are not any assistance to the Radio Battalion Analysts, but often are fired on by the tactical commanders.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (S) Operations supported by the 1st Radio Battalion during the period 1-30 April were:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Supported Unit</u>	<u>Supporting Unit</u>
Montana Mauler	1-3 April	1stBde 5th Mech	3d Platoon
Oklahoma Hills	2-12 April	7thMar	DST 6A (3 Enl)
Muskogee Meadow	7-20 April	5thMar	1st & 3d Platoons

2. (U) Personnel and equipment casualties. 7 SEA huts were destroyed on Hill 327 (2nd Platoon) during the explosion of ASP-1. There were no personnel injured.

3. (U) Equipment and Logistics

a. The Battalion continued to report C-1 in Supplies/Equipment On Hand as well as Combat Readiness.

b. During April, 1st Radio Battalion received 11 Radio Receivers, AN/PRR-15 and 2 Generator Sets, PU-661.

c. No GA cards were submitted this month as a result of the continued C-1 status.

d. Forty-six GB cards were submitted as follows:

ADD - 12

CHANGE - 10

DELETE - 24

e. Deadlined equipment in NORM/NORS was:

Within the Battalion

Evacuated to Higher Echelon

NORM - 2

IN TRANSIT - 4

NORS - 7

f. Construction. On 28 April a request was submitted to replace the 7 SEA huts destroyed on Hill 327. Work commenced on 30 April.

4. (U) Maintenance

a. Electronics. A total of 22 work orders were submitted, 17 completed and 4 pieces awaiting repair parts in the shop.

b. Engineer. 78 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted and 81 completed. 6 were evacuated to higher echelon. 45 of the 78 were for general repairs and the remainder for scheduled maintenance.

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5. (U) Motor Transport. During April the Motor Transport Section travelled 22,796 miles with 68 tons of cargo and approximately 4,558 personnel. 61 TERO's were submitted and 64 completed with 2 evacuated to higher echelon for completion. 25 TERO's were for general repairs and the remainder were scheduled maintenance.

6. (U) Supply.

a. There were no significant supply procedures conducted during the month of April.

b. Total requisitions submitted and completed, by priority, were as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Follow-ups</u>
02	86	5	0
05	107	19	0
12	290	114	0
17	128	52	0

7. (S) Communications. CRS Danang transmitted 3,004 messages totaling 905,916 groups. 348 of these were flash precedence and 1635 were immediate. Incoming messages numbered 6,917 with a total of 2,553,126 groups. Manpower figures were 62 with 18 located at the platoons and 6 personnel in maintenance.

8. (C) Courier. A total of 146 courier runs were made by the S-2 Section to the platoons of this Battalion.

9. (U) Personnel

a. Joined: 1 Officer and 34 Enlisted.

b. Detached: 14 Enlisted.

c. Overseas Extensions:

- (1) 6 months: 7
- (2) 3 months: 1

d. Reenlistments: 1 career.

e. Off-duty Education Enrollment:

- (1) MGI: 51
- (2) USAFI: 4
- (3) University of Maryland (tuition): 0

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f. Savings Bonds and Savings Participation. Approximately 79 per cent of the command participated in the bond program and 5 per cent in the Savings Deposit Program.

g. Promotions. Forty-four enlisted men were promoted during April.

h. Leaves and R&R:

- (1) Emergency Leave: 1
- (2) Annual Leave: 2
- (3) Special Leave: 4
- (4) R&R: 12

i. Hospitalization: 4, all non-combat.

j. Personal Awards Nominations:

- (1) Navy Achievement Medal - 4
- (2) Navy Commendation Medal - 9
- (3) Bronze Star Medal - 1

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: 4 (BnCO)

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 passed separately as a part of the 1st Radio Battalion Historical File. - 2/15

