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

1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Radio Battalion (-), FMF

COMMANDER

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

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1969 - Camp Horn, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

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

S-1 Officer

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

S-2 Officer

Capt L.D. SHOVE
(1-31 May 1969)

S-3 Officer

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

S-4 Officer

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

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | |
|------|-----|
| OFF | ENL |
| 28 | 355 |

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| 0 | 0 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (S) Although only one Direct Support Team (DST) was provided for the collection of Signal Intelligence during this month, the six platoons of 1st Radio Battalion supported 4 others from their positions in Quang Tri and Quang Nam Provinces. The single DST supported the 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne for Operation Apache Snow for three weeks. The Operations Control Platoon was in support of III MAF at Camp Horn and provided second echelon processing and reporting to that Headquarters as well as other forces in I Corps Tactical Zone.

2. (S) Operation Caddo Creek was supported by a Transmission Security Monitoring Team. This marked the initial use of a Transmission Monitoring Team in offensive operations during the war in Vietnam. With the 4th Marines from 16-21 May, this team of 1 officer and 8 enlisted was very effective in providing timely warning in cases of violations of transmission security. Although the total number of man-hours devoted to transmission security was greater with 1,017, there were fewer transmissions (131,680) and only 124 violations were noted. One communications security lecture was provided during this period.

3. (S) Airborne radio direction finding in May was almost doubled with 3,169 fixes. This total was second only to March when 4,040 fixes were made. A rapidly failing piece of test equipment, the AN/GRA-94 VHF DF Set was able to fix only 28 targets. This piece of equipment is only for testing and repair parts are not yet in the inventory. Radio Battalion is testing four of these sets. Short range DF, utilizing the AN/PRD-1, acquired 233 fixes. Total number of DF fixes for the month was 3,430.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

| <u>Operation</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Supported Unit</u> | <u>Supporting Unit</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Virginia Ridge | 1-31 May | 3d Marines | 4th/5th Platoons |
| Casco Park II | 5-31 May | Americal Div | 1st Platoon |
| Apache Snow | 9-30 May | 3dBde, 101st Airborne | DST 4D (1 Off & 5 Enl) |
| Caddo Creek | 16-21 May | 4th Marines | TransSec 1 (10ff/8Enl) |
| Herkimer Mountain | 9-31 May | 4th Marines | 4th/5th Platoons |
| Pipestone Canyon | 26-31 May | 1st Marines | 6th Platoon |

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

3. (U) Equipment and Logistics

a. 1st Radio Battalion remained in a C-1 status in supplies and equipment on hand and as a result no GA cards were submitted during May.

b. 73 GB cards were submitted as follows:

ADD - 28

CHANGE - 9

DELETE - 36

c. Deadlined equipment in NOEM/NORS was:

Within the Battalion

Evacuated to Higher Echelon

NORM - 2

IN TRANSIT - 16

NORS - 10

d. Construction. On 17 May the request of 28 April for the re-construction of the 2nd Platoon area on Hill 327 was completed. The project, when finished, consisted of an operations building, 6 SEA huts, a generator shed and a supply shed.

e. There were no new items of equipment received during May.

4. (U) Maintenance

a. Electronics. A total of 6 tactical equipment repair orders were turned in, 10 were completed and 3 pieces were awaiting repair parts in the shop. Two pieces of equipment were evacuated to higher echelon.

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b. Engineer. A total of 58 tactical equipment repair orders were submitted and 57 were completed. 3 were evacuated to higher echelon. 37 of the 58 were for general repairs and the remainder were for scheduled maintenance.

5. (U) Motor Transport. The Battalion Motor Transport Section travelled 28,943 miles during May, transporting approximately 81 tons of cargo and 3,788 personnel. 66 tactical equipment repair orders were submitted and 67 completed. 29 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 May.

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

| <u>Priority</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Completed</u> | <u>Follow-ups</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 02 | 79 | 19 | 2 |
| 05 | 83 | 13 | 0 |
| 12 | 311 | 93 | 0 |
| 17 | 107 | 27 | 0 |

7. (S) Communications. 3,715 messages were originated for transmission by CRS Danang totaling 1,086,567 groups. Of these, 382 were of flash precedence and 2,270 were immediate. There were 9,390 incoming messages that consisted of 3,558,810 groups. Manpower figures were 62 with 18 personnel in the platoons and 7 in maintenance.

8. (U) Courier. A total of 162 courier runs were made by the S-2 Section to the platoons of the Battalion.

9. (U) Personnel

a. Joined: 2 Officers and 23 Enlisted.

b. Detached: 1 Officer and 23 Enlisted.

c. Overseas Extensions:

(1) 6 months: 15

(2) 3 months: 4

d. Reenlistments: 2 career.

e. Off-duty Education Enrollment:

- (1) MCI: 79
- (2) USAFI: 3
- (3) University of Maryland (tuition): 1

f. Savings Bonds and Savings Participation. Approximately 80 per cent of the command participated in the bond program and 5 per cent in the Savings Deposit Program.

g. Promotions. Twenty-three enlisted men were promoted during May.

h. Leaves and R&R:

- (1) Emergency Leave: 1
- (2) Annual Leave: 1
- (3) Special Leave: 7
- (4) R&R: 20

i. Hospitalization: 6, all non-combat.

j. Personal Awards Nominations:

- (1) Navy Achievement Medal: 8
- (2) Navy Commendation Medal: 12
- (3) Bronze Star Medal: 4

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: 3 (BnCO)

c. Disbursing. Disbursing support is provided by the III Marine Amphibious Force. Outlying platoons are served by the nearest disbursing office.

d. Morale. Morale is good.

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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.

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