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HEADQUARTERS
1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF

CommanderLtCol D.M. HOPKINS
(1-30 April 1970)Subordinate Units

Headquarters and Service Company

Maj S.C WIGGINS
(1-30 April 1970)Attached Units

None

2. Location

1-30 April 1970 - Headquarters, Camp Horn, Da Nang, RVN

1-30 April 1970 - Headquarters and Service Company, Camp Hoa Long,
East Da Nang, RVN3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj D.J. HATCH
(1-30 April 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt R.J. ANDERSON
(1-30 April 1970)

S-2 Officer

Capt R.E. SCHLAPFER
(1-30 April 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj R.L. O'BRIEN
(1-30 April 1970)

S-4 Officer

1stLt J. WHITLEY, Jr.
(1-17 April 1970)
SSgt G.T. DOE
(18-30 April 1970)

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4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
20	318	0	0	0	0	20	318

A. Attached

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	2	0	13	0	0	0	15

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (S) During the month of April, 1st Radio Battalion, through its operational platoons deployed throughout Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone, continued providing on the spot direct support to tactical elements of the 1st Marine Division while the battalion as a whole provided both direct and general support to the headquarters of XXIV Corps, III Marine Amphibious Force, 1st Marine Division, and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The direct support role was highlighted by the timely provision of vital tactical information on the 1st and 2nd of April which alerted Free World Forces in the An Hoa Basin, 20 miles southwest of Da Nang, to impending enemy attacks by indirect fire and sapper elements. The warning information provided by 1st Radio Battalion resulted in the enemy being soundly defeated with no casualties sustained by Free World Forces personnel and little damage done to installations of the Free World Forces in the An Hoa Basin. Throughout April, 1st Radio Battalion's direct support resources continued to provide timely, vital support which materially assisted field commanders in initiating operations which resulted in the loss of both men and material by the enemy and also restricted the enemy's movement and his ability to attack, harass, or otherwise inflict casualties or damage upon Free World Forces in Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone.

2. (C) During the month of April, 1st Radio Battalion TRANSEC elements monitored 1,201 hours of friendly communications activity; 387 hours more than in March. The number of TRANSEC monitoring positions was reduced from 7 to 6 in April. Total transmissions monitored numbered 100,705; an increase of 28,355 over March. Total violations numbered 292, of which 108 were spot reported. The latter figures represent a moderate increase over the 261/95 totals for March.

3. (S) Enemy activity as reflected through the number of ARDF/SRDF fixes showed an increase in April. Total fixes numbered 2,112 in April as compared with 2,037 in March. ARDF fixes dropped from 1,654 in March to 1,362 in April while organic 1st Radio Battalion SRDF fixes increased from 383 in March to 750 in April. Total fixes identified in April numbered 643, of which 509 were ARDF and 134 were SRDF. The latter figures represent a considerable decrease in total identified fixes resulting from the decrease in identified ARDF fixes while the number of identified SRDF fixes more than doubled.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) There were no major operations conducted by Free World Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone during this reporting period. Operational platoons of 1st Radio Battalion continued their direct support of tactical commanders in Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone while providing general support to the III Marine Amphibious Force and XXIV Corps.

2. (C) Physical locations of 1st Radio Battalion Platoons and Detachments:

1st Platoon	AT 873 476	An Hoa Combat Base
2nd Platoon	AT 971 738	Hill 327
Site (LLVI&SRDF)	BT 099 574	Hoi An
Site (SRDF)	AT 939 771	Hill 364
Site (SRDF)	AT 879 576	Hill 65
Site (SRDF)	AT 873 476	An Hoa Combat Base
Site (SRDF)	AT 916 581	Hill 37
Site (SRDF)	AT 856 495	Hill 10
Site (SRDF)	AT 925 528	Liberty Bridge
3rd Platoon	AT 916 581	Hill 37
4th Platoon	BT 156 452	Fire Support Base Baldy
Site (SRDF)	BT 027 343	Landing Zone Ross
Site (SRDF)	BT 116 464	Fire Support Base Bushwacker
Site (LLVI&SRDF)	AT 947 344	Fire Support Base Ryder
6th Platoon	AT 954 758	Camp Perdue
Site (LLVI&SRDF)	AT 939 771	Hill 364
Site (LLVI)	AT 866 682	Hill 270

3. (S) Chronological listing of events: Input source code; Plt=P, H&SCo=H, S-1=1, S-2=2, S-3=3, S-4=4, Command=6, CommCenter=C

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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3 Apr	Detachment "B", 6th Platoon, activated on Hill 270. (P)
4 Apr	Submitted Logistics Summary Report, AIC Fund reconciliation, and RM Cards on MARES T/E allowances. (4)
11 Apr	SRDF Site "Uniform" secured operations at An Hoa and was redesignated a mobile site. (P)
15 Apr	1stLt SHOVLAIN was assigned to 2nd Platoon as Assistant Platoon Commander. (P)
17 Apr	1stLt WHITLEY transferred to 2nd Radio Battalion in conjunction with emergency leave. (H)
18 Apr	Capt MORGAN assumed command of 4th Platoon. (P)
22 Apr	Truck, Cargo, M37B1, USMC 306404 was stolen from China Beach Exchange parking area. (4)
25 Apr	Truck stolen 22 April recovered by Armed Forces Police. (4)

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a. LtCol QUISENBERRY, Marine Representative to DIRNAVSECGRUPAC, and WO PETERS, NAVFAC DA NANG, visited 2nd Platoon on 6 April for a briefing and orientation tour.

b. LtGen McCUTCHEON, CG III MAF, and Col DZIALO, III MAF G-2, visited 2nd Platoon on 7 April for a briefing and orientation tour.

c. Gen WALT, Assistant CMC, presented the Bronze Star Medal to Sgt CHARNEILL and the Navy Commendation Medal to SSgt SEN (ARVN) in ceremonies conducted at An Hoa Combat Base by 5th Marines on 14 April.

d. Gen WALT and MajGen WHEELER, CG 1st MarDiv, visited Hill 270 and were briefed on the mission of Detachment "B", 6th Platoon.

e. Capt Morgan, now 4th Platoon Commander, visited 2nd Platoon on 15 April for a briefing and orientation tour.

f. Mr. TERRY (GS-16), Chief of B-6 at DIRNSA, and Col BOOTH, NRV (C), visited 2nd Platoon on 21 April for a briefing and orientation tour.

g. Maj GOLDFARB, USAF, accompanied LtCol HOPKINS to Hill 37 for a visit to 3rd Platoon, on 28 April.

h. BGen DOEHLER, ADC 1st MarDiv, and Col ESTEY, CO 5th Marines, visited 3rd Platoon at Hill 37 and were briefed on the platoon's mission.

5. (U) Personnel and Equipment Casualties. None**6. (U) Equipment and Logistics. MARES**

a. The battalion continues in a C-2 Readiness with 83.43% of equipment Combat Ready and a total of 33 pieces of Combat Essential Equipment in a deadline status. Totally, 15 pieces of the above are in NORS, 3 in NORMS, and 15 are in TRANSIT.

b. As of 30 April 1970, a total of 266 GA Cards have been submitted, 142 completed and 21 cancelled.

c. The average of completed documents is as follows:

66 days from date of document
38 days from date of GA submission

7. (U) Fiscal. The available balance as of 30 April 1970 was \$29,849.78.**DECLASSIFIED**
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a. The following new equipment was received during this reporting period:

- (1) 1 - Duplicating Set
- (2) 1 - Refrigeration Unit, ME-10
- (3) 1 - Test Set, MK-993/PRC-25
- (4) 2 - Binocular, M17A1
- (5) 6 - Radio Set, PRC-77 (invoiced from 5th CommBn)
- (6) 1 - Transistor Test Set, TS-1294

9. (U) Maintenance and Services.a. Projects Pending.

- (1) Request for purchase of rock with AIK Funds approved by Force Engineer. Project is being held in abeyance pending any possible relocation of units.
- (2) Bunker and SEA Huts at 6th Platoon are presently under construction.

b. Projects Cancelled.

- (1) Hardstand for Motor Pool.

10. (U) Electronic Maintenance.

- a. A total of 59 TERO's were received.
- b. A total of 38 TERO's were completed.
- c. 14 pieces of equipment were evacuated for calibration.

11. (U) Motor Transport.

a. The following is a recapitulation of the TERO's for April:

- (1) 72 were initiated
- (2) 63 were completed
- (3) 9 are outstanding

- (a) Quarterly PM.....21
- (b) Annual PM.....5
- (c) General Repair.....46

b. The following monthly statistical information is provided:

- (1) Monthly mileage.....29,848
- (2) Tonnage hauled.....94.2
- (3) Personnel transported.....7,777

c. There was one accident during April with no injuries.

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- a. 23 TERO's were initiated.
- b. 19 TERO's were completed.
- c. 2 TERO's remain outstanding.
- d. 2 pieces of equipment were evacuated to a higher echelon.

13. (U) Supply.

a. No equipment was classified as a combat loss during this reporting period.

b. Total requisitions submitted for April:

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>FOLLOW-UP</u>
02	128	26	61
05	196	30	58
12	202	33	39
17	0	0	0

c. The following items were turned in as excess:

- (1) 93 Rifles, 5.56mm, M16
- (2) 1 Trailer, M107A1
- (3) 7 Trailers, M100
- (4) 4 Air conditioners, HD-209 (code H)

14. (C) Intelligence and Security.

- a. There were 83 courier missions during April.
- b. Security Clearance Administration:
 - (1) 6 clearance updates
 - (2) 8 incoming and 26 outgoing personnel were processed
- c. There were 5 Registered Publication Service (RPS) automatic draws from RPIO Honolulu and 40 inter-battalion transfers in April.
- d. There were no losses or compromises of classified material in April.

15. (C) Communications.

- a. 90,664 messages were handled in April; 60,081 transmitted and 30,583 received.
- b. 21,281,550 groups were processed.
- c. 8 half-duplex circuits were operated.
- d. 6 full-duplex circuits were operated.
- e. 4 secure voice radio nets consisting of 23 stations were operated in April using organic NESTOR (KY-8 and KY-38) cipher equipment.

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16. (U) Personnel and Administration.

- a. Joined 1 officer and 8 enlisted in April.
- b. Detached 1 officer and 29 enlisted in April.
- c. Overseas extensions:
 - (1) 6 months = 0
 - (2) 3 months = 0
- d. Reenlistments. none
- e. Off-duty Education:
 - (1) MCI = 0
 - (2) USAFI = 0
 - (3) University of Maryland (tuition) = 0
- f. Savings Bond and Savings Deposit Programs:
 - (1) Savings Bonds = 62%
 - (2) Savings Deposits = 40%
- g. Leaves and R&R:
 - (1) Emergency leave = 4
 - (2) Annual leave = 8
 - (3) Special Leave = 4
 - (4) R&R = 26
- h. Hospitalization:
 - (1) Combat = 0
 - (2) Non-combat = 7
- i. Personal Awards Recommendations:
 - (1) Navy Achievement Medal = 3
 - (2) Navy Commendation Medal = 6
 - (3) Bronze Star Medal = 1
- j. Promotions were received by three enlisted personnel in April.
- k. Postal services are provided by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 1st Marine Division. Average mail delivery is 6 days.
- l. Legal:
 - (1) Special Courts-Martial = 0
 - (2) Summary Courts-Martial = 0
 - (3) Non-judicial Punishment (BnCO) = 9
- m. Disbursing support is provided by Force Logistics Command Disbursing Office.
- n. Morale is good.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS / NFF

1. (U) Supporting documentation is of a higher classification and requires special access. It is provided on a daily basis in a daily summary, on a weekly basis in an operational summary, and in a bi-annual historical up-date.

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