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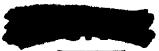
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF

LtCol 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, RVN

3. 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'ERIEN (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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ENCLOSURE (1)

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DECEASE

4. Average Monthly Strength

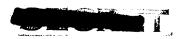
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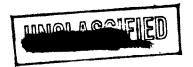
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USMC	usn	<u>OTHERS</u>	TOTAL
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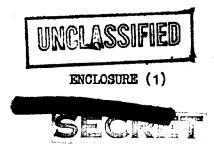


PART II

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 50 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

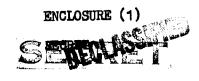
- 1. (C) There were no major operations conducted by Free World Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone during this reporting period. Operational platoons of 1st Radio Battalion continued their direct support of tactical commanders in Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone while providing general support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

1st Platoon 2nd Platoon Site (LLVI&SRDF) Site (SRDF)	AT 873 476 AT 971 738 BT 099 574 AT 939 771 AT 879 576	An Hoa Combat Base Hill 327 Hoi An Hill 364 Hill 65
Site (SRDF) Site (SRDF) Site (SRDF) Site (SRDF) Site (SRDF) 3rd Platoon 4th Platoon	AT 873 476 AT 916 581 AT 856 495 AT 925 528 AT 916 581 BT 156 452	An Hoa Combat Base Hill 37 Hill 10 Liberty Bridge Hill 37 Fire Support Base Baldy Landing Zone Ross
Site (SRDF) Site (SRDF) Site (LLVI&SRDF) 6th Platoon Site (LLVI& Site (LLVI)	BT 027 343 BT 116 464 AT 947 344 AT 954 758 AT 939 771 AT 866 682	Fire Support Base Bushwacker Fire Support Base Ryder Camp Perdue Hill 364 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>	Event
3 Apr 4 Apr	Detachment "B", 6th Platoon, activated on Hill 270. (P) Submitted Logistics Summary Report, AIK Fund reconciliation, and
4 Apr	PM Carde on MARKS T/E Allowances, \4/
11 Apr	SRDF Site "Uniform" secured operations at An Hoa and was redusing-
15 Apr	1stLt SHOVLAIN was assigned to 2nd Platoon as Assistant Flatoon
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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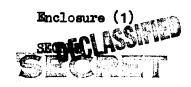




4. (S) Command Relations

- 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 CHARNELL 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 GOIDFARB, 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.

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- 8. (U) New Equipment.
 - a. The following new equipment was received during this reporting period:
 - Duplicating Set
 - Refrigeration Unit, ME-10

 - Test Set, MK-993/PRC-25
 Binocular, M17A1
 Radio Set, PRC-77 (invoiced from 5th CommBn)
 - 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 reloc-
- (2) Bunker and SEA Huts at 6th Platoon are presently under construction.
 - b. Projects Cancelled.
 - (1) Hardstand for Motes 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. The following monthly statistical information is provided:

 - (3) Personnel transported......7,777
 - c. There was one accident during April with no injuries.

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12. (U) Engineer Equipment.

- 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:

PRIORITY	QUANTITY	COMPLETED	FOLLOW-UP
02	128	26	61
05	196	30	<i>5</i> 8
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.
 - 1. 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 Disbussing Office.
 - n. Morale is good.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS / NEE

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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