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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

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

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

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF, 1-31 May 1970

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

Commander

LtCol D.M. HOPKINS
(1-31 May 1970)

Subordinate Units

Headquarters and Service Company

Maj S.C. WIGGINS
(1-25 May 1970)
Capt R.J. ANDERSON
(26-31 May 1970)

Attached Units

None

2. Location

1-31 May 1970 - Headquarters, Camp Horn, Da Nang, RVN

1-31 May 1970 - Headquarters and Service Company, Camp Hoa Long,
East Da Nang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj D.J. HATCH
(1-31 May 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt R.J. ANDERSON
(1-31 May 1970)

S-2 Officer

Capt R.E. SCHLAPFER
(1-31 May 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj R.L. O'BRIEN
(1-31 May 1970)

S-4 Officer

SSgt G.E. DOE
(1-5 May 1970)
1stLt D.C. COOK
(6-31 May 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 May, 1st Radio Battalion, through its operational platoons deployed throughout Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone, provided on-the-spot direct support to tactical elements of the 1st Marine Division and to Marine Aircraft Group 13 while the battalion as a whole provided both direct and general support to the headquarters of III Marine Amphibious Force, the U.S. Army XXIV Corps, the 1st Marine Division, and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The direct support role was highlighted by timely provision of vital tactical intelligence information which aided in the launching of successful assault missions, fire missions, ambushes, counter-ambushes, search and destroy missions, and warnings of impending attacks upon U.S. Marine and other Free World Forces installations and deployed units. The results of this direct support by 1st Radio Battalion elements ensured the continued loss by the enemy of equipment and personnel, the denial of freedom to move to and from his forward base areas, and helped prevent the enemy from obtaining local provisions and supplies.

On 27 May, 1st Radio Battalion operations were expanded by the activation of the 5th Platoon at Chu Lai with subordinate sites at Hill 270 and Landing Zone Bayonet in direct support of Marine Aircraft Group 13.

2. (C) During the month of May, 1st Radio Battalion TRANSEC elements monitored 931 hours of friendly communications activity; a reduction of 290 hours from the April figure. The number of TRANSEC positions remained at six. Total transmissions monitored numbered 82,795; a reduction of 17,910 from the April figure. This latter reduction can be attributed primarily to the increased use of cipher equipment on selected voice nets of III MAF units. Total violations numbered 175, of which 84 were spot reported. The latter figures represent a considerable reduction in total violations, but a relatively high rate of violations requiring spot reports.

3. (S) Enemy activity as reflected through the number of ARDF/SRDF fixes showed a decrease in May. Total fixes numbered 1843 in May as compared with 2,112 in April. ARDF fixes dropped from 1,362 in April to 1,158 in May while organic 1st Radio Battalion SRDF fixes also decreased from 750 in April to 685 in May. Total fixes identified in May numbered 499 (643 in April), of which 420 (509 in April) were ARDF and 79 (134 in April) were SRDF. There were 179 fixes used as the basis for fire missions.

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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 905 476	Hill 34
3rd Platoon	AT 916 581	Hill 37
4th Platoon	BT 156 452	Fire Support Base Baldy
Site (SRDF)	BT 027 343	Fire Support Base Ross
Site (LLVI/SRDF)	AT 947 344	Fire Support Base Ryder
5th Platoon	BT 537 075	Chu Lai
Site (LLVI)	BT 421 048	Hill 270
Site (LLVI)	BT 54 00	Landing Zone Bayonet
6th Platoon	AT 954 758	Camp Perdue
Site (LLVI)	BT 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>
5 May	WO1 KUYKENDALL assumed command of 3rd Platoon. (C)
8 May	Hill 37 received 44 rounds of "incoming." (P)
15 May	Hill 37 received 6 rounds of "incoming." (P)
18 May	Hill 37 received 5 "incoming" mortar rounds. (P)
22 May	1stLt SHOVLAIN assumed command of 2nd Platoon. (C)
27 May	5th Platoon activated at Chu Lai. (3)
30 May	Hill 37 recieved an undetermined amount of small arms fire and an undetermined number of incoming rocket propelled grenades. (P)

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a. Maj T.A. BALL, Maj D.G. HENDERSON, and Cpl J.W. BUSCOMB of the Australian Defense Signals Division visited 3rd Platoon for an operational briefing and orientation tour on 2 May.

b. Maj J.T. NIXON, 8th RRFS Liaison Officer to XXIV Corps, and WO WAGNER, P&R Officer of the 328th Radio Research Unit, visited 2nd Platoon for an operational briefing and orientation tour on 21 May.

c. Maj BENNER, Commanding Officer of Company "K", Marine Support Battalion, visited 1st Radio Battalion on 28 May to obtain information that would help improve the effectiveness of training at NAVCOMMTRACEN, Pensacola, Florida.

d. Cdr ROGERS, AsstOpsO at NRV (C), visited 3rd Platoon for an operational briefing and orientation tour on 30 May.

5. (U) Personnel and Equipment Casualties. None6. (U) Equipment and Logistics (MARES).

a. The Battalion continues in a C-2 Readiness with 83.12% of equipment combat ready and a total of 35 pieces of Combat Essential Equipment in a deadline status. Totally, 17 pieces of the above equipment are in a NORS, 3 in a NORMS, and 15 in a TRANSIT.

7. (U) Fiscal. The available balance as of 31 May 1970 was \$18,777.00.

8. (U) New Equipment.

a. The following new equipment was received during this reporting period:

(1)	1	Air Conditioner, HD-209
(2)	3	Generator, PU-719
(3)	2	Trailer, M-101A1
(4)	1	Telephone Set, TA-312
(5)	3	Rifle, M-16, 5.56mm

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

(1) Request for purchase of rock with AIK Funds has been approved by the Force Engineer but the project is being held pending possible relocation.

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(2) Bunker and SEA Huts at the 6th Platoon are presently under construction.

b. Projects Completed.

(1) Screening of barracks at Camp Hoa Long.

10. (U) Electronics Maintenance.

- a. 62 TERO's received.
- b. 72 TERO's completed.
- c. 9 pieces of equipment were evacuated for calibration.

11. (U) Motor Transport.

- a. 82 TERO's initiated.
- b. 82 TERO's completed.
- c. No TERO's outstanding.
- d. TERO breakdown:
 - (1) Quarterly Preventive Maintenance 22
 - (2) Annual Preventive Maintenance 9
 - (3) General Repair 51
- e. Statistical information:
 - (1) Mileage 19,141
 - (2) Tonnage 143.3
 - (3) Passengers 8,857
- f. There were no vehicle accidents in May.

12. (U) Engineer Equipment.

- a. 25 TERO's initiated.
- b. 18 TERO's completed.
- c. 2 TERO's remain outstanding.
- d. 5 pieces of equipment were evacuated to a higher echelon.

13. (U) Supply.

- a. No equipment was classified as a combat loss during this period.
- b. Total requisitions for May:

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>FOLLOW-UP</u>
02	64	9	48
05	143	19	66
12	130	8	37
17	0	0	0

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- c. No items were turned in as excess during May.

14. (C) Intelligence and Security.

- a. There were 78 courier missions performed during May.
- b. Security Clearance Administration:
 - (1) 5 clearance updates were submitted.
 - (2) 15 incoming and 18 outgoing personnel were processed.
- c. There were 4 Registered Publications Service (RPS) automatic draws from RPIO Honolulu and 53 intra-battalion transfers in May.
- d. There were no losses or compromises of classified material in May.

15. (C) Communications.

- a. 86,052 messages were handled in May; 58,596 transmitted and 27,456 received.
- b. 18,343,732 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 26 stations were operated in May using organic NESTOR (KY-8 and KY-38) cipher equipment.

16. (U) Personnel and Administration.

- a. Joined 1 officer and 19 enlisted in May.
- b. Detached no officers and 29 enlisted in May.
- c. There were no overseas extensions in May.
- d. There were no reenlistments in May.
- e. Off-duty Education:
 - (1) MCI = 2
 - (2) USAFI = 0
 - (3) University of Maryland (tuition) = 0
- f. Savings Bond and Savings Deposit Programs:
 - (1) Savings Bonds = 67%
 - (2) Savings Deposits = 47%
- g. Leaves and R&R:
 - (1) Emergency Leave = 2
 - (2) Annual Leave = 6
 - (3) Special Leave = 3
 - (4) R&R = 19
- h. Hospitalization:
 - (1) Combat = 0
 - (2) Non-combat = 6
- i. Personal Awards Recommendations:
 - (1) Navy Achievement Medal = 7
 - (2) Navy Commendation Medal = 1
 - (3) Bronze Star Medal = 2

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- j. 29 enlisted personnel were promoted in May.
- k. Postal services are provided by the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Average mail delivery is 6 days.
- l. Legal:
 - (1) Special Courts-Martial = 0
 - (2) Summary Courts-Martial = 0
 - (3) Non-judicial Punishment = 3
- m. Disbursing support is provided by Force Logistics Command Disbursing Office.
- n. Morale is excellent.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS HFF

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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