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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
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(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, 1-30 June 1970

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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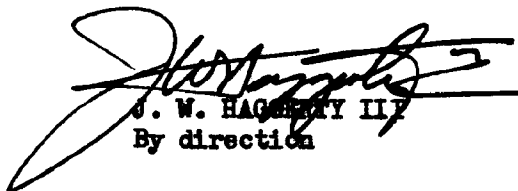
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1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is
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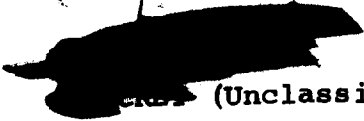
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF
III Marine Amphibious Force
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Commander

LtCol D.M. HOPKINS
(1-29 June 1970)
Maj D.J. HATCH
(30 June 1970)

Subordinate Units

Headquarters and Service Company

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

Attached Units

None

2. Location

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

1-30 June 1970 - Headquarters and Service Company, Camp Hoa Long,
East Da Nang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj D.J. HATCH
(1-29 June 1970)
Maj S.C. WIGGINS
(30 June 1970)

S-1 Officer

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

S-2 Officer

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

S-3 Officer

Maj R.L. O'BRIEN
(1-14 June 1970)
Maj S.C. WIGGINS
(15-30 June 1970)

S-4 Officer

1stLt D.C. COOK
(1-30 June 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	289	0	0	0	0	20	289

A. Attached Personnel

<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 June, 1st Radio Battalion, through its operational platoons deployed throughout Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone, provided on-the-spot direct support to tactical commanders 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 the timely provision of vital tactical intelligence information to tactical commanders in the field. This direct support aided in the launching of successful assault missions, fire missions, blocking missions, air attacks and air strikes, search and destroy missions, and warnings of impending enemy 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 personnel and equipment, the denial of freedom to move to and from his forward base areas, and helped prevent the enemy from obtaining local provisions, supplies, and recruits.

2. (C) During the month of June, 1st Radio Battalion TRANSEC elements monitored 817 hours of III Marine Amphibious Force communications activity; a reduction of 114 hours from the figure for May. The number of TRANSEC monitoring positions remained at 6 throughout May. Total transmissions monitored numbered 65,221; a reduction of 17,574 from the figure for May. This latter reduction can be attributed primarily to the increased awareness of TRANSEC principles by individual radio operators and an overall reduction in the use of voice radio in non-cipher communications. Total TRANSEC violations numbered 230, of which 73 were spot reported to the command responsible for the violation. While the violation figure for June is at a much higher ratio than that for May, the ratio of Spot Reports is greatly reduced.....although 73 is still a high number for significant violations.

3. (S) Enemy activity as reflected through the number of ARDF/SRDF fixes again showed a decrease in June. Total fixes numbered 1,768 in June as compared with 1,843 in May. ARDF fixes dropped from 1,158 in May to 1,124 in June, while organic 1st Radio Battalion SRDF fixes dropped from 685 in May to 644 in June. Total fixes identified in June numbered 572 (499 in May), of which 525 (420 in May) were ARDF and 47 (79 in May) were SRDF. There were 268 fixes by ARDF and SRDF used as the basis for fire missions in June (179 in May); 7,461 artillery rounds were fired in reaction to these fixes.

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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 III Marine Amphibious Force and the U.S. Army 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
Site (SRDF)	AT 92 52	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 (LLVI/SRDF)	AT 947 344	Fire Support Base Ryder
Site (SRDF)	BT 099 574	Hoi An
5th Platoon	BT 537 075	Chu Lai
Site (LLVI)	BT 421 048	Hill 270
Site (LLVI)	BT 54 00	Landing Zone Bayonet
Site (LLVI)	BS 53 73	Hill 411
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>
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4 Jun	136 x 105mm HE rounds were fired in the 7th Marines TAOR in reaction to 1st Radio Battalion TACREP 188-70. (P)
5 Jun	Received allocation of AIC Funds for 2nd Quarter of FY-70. (4)
6 Jun	LtGen BUSE, CG FMFPAC, presented the Navy Unit Commendation Award to 1st Radio Battalion in a ceremony conducted on the parade deck of the Battalion Administration and Logistics Support Compound at Camp Hoa Long. LtGen McCUTCHEON, CG III MAF; BGen DULACKI, CofS III MAF; Col DZIALO, III MAF G-2; LtCol SHATZER, CO 5th CommBn and his staff attended the ceremony. (3)
6 Jun	1st Radio Battalion TACREP 195-70 alerted 2/7 of an impending attack against FSB Ross. The subsequent attack resulted in minimal casualties and damage due to the timely prior warning. (P)

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7 Jun Submitted Logistic Summary. (4)
 7 Jun Hill 37 received 3 unidentified mortar rounds at 070050H and 4 x 82mm mortar rounds at 071820H. No casualties occurred. (P)
 8 Jun Submitted letter to CG III MAF requesting extension of 3rd Echelon Maintenance authority on engineer equipment to 31 December 1970. (4)
 9 Jun 1stLt NEWMAN relieved Capt MEDINA as Battalion Supply Officer. (4)
 10 Jun 6th Platoon relocated operations into their new bunker. (4)
 11 Jun Submitted report on office machines requiring inter-service support agreements in accordance with CG III MAF 071237Z JUN 70. (4)
 12 Jun Capt ALBERTS relieved CW02 MONNOT as Battalion Motor Transport Officer. (4)
 12 Jun Capt C.L. SMITH relieved Capt G.E. SMITH as Platoon Commander of the 5th Platoon. (P)
 13 Jun 4th Platoon provided 30 possible targets for sweep operations by 7th Marines. (P)
 13 Jun Received authority to continue 3rd Echelon Maintenance on generators from III MAF. Authority was granted until 31 December 1970. (4)
 14 Jun 24 x 500 pound bombs and 6 x 500 pound Napalm containers were dropped in reaction to a 2nd Platoon SRDF fix. (P)
 18 Jun 30 possible targets were provided by the 4th Platoon for 7th Marines sweep operations. (P)
 18 Jun Received request from FLC for location and USN numbers of all Navy furnished generators on hand. (4)
 18 Jun Site 2 of the 5th Platoon was relocated from Landing Zone Bayonet to Fire Support Base 411 (Hill 411). (P)
 20 Jun Reported 1 x 30KW generator, USN number 5L11923, located at Hill 227 to III MAF Garrison Property Officer in accordance with instructions from FLC. (4)
 21 Jun C2/1/7 discovered 15-20 VC/NVA in the vicinity of a 4th Platoon SRDF fix. Subsequent action by air and ground elements resulted in 8 VC/NVA KIA and 1 suspected VC/NVA detained. (P)
 23 Jun Received CG FLC 231218Z changing Sub-Head 2721 to 2720 for FY-71 budget submission. (4)
 25 Jun Submitted letter to CG III MAF (FEO) requesting that a mine detection/clearing team make a sweep of the field immediately between 80th SptGp and 1st Radio Battalion's compound at Camp Hoa Long. (4)
 30 Jun Maj D.J. HATCH relieved LtCol D.M. HOPKINS as Commanding Officer of 1st Radio Battalion in a ceremony held on the parade deck at Camp Hoa Long. (3)

4. (S) Command Relations

a. Mr. WEIMER (GS-12) from DODSPECREP Saigon, WO CHURCH and WO BROWN from the 330th RRGp visited 2nd Platoon for a briefing and orientation tour on 13 June.

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b. LtGen McCUTCHEON, CG III MAF; BGen MILLER, G-3 III MAF; LtCol HOPKINS, CO 1st RadBn; and SgtMaj HARRIS, 1st RadBn SgtMaj; visited the 5th Platoon of 1st Radio Battalion at Chu Lai and its 2 outlying sites on 11 June.

c. On 26 and 27 June, Mr. Donald B. OLIVER (GS-15), ASSTDODSPEGREP Saigon, and Cdr R.E. ROGERS, a staff officer at DODSPEGREP Saigon, visited 1st Radio Battalion.

d. Mr. Harold R. SINNETT (GS-14), a senior NSA analyst, visited 1st Radio Battalion on 29 and 30 June as part of his overall tour of RVN.

5. (U) Personnel and Equipment Casualties. None

6. (U) Equipment and Logistics (MARES).

a. 1st Radio Battalion continues in a C-2 Readiness with 83.61% of Equipment combat ready and a total of 33 pieces of combat essential equipment in deadline status. Totally, 15 pieces of the above equipment are in a NORS, 13 in a NORMS, and 15 in TRANSIT.

7. (U) Fiscal. The available balance as of 30 June 1970 was \$98.54.

8. (U) New Equipment.

a. The following new equipment was received during June:

(1)	2	PU-718/G Generators
(2)	10	PU-719/G Generators
(3)	10	M-416 Trailers
(4)	1	M-101A Trailer (Component of MSC-43)
(5)	1	PP-2953 Power Supply (Ser 1590)
(6)	2	PU-565 Motor Generators
(7)	4	PU-720 Generators
(8)	1	AN/MRC-109 Radio Set
(9)	5	PRC-77 Radios
(10)	1	M-149 Water Trailer
(11)	6	M35A2C Cargo Truck, 2½ ton

9. (U) Maintenance and Services.

a. Projects Pending.

(1) Contract for purchase of rock with AIK funds will be let in early July.

(2) A grease rack is being constructed in the motor pool as a self-help project.

b. Projects Completed.

(1) Bunker and SEA huts completed at 6th Platoon on 10 June.

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- a. 45 TERO's received.
- b. 33 TERO's completed.
- c. 27 TERO's outstanding.
- d. 14 pieces of equipment were evacuated for calibration.

11. (U) Motor Transport.

- a. 91 TERO's initiated.
- b. 85 TERO's completed.
- c. 6 TERO's outstanding.
- d. Breakdown of TERO's:

- (1) Quarterly Preventive Maintenance = 42
- (2) Annual Preventive Maintenance = 3
- (3) General Repair = 33
- (4) Acceptance checks = 13

e. Statistical information:

- (1) Mileage = 28,031
- (2) Tonnage hauled = 92.8
- (3) Passengers = 7,797

f. There were two vehicle accidents in June with no injuries to personnel.

12. (U) Engineer Maintenance.

- a. 27 TERO's initiated.
- b. 19 TERO's completed.
- c. 2 TERO's outstanding.
- d. 6 pieces of equipment were evacuated to a higher echelon.

13. (U) Supply.

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

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>FOLLOW-UP</u>
02	44	22	89
05	63	20	137
12	205	39	81
17	52	1	22

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

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- a. There were 85 courier missions performed in June.
- b. Security Clearance Administration:
 - (1) 5 clearance updates were submitted in June.
 - (2) 6 incoming and 34 outgoing personnel were processed.
- c. There were 4 Registered Publications Service (RPS) automatic draws from RPIO Honolulu via ARFCOS and 62 intra-battalion transfers in June.
- d. There were no losses or compromises of classified material in June.

15. (C) Communications.

- a. 85,030 messages were handled in June; 58,534 transmitted and 26,496 received.
- b. 18,155,620 groups were processed.
- c. 7 half-duplex circuits were operated.
- d. 7 full-duplex circuits were operated.
- e. 4 secure voice radio nets consisting of 29 stations were operated in June using organic NESTOR (KY-8 and KY-38) cipher equipment.

16. (U) Personnel and Administration.

- a. Joined 1 officer and 3 enlisted.
- b. Detached 4 officers and 41 enlisted.
- c. There were no overseas extensions in June.
- d. There were 3 career reenlistments in June.
- e. Off-duty Education:

- (1) MCI = 1
- (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 = 2
- (2) Annual Leave = 3
- (3) Special Leave = 0
- (4) R&R = 26

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h. Hospitalization:

- (1) Combat = 0
- (2) Non-combat = 5

i. Personal Award Recommendations:

- (1) Navy Achievement Medal = 1
- (2) Navy Commendation Medal = 1
- (3) Bronze Star Medal = 1
- (4) Legion of Merit = 1

j. 26 enlisted personnel were promoted in June.

k. Postal services are provided by the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Average mail delivery time is 5 days.

l. Legal:

- (1) Special Courts-Martial = 0
- (2) Summary Courts-Martial = 0
- (3) Non-judicial Punishment (BnCO) = 0

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 /NEF

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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