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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

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21 August 1970

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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

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

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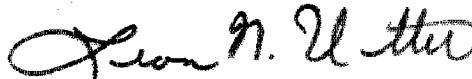
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

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

Commander

Maj D.J. HATCH
(1-30 July 1970)
LtCol E.D. RESNIK
(31 July 1970)

Subordinate Units

Headquarters and Service Company

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

Attached Units

None

2. Location

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

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

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj S.C. WIGGINS
(1-30 July 1970)
Maj F.L. CISEWSKI
(31 July 1970)

S-1 Officer

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

S-2 Officer

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

S-3 Officer

Maj S.C. WIGGINS
(1-30 July 1970)
Maj F.L. CISEWSKI
(31 July 1970)

S-4 Officer

1stLt D.C. COOK
(1-30 July 1970)
Maj O.J. LEHRACK
(31 July 1970)

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USMC	
Off	Enl
18	241

USN	
Off	Enl
0	0

OTHERS	
Off	Enl
0	0

TOTAL	
Off	Enl
18	241

A. Attached Personnel

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	2

USN	
Off	Enl
0	13

OTHERS	
Off	Enl
0	0

TOTAL	
Off	Enl
0	15

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (S) During the month of July, 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 of movement to and from his forward base areas, and helped prevent the enemy from obtaining local provisions, supplies, and recruits.

On 16 July, 1st Radio Battalion operations were further expanded by the deployment of a Direct Support Unit with sites at FSB DEFIANT, FSB MACE, and, subsequently, HILL 110 to provide timely direct support to 7th Marine Regiment field commanders during Operation PICKENS FOREST.

2. (C) During the month of July, 1st Radio Battalion TRANSEC elements monitored 689 hours of III Marine Amphibious Force communications activity; a decrease of 128 hours from the figure for June. Total transmissions monitored numbered 57,005; a decrease of 8,216 from the figure for June. These decreases are attributed to the reduction of the number of TRANSEC monitoring positions from 6 in June to 3 in late July. Total TRANSEC violations numbered 56, of which 30 were spot reported to the command responsible for the violation; a significant reduction in the ratio of spot report to transmission over the previous month, reflecting an increasing awareness on the part of III Marine Amphibious Force communications personnel of the importance of TRANSEC principles.

3. (S) During the month of July, 1st Radio Battalion continued to provide tactical commanders with locations of enemy headquarters and units through ARDF and SRDF fixes. There were 241 Fire Missions for a total of 8,190 rounds fired on ARDF and SRDF fixes during the month.

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1. (C) There was one major operation conducted by Marine Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone during the month of July, Operation PICKENS FOREST. A 1st Radio Battalion Direct Support Unit was deployed with the Regimental and Battalion headquarters thereby providing the field commanders with timely on-the-spot direct support. 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:

Headquarters Platoon	BT 060 753	Camp Hoa Long
Operations Platoon	BT 042 781	Camp Horn
1st Platoon	AT 878 478	An Hoa Combat Base
2nd Platoon	AT 971 738	Hill 327
Site	BT 099 582	Hoi An
Site	AT 879 576	Hill 65
Site	AT 873 476	An Hoa Combat Base
Site	AT 921 532	Liberty Bridge
3rd Platoon	AT 916 581	Hill 37
4th Platoon	BT 133 453	LZ Baldy
Site	BT 027 343	FSB Ross
Site	AT 947 344	FSB Ryder
Site	BT 099 582	Hoi An (Closed 5 July)
Site	AT 998 465	Hill 425 (Established 10 July)
DSU	ZC 202 322	FSB Defiant (16-26 July)
DSU	ZC 175 352	FSB Mace (16-22 July)
DSU	ZC 211 330	Hill 110 (27-31 July)
5th Platoon	BT 537 075	Chu Lai
Site	BT 421 048	Hill 270
Site	BS 539 731	Hill 411 (Closed 28 July)
6th Platoon	AT 954 758	Camp Perdue
Site	BT 932 761	Hill 364

3. Chronological listing of events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 Jul	GySgt BECERRA relieved WO KUYKENDALL as Platoon Commander of the 3rd Platoon.
1 Jul	GySgt HUNNICUT relieved Capt C.L. SMITH as Platoon Commander of the 5th Platoon.
5 Jul	WO KUYKENDALL relieved Capt W.A. MORGAN as Platoon Commander of the 4th Platoon.
5 Jul	M-151 Ser. No. 329246 belonging to the 4th Platoon was involved in a single vehicle accident injuring GySgt R. MORENO and Sgt J.R. CARSON Jr.

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5 July 4th Platoon Site at Hoi An (BT 099 582) was closed.

6 July Capt W.A. MORGAN relieved 1stLt P.T. SHOVLAIN as Platoon Commander of the 2nd Platoon.

7 July MRC-109 Ser. No. 33420 was involved in a single vehicle accident injuring Mr. REED, DODSPECREP.

9 July Submitted request to Purchasing and Contracting Office at Camp Horn for 75,000\$VN of crushed rock.

10 July Opened 4th Platoon site at Hill 425 (AT 998 465).

12 July Submitted a negative report in response to CG III MAF request for inventory of all Comm/Elec equipment on temporary loan to Non-Marine Corps units.

15 July Submitted a negative report in response to CG FMFPAC request for inventory of infrared binoculars.

15 July Sgt J.E. DAMRON sent TAD to Okinawa to attend Embarkation Course.

16 July Deployed 4th Platoon Direct Support Unit to FSB DEFIANT and FSB MACE.

16 July Received CG III MAF 161335Z July 70 directing 1st MARDIV to invoice (1) MTR Generator PU-565 and (1) Refrigeration Unit ME-10 to 1st Radio Battalion. Replied with message to CG III MAF and CG 1st MARDIV requesting items listed not be invoiced to this Battalion as they would put us in excess of T/E.

17 July Payroll reimbursement of 67,350\$VN in AIK funds.

19 July General LEONARD F. CHAPMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited 1st Radio Battalion and was given a comprehensive brief by Major D.J. HATCH and Major S.C. WIGGINS.

21 July Submitted a negative report to CG FMFPAC 211055Z July 70 requesting inventory of AN/PRR-9 and AN/PRT-4.

22 July Closed 4th Platoon Direct Support Unit at FSB Mace.

22 July Submitted request for modification of Special Allowance T/E P-4960 by deleting 2 x AN/URM-25E, 18 x AN/PRC-25, 3 x TV-7D, and 1 x AN/URM-43C.

23 July A violent wind destroyed all antenna masts and the generator shed at the 3rd Platoon (Hill 37). The antenna masts were replaced immediately.

25 July Received III MAF approval of 1st Radio Battalion request to modify the P-4960 allowances.

26 July Received III MAF 170245Z July 70 directing 1st MARDIV to invoice (1) M-416 trailer and (1) winch kit to 1st Radio Battalion.

26 July 4th Platoon Direct Support Unit on FSB Defiant relocated to Hill 110 (ZC 211 330).

28 July Received 5 x M37EL from Maintenance Battalion FLC Float to replace like number in repair.

28 July An audit of AIK Funds was conducted by Capt R.J. ANDERSON and the books were verified correct.

29 July Closed 5th Platoon Site on Hill 411 (BS 539 731)

31 July LtCol E.D. RESNIK relieved Major D.J. HATCH as Commanding Officer of 1st Radio Battalion; Major F.L. GISEWSKI relieved Major S.C. WIGGINS as Executive Officer and S-3 Officer of 1st Radio Battalion; Major O.J. LEHRACK relieved 1stLt D.C. COOK as Battalion S-4.

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4. (S) Command Relations:

6. (U) Equipment and Logistics (MARES). 1st Radio Battalion achieved C-1 Readiness on 25 July and ended the month with 90.51% of equipment Combat Ready and a total of 22 pieces of Combat Essential Equipment in a deadline status. Of this 22, 7 are in a NORS status, 3 are in a NORM status, and 12 are in a Transit status. ...

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7. (U) Fiscal. The available balance of 31 July 1970, was \$58,951.50.

8. (U) New Equipment. The following new equipment was received during July:

(1)	3	Truck, Cargo, M-35A20
(2)	1	Trailer, Cargo, M-416
(3)	1	Typewriter, Telegrapher
(4)	5	Tool Kit, Mechanic
(5)	2	Office Supply Set, Field
(6)	2	Tent, Command Post
(7)	38	Knife, Combat
(8)	10	Generator, PU-669
(9)	1	Lubrication and Service Unit, 15 CFM
(10)	7	Immersion Burner
(11)	5	Truck, Cargo, M-37B1

9. (U) Maintenance and Services.

a. Projects Pending

(1) Purchase of crushed rock to be used as ballast in the Motor Transportation Equipment Lot.

b. Projects in Progress

(1) Construction of Grease Rack at Battalion Motor Pool (Self Help).

(2) Construction of a Cess Pool adjacent to the Enlisted Men's head at Camp Hoa Long.

c. Projects Completed

(1) Installation of sinks in Enlisted Men's head.

(2) Installation of water tanks for Enlisted Men's head.

(3) Construction of Patio/Outdoor Movie Platform.

10. (U) Electronic Maintenance.

a. 64 TERO's received.

b. 61 TERO's Completed.

c. 3 TERO's outstanding.

d. 25 pieces of equipment were evacuated for calibration.

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11. (U) Motor Transport.

- a. 74 TERO's initiated.
- b. 62 TERO's completed.
- c. 12 TERO's outstanding.
- d. Breakdown of TERO's:

- (1) Quarterly Preventive Maintenance = 15
- (2) Annual Preventive Maintenance = 4
- (3) General Repair = 43
- (4) Acceptance Checks = 12

e. Statistical information:

- (1) Mileage = 33,711
- (2) Tonnage = 198.5
- (3) Passengers = 7,281

f. There were three accidents in July with injuries to three personnel.

12. (U) Engineer Maintenance.

- a. 26 TERO's initiated.
- b. 22 TERO's completed.
- c. 4 TERO's outstanding.
- d. 2 pieces of equipment were evacuated to higher echelon.

13. (U) Supply.

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

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Follow-Up</u>
02	29	5	132
05	40	9	226
12	130	22	323
17	177	32	91

c. The following items were invoiced out during the month of July:

- (1) 2 Pistol, Cal 45, M1911
- (2) 1 Generator, PU-347
- (3) 1 Truck, Cargo, M-37B1
- (4) 5 Truck, Cargo, M-37B1 (exchanged for 5 serviceable vehicles)

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14. (C) Intelligence and Security.

a. There were 71 courier missions performed in July.

b. Security Clearance Administration:

(1) 1 Initial Background Investigation was initiated.

(2) 2 Clearance Updates were submitted in July.

(3) 9 incoming and 38 outgoing personnel were processed.

c. There were 5 registered Publications Service (RPS) automatic draws from RPIO Honolulu via ARFCOS and 96 intra-battalion transfers in July.

d. There were no losses or compromises of classified material in July.

e. There were 8 inventories and 1 destruction in July.

15. (C) Communications.

a. 74,379 messages were handled in July; 48,695 transmitted and 25,684 received.

b. 20,924,599 groups were processed.

c. 7 half-duplex circuits were operated.

d. 5 full-duplex circuits were operated.

e. 4 secure voice radio nets consisting of 26 stations were operated in July using organic Nestor (KY-8 and KY-38) cipher equipment.

16. (U) Personnel and Administration.

a. Joined 3 officers and 13 enlisted.

b. Detached 3 officers and 40 enlisted.

c. Overseas Extensions:

(1) There were 13 six month extensions.

(2) There were no three month extensions.

d. There were 4 career and 1 first term reenlistments in July.

e. There were no off-duty education courses completed in July.

f. Savings Bond and Savings Deposit Programs:

(1) Savings Bonds = 62%

(2) Savings Deposits = 40%

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g. Leaves and R&R:

- (1) Emergency Leave = 1
- (2) Annual Leave = 3
- (3) Special Leave = 1
- (4) R&R = 18

h. Hospitalization:

- (1) Combat = 0
- (2) Non-Combat = 4

i. Personal Award Recommendations:

- (1) CG III MAF Commendation Certificate = 4
- (2) Navy Achievement Medal = 4
- (3) Navy Commendation Medal = 1
- (4) Bronze Star Medal = 1
- (5) Joint Service Commendation Medal = 1

j. 2 enlisted personnel were promoted in July.

k. Postal services are provided by the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Average mail delivery time is 4 days.

l. Legal:

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

m. Disbursing support is provided by Force Logistic Command Disbursing Office.

n. Morale is excellent.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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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