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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

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

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1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Radio Battalion (-) FMF
 III Marine Amphibious Force
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LtCol E.D. RESNIK 31 July 1970 -

Subordinate Units

H&S Company

Capt R.J. ANDERSON
 Capt B.W. OWENS

01-09 August 1970
 10-31 August 1970

Attached Units

None

2. Location

01-31 August 1970, Battalion Headquarters, Camp Horn, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam

01-31 August 1970, H&S Company, Camp Hoa Long, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer
 Battalion S-1

Maj F.L. GISEWSKI
 Capt R.J. ANDERSON
 Capt B.W. OWENS

01-31 August 1970
 01-09 August 1970
 10-31 August 1970

Battalion S-2

Capt R.E. SCHLAPFER
 WO W.A. KUYKENDALL

01-22 August 1970
 23-31 August 1970

Battalion S-3

Maj F.L. GISEWSKI

01-31 August 1970

Battalion S-4

Maj O.J. LEHRACK

01-31 August 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>
15	233	0	12	0	0	15	245

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>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (S) During the month of August, 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.

(S) From 16 July to 23 August 1st Radio Battalion provided Direct Support to the 7th Marine Regiment in operation PICKENS FOREST. On 11 August, the DSU which had been operating on Hill 110 was relocated to FSB Hatchet. On 24 August the DSU returned to the 4th Platoon at LZ Baldy. On 17 August the 1st Platoon was deactivated in conjunction with the relocation of Headquarters 5th Marines from An Hoa to Hill 37. On 26 August a detachment of the 3rd Platoon at Hill 37 was established at FSB Dagger. On 31 August, a DSU was provided to support the 7th Marines on operation IMPERIAL LAKE.

2. (C) During the month of August, 1st Radio Battalion TRANSEC elements monitored 359 hours of III Marine Amphibious Force communications activity; a decrease of 330 hours from the figure for July. Total transmissions monitored numbered 31,830, a decrease of 25,175 from the figure for July. Total TRANSEC violations numbered 72, of which 21 were spot reported to the command responsible for the violation.

3. (S) During the month of August, 1st Radio Battalion provided information to tactical commanders which resulted in 473 Fire Missions on enemy headquarters and units in the Southern I Corps Tactical Zone.

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1. (C) There were two major operations conducted by Marine Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone during the month of August, Operations PICKENS FOREST and IMPERIAL LAKE. 1st Radio Battalion Direct Support Units were 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 the Central and Southern I Corps Tactical Zone while providing general support to III Marine Amphibious Force and U.S. Army XXIV Corps.

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

Bn Operations Center	BT 043 783	Camp Horn
Opns CO. and H&S CO.	BT 062 753	Camp Hoa Long
2nd Platoon	AT 971 738	Hill 327
Site	AT 873 476	An Hoa Combat Base
Site	AT 879 576	Hill 65
Site	BT 099 582	Hoi An
Site	AT 970 620	Hill 55
3rd Platoon	AT 916 581	Hill 37
Site	ZC 144 410	FSB Dagger
4th Platoon	BT 133 453	LZ Baldy
Site	AT 947 344	FSB Ryder
Site	AT 998 465	Hill 425
Site	AT 983 434	Hill 845
6th Platoon	AT 954 758	Camp Perdue
Site	AT 932 761	Hill 364

3. Chronological listing of events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 Aug	Major Lehrack S-4 Officer, Reimbursement of VN\$ 39,200 in AIK funds. Submitted Neg. Rpt to CG III MAF 010837 Aug 70.
3 Aug	Received CG III MAF 031318Z Aug 70 on Common Service Support Agreements. Submitted Neg. Rpt.
4 Aug	Camp Maintenance began replacing stairway at the rear of the enlisted barracks. Received CG III MAF 040742Z Aug 70 on Reporting of Shipment/Receipt of Redistributed Excess Equip.
6 Aug	Submitted Monthly Captured Weapons Report to G-4 III MAF
7 Aug	Received CG III MAF 071442Z Aug 70, search for missing gov't equip. Submitted a Neg. Rpt.

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- 8 Aug Submitted LOGSUM. Received CG III MAF 081115Z Aug 70.
- 10 Aug The 6th Platoon ran a test at Hill 868 (AT 837 827) to evaluate communication operations at that location.
- 10 Aug Captain B.W. Owens relieved Captain R.J. Anderson as Commanding Officer H&S Company. Captain C.W. Phillips relieved WO Kuykendall as Platoon Commander 4th Platoon.
- 10 Aug GySgt J.D. Rodriguez assumed temporary Command of the 3rd Platoon.
- 11 Aug WO W.A. Kuykendall transferred from the 4th Platoon to S-2 1st Radio Battalion.
- 12 Aug Received CG III MAF 120626Z Aug 70 directing redistribution of excess equip.
- 13 Aug 5th Platoon deactivated 130001Z at Chu Lai.
- 14 Aug Submitted Excess/Deficiency List to CG III MAF. Requested retrograding of equip to Hawaii.
- 15 Aug 5th Platoon arrived from Chu Lai and turned in equipment to Supply, MT and Eng Maint.
- 17 Aug 1st Platoon deactivated 231716Z at An Hoa.
- 17 Aug Captain W.D. Turnbull relieved GySgt J.D. Rodriguez as Platoon Commander of the 3rd Platoon. 3rd Platoon commenced supporting the 5th Marine Regiment.
- 17 Aug Received CG III MAF 170113Z Aug 70 on Current Excess Equipment Available for RVNAF Screen and CG III MAF 170115Z Aug 70 directing Maintenance Bn, FLC to invoice 7XM37B1 to RadBn. 1st Platoon returned from An Hoa.
- 18 Aug Received CG III MAF 180805Z Aug 70 and 180806Z Aug 70 concerning installation of Mod Kits for AN/PRC-41; submitted Neg Rpt DTG 230329Z Aug 70. Received CG III MAF 181628Z Aug 70 directing redistribution of excess equipment.
- 19 Aug Received 7XM37B1 from Maintenance Bn, FLC. Returned Comm Equipment on temporary loan from 5th Comm: 2XPC-77; 2XPRT-4; 2XPRR-9. All 1st Platoon equipment turned in. Received CG III MAF 191115Z Aug 70 directing redistribution of excess equipment.

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- 22 Aug Received CG III MAF 221554Z Aug 70 directing redistribution of excess equip. Received reimbursement of VN\$ 34,400 in AIK funds.
- 23 Aug GySgt J. Young returned from FSB HATCHET with Direct Support Unit consisting of 4 Enlisted men.
- 23 Aug Submitted 230329Z Aug 70 to CG III MAF reporting 2XM149 excess and available for RNVAF screen.
- 24 Aug Received CG III MAF 241600Z Aug 70 directing retention of M149's pending disposition instructions.
- 25 Aug Site at FSB DAGGER was opened with GySgt W.J. Robinson as NCOIC.
- 25 Aug Received CG III MAF 250105Z Aug 70 directing redistribution of excess equip.
- 25 Aug Col. F.J. Hunt, G-2 III MAF, LtCol E.D. Resnik, Berkley Cook (GS-12) and Sgt. Hoang Tinh visited 509th RRGF in Saigon to present Navy Commendation Medals to three ARVN Dancers for Duties performed with 1st Radio Battalion.
- 26 Aug Completed Monsoon Proofing of Enlisted mens Barracks at Camp Hoa Long.
- 27 Aug FSB DAGGER was Reinforced with 3 Enlisted men from the 4th Platoon.
- 27 Aug Received CG III MAF 271409Z Aug 70 concerning captured weapons reporting and 271419Z Aug 70 cancelling the reporting of LOGSUM Mandatory Reportables.
- 27 Aug Captain W.D. Norton assigned by Battalion Commanding Officer to Evaluate and Submit Recommendations for the Improvement of SRDF and ARDF.
- 29 Aug A 50% reduction-in-force of AIK workers was executed due to lack of funds. Received CG III MAF 290055Z Aug 70 and 290741Z Aug 70 directing redistribution of excess equipment.
- 30 Aug Received CG III MAF 300411Z Aug 70 concerning reevaluating reporting of comm/elect equipment.

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4. (S) Command Relations:

- a. On 2 August, Col HUNT (G-2 III MAF), accompanied by LtCol RESNIK and Maj HATCH visited Hill 37.
- b. On 4 August visit to operations 1st Radio Battalion by representatives from DOD SPEC REP SAIGON: LtCol Ralph W. Kelley, GS-15 Earl N. Knott, Maj. John R. Miller, GS-15 William A. Rawling and GS-13 Jack C. Baumgardner.
- c. On 7 August visit to 2nd Platoon by members of Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron: Col C.K. Ballangee, LtCol K.C. Mullaney, Maj C.H. Koll, Maj J.S. House and Capt C.J. Henicke.
- d. On 10 August, GS-15 E.N. KNOTT from NSA, Maj J.R. MILLER from Hq. USASA visited the 2nd Platoon.
- e. On 11 August visit to operations 1st Radio Battalion by members of the 509th RRGP SAIGON: Maj. David A. Brigman, CWO2 Dennis M. Ford, SSgt. George A. Jump and Sp5 Brooks E. Shepard.
- f. On 12 August, Capt. W.W. SMITH from 6924th Security Squadron visited the 2nd Platoon.
- g. On 14 August, LtCol OLIVER and Capt HOTCHKISS from the 6924th Security Squadron visited the 2nd Platoon.
- h. On 20 August, Col PIEHL Commanding Officer 7th Marine Regiment was briefed and given a tour of the 4th Platoons Operations area.
- i. On 26 August visit to operations 1st Radio Battalion by members of the 509th RRGP SAIGON: CWO2 C.B. Dix and Sp6 Jon Richards.
- j. On 28 August visit to operations 1st Radio Battalion by a member of Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron: Capt W. W. Smith Jr.

5. (U) Personnel and Equipment Casualties

- a. None for the Month of August.

6. (U) Personnel Status

- a. On 18 August the Battalion was placed in C-3 combat readiness status due to shortages of personnel. The Battalion continued to provide effective support to III MAF and subordinate units by increasing individual work loads and reducing marginally productive peripheral operations.

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7. (U) Equipment and Logistics (MARES)

a. The Battalion Maintained a C-1 Readiness with 91.1% of Equipment Combat Ready and a total of 25 pieces of Combat Essential Equipment in a deadline status. Of this 25, 9 are in NORS status, 3 are in a NORM status, and 13 are in a transit status.

8. (U) Fiscal

a. The available balance of 31 Aug 1970, was \$17,231.00.

9. (U) New Equipment

a. The following new equipment was received during August.

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|------|-----|---|
| (1) | 1 | M-16 Rifle |
| (2) | 9 | Telegraph Typewriters |
| (3) | 5 | Fly tents |
| (4) | 600 | Strip Camo D Green |
| (5) | 2 | Tent repair kits |
| (6) | 12 | Net Camo 29' X 29' |
| (7) | 3 | Net Camo 36' X 44' |
| (8) | 1 | Generator Set, Gasoline |
| (9) | 2 | Pistol Cal. 45 M1911A1 ser 2636769, 2189306 |
| (10) | 4 | PU-710/G |
| (11) | 9 | PU-709/G |
| (12) | 19 | PU-708/G |
| (13) | 32 | M-353 Trailer Chassis |
| (14) | 7 | Truck Cargo M37B1 |
| (15) | 1 | Pistol Cal. 45 M1911A1 |
| (16) | 8 | Typewriters 13" |
| (17) | 1 | Duplicating Machine, stencil |

10. (U) Maintenance and Servicea. Projects Pending

- (1) Purchase of Rock with AIK Funds

b. Projects in Progress

- (1) Grease Rack at Motor Pool - self-help-project.
- (2) Construction of a cesspool adjacent to Enlisted ~~Monks~~ head at Camp Hoa Long.

c. Projects Completed

- (1) Installation of Monsoon Shield over screens of enlisted barracks.

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11. (U) Electronic Maintenance

- a. A total of 30 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were received.
- b. A total of 18 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were completed.
- c. 2 pieces of equipment were evacuated for calibration.

12. (U) Motor Transport

- a. The following is a recap of the Tactical Equipment Repair Orders for the month of August.

- (1) 65 TERO's initiated.
- (2) 64 TERO's completed.
- (3) 1 TERO open.

- (a) Quarterly Preventive Maintenance - 17
- (b) Annual Preventive Maintenance - 4
- (c) General Repair - 33
- (d) Acceptance Checks -11

- b. There were no accidents reported during the month of August.

13. (U) Engineer Maintenance

- a. A total of 19 TERO's initiated.
- b. A total of 10 TERO's completed.
- c. One TERO remained outstanding.
- d. One PU-239 Generator evacuated to a higher echelon.

14. (U) Supply

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

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>COMPL</u>	<u>FOLLOW-UP</u>
02	41	45	8
05	66	100	13
12	131	51	48
17	30	23	28

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c. During the month of August the following items were invoiced out:

(1)	481	Blankets, Bed (Redis)
(2)	7	Gas mask M-17 (Redis)
(3)	7	Fork, Field mess (Redis)
(4)	4	Mattock w/handle (Redis)
(5)	58	Armor, body lower (Redis)
(6)	10	Brush, hook hand (Redis)
(7)	2	Handcuffs

15. (G) Intelligence and Security

a. There were 63 courier missions performed in August.

b. Security Clearance Administration:

(1) 11 incoming and 41 outgoing personnel were processed.

(2) 10 incoming TAD personnel were processed.

c. There was 1 Registered Publication Service (RPS) automatic draw from RPIO Honolulu via ARFCOS and 92 intra-battalion transfers in August.

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

e. There were 6 inventories and 2 destructions in August.

16. (G) Communications

a. 79,033 messages were handled in August; 52,558 transmitted and 26,475 received.

b. 17,933,416 groups were processed.

c. 6 half-duplex circuits were operated.

d. 4 full-duplex circuits were operated.

e. 5 secure voice radio nets consisting of 27 stations were operated in August using organic Nestor (KY-8 and KY-38) cipher equipment.

17. (U) Personnel and Administration

a. Joined 3 officers and 16 enlisted.

b. Detached 6 officers and 47 enlisted.

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c. Overseas Extensions:

(1) There were 14 six month extensions.

(2) There was 1 three month extension.

d. There were no reenlistments in August.

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

f. Savings Bond and Savings Deposit Programs:

(1) Savings Bond - 64%

(2) Savings Deposits - 34%

g. Leaves and R&R:

(1) Emergency Leave - 5

(2) Annual Leave - 0

(3) Special Leave - 4

(4) R&R - 20

h. Hospitalization:

(1) Combat - 0

(2) Non-Combat - 0

i. Personal Award Recommendations:

(1) Commanding General Certificate - 14

(2) Navy Achievement Medal - 1

(3) Navy Commendation Medal - 1

(4) Bronze Star Medal - 4

(5) Legion of Merit - 1

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- j. 23 enlisted personnel were promoted in August.
- 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) - 1
- 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 monthly basis in an operational summary, and in a bi-annual historical up-date.

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