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

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19 November 1970

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

LtCol E. D. RESNIK 31 July 1970-

Subordinate Units

Headquarters and Service Company

Capt. B. W. OWENS  
(01-31 October 1970)

Operations Company

Maj. H. P. BAER  
(01-31 October 1970)

Attached Units

None

2. Location

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

01-25 October 1970, H&S Company, Camp Hoa Long, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

26-31 October 1970, H&S Company, Camp Books, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

01-25 October 1970, Operations Company, Camp Hoa Long, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

26-31 October 1970, Operations Company, Camp Books, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. F. L. CISEWSKI	01-31 October 1970
Battalion S-1	Capt. B. W. OWENS	01-31 October 1970
Battalion S-2	WO1 W. A. KUYKENDALL	01-14 October 1970
Battalion S-2	1stLt. D. J. DIRKES	15-31 October 1970
Battalion S-3	Maj. O. J. LEHRACK	01-31 October 1970
Battalion S-4	Capt. J. A. MARSHALL	01-31 October 1970

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4. Average Monthly Strength

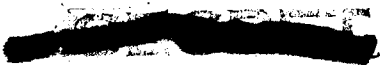
<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
21	248	0	0	0	0	21	248

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	6	0	13	0	0	0	19

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**UNCLASSIFIED**PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (S) During the month of October, 1st Radio Battalion, through its operational platoons deployed throughout Quang Nam Province, provided on-the-spot direct support to tactical commanders of the 1st Marine Division, 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 support aided in the launching of successful assault missions, fire missions, blocking missions, air attacks, search and destroy missions, and warning of impending attacks upon U.S. Marines and Free World Force's 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.

2. (U) On 19 October 1970, the Commanding General, III MAF directed the Headquarters of 1st Radio Battalion, located at Camp Hoa Long, and certain operational elements of 1st Radio Battalion, located at Camp Horn, to relocate jointly within the cantonment formerly occupied by Force Logistics Support Group- B at Camp Books. Echelonment of the Headquarters elements began on 21 October and was completed by 25 October, at which time the cantonment guard was completely assumed by the Battalion. Simultaneously with the move of the Headquarters elements, work commenced on the operations building in preparation for the operational move. The displacement of elements from Camp Horn is scheduled to be completed on 6 November 1970.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) There were two major operations conducted by Free World Forces in Quang Nam Province during the month of October; operation IMPERIAL LAKE, by elements of the Fifth Marines, and Operation TULLARE FALLS, by units of the U.S. Army. Operations IMPERIAL LAKE and TULLARE FALLS received direct real-time support from Operational Platoons of 1st Radio Battalion. Throughout Quang Nam Province, III Marine Amphibious Force and U.S. Army XXIV Corps continued to be provided general support by Operational Platoons of First Radio Battalion.

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
	AT 939 802	Camp Books
2nd Platoon	AT 971 738	Hill 327
Site	AT 879 576	Hill 65
Site	BT 099 582	Hoi An
3rd Platoon	AT 916 581	Hill 37
4th Platoon	BT 133 435	LZ Baldy
Site	AT 947 344	FSB Ryder
Site	BT 027 343	FSB Ross
Site	AT 998 465	Hill 425
6th Platoon	AT 954 758	Camp Perdue
Site	AT 933 761	Hill 364

3. Chronological listing of events:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>
1 Oct	First Radio Battalion assumed interim responsibility for the operation of Camp Hoa Long until the arrival of sufficient U.S. Army personnel to operate the camp. An Industrial Relations Office was formed, and 20 Local National Civilian workers were hired to maintain essential health and hygiene services. A Battalion Aid Station was activated with one corpsman attached from III MAF. Gate security was provided by First Radio Battalion.
3 Oct	LtCol D. L. MITCHELL, Marine Officer Assistant, DIRNAVSECGRUPAC, visited this Command in connection with orientation and liaison matters.
6 Oct	Submitted LOGSUM 9-70. A civilian Technical Representative from FLC instructed Engineer Maintenance section on 700 series generator maintenance procedures.
7 Oct	Generator records were sent to Sub Unit Two, 1st Radio Battalion this date.
9 Oct	First Radio Battalion Site, located at Hill 425, changed Operational Control from the Third Platoon to the Fourth Platoon.
15 Oct	Storm condition two set at approximately 2200H for tropical storm JOAN. Due to expected high wind and tides, personnel living at Camp Hoa Long began packing all personal gear and organizational equipment for evacuation to Freedom Hill.
16 Oct	Due to change in tropical storm JOAN's course, the evacuation of Camp Hoa Long personnel and equipment was cancelled.
19 Oct	Capt. G. E. SMITH and GySgt. L. B. HILL departed enroute to Siagon to attend DOD Special Representative Analyst Conference during the period 19-21 October 1970.
19 Oct	The Commanding General, III MAF directed the Headquarters elements and certain operational elements of First Radio Battalion to relocate to Camp Books.
20 Oct	LtGen McCUTCHEON visited this date and was briefed on First Radio Battalion Operations by LtCol RESNIK and Capt. MORGAN.

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- 20 Oct Completed special, one-time back order validation program in accordance with CG III MAF 031015Z Oct 70.
- 21 Oct Commenced movement of First Radio Battalion elements from Camp Hoa Long to Camp Books. Supply began moving hand movable equipment.
- 22 Oct Move was progressing. Electronics Maintenance Section was moved fifty percent this date.
- 23 Oct S-1, H&S Company, and Electronics Maintenance Section completely moved.
- 24 Oct DaNang area entered storm condition I due to typhoon KATE.
- 25 Oct Relocation suspended until 1500H due to typhoon KATE. The following is a compilation of major damage to the 2nd Platoon attributed to typhoon KATE. All other Battalion Sites suffered either minor or no damage.
- 4 Sea Huts Destroyed
  - 3 Sea Huts 25% to 30% damaged
  - 2 HF antenna legs downed
  - 3 RC-292 antennas damaged
  - 1 Generator shed destroyed
  - 1 Porch roof destroyed
  - 1 Water trailer shed destroyed
- 26 Oct Move recommenced. Two forklifts provided by 1st Engineer Battalion and two 5 ton trucks with low-bed semi-trailers from 11th Motor Transport Battalion were utilized in addition to organic transportation to finish move.
- 27 Oct Cleanup of Camp Hoa Long for turn-over to the Army carried out.
- 28 Oct Sent negative report on Search for Missing Government Property.
- 29 Oct Conducted inspection of Camp Hoa Long with Commanding Officer, Company "B", 84th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army. Results were satisfactory.
- 31 Oct Tropical storm warning 12 due to tropical storm MARGE was received.

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4. (S) Command Relations

- a. On 3 October, LtCol MITCHELL, Marine Officer Assistant, DIRNAVSECGRU-PAC, visited this command on an Orientation visit.
- b. On 20 October, LtGen McCUTCHEON visited 1st Radio Battalion and received a briefing on the Operations of the Battalion by LtCol RESNIK and Capt. MORGAN.

5. (U) Personnel and Equipment Casualties

- a. There were no accidents reported during the month of October and no equipment was classified as a combat loss.

6. (U) Personnel Status

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Joined from other Commands:	2	51
Dropped to other Commands:	0	16
Promotions:	0	15
Reductions:	0	0
Sick Hospital:	0	0
Reenlistments:	0	1
Emergency Leave:	0	3
Annual Leave:	0	0
Special Leave:	0	4
R&R:	1	18
Overseas Extensions:	0	3
Nonjudicial Punishment:	0	0
Court Martial:	0	0
Confinement:	0	0

During the month of October all personnel were carried on the rolls of Headquarters and Service Company. Consequently the figures reflect total strength, and the figures appearing in paragraph 4, PART I are based on total strength. First Radio Battalion reached C-2 Personnel Status on 20 October 1970.

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7. Equipment and Logistics (MARES)

- a. The Battalion maintained a C-1 supply and equipment readiness with 86.939% of equipment combat ready. A total of 37 pieces of Combat Essential Equipment were in a deadline status. Of this 37, 22 were in a NORS status, 4 were in a NORM status and 11 were in a transit status.
- b. The drop in the percentage of combat readiness was directly attributable to the move from Camp Hoa Long which resulted in an increase of 10 deadlined vehicles.

8. Fiscal

- a. The available balance on 31 October 1970 was \$45,086.53.

9. New Equipment

- a. No new equipment was received during the month of October.

10. Maintenance and Services

a. Projects Pending

- (1) Replacement of siding on EM barracks at Camp Hoa Long. Deleted due to relocation of H&S Company.

b. Projects in Progress

- (1) Renovation of Operations Building at Camp Books.

c. Projects Completed

- (1) Construction of a cess pool adjacent to Enlisted Men's head at Camp Hoa Long.
- (2) Construction of nine additional fighting holes to improve the defensive posture of First Radio Battalion C.P. at Camp Hoa Long.

11. Electronics Maintenance

- a. A total of 80 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were received.
- b. A total of 51 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were completed.
- c. No equipment was evacuated to higher echelon for repair.

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12. Motor Transport

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

(1) TERO's initiated	41
(2) TERO's completed	26
(3) TERO's open	15
(4) TERO's by type	
(a) Quarterly PM	23
(b) Annual PM	6
(c) General Repair	12
(5) Evacuated to Higher echelon	0

- b. The following statistical information for the month of October is provided:

(1) Monthly Mileage - 22,504  
 (2) Tonnage Hauled - 199.9  
 (3) Personnel Transported - 4,008

13. Engineer Equipment

- a. A total of 8 tactical equipment repair orders were initiated.  
 b. A total of 4 tactical equipment repair orders were completed.  
 c. A total of 4 tactical equipment repair orders remain outstanding.  
 d. Seven PU-239 generators and one PU-482 generator were evacuated to higher echelon.

14. Supply

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

PRIORITY	QTY	COMP	FOLLOW-UP
02	68	62	61
05	93	84	79
12	143	130	148
17	23	32	127

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

- (1) 1 - Rifle, M-14 (REDIS)
- (2) 1 - Generator Set PU-239 (CODE H)

15. (G) Intelligence and Security

a. There were 66 courier missions performed in October.

b. Security Clearance Administration:

- (1) 32 incoming and 12 outgoing personnel were processed
- (2) 4 incoming TAD personnel were processed

c. There were no losses or compromises of classified material in October.

d. There were 6 inventories and 22 destructions in October.

16. (C) Communications

a. Total number of messages handled in October was 56,567. Breakdown is as follows: Transmitted - 35,692; Received - 20,875.

b. Total groups handled - 16,381,607.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. (U) Supporting documentation is of 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 bi-annual historical up-dates.

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