

SUB UNIT #1
1ST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY
Headquarters Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) CG, III MAF memo 103/RPL/jfc over 5211/1 of 2 Sept 1965

Encl: (1) Command and Staff Billets

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of September 1965.

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) Designation. Sub Unit #1, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.
- (2) Location. DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.
- (3) Command and Staff. See enclosure (1).
- (4) Average monthly strength. Six (6) Officers, sixty-six (66) Marine Corps Enlisted and one (1) Navy Corpsman.

b. Significant Events.

- (1) Personnel.
 - (a) At the time the previous report was submitted, it was anticipated that the remainder of this company, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-), would be relocated from Okinawa to the RVN.
 - (b) This relocation has not yet materialized. The net result has been that 33 1/3 per cent of the operational personnel and 61 per cent of the Headquarters and Service personnel are not located in a position to contribute to the mission assigned this company.

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- (c) The fact that the anticipated relocation did not occur has significantly impaired the performance of this unit, as set forth in the succeeding paragraphs.

(2) Administration.

- (a) This unit's official designation remains as "Sub Unit #1, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company", vice the designation "1st Force Reconnaissance Company (Forward)", as previously reported.
- (b) This Sub Unit represents 45 per cent of the Company's T/O strength. Additionally the Commanding Officer of the Company is assigned to the Sub Unit for duty.
- (c) Based on the foregoing, action is being taken to effect the Sub Unit's redesignation to "1st Force Reconnaissance Company (Forward)".
- (d) The present administrative situation that exists cannot support the requirements of this unit, for the following reasons.
- 1/ 53 per cent of the Headquarters personnel are located on Okinawa with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-).
- 2/ The directives, publications, records, office supplies, and equipment necessary to administer this unit are located on Okinawa with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-).

(3) Command and Control.

- (a) Due to his present assignment to Sub Unit #1, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, the Commanding Officer of the Company, is administratively disassociated from the remainder of his command, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-).
- (b) Particularly significant is the fact that the following members of the Company Staff are located on Okinawa with the remainder of the Company, thereby, denying the Commanding Officer the resources normally at his disposal.

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- 1/ Intelligence Officer.
- 2/ Supply Officer.
- 3/ Operations Chief.
- 4/ First Sergeant.
- 5/ Administrators and technicians to support each section.

(4) Logistics.

- (a) Due to the absence of the necessary support and service personnel and maintenance equipment, located on Okinawa with 1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-), this Sub Unit is unable to sustain its equipment to support operational commitments organically.
 - 1/ Sixty-seven (67) per cent of the support and service personnel are located on Okinawa.
 - 2/ All maintenance equipment is located on Okinawa.
- (b) This Sub Unit's vehicular support is limited to one (1) M-37 Personnel Carrier and two (2) M-38A1 jeeps, each of which is presently deadlined for repairs. This Sub Unit's present ability to effect timely coordination relative to operational requirements is extremely difficult without the vehicular support available on Okinawa or other sources.
- (c) The communications posture of this Sub Unit is sufficient to sustain only one (1) platoon's employment at a given time with the support available on Okinawa or other sources.


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COMMAND AND STAFF BILLETS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER NO/MOS</u>
Commanding Officer	Major	GAFFEN, Malcolm C.	Major	057259/0302
Executive Officer	Captain	WHITTINGHAM, David	Captain	079067/0302
Operations Officer	Captain	OWENS, Sammy L.	1st Lt.	085114/0302

Enclosure (1)

