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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Headquarters Battalion
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol S. B. MC CARTY JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt D. L. CHILCOTE

Service Company

Capt D. H. MOSLEY
(1-23 June 1969)
1stLt J. J. FOYLE
(24-30 June 1969)

Military Police Company

Maj E. L. ROTTSOLK

Communications Company

Maj F. C. MULLEN JR.

2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1969 Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam (Less Communications Company, Dong Ha, RVN)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj R. D. STUCKEY
(1-21 June 1969)
Maj R. T. CARNEY
(22-30 June 1969)

S-1/Adjutant

Capt C. E. SWISHER

S-1/Assistant Adjutant

CWO D. A. DE BARGE

S-3/S-4, Operations/Logistics Officer

Maj R. T. CARNEY
(1-21 June 1969)
Maj A. T. LAWSON
(22-30 June 1969)

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M. P. MCBRYDE

Supply Officer

Capt W. W. HOBBS JR.

Surgeon

Lt S. M. COHEN

Chaplain

LtCmdr J. D. ALLEN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFF USMC
293

ENL
1788

2

OFF
9

USN

ENL
21

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PART II

~~DECLASSIFIED~~NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion elements were stationed throughout the 3d Marine Division Area of Operations during this period. Location of major elements were as follows:

Quang Tri

Headquarters Company (-)

Service Company (-)

Dong Ha

Military Police Company (-)

Communications Company (-)

2. Unit Activities and Events

a. Headquarters Battalion had two changes in staff during June, as Major R. T. CARNEY assumed duties as Battalion Executive Officer and Major A. T. LAWSON reported for duty as the S-3/S-4 Officer. The Battalion Commander presented one Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, and four Purple Heart Medals at an awards ceremony. An Awards Ceremony was also conducted in conjunction with the relief of the Division Sergeant Major. One Marine officer and one enlisted Marine of Headquarters Battalion were wounded in action during the month of June. The mail situation continued to function smoothly as over 17,845 pounds of mail were processed during the period of this report. The emphasis in training was on NBC Defense as four gas chamber exercises were conducted for over 400 Marines. Two classes were given for Monitor/Survey, and Decontamination Teams, with a total attendance of 35 Marines. COATIP processed 91 Marines and out-of-country schools were attended by 8 Marines. Construction of additional handball courts continued with completion of the second court and initiation of construction on a third court. Rewiring of the enlisted messhall plus the installation of a 150KW generator eliminated all electrical problems in that messhall. Refreshments were furnished by Headquarters Battalion's Messhall for the personnel attending the fund raising ceremony for the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital.

b. Headquarters Company. During the month of June 1969 this unit was commanded by Captain David L. CHILCOTE. Average monthly strength was 250 officers and 980 enlisted. There were 32 officers joined, 28 dropped; there were 142 enlisted joined, 112 dropped. The administration of 1200+ personnel to include 324 joins and transfers was accomplished with 11 effective office personnel. Security Platoon, with 7 Kit Carson Scouts attached and with an average monthly strength of 80 men was employed in 3 daytime patrols. During the entire month of June 1969 Headquarters Company personnel manned "A" and "C" Sectors of the Quang Tri Combat Base defensive perimeter. Security Platoon also provided security for the numerous Motor Patrols, with no significant events.

c. Service Company. During the month of June 1969, Service Company held two reaction drills and was once called upon to assume its duties as the inner-perimeter defense. Activities within the Company itself involved

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a complete inspection of all 782 gear. Service Company had a change in Company Commanders during the latter part of the month. Construction of a trench system in Hotel Sector QPCB was initiated to provide cover and fighting positions for a reaction force. Incoming bunkers in the Service Company area are also under construction and revampment at this present time.

d. Communications Company. During June, Communications Company continued to provide reliable, speedy and flexible communications in support of the Commanding General and his Headquarters. This included communications links to subordinate elements. Operation and maintenance of communications facilities for Division Headquarters, included radio, multi-channel radio, wire and communications center facilities at the Division CP and Administrative CP; and between the Division CP and the next lower echelons of the Division to enable the Division Commander to exercise command control of the Division. This Company is also assigned the mission of defending Sector VII of the perimeter of Dong Ha Combat Base and conducting such other operations deemed necessary in support of the sector by Base Defense Coordinator, Dong Ha Combat Base. Communications support provided by the Company during June included; Division Communications Center, Division Combat Operations Center, Division Fire Support Coordination Center, Base Defense Quang Tri Combat Base, Base Defense Dong Ha Combat Base and communications personnel. Continuous operation, inadequate backup equipment, a severe environment and enemy rockets provide a constant challenge to the operations and maintenance personnel assigned. Adequate 400 Hz power is currently being provided by non-TE equipment from other units. We are currently operating without back-up power sources. Four 15,500 BTU air conditioners were received and installed in the Division Communications Center to replace four units previously coded out. Members of this Company visited the patients of the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital on six occasions. Ten communications center men (MOS 2542) continue to augment the Division Communication Center. Additionally two telephone-teletype technicians (MOS 2811) were attached, one TAD from HqCo, 4th Marines and one TAD from HqBtry 12th Marines. This was necessitated by the maintenance workload.

e. Military Police Company. During the period covered by this report, this unit has conducted operations that fall into four categories; traffic control, criminal investigation, and apprehension, P.O.W. detention, and base security. Traffic violations totaled 308 for the period as compared with 176 last month. A total of nineteen traffic accidents were reported resulting in two Vietnamese fatalities. A total of twenty three Class I and 530 Class II offenses were committed during the period. Eleven cases were carried over from the previous record and 110 new investigations were opened. Seventy one cases were completed and a balance of fifty six cases were carried forward into the new period. This unit augments the Security Platoon in the defense of Sector "C" and furnishes security at six gate posts and at 3d Medical Battalion aboard Quang Tri Combat Base. Security is further provided on the gates to Dong Ha Combat Base.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 1 June Members of Communications Company visited 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital.
- 2 June Gas Chamber exercise QTCB, 204 persons participated.
- 4 June Installed 1000' buried, 500' aerial, 100 pair cable from 97 frame to 12th Marines.
- 5 June Communication Company repaired 25 pair cable damaged by SeaBees at DMCB.
2nd handball court opened at QTCB.
- 6 June Service Company held 762 gear inspection.
Communications Company reconciled outstanding requisitions with Battalion Supply.
- 7 June COATIP processed 18 Marines.
- 6-24 June Concerted effort to improve cable communications between DMCB and QTCB.
- 9 June Inventory of Electronics Maintenance Shop Stores AN/GRM-48 conducted.
Inventory and locator deck furnished by Battalion Supply.
Gas Chamber exercise QTCB, 40 persons participated.
New lighting installed in Enlisted Mess at QTCB.
- 10 June Headquarters Company Security Platoon, while providing security for a Survey Team, made contact with 2 NVA soldiers at 280525. The two NVA fled leaving behind various documents and 50 rounds of AK 47 ammunition.
Service Company held a reaction drill in Bravo Sector QTCB.
- 13 June Service Company held a reaction drill in Bravo Sector QTCB.
- 14 June COATIP processed 25 Marines. Communication Company activated AN/VCC-2 shot Dong Ha to Qua Viet Rehabilitation Center.
- 14-17 June Members of Communications Company visited 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital.
- 15-25 June Work began on preparing 1 Radio Set AN/TSC-15 for use on a net with 9th MAB to coordinate redeployment of RLT-9.
- 17 June Enemy Rockets destroyed one water trailer, one head facility and caused moderate damage to operations bunker, One 50 pair and 25 pair cable cut. Company suffered one WIA, Corporal Jimmy R. TURNER 2306490/3531 USMC Communications Company 0630 received frag wounds from rocket rounds while in a defensive position of Dong Ha Combat Base. Treated at "D" Med, 3dMedBn, condition and prognosis good.

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- 18 June Battalion held school for NBC Monitor/Survey, and Decontamination teams. Service Company manned inter-perimeter defense.
- 19 June First Lieutenant Edwin A. HAMLIN 099598/1402 USMC HqCo 1330, vicinity of Khe Sahn, Quang Tri Province, RVN, received frag wounds to left shoulder and left wrist from enemy rifle fire when bullet hit window of aircraft while participating in mission as AO over Khe Sahn, treated at "D" Med, 3dMedBn, condition and prognosis good.
- 20 June Completed dismantling SEA huts at Cua Viet and moving them to ANGF platoon area, DHCB. Installed bench mounted RT-524 at Division Motor Transport to replace AN/MRC-110 on convoy control net.
- 21 June COATIP processed 21 Marines.
- 22 June Major R. T. CARNEY relieved Major R. D. STOCKLEY as Battalion Executive Officer, and Major A. T. LAWSON assumed the duties as S-3/S-4. Members of Communications Company visited 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital.
- 23 June First Lieutenant James J. FOYLE relieved Captain Donald H. MOSLEY as Commanding Officer of Service Company. Ceremony for the relief of the Division Sergeant Major. Gas Chamber exercise for Communications Company, 65 persons participated.
- 24 June Construction of a trench system was started in Hotel Sector QTCB. Work initiated to rebuild bunkers in Service Company Area. Communications Company activated AN/MRC-62 shot from Signal Hill to LZ Tenaru in support of Task Force Guadalcanal on Operation Utah Mesa. NGF Spot team at Forward Operating Base A-1 supporting elements of 2d ARVN Regiment replaced by Detachment, 1st ANGLICO.
- 24-27 June Communications Company provided reinforced rifle squad as security for road sweep team along Route 9 from DHCB to Cam Lo.
- 26 June Communication Company repaired 25 pair cable to 2d ARVN Regiment Headquarters compound damaged by brush fire.
- 27 June Awards ceremony conducted by Headquarters Battalion. LtCol S. B. MC CARTY presented decorations to members of this command. Communication Company completed work on repair and reinforcement of Sector VII perimeter. Repaired 50 pair cable cut by enemy rocket fire.
- 27-29 June Communications Company repaired 50 pair aerial cable damaged by SeaBee construction equipment. Used 200' of new messenger cable, 300' of new 50 pair cable.
- 28 June COATIP processed 27 Marines.
- 30 June Communication Company reconciled outstanding requisitions with Battalion Supply.

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