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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATORCOMMANDER

Headquarters Battalion
3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) WME

Col S. B. MC CARTY JR.
(1-25 Aug 1969)
Maj R. T. CARNEY
(26-31 Aug 1969)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Maj M. G. BUSBY

Service Company

1stLt J. J. FOYLE

Military Police Company

Maj E. L. ROTTSOLK

Communications Company

Maj F. C. MULLEN JR.

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1969 Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam (Less Communications
Company and Headquarters Company, Dong Ha, RVN)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj R. T. CARNEY
(1-25 Aug 1969)

S-1/Adjutant

Capt C. E. SWISHER

S-1/Assistant Adjutant

CWO2 D. A. DE BARGE

Operations/Logistics Officer

Maj A. T. LAWSON

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M. P. MC BRYDE

Supply Officer

Capt W. W. HOBBS JR.

Surgeon

Lt R. M. HURWITZ

Chaplain

Cdr W. R. HOWARD

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OPF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>TL</u>	<u>OPF</u>	<u>USM</u>	<u>ENL</u>
262		1520	10		31

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion elements were stationed throughout the 3d Marine Division area of operations during this period in the following major locations:

Quang Tri	Military Police Company (-)
Quang Tri	Service Company (-)
Dong Ha	Headquarters Company (-)
Dong Ha	Communications Company (-)

2. Unit Activities and Events

a. Headquarters Battalion. Major R. T. CARNEY assumed duties as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion, replacing Col S. B. MC CARNEY who returned to CONUS. Training continued with five Marines attending out-of-country schools and two attending in-country schools. A total of eighty Marines completed COATIP for the month of August. The Civic Action program was very active as MEDCAP's were held four times during the month at the La Vang Orphanage in Quang Tri Province. Colonel S. B. MC CARNEY presented gifts to the BONZE THICH NHAT KY, at a ceremony held in dedication to the Civic Action project. Headquarters Battalion assumed control of the Transient Facility in Dong Ha and construction was started on a 500 man messhall to be utilized by Communications Company and the Transient Facility. The Battalion hosted a luncheon for the Under Secretary of the Navy during his visit to the 3d Marine Division and was also host to the Commandant's visit, with a buffet at the Officer's Club. Sub Unit #2 Mess hosted the Division Food Service meeting for the month of August. This Battalion continues to support Golf Sector of the perimeter defense at Quang Tri with personnel, Subsector II A and Sector VII at Dong Ha with personnel and equipment. This Battalion also continued inner perimeter defense for the Division (Rear).

b. Headquarters Company. During the month of August 1969 this unit was commanded by Major M. G. BUSBY. The average monthly strength was 223 Officers and 757 Enlisted. There were 60 officers joined and 73 dropped; there were 143 enlisted joined and 116 dropped. The administration of 950+ personnel to include 392 joins and transfers was accomplished with 11 effective office personnel during August. Headquarters Company was employed in 10 daylight security patrols. One Marine Officer was KIA when his light observation plane crashed during take-off from Quang Tri Combat Base on 29 August 1969.

c. Service Company. Service Company had to assume it's duties as the inner perimeter defense during a rocket attack. A reaction drill was held in Bravo Sector, Area Red. Berms being constructed for the defense of a reactionary force entering Golf Sector have been completed. The 150KW reserve generator which supplies electricity for the 3d Division Rear has been repaired and is properly functioning.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~d. Military Police Company

(1) 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.M. Detention; and Base Security.

(2) Traffic violations totaled 207 for the month, as compared with 258 last month. A total of thirty accidents were reported, resulting in two Vietnamese and one American fatality.

(3) A total of fifty Class I and 239 Class II offenses were committed during the period. Two cases were carried over from the previous month and ninety new cases were opened. Forty three cases were completed and a balance of thirty two cases were carried into the new period.

(4) This unit augments the respective units responsible for the defense of Sector A and Sector C of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter. During the hours of daylight this unit furnished 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.

(5) In the interest of greater security and as an attempt to control pilferage, all non-American traffic is now being directed through a single gate at each base.

e. Communications Company. During August this Company continued to provide the Commanding General and his staff with reliable, speedy, and flexible communication support, including intra-staff and intra-division communications. In accomplishing this, detachments of Communications Company were at the following locations: Quang Tri Combat Base (OCCB) (Division Rear and WOC-6); Vandegrift Combat Base (VCR) (4th Marines); Dong Ha City (Hq 2nd ARVN Regt); Cua Viet (3dMarDiv Rehabilitation Center); Mai Loc (Classified Operation); Elliot Combat Base (ECB) (3d Marines); Con Thien (3d Marines); and Fire Support Base C-2 (ARVN Combat Support Team). This Company was assigned the mission of defending Sector VII of the perimeter of Dong Ha Combat Base. During this period the overall maintenance posture continued to improve. Due to the improved turn-around time of single sideband items at Shop Stores, AN/TSC-15 status improved, and the status of AN/MRC-83's improved from one operational to five operational. Many of the AN/TRC-97 float items were for issue and control of this float as a separate account. This action, plus the receipt of two klystrons and one traveling wave tube for AN/TRC-97's should improve the deadline rate considerably in the near future. Communications support provided by the Company during August included: Division Communication Center; 49, 857 messages transmitted or received, with attendant message processing, reproduction, and distribution; Division Combat Operations Center; Radio equipment, communications center facilities, manual switchboard SB-86, and communications personnel; Division Fire support Coordination Center; Air and Naval gunfire support radio equipment, manual switchboard SB-86, and communications personnel; Base Defense; OTCB; Radio equipment, manual switchboard AN/TRC-1, and communications personnel;

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Base Defense, DHCB; Radio equipment, manual switchboard SB-86, and communications personnel; 2d ARVN Regiment ESCC; Air support radio equipment and communications personnel; multichannel radio between various combat bases, fire support bases, and landing zones, serving both senior and subordinate units, using HF-SSB, VHF-FM, SIF, and tropo-scatter equipment; automatic dial service to Marine, Army, Air Force, Navy, and ARVN units at DHCB; limited dial service and manual switchboard service to Marine units at QTCB; sixteen new Division tactical circuits were installed to support regimental operations in the VCB/ECB area. On 21 Aug 69, members of the Company held a party for the patients at the 3d Mar Div Memorial Childrens Hospital, toys, shoes, and books were distributed and soft drinks and cupcakes were served. The hospital was visited on 6 other occasions during the month. To provide familiarization with communications equipment for the Division staff, a static display of the major items of equipment used by the Company was held on 22 August 1969.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Section 1

- 1-3Aug69 Provided reinforced rifle squad as security for road sweep team along Route 9 from DMCB to Cam Lo.
- 1-11Aug69 Provided 4 men to DMCB Provisional Rifle Squad.

Section 2

- 1Aug69 An improved long wire antenna was installed for the AN/TSC-15 multichannel radio shot to 9th MAB, Okinawa.
- 3Aug69 Activated Division Tactical Net #1 with 3d Marines at Elliot Combat Base to improve substandard VHF communications. This HF/SSB net uses the AN/MRC-83 and /or AN/PRC-47. Deactivated part of embarkation net which had been supporting redeploying elements of 3d Marine Division.
- 4Aug69 Replaced AN/TRC-27B multichannel radio link DMCB to Cua Viet with AN/MRC-62 link to improve reliability.
- 5Aug69 Members of Communications Company visited patients at 3d MarDiv Memorial Childrens Hospital.
- 6Aug69 Rehabilitated outside cable plant in FLSG-B area and repaired/replaced all splice cases in preparation for monsoon season.
- 8Aug69 Hosted Luncheon with the Commandant at the "O" Club Dong Ha.
- 10Aug69 Members of Communications Company visited patients at 3d MarDiv Memorial Childrens Hospital.
- Communications Company installations visited by BGen CHA-DEL, USAF, Asst Chief of Staff J-6, MACV.
- 12Aug69 Reactivated part of embarkation net. Installed special purpose telephone system in conference room and Division CP area for ADC planning group.
- 13Aug69 Deactivated AN/TRC-97C multichannel radio shot QTCB to VCB. Activated AN/TRC-97C shot DMCB to VCB. This re-configuration resulted from the move of Division elements from QTCB to DMCB and VCB.

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- 15Aug69 Repaired 50 pair cable in 108th Arty GP area which was inoperative due to faulty splice. Deactivated part of embarkation net.
- 17Aug69 Started Construction of a 500 man messhall adjacent to the Dong Ha Transient Facility.
- 20Aug69 Visited patients at 3d MarDiv Memorial Childrens Hospital.
- 21Aug69 Hosted Luncheon for Under Secretary of Navy at Dong Ha "O" Club.
- 22Aug69 A display of communication equipment used by the Battalion's Communications Company was held for the Division Staff. 27 Officers and SNCO's including the Commanding General and Chief of Staff, attended the display.
- 24Aug69 Held party for patients at 3dMarDiv Memorial Childrens Hospital. Presented toys, shoes, and books and served soft drinks cupcakes and candy.
- 29Aug69 1stLt R. D. KRUPA O1 05 15 5/0302 USMC HqCo, lost his life in the vicinity of MAG 39, Quang Tri Combat Base. Plane crashed at end of landing strip while beginning take off.
- CommCo at DHCB collected \$30.00 with which they purchased Vietnamese made toys, bought in Dong Ha City and presented the children hospitalized at "Delta" Med, DFGB. During the month, 571 children were checked by medical personnel of the HqBn B.A.S. on the MEDCAP, and Civic Action Project on the 23rd, informal liaison was effected for the distribution of clothing to the children during the month of September.

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