

HEADQUARTERS
5th Communication Battalion, FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) ForceO 3121.1B

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a) and (b), the following information is submitted:

a. Organizational Data

- (1) 5th Communication Battalion, FMF, DaNang, Vietnam
- (2) 1 February 1966-28 February 1966
- (3) LtCol H.R. KELLY, Commanding Officer, Maj. H.M. JELLISON, Executive Officer.
- (4) 29 Officer/695 Enlisted. Included are 10 U.S. Navy enlisted.

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

(1) Personnel - The 5th Communication Battalion joined 1 Officer and 101 enlisted and transferred 14 enlisted. The Battalion promoted three Marines to SSgt, Two USN to HM3 and one Marine to PFC.

(2) Administrative - none

(3) Intelligence - none

(4) Training - Operated FMFPAC test circuit from 0450H 18 February until 1040H 21 February using AN/TSC-15 and AN/MRC-83.

(a) Sent one man to life saving school at Saigon.

(5) Special Operations - The 5th Communication Battalion provided communication equipment and a total of one officer and 34 enlisted communication personnel to support the III MAF during Operation Double Eagle.

(a) The 5th Communication Battalion provided a Construction Platoon with equipment and a total of one officer and 39 enlisted personnel to HqCo, 4th Marine Regiment for pole line construction at Chu Lai.

Enclosure (4)

(6) Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other types of warfare - none

(7) Command and Control - none

(8) Close Combat - At 022005Z the Battalion received 15 to 20 rounds of small arms fire of which six rounds went into supply butler building. Returned 50 rounds at four muzzle flashes to WSW. No friendly casualties and no known enemy casualties.

(9) Fire Support - none

(10) Logistics - none

(11) Air Defense - none

(12) Combat Air Support - none

(13) Civil Affairs - The Battalion made donations of soap and medical supplies to the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East. Daily food donations were made to the Sacred Heart Orphanage. HMC SHOFNER taught English reading to the Sisters at the Sacred Heart Orphanage.

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