

HEADQUARTERS  
5th Communication Battalion, FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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1 April 1966

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 reference (a) and (b), the following information is submitted:

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 5th Communication Battalion, FMF, DaNang, Vietnam
- (2) 1 March 1966 - 31 March 1966
- (3) LtCol H.R. KELLY, Commanding Officer, Maj. H.M. JELLISON, Executive Officer.
- (4) 30 Officer/691 Enlisted. Included are 10 U.S. Navy enlisted.

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

(1) Personnel - The 5th Communication Battalion joined 1 officer and 25 enlisted and transferred 21 enlisted. The Battalion promoted 1 Marine Officer to Captain, 1 Marine to MSgt. 3 to GySgt, 1 to SSgt, 11 to Sgt, 1 to Cpl and 1 to PFC.

- (2) Administrative - none
- (3) Intelligence - none
- (4) Training -

(a) Sent one man to U.S. Army Language School on Okinawa for course in Vietnamese.

(b) Sent three men to Yokosuka for Movie Projector Operator School.

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## (5) Special Operations -

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

(b) The 5th Communication Battalion provided from 12 to 15 enlisted per day with construction equipment to assist U.S. Air Force in laying 100 pair cable from DaNang to new MAF CP.

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

(7) Command and Control - none

(8) Close Combat - At 282245Z the Battalion received two grenades thrown at Defense position. Only one grenade exploded. no casualties.

(9) Fire Support - none

(10) Logistics - none

(11) Air Defense - none

(12) Combat Air Support - none

(13) Civil Affairs -

(a) The 5th Communication Battalion made daily food donations to the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East.

(b) The 5th Communication Battalion arranged for a hair lip operation for a child from China Beach, DaNang East. The operation will be performed at MAG-16 in the near future.

  
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By direction