

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

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 5th Communication Battalion, FMF, DaNang, Vietnam
- (2) 1 May 1966 - 31 May 1966
- (3) LtCol J. NASTASI, Commanding Officer, Maj H.M. JELLISON, Jr. Executive Officer
- (4) 32 officer/702 enlisted Marines. One officer/10 enlisted Navy.

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

(1) Personnel - The 5th Communication Battalion joined three officers and 105 enlisted and transferred two officers and 81 enlisted. One Marine killed by accidental discharge. One U.S. Air Force officer and 18 enlisted attached for establishing communications from DaNang to Phu Bai.

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

(a) Two personnel completed training in Vietnamese Language at the U.S. Army Language School, Okinawa.

(b) Thirty-two radio operators attended a one day LFTU Pac waterproofing course.

(c) One man trained as a lifeguard at Division R&R Center.

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(d) Two officers received Crypto/Comm Security at Yokosuka, Japan.

(e) One officer and one enlisted completed training at Embarkation School, Okinawa.

(f) Fired for familiarization 115 personnel with M-14 rifles, 7 with 45 cal. pistol and 8 with 12 gauge shotguns.

(5) Special Operations - The 5th Communication Battalion is providing support for Air Force personnel who will install, operate and maintain AN/MRC-80 shot between DaNang and Phu Bai.

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

(7) Command and Control - None

(8) Close Combat - None

(9) Fire Support - None

(10) Logistics - None


(11) Air Defense - None

(12) Close Air Support - None

(13) Civil Affairs -

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

(b) Personnel from 5th Communication Battalion conducted English language classes for Nuns at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East.

  
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By direction