

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 5650.2
(b) ForO 3121.10

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 July 1966 - 31 July 1966
- (3) LtCol J. NASTASI, Commanding Officer, Maj. H.M. JELLISON, Jr., Executive Officer.
- (4) 38 officer/636 enlisted Marines. 1 officer/10 enlisted Navy. 6 officer/139 enlisted. 1 enlisted Navy from CommSptCo, 7thCommBn. 1 officer/25 enlisted from RadRel&ConstCo, 7thCommBn.

b. Sequential listing of Significant Events.

(1) Personnel - The 5th Communication Battalion joined 10 officers/105 Marine enlisted and transferred 6 officers/85 Marine enlisted, 2 Navy enlisted. 3 Marines were promoted to SSgt, 54 to Cpl and 72 to LCpl.

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

(a) One man is currently receiving instructions in Vietnamese Language at the U.S. Army Language School, Okinawa.

(b) Two officers are currently receiving Crypto/Comm Security training at Yokosuka, Japan.

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(c) One GySgt TAD to 3d FSR in conjunction with Contact Instruction Team.

(d) 25 personnel received training in Land Mine Warfare, VC Mines, Booby Traps, and Demolitions at 3d Engr Bn.

(e) Fired for familiarization: 62 personnel with M-14 rifles, and 12 with 45 cal. pistols at Hoa Cam Regional Forces Training Center Ranges.

(f) 1st Radio Battalion conducted a class on Communication Security at the enlisted men's club. 70 5th CommBn personnel attended.

(5) Special Operations

(a) The 5th Communication Battalion continues to provide logistic support for Air Force personnel who are operating and maintaining an AN/MRC-80 Troposcatter circuit between DaNang and Phu Bai.

(b) The 5th Communication Battalion is providing one officer/31 enlisted and communication-electronics equipment in support of the 1st Military Police Battalion.

(c) The 5th Communication Battalion provided 10 personnel, two AN/MRC-83's, one AN/MRC-87 and one AN/TSC-15 in support of Operation Hastings.

(d) The 5th Communication Battalion provided operational and logistics support to the personnel and equipment of the U.S. Navy Air Transportable Communication Unit 100A, and to the U.S. Army, MACV, Communication detachment.

(e) The 5th Communication Battalion provided special communications in support of the visit by CG FMFPAC.

(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 Support - 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.

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

(c) 5th Communication Battalion held daily sick call at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East.

(d) 5th Communication Battalion distributed soap and paper supplies to the villagers of DAMAN.

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