

HEADQUARTERS
5th Communication Battalion, FFM
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Subj: Command Chronology, report of
Ref: (a) MCO 5650
(b) ForO 3121.1C

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 5th Communication Battalion, FFM, DaNang, Vietnam.
- (2) 1 August 1966 - 31 August 1966.
- (3) LtCol J. NASTASI, Commanding Officer, Maj H. M. JELLISON, Jr., Executive Officer.
- (4) Thirty-five officers/605 enlisted Marines, one officer/eight enlisted Navy. Six officers/138 enlisted Marines, one enlisted Navy from CommSptCo, 7thCommBn. One officer/25 enlisted from RadRel&ConstCo, 7thCommBn.

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

(1) Personnel - The 5th Communication Battalion joined two officers/eight Marine enlisted and transferred four officers/26 Marine enlisted, two Navy enlisted. Two Marine Sgts were promoted to SSgt, nine to Corporal, eight to Lance Corporal, and three to Private First Class.

(2) Administrative - None.

(3) Intelligence - None

(4) Training

(a) One man attended the 3d MarDiv Field Radio Operator Course at Okinawa.

(b) One man attended the 3d MarDiv Field Wire Course at Okinawa.

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(c) One man is currently attending the Fixed Plant Teletype Repair Course at NAVCOMMSTA, PHIL.

(d) Two men attended Crypto/Comm security training at Kamisaya, Japan.

(e) One man attended RPS school at Yokosuka, Japan.

(f) One man is currently attending the Motion Picture Operator school at Yokosuka, Japan.

(g) One man is currently attending the Vietnamese Language school at Okinawa.

(h) All Officers and Staff Non-commissioned Officers attended an indoctrination lecture on VC Mines and Booby Traps presented by the 3d EngBn at this Headquarters.

(i) Twenty-five men attended the 3d EngBn Course "C", on Mines and Booby Traps.

(j) Twenty men attended a class on Generator Maintenance Records given by the 5th CommBn Maintenance Officer.

(k) Familiarization firing was conducted at the HOA CAM Range Area for 107 personnel with M-14 rifles, 32 personnel with cal .45 pistols and six personnel fired the Cal .50 machine gun.

(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 and 31 enlisted and communication - electronics equipment in support of the 1st Military Police Battalion.

(c) The 5th Communication Battalion is providing 19 enlisted and communication - electronics equipment in support of Force Logistics Command/Force Logistic Support Group "A".

(d) The 5th Communication Battalion provided one AN/MRC-87, one AN/PRC-41 and three enlisted personnel to MAG-11 on a TAD basis for a period of three weeks.

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(e) The 5th Communication Battalion provided personnel and equipment support to the CG, 3d MarDiv for an AN/TRC-27 circuit from Monkey Mountain to CG, 3d MarDiv Command Post.

(f) The 5th Communication Battalion installed a 25 pair cable and pole line from III MAF (Rear), to FLSG "A" at Red Beach using 320 Metal Telescopic Poles and 26,000 feet of 25 pair polyethylene cable.

(g) The 5th communication Battalion continues to provide operational and logistics support to the personnel and equipment of the U. S. Navy Air Transportable Communication Unit 100A.

(h) The 5th Communication Battalion provided special communications in support of the visit by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(i) During this reporting period, the 5th Communication Battalion provided personnel and/or equipment support to various units in the DaNang TAOR. This support was usually for short durations of from one to two days.

(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 has made daily food donations to the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East.

(b) The 5th Communication Battalion held sick call at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in DaNang East on an as required basis.


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