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HEADQUARTERS
5th Communication Battalion, FME
APO San Francisco 96602

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

5th Communication Battalion, FME

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel P. K. LEESBERG
(1-31 Dec 1966)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Commanding Officer, HqCo

Captain F. J. WILHELM (1-31 Dec 1966)

Commanding Officer, CommCo

Major W. I. CRUMBACK (1-31 Dec 1966)

Commanding Officer, CommSptCo

Captain J. R. DYCUS (1-31 Dec 1966)

Commanding Officer, RR&CCo

Captain D. O. MCGEE (1-31 Dec 1966)

ATTACHED UNITS

CommSptCo, 7th CommBn

Captain J. M. RODESTA (1-31 Dec 1966)

Chaplain Support: Provided by Marine Air Group-16 and Mobile Construction Battalion-5

2. LOCATION: Camp Hoa Long, East Danang, Vietnam (1-31 Dec 1966)

STAFF OFFICERS

5th Communication Battalion, FME

Executive Officer

Major H. M. JELLISON, JR. (1-31 Dec 1966)

S-1 Officer

Second Lieutenant J. W. JACKSON (1-31 Dec 1966)

S-3 Officer

Major J. A. LOVULLO (1-31 Dec 1966)

S-4 Officer

Major W. A. READ (1-31 Dec 1966)

3. FME Organization committed to combat support.

a. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
34	538	1	12	Two (2) RCA Field Engineers

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b. Personnel

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) Joined:	1	42
(2) Detached:	5	25
(3) Deaths:	0	1 (Non-Hostile)
(4) Promotions:	1	21
(5) Extensions: (6 months)	1	43
(6) Hospitalized: (Evacuees)	0	0
(7) Legal		
SPCM	0	1
SCM	0	1
NJP	0	8
(8) Emergency Leave	0	3

c. Administration(1) Education

	Total Enrolled
MCI Courses	114
USAFI Courses	31
Other Courses	23

(2) Mail Service. It continues to improve, our current time lapse for mail from CONUS is on the average of five (5) days.

(3) Health & Welfare. The Battalion had a VD rate of .01%. The general health of the Battalion is excellent.

d. Intelligence. None. Provided by Headquarters, III MAF.

e. Training. Training was conducted on Vietnam oriented subjects, MOS qualification, general military subjects and Troposcatter Radio-Relay Set AN/TRC-97 during this period. Provided OJT for one (1) air Force Officer and two (2) Enlisted on AN/TRC-97 for a period of about a week.

f. Special Operations. None.

g. Command Relations. This Battalion is under administrative control of Force Logistic Command, FMC, and under the operational control of III MAF.

h. Equipment. This organization has an authorized T/E of 659 items of Combat Essential Equipment. At present O/H items total 629 which gives a supply readiness of .95%. Of the total 629 items O/H there are 105 pieces of equipment on deadline, which gives this organization an equipment readiness of .83%.

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i. Logistics.

(1) Camp Improvement.

A new vehicle bridge was constructed within the Battalion area. A new Battalion Aid Station was constructed. A combined TV, reading and music room for Battalion personnel was constructed along with a physical fitness building. The stream bed within the Battalion cantonment was deepened by use of MCB-6 heavy equipment to properly drain the area. Conversion of strongbacks within the Battalion to Tropical Huts is in the final stages of completion.

(2) Maintenance of Combat Essential Equipment remained in readiness category C-2 during the month.

j. Community Relations. Five visits were made to the village of Da Namh. Two wells were improved and one new well was started. Fifteen bags of cement were given to the people of Da Namh. Three loads of MedCap supplies and clothes were delivered to the dispensary and four MedCap visits were made.

k. Communications.

(1) Continue to provide communication support for the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force and limited support to the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, Force Logistic Command, and the 1st Marine Aircraft wing.

(2) Conducted tests using a reduced size DM ARM 160-2 Log Periodic Antenna on Radio Set AN/VRC-12, equipped with the KY-8 cryptographic device, between III MAF and all stations on the MAF Tactical Net #1, to determine if this type antenna noticeably increased signal strength over the Yagi antenna which had previously been employed. Good reliable communications was established and stations in the Danang area indicated a marked increase in signal strength from III MAF while stations at a greater distance indicated little or no change.