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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for 5th Communication Battalion FMF
for period 1-31 July 1969

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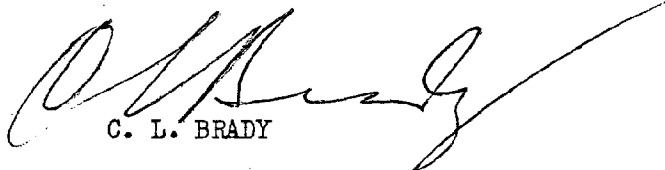
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (code AO3D)
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(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for 5th Communication Battalion FMF for period 1-31
July 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 5th Communication Battalion, FMF

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure
(1) is submitted.


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1 July 1969 to 31 July 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.

5th Communication Battalion, FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol C. L. BRADY
(1-31 July 1969)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Company

Maj R. C. PETERSON
(1-31 July 1969)

Radio Relay & Construction Company

Maj R. F. EDWARDS
(1-31 July 1969)

Headquarters Company

Capt C. A. KENNEDY
(1-31 July 1969)

Communication Support Company

1stLt R. T. ANDERSON Jr.
(1-31 July 1969)

2. LOCATION

1 to 31 July 1969: Camp Hoa Long, East DaNang RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj D. F. SELBY
(1-31 July 1969)

S-1 Officer

Capt F. D. STRONG
(1-31 July 1969)

S-3 Officer

Maj J. F. BAIER
(1-31 July 1969)

S-4 Officer

Maj E. S. LAWBAUGH
(1-20 July 1969)
Maj F. W. MARTINO
(21-31 July 1969)

S-5 Officer

1stLt R. T. ANDERSON
(1-31 July 1969)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During July 1969 the Fifth Communication Battalion continued its mission of providing communication support to III MAF Headquarters, the First and Third Marine Divisions, the First Marine Air Wing and the Republic of Korea Second Marine Brigade. Communications support and assistance was also provided to requesting Army and Air Force units in the I Corps area.
2. Considerable effort has been expended during the past month by both Fifth and Seventh Communication Battalions in improving existing communications and installing new communications facilities for the III MAF Combined Action Program in the DaNang and Chu Lai areas.
3. Included in this organizations tasks during the period was the manning of several stations of the embarkation net activated to assist in the deployment of Marine units departing Vietnam.
4. This battalion, along with Seventh Communication Battalion, received a letter of appreciation from the Defense Communication Agency Southeast Asia Mainland (DCA SAM) for its cooperation and assistance in maintaining the I Corps cable system. A copy of this letter is included in Part IV of this Chronology.
5. Improvements and additions continue to be made in the cantonment. Currently under construction are additional shower facilities, guard towers, an IRO building, and a Butler type building for storage. Future plans call for the placing of a branch Post Exchange on the cantonment.
6. The civic action program conducted by the S-5 has had a particularly active month. In addition to the weekly visits and MedCaps to Damon Hamlet and a nearby orphanage twenty six loads of used lumber and one hundred sheets of used roofing tin were delivered to Damon Hamlet to be used for home improvement projects. On 26 July the III MAF Drum and Bugle Corps presented a concert at the hamlet that was enthusiastically received.
7. Communication Support Company remains in cadre.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Routine Operations.

a. Radio Relay and Construction Company

(1) Radio Relay Platoon continued to provide radio relay channels throughout I Corps area with AN/TRC-97, MCR-62, and PCC-1 equipment and operating personnel located in Danang, Dong Ha and Phu Bai.

(2) Construction Platoon used over three thousand man hours maintaining and extending the III MAF cable system during July. Over four miles of cable plus accompanying hardware was expended.

b. A total of 71,885 messages were processed during July by the III MAF Communication Center and COC.

c. Battalion Supply processed a total of 1,395 requisitions during July of which 219 were completed.

d. 5th Communication Battalion Motor Transport dispatched 2,040 runs during this reporting period. These runs transported 201 tons of cargo and 24,965 passengers a total of 61,388 miles.

e. Electroniss Maintenance processed 740 work orders, Motor Transport Maintenance 191 and Camp Maintenance 27 during July 1969.

2. Personnel/Equipment Deployments.

a. The Third Marine Division at Dang Ha receives support from fourteen men from this battalion who operate one AN/TRC-97, five AN/MRC-62's and two VCC-2's.

b. Two men and one AN/MRC-83 are assigned to Landing Zone Vandegrift at Ca Lu.

c. Six men are assigned to XXIV Corps at Phu Bai to operate one AN/TRC-97E, one AN/MRC-83, one RT-524 and one AN/MRC-110.

d. The following personnel and equipment are in support of III MAF Headquarters:

(1) Seven Officers and one hundred seventeen enlisted operate and maintain teletype and radio equipment in the communication and combat operations centers.

(2) One officer and fifty two enlisted men operate and install the switchboards, telephones, and associated equipment necessary to provide dial telephone service in III MAF cantonment.

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(3) Three men operate AN/MRC-62, AN/TRC-27 and PCC-1 equipment to provide direct radio relay links with subordinate units.

e. The First Marine Air Wing communication Center is augmented by thirteen teletype operators from this battalion.

f. One AN/TRC-97 is operated at First Marine Division headquarters by three men from Radio Relay and Construction Company.

g. Force Logistics Command is currently supported by five personnel of this battalion who assist in maintaining the internal telephone cables and operate AN/TRC-27 and AN/TRC-97 radio relay equipment.

h. Seven men and three AN/TRC-97E's are stationed on Monkey Mountain in the Danang area to operate radio relay terminals.

3. Assistance to Other Organizations.

a. Four cable splicers are assigned to Air Force GEELA in the Danang area to assist in the maintenance of the I Corps cable system.

b. The U. S. Army's 37th Signal Battalion has two Marines assigned to operate six AN/FCC-19's in support of the III MAF communication center.

c. Assistance has been provided the III MAF Combined Action Program in installing and improving communication to their groups throughout the reporting period.

4. Personnel and Equipment Casualties: None

5. Training.

a. Personnel from this battalion attended the following schools during July.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2	Cable Splicer	Long Binh, RVN
2	Telephone Key Systems Maint	Long Binh, RVN
1	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	Okinawa
1	Comm Security/Crypto	Japan

b. Battalion level training was reactivated during July with the following classes conducted:

- (1) Officers Classes
Contingency Option Plan
- (2) Staff Non-commissioned Officers
Electronic Maintenance Procedures
Vietnamese Religions & Customs

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Contingency Option Plan

- (3) Sergeants and Below
Civic Action Program
Military Courtesy/Discipline

c. Two hours formal training was conducted during July in each MOS field present in the battalion.

d. Familzarization firing was conducted for all new arrivals who also received initial indoctrination from the Battalion Sergeant Major.

e. Engine Generator Operator and Vehicle operators instruction was conducted during the period as required by current directives.

6. Equipment and Logistics. Fifth Communication Battalion remains in a C-2 readiness category in both equipment and supply. Anticipated date of attaining a C-1 rating is 31 December 1969.

7. Personnel

- a. Joined: 7 officers; 64 enlisted
b. Detached: 3 officers; 49 enlisted
c. Overseas Extensions: 6 months 12
d. Reenlistments: None
e. Off Duty Education Enrollment:
 (1) MCI: 6-69
 (2) MSAFT: 4-33

f. Savings Bonds and Savings Participation. Approximately 80 percent of the command participated in the bond program and 16 percent in the savings deposit program.

g. Promotions. Sixty enlisted men were promoted during the period.

- h. Leaves and R&R
 (1) Emergency Leave: 4
 (2) Special Leave: 37
 (3) R&R: 1-37

i. Hospitalization. Fifteen men were hospitalized during the period of whom two were evacuated. None of the hospitalization was due to enemy action.

8. New Techniques Employed. None

9. Miscellaneous.

a. Postal: Postal service is provided by the First Marine Air Wing. Average delivery time is five days.

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Legal:

- (1) Special Court Martials: 3
- (2) Summary Court Martials: 2
- (3) Non Judicial Punishment (Bn Co): 4

c. Disbursing. Disbursing support is provided by Force Logistics Command.

d. Morale. Morale is good.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following items are attached as supporting documents:
 - a. ✓ Radio Relay & Construction Company Command Chronology
 - b. ✓ Communication Company Command Chronology
 - c. ✓ Headquarters Company Command Chronology
 - d. ✓ Fifth Communication Battalion Training Schedule
 - e. ✓ DCA SAM Letter of Appreciation

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5th Communication Battalion, FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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Headquarters Company
5th Communication Battalion, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMANDING OFFICER

Capt C. A. KENNEDY
069954/2502 USMCR
1-31 July 1969

OFFICERBILLET HELDPERIOD OCCUPIED

BAIER, James F.
Maj 078259 USMC

Bn S-3 Off

1-31 Jul 1969

BRADY, Charles L.
LtCol 038583 USMCR

Bn Commanding Off

1-31 Jul 1969

DIAS, Kenneth W.
1stLt 096539 USMC

Bn Supply Off

1-31 Jul 1969

ECHOLS, William E.
1stLt 0104920 USMC

RPS Off

1-31 Jul 1969

FRANKE, Richard A.
1stLt 0104058 USMC

FCC Off

1-31 Jul 1969

GRIFFIN, Robert E.
1stLt 0101108 USMCR

Asst Bn S-3 Off

1-31 Jul 1969

KABLER, Melvin R.
1stLt 0104241 USMCR

Asst FCC Off

16-31 Jul 1969

KARST, Robert A.
2ndLt 098094 USMC

MT Maint Off

1-31 Jul 1969

KENNEDY, Clifford A.
Capt 069954 USMCR

CO, HqCo, 5thCommBn, FMF

1-31 Jul 1969

LAWBAUGH, Emanuel S. Jr.
Maj 072681 USMC

Bn S-4 Off
Asst Bn S-4 Off

1-21 Jul 1969
22-31 Jul 1969

LEE, Earl C.
Capt 084026 USMC

BnElectMaintOff

1-4 Jul 1969

MARTINO, Frank W.
Maj 069761 USMC

Bn S-4 Officer

22-31 Jul 1969

MATSUOKA, Kiyoshi
CWO2 099025 USMC

Camp Maint Off

1-31 Jul 1969

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PACE, Donald A.
2ndLt 0106342 USMC

SELBY, Donald F.
Maj 062385 USMC

STRONG, Frank D.
Capt 081558 USMC

UEHLING, William V. T.
2ndLt 0107121 USMC

MILLER, James P.
CWO2 099077 USMC

SMITH, David E.
Lt(Chc) 728920 USN

PART I (Con't)BILLET HELD

Bn Security Off

Bn Exec Off

Bn Adj

MT Off

Asst ElectMaintOff

Bn Chaplin

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1-20 Jul 1969

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2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1969; Camp Hoa Long, East Danang, RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
16	191	1	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

The company has continued its commitment to the Battalion Reaction Force with a platoon sized unit that is available on a standby or immediate basis bearing on other unit commitments.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Routine Operations. Headquarters Company has continuously provided support to the Battalion in the areas of Administration, Motor Transport, Food Services, Supply, and Engineer and Electronics Maintenance.
2. Personnel/Equipment Deployments. None
3. Other Assistance to Other Organizations. None

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4. Personnel/Equipment Casualties. None
5. Status/Significant Events, Training. 1 Enlisted to Basic Infantry Course, Camp Butler, Okinawa.
6. Status/Significant Events, Equipment and Logistics. Refer to Battalion S-4's Command Chronology.
7. Personnel.
- a. Joinees: 3 Officers, 20 Enlisted
 - b. Detachments: 3 Officers, 21 Enlisted
 - c. Overseas Extensions: 1 Enlisted
 - d. Extensions of Enlistments: None
 - e. Off duty Education: MCI: 4 Officers, 19 Enlisted
USAFI: 4 Officers, 10 Enlisted
 - f. Promotion: 13 to LCpl, 1 to PFC
 - g. Emergency Leave, Special Leave, R&R: 1 Enlisted to EmergLv, 5 Enlisted to SplLv, 8 Enlisted, 1 Officer to R&R
 - h. Venereal Disease: 2 Enlisted
 - i. Hospitalization: 6 Enlisted to hospitalization, 2 Medievac
8. New Techniques Deployed: None
9. Miscellaneous: None

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Company Training Schedule

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5th Communication Battalion, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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1 July 1969

COMPANY BULLETIN 1510

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Company Training for the period 3-31 July 1969.

Ref: (a) BnO 1500.3
(b) BnBul 1500 of 26 June 1969.

Encl: (1) Training Schedule

1. Purpose. To publish the company training requirements for the period 1-31 Jul 1969, as required by references (a) and (b).

2. Information. Company training is designed to present instruction on those subjects necessary to qualify personnel in their MOS and to increase overall professional knowledge of personnel within the command.

3. Action

a. Section OIGs/NCOIGs will:

- (1) Conduct MOS Training in accordance with enclosure (1).
- (2) Ensure Maximum attendance of section personnel at all training.

b. Instructors will prepare two copies of the lesson plan and submit them to the Company Training NCO at least three days prior to the scheduled class. Lesson plans may be typed or hand written but must be legible and in the correct format.

(1) The original lesson plan will be returned after the period of instruction to the Company Training NCO.

(2) The duplicate will be retained in the Training Office.

c. Company Training NCO

(1) Monitor all classes.

(2) At company conducted classes take an attendance roster of all Headquarters Company personnel by name and Section.

(3) Prepare two copies of Headquarters Company Training Attendance report on each section, ascertaining from the Section by name those personnel who were absent and the reason for said absence.

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(4) Total the number of attendees and absentees and submit this data with one copy of each of the Section Training Attendance reports to the Battalion S-3.

(5) Retain on file with the Company Training Records a copy of the Company Training Attendance Report for each Section.

4. Self-Cancellation: 1 August 1969

C. A. Kennedy
C. A. KENNEDY

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DATE	HOUR	SUBJECT	PERSONNEL	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	MONITOR	REMARKS
3Jul	0730-0830	Civil Action Program	HqCo Sgt & Below	EM Club	1stLt ANDERSON		
4-7Jul	Section Discretion	MOS Training (TECH & OJT) Cover & Concealment	Section Sgt & Below	Section Area	OIC/NCOIC Sgt & Below		2 Hours per wk.
8Jul	0700-0800		HqCo Sgt & Below	EM Club	Sgt SANDERS	SSgt ELLIS	
10Jul	0700-0800	Ambushes	HqCo Sgt & Below	EM Club	Sgt MCINTOSH	SSgt ROCKETT	
11-14Jul	Section Discretion	MOS Training (TECH & OJT)	Section Sgt & Below	Section Area	OIC/NCOIC Discretion		2 Hours per wk.
15Jul	0700-0800	Field Fortification	HqCo Sgt & Below	EM CLUB	Cpl CASTANO	SSgt NASH	
17Jul	0730-0830	Military Courtesy & Discipline	HqCo Sgt & Below	EM Club	GySgt KNUDSEN		
18-21Jul	Section Discretion	MOS Training (TECH & OJT)	Section Sgt & Below	Section Area	OIC/NCOIC Discretion		2 Hours per wk.
22Jul	0700-0800	Code of Conduct	HqCo Sgt & Below	EM Club	Sgt HUNTER	1stSgt VALCO	
23-28Jul	Section Discretion	MOS Training (TECH & OJT)	Section Sgt & Below	Section Area	OIC/NCOIC Discretion		2 Hours per wk.
29Jul	0700-0800	Physical Fitness	HqCo Sgt & Below	EM Club	Sgt HAVERLY	SSgt BANKY	
30-31Jul	Section Discretion	MOS Training (TECH & OJT)	Section Sgt & Below	Section Area	OIC/NOIC Discretion		2 Hours per wk.

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NOTE: SECTION HEADS WILL INSURE ATTENDENCE OF PERSONNEL AT THE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL TRAINING PRESCRIBED IN BnBul 1500 of 26 June 1969.

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDING OFFICER

Radio Relay & Construction Company
5th Communication Battalion, FMF
FFO San Francisco 96602

Major R. F. EDWARDS

OFFICERSBILLET HELDPERIOD OCCUPIED BILLET

Capt. E. A. BURGETT	Exec. Officer	1-31 July 1969
1stLt. W. F. HOLBROOK	Opns. Officer	1-31 July 1969
1stLt. R. E. HARMS	Rad Rel Plt Comdr	1-31 July 1969
1stLt. H. J. WEAVER	Const Plt Comdr	1-31 July 1969
WO2 J. D. LAURIN	Const Plt Asst Plt Comdr	1-31 July 1969

2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1969: Camp Hoa Long, East Danang, RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
8	208	0	0	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of July 1969, Construction Platoon completed the following commitments; Trouble-shot the M-24 cable with emphasis on the portion leading to the General's beach house, installed 100 pair cable from MMS-4 to TRC-97 site, repaired the bad pair in the P-23, P-22, & P-19 cables, repaired bad pairs in the P-20 cable, issued three (3) RL-159's to the 2nd ROKMC Brigade, installed cable from 3rd Div. COC at VCB to Signal Hill, issued one cable plow (LC-61) on temp loan to Ground Surveillance, 1st MAR. DIV for a period of 24 hours, issued one cable plow (LC-61) on temp loan to 7th Engineers, issued 750 feet of 25 pair 22 AWG to 2nd Bn. 11th Marines, issued on temp loan one (1) SB-22 to 1stLt. SYKES, trouble-shot, repaired, & eventually replaced the M-46 cable, dug holes and installed poles for 820th Civil engineers Squadron. (U.S.A.F.)

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Replaced burned-out section of 200 and 100 pair cable on Monkey Mountain.

Commitments started in July and earlier: Installed 400 pair 19 AWG from I Corps instruction to Air Force DCO and 37th Signal Battalion, Started schooling and on the job training on Construction and Cable Splicing with ARVN's from I Corps and 610th Signal Battalion, trouble-shot the M-8 cable, trouble-shot the M-41, M-35, and M-26 cables, installed poles and transferred cable at 1st MAW, started work on the M-49 cable but Work Order was transferred to 7th Communication Battalion, trouble-shot 100 pair cable from Panama Site to Tropo, eventually cable has to be replaced, awaiting Kelly ripper.

Total man hours for Construction Platoon for the month of July were 3,367 1/2, total materials used for the month were; 5,980 feet 400 pair 22 AWG, 13,000 feet 50 pair 19 AWG, 750 feet 25 pair 22 AWG, 2,606 feet 100 pair 19 AWG, 4,100 feet of messenger, 15,840 feet WD-1 Communication wire.

During the month of July 1969, Radio Relay Platoon completed the following commitments; established link from III MAF water tower to CAG-2 Gulf, AN/PCC-1 equipment was used employing AS-2236 log periodic antennas, established link from FLC to Monkey Mountain Relay Site, AN/TRC-97A equipment was used operating in low tropo mode.

Total man hours for Radio Relay Platoon for the month of July were 330, total materials used for the month were; one (1) AN/PCC-1, two (2) AS-2236's, and two (2) AN/TRC-97A's.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Routine Operations: Construction Platoon continues to install and maintain the III MAF cable system in the Danang area. Radio Relay Platoon is now manning six (6) MRC-62's, four (4) MRC-63's, six (6) TRC-27's, and ten (10) TRC-97's.

2. Personnel/Equipment Deployment: Fourteen men at Dong Ha in support of the 3rd MAR. DIV. Three men are manning one (1) TRC-97E in support of the 1st MAR. DIV. Three men are manning two (2) PCC-1's, one (1) MRC-62, four (4) TRC-27's, nine (9) PU-278's, one (1) PU-357, and three (3) CV-2488/U's in support of III MAF at the III MAF water tower. Three men are manning two (2) TRC-27's, two (2) PU-278's, one (1) TRC-97, one (1) PU-565, one (1) PU-695, and one (1) CV-2488/U at FLC in support of FLC. Four men are manning one (1) TRC-97E, one (1) PU-670, and one (1) PU-565 at Phu Bai in support of the 24th Signal Corps. Six men are manning one (1) TRC-97 in this Battalion in support of the 1st MAR. DIV. Seven men are manning three (3) TRC-97E's, one (1) TRC-97, one (1) PU-670, three (3) PU-695's, one (1) PU-565 at Monkey Mountain in support of 5th Comm. Three cable splicers are at GEEIA laying and repairing cables in support of the I Corps Cable System. Two men are manning six (6)

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 FCC-19's and two (2) SB-22's at Danang (Control) in support of the 37th Signal Bn. One man at China Beach in support of III MAF. One man at Cable Splicers School at Long Binh. Eleven men on special leave and one man on emergency leave.

3. Other assistance to other organizations: None
4. Personnel/Equipment Casualties: None
5. Status/Significant Events, Training: Two men attended Cable Splicers School at Long Binh.
6. Status/Significant Events, Equipment, and Logistics: None
7. Personnel
 - a. Joinees: 19 men were joined by this Company during the month of July 1969.
 - b. Detachments: 10 men were detached from this Company during the month of July 1969.
 - c. Overseas Extensions: 4 men extended overseas for 6 months.
 - d. Reenlistments: None
 - e. Off duty education: 37 MCI Courses
 - f. Savings Deposit, Savings Bonds: 2% Savings Deposit, 80% Savings Bonds.
 - g. Promotions: 23 men were promoted during the month of July 1969.
 - h. Emergency Leave: 2 Special Leave: 11 R&R: 10
 - i. Venereal Disease: 4
 - j. Hospitalization: 4
8. New Techniques Employed: None
9. Miscellaneous: None

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Training Schedule for the month of July 1969.

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RADIO RELAY & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
 5th Communication Battalion, FMF
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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COMPANY BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Training Schedule

Ref: (a) EnO 1500.1E
 (b) BnEul 1500 3/JAG/cem dtd 29 December 1968

Encl: (1) Training Schedule

1. Purpose: To promulgate a schedule of technical and General Military Subjects Training for personnel of this company for the month of July 1969.

2. Action:

- a. Training will be conducted as scheduled in enclosure (1).
- b. Each instructor will prepare a lesson plan which will be submitted to the Company Operations Chief for approval, five (5) days prior to the scheduled instruction.
- c. The Operations Chief will insure that the lesson plan covers the scope of the class and is in the proper format. The lesson plan will be returned to the instructor at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled instruction with a rehearsal appointment.
- d. The instructor will rehearse his plan as scheduled by the Operations Chief and his period of instruction will be monitored by a member of the Company who is senior in rank to the instructor.
- e. Each monitor will be prepared to give the scheduled class if the assigned instructor is unable to do so.
- f. Upon completion of the scheduled instruction, the lesson plan and critique sheet will be returned to the Operations Chief for filing.

3. Self-Cancellation: 31 July 1969


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DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REFERENCE	UD	PERSONS	MONITOR
2 July 69	0730-0830	Civic Action Program	Lt. ANDERSON	EM Club	FM11-10	UD	Sgt. & Below	
5 July 69	1500-1600	Supply Office Procedures	Sgt. MURPHY	TEA	MCO Ph140C.15D	UD	All Supply Personnel	
	1530-1630	Vietnamese Religions- Customs	Chaplin SMITH	SNCO Club		UD	All SNCO'S	
6 July 69	0830-0930	Personnel Rifle Inspection	Co. Comdr.	Co. Area		UD	All Hands	
	0930-1030	Techniques of Military Instruction	SSgt. SHERWOOD	Co. Class Room	FM-21-6	UD	Sgt. & Below	
	1030-1130	Military Leadership	Sgt. PERKINS	Co. Class Room	FM22-100	UD	Sgt. & Below	Sgt. MOULTON
	1130-1230	History & Tradition	Sgt. MOULTON	Co. Class Room	Guide Book	UD	Sgt. & Below	Sgt. PERKINS
	1230-1630	Organized Athletics	Plt. Comdr.	Bn. Area	BnBul 1500	UD	All Hands	
9 July 69	1300-1400	P.M. of M-35	LCpl FRANKLIN	Plt Area		UD	Const.	Plt Comdr.
	1400-1500	P.M. of V-18	LCpl DURHAM	Plt. Area		UD	Const.	Plt. Comdr.
	1500-1600	P.M. of V-17	LCpl KUTZLER	Plt. Area		UD	Const.	Plt. Comdr.
12 July 69	1500 -1615	Correspondance Practices	Capt. STRONG	TBA	Sec Nav Inst 5216.5	UD	All OI MOS Fields	

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DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	ISTRUCTOR	PLACE	REFERENCE	UD	PERSONS	MONITOR
	1500-1615	Use of SL's 1-2 and 1-3	SSgt. MYERS	Elect. Maint.	SL-1 & SL-2	UD	All Elect Maint Pers	
	1500-1615	2 1/2 ton truck Fuel System	Sgt. SAUNDERS	MT	Hand-out	UD	All 3531	
	1500-1615	Secondary Current	Sgt WHITE	MT	TM-9-8000	UD	All 3531	
	1500-1615	Radio Relay Equip. Maint. Records	Sgt. LARKIN	RR Area	Nav Ships 93098(A)	UD	All RR Pers	
	1500-1615	Review of Voice Radio Procedure & Logs	SSgt. HOSFELT	RR Area	NavMCElect 2040	UD	All 2531 & 2533	
	1500-1615	Grnerator PU-482	SSgt. NASH	Gen. Maint.	TM00-9206-15A	UD	All Gen Maint Pers	
	1500-1615	Installation & Maint of Field Wire	GySgt MOLE	Wire 5th Comm	FM24-20	UD	All Cable Wire MOS's	
13 July 69	0830-0930	Personnel & Rifle Inspection	Co. Comdr	Co. Area		UD	All Hands	
	0930-1030	.45 Caliber Pistol	SSgt BISHOP	Co. Class Room		UD	Sgt. & Below	
	1030-1130	Hand to Hand Combat	Sgt KOLLER	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt. & Below	Sgt. ENN
	1130-1230	Rifle 5.56 mm	Sgt ENNS	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt. & Below	Cpl KNEISEI
	1230-1630	Organized Athletics	Plt Comdr	Bn Area	BnBul 1500	UD	All Hands	
16 July 69	0730-0830	Military Courtesy	GySgt KNUDSEN	EM Club	BnBul 1500	UD	Sgt. & Below	

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DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REFERENCE	UD	PERSONS	MONITOR
19 July 69	1530-1630	Elect. Maint. Procedures & Problems	MSgt. REYNOLDS	SNCO Club	BnBul 1500	UD	All SNCO's	
20 July 69	0830-0930	Clothing & Equip. Inspection	Co. Comdr.	Co. Area		UD	All Hands	
	0930-1030	First Aid For Soldiers	Sgt FISHER	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt. & Below	Sgt. LARKIN
	1030-1130	Care and Use of Ind. Clothing & Equip	Sgt. LARKIN	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt. & Below	Sgt. LETOURN
	1130-1230	Combat Signals	Sgt. LETOURNEAU	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt. & Below	Sgt. FISHER
	1230-1630	Organized Athletics	Plt. Comdr.	Bn Area	BnBul1500	UD	All Hands	
26 July 69	1530-1630	Information Program	Bn Sgt Maj	SNCO Club	BnBul 1500	UD	All SNCO's	
	1500-1615	Files & Directives	Capt STRONG	TBA	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All 01 MOS's	
	1500-1615	Use of SL-3 & SL-4	SSgt BANKY	Elect Maint	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All Elect Maint Pers	
	1500-1615	In tank pump	Sgt McINTOSH	MT	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All 3516	
	1500-1615	Driver Maint.	Cpl HUDSON	MT	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All 3531	
	1500-1615	Team Chiefs Duties & Responsibilities	Sgt RYAN	RR Area	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All RR Pers	

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DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REFERENCE	UD	PERSONS	MONITOR
	1500-1615	Radio Set AN/MRC-83	SSgt STOUT	RR Area	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All 2531-2533	
	1500-1615	Generator PU-239	Sgt SMITH	Gen. Maint.	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All Gen Maint Pers	
	1500-1615	Outside Plant Const. & Maint. Planning Organization	GySgt. HALL	Wire 5th Comm.	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All Hands & Wire MOS's	
27 July 69	0830-0930	Personnel & Rifle Inspection	Co. Comdr	Co. Area		UD	All Hands	
	0930-1030	Squad & Plt. Drills	Sgt McKINNON	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt & Below	Cpl TRUJILI
	1030-1130	Counterguerrilla Operations	Sgt BRADFORD	Co. Class Room	FM31-16	UD	Sgt & Below	Cpl KNETSEI
	1130-1230	Hand & Rifle Grenades	Cpl WAGNER R C	Co. Class Room	LPM	UD	Sgt & Below	Cpl BARTO
	1230-1630	Organized Athletics	Plt Comdr	Bn Area	Bn Bul 1500	UD	All Hands	

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TECHNICAL TRAINING RADIO RELAY PLATOONJULY 1969

Note:

Weekly schedule will be repeated each week, MRC-62 and MRC-63 team members.

MONDAY 0800-1100 Duties & Responsibilities of:

- a. Team Chief
- b. Team members (Class Room)

1330-1600 Site Planning & Selection

- a. Security
- b. Selection 1. '62 2. '63
- c. Site Conduct (Class Room)

TUESDAY 0800-1100 Familiarization of Equipment

- a. AN/GRC-10 Capabilities & Characteristics
 1. T-235
 2. R-125
 3. DY-94
 4. C-632
 5. F-237

1330-1600 3-Bay & Signal Converters Capabilities & Characteristics

1. AM-682
2. TA-219
3. TA-182

WEDNESDAY 0900-1100 Antennas: Characteristics & Nomenclature

1. Inventory
2. Determination of Serviceability
3. Considerations

1330-1600 Erection of Antenna (Practical Appl.)

1. Xmit Antenna
2. Receiver Antenna

THURSDAY 0800-1100 PU-357 (Class Room Generator Shop)

1. Inventory
2. Considerations
3. PE-75: Characteristics
 - a. Operation
 - b. P.M.'s

1330-1600 PU-463 (Class Room Generator Shop)

1. Inventory
2. Consideration
3. PU-347 Characteristics

FRIDAY 0800-1100 Generator Procedure (Class Room)

1. Power Connections
2. Circuit Connections
3. System Alignment
4. Radio Procedures
5. Trouble Shooting
6. General Conduct While Operating Equipment

1330-1600 Preparation of Equipment for Assignment
(Practical Appl.)

SATURDAY 0800-1600 Assignment (Practical Appl.)

1. 2 MRC-62's (63's)
2. Operation
3. P.M. Gear
4. Secure Shot

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COMMUNICATION COMPANY
5th Communication Battalion, FMFPac
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1Jul69 to 31Jul69

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

COMMUNICATION COMPANY
5TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION, FPF
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96602

OFFICERSBILLET HELD PERIOD OCCUPIED BILLET

Major R. C. PETERSON 074631/2502	Commanding Officer	1-31Jul69
Major R. B. AUSTENFELD JR. 080349/2502	Executive Officer	1-31Jul69
Major B. D. KING 081734/2502	CommCntrPltComdr	1-31Jul69
Capt J. L. ROBERTSON 091541/2502	AsstCommCntrPltComdr	1-31Jul69
Capt C. N. LAVERTY 097200/2502	AsstCommCntrPltComdr	19-31Jul69
Capt K. D. LEWIS 097217/2805	CommCntrMaintOff	25-31Jul69
1stLt K. T. WHITE 098205/2810	CommCntrMaintOff	1-24Jul69
	AsstCommCntrMaintOff	25-31Jul69
1stLt T. M. KEEGAN 0102432/2502	RadioPltComdr	1-31Jul69
CWO3 O. H. DUNCAN 071977/2810	WirePltComdr	1-31Jul69
1stLt T. E. ROTH 0103771/2502	CompanyOpersOff	1-31Jul69
1stLt W. M. WELCH 0104474/2502	AsstCompanyOpersOff	1-31Jul69
1stLt V. L. BURGESS 0104592/2502	CommCntrOpersOff	1-31Jul69
1stLt L. B. GISH 0105976/2502	OIC, COC CommCntrl	1-31Jul69
1stLt B. J. MCFADDEN 0104540/2502	CommCntrWatchOff	1-31Jul69
1stLt K. B. FORD 0107375/2502	CommCntrWatchOff	1-31Jul69
2. <u>LOCATION</u> 1stLt R. H. STRUBLE 097996/2502	CommCntrWatchOff	2-31Jul69

1-31 July 1969, Camp Hoa Long, East Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
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During the period of this report Communication Company continued to support III MAF Headquarters with Communication Center, Radio and Wire Communication.

Traffic count for reporting period for Communication Center was as follows: Incoming 40,014; Outgoing 18,527; Total 58,541. Traffic count for Combat Operation Center was as follows: Incoming 6,758; Outgoing 6,586; Total 13,344.

2nd Lt K. B. FORD was appointed First Lieutenant.

1stLt R. H. STRUBLE was joined by the Company on 2Jul69, from CONUS.

Capt C. N. LAVERTY was joined by the Company from CONUS on 19Jul69.

Capt K. D. LEWIS was joined by the Company from CONUS on 25Jul69.

Major R. C. PETERSON was joined by the Company from CONUS on 1Jul69.

Sgts C. V. LITTLE and H. P. VANCHURE were promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant.

PTCs M. D. BACOTE, R. R. BERNIER, C. E. BLAKE, M. W. CHISM, W. C. COOK, G. G. DOYLE, M. T. EGAN, T. V. HEALY, L. R. HOFFMANN, M. A. KUNKLE, L. A. HOREJS, D. W. LARSON, J. L. LUCERO, J. D. ORCUTT, S. R. SCOTT, R. J. SHRYOCK, J. L. SULLIVAN, D. E. WILEY, R. ZUBA, R. P. WOFFORD were promoted to the grade of Lance Corporal.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Routine Operations.

Traffic Count-CommCntr
In: 40,014
Out: 18,527
Total: 58,541

Traffic Count-GOC
In: 6,758
Out: 6,586
Total: 13,344

2. Personnel/Equipment Deployments.

2 Mar TAD to CaLu
13 Mar TAD to 1stMAW
3 Mar TAD to Hill 327
1 Mar TAD to Freedom Hill
2 Mar TAD to MaintBn. FSR
1 Mar TAD to China Beach
1 Mar TAD to 2nd CAG
3 Mar TAD to III MAF

NO Equip
1 MRC-83
2 RT-524
2 AS-2236
1 PP-388
1 PE-75
1 KYB-6
1 HYL-3
1 X Mode Cable
1 LP-FM ant
1 LP-FM ant (Army)

3. Other Assistance to Other Organizations.

None

4. Personnel/Equipment Casualties.

None

5. Status/Significant events, training.

Training: React Drill, Sapper Tactics, Interior Guard Duty

6. Status/Significant events, equipment and Logistics.

None

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✓ 1 July 1969 Training Schedule

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COMMUNICATION COMPANY
 5th Communication Battalion, FMF
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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Company Bulletin 1500

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Company Training Schedule for July 1969

Ref: (a) BnBul 1500 dtd 26June1969

Encl: (1) Monthly Company Training Schedule
 (2) Monthly Battalion Training Schedule

1. Purpose. To publish a training schedule for the month of July 1969, and ensure that subjects for training are taught in accordance with reference (a).

2. Action. GMS training for Communication Center personnel at 111 MAF will be accomplished by the Communication Center Platoon Commander. Encl. (1) will serve as a guide for conducting this training for the month of July.

a. Operations will ensure that instructors are prepared and available.

b. Instructors listed in enclosure (1) shall submit lesson plans to Operations by 1300, three (3) days prior to their scheduled class.

c. Instructors that are on watch at the time of their scheduled class, will be furnished a stand-by for their watch during their period of instruction.

3. Self-Cancellation: 1 August 1969.

R. C. Peterson
 R. C. PETERSON

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PERS.</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
5 July 1969	0800-1100	React Drill	Co. area	Sgt.&Below	Operations
8 July 1969	1030-1130	Sapper Tactics	Co. C.R.	Sgt.&Below	Lt. Roth
30 July 1969	1030-1130	Interior Guard Duty	Co. C.R.	Sgt.&Below	Sgt. Jennings

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30 June 1969

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	PLACE	PERS.	INSTRUCTOR
3 July	0730-0830	Civic Action	EM Club	Sgt & below	Lt. Anderson
12 July	1500-1615	Correspondence	T.E.A.	All O1 mos field	Capt. Strong
12 July	1500-1615	Review of voice radio proc.& logs.	Radio area	Radio 2533& 2531	SSgt. Hosfelt
17 July	0730-0830	Military Courtesy and Discipline	EM Club	Sgt & below	GySgt. Knudsen
19 July	1500-1600	Allowance list and preparation	T.E.A.	Supply Pers.	Sgt. Rottcheit
26 July	1500-1615	Files & Directives	T.B.A.	All O1 mos field	Capt. Strong
26 July	1500-1615	Driver Maint.	MT. area	All drivers	Cpl. Hudson
26 July	1500-1615	AN/MRC-83	Radio area	Radio pers.	SSgt. Stout

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5th Comm Bn Training Schedule

Jul 69

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
5th COMMUNICATION BATTALION

BATTALION TRAINING SCHEDULE

JULY 1969

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
2 Jul 69	0730-0830	Civic Action Program	1st Lt Anderson	EmClub	RR&C 5th/CommSupt 5th	FM 41-10
3 Jul 69	0730-0830	-do-	-do-	EmClub	CommCo 5th/Hq 5th	FM 41-10
9 Jul 69	0730-0830	-do-	-do-	EmClub	RR&C 7th/ComSupt 7th	FM 41-10
10 Jul 69	0730-0830	-do-	-do-	EmClub	HqCo 7th/CommCo 7th	FM 41-10
16 Jul 69	0730-0830	Military Courtesy/Discipline	GySgt Knudsen	EmClub	RR&C 5th/CommSupt 5th	LPM Guidebook
17 Jul 69	0730-0830	Military Courtesy/Discipline	-do-	EmClub	CommCo 5th/HqCo 5th	LPM Guidebook
23 Jul 69	0730-0830	-do-	-do-	EmClub	RR&C 7th/Commsupt 7th	LPM Guidebook
24 Jul 69	0730-0830	-do-	-do-	Emclub	CommCo 7th/HqCo 7th	LPM Guidebook

Troop Indoctrination

All newly joined men report to Bn Sergeant Majors Office at 1300 each Thursday.

Familiarization Firing

Conducted each Friday 0730 at beach range for new personnel.

Weapon Zeroing

Conducted each Wednesday at 0730 at beach range.

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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on Chief, DCA SAM Det DWG ltr of 28 Jun 1969

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Communication Battalions

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Forwarded with pleasure.
2. It is a continuing source of personal pride and pleasure for me to receive correspondence recognizing outstanding performance of duty on the part of commands within III Marine Amphibious Force.
3. The support furnished by your command to the other Services situated in the Danang area is exemplary and reflects great credit upon the 5th/7th Communication Battalions and the entire III Marine Amphibious Force.
4. Please accept my appreciation, and extend to all personnel of your command who were responsible for this fine performance, my personal thanks and "Well Done".

H. Nickerson, Jr.
H. NICKERSON, JR.

*DCA, SAM
Ltr of Appreciation*

June 1969

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MACJ63 (28 Jun 69) 3rd Ind
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO 96222
24 JUL 1969
THRU: Commanding General, III MAF

TO: Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Communications Battalion (USMC)

The spirit of cooperation and willingness to make an extra effort to provide service, such as that displayed, has enabled the communicator in Vietnam to meet unprecedented communication requirements. The examples of unit responsiveness and cooperation as recorded in the basic correspondence are noted with pleasure.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



GEOFFREY CHANDLE
Brigadier General, USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff, J6

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2d Ind to DCA SAM Da Nang Detachment Ltr, 28 Jun 69, Letter of Appreciation

DAF, 1972 Communications Squadron (CR), APO 96337

15 JUL 1969

THRU: Commanding General, USMACV

Commanding General, III MAF

TO: Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Communications Battalion (USMC)

The support rendered to this unit by personnel of your combined units has been outstanding. On numerous occasions your units have responded rapidly and willingly to our requests for assistance. Frequently personnel of both our units have worked side-by-side in a common effort to increase the communications capability in this area and to restore disrupted but vital communications lines. At all times, your units have acted in the true spirit of inter-service cooperation. Please accept my appreciation, along with that stated in the preceding correspondence, for your outstanding assistance.



ALVERS I. SINGLETON, Lt Col, USAF
Commander

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SCCPV-PC-DN-00 (28 Jun 69) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 37TH SIGNAL BATTALION (SPT), APO 96337 2 July 1969

THRU: Commanding Officer, 1972 Communications Squadron

Commanding General, USMACV

Commanding General, III MAF

TO: Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Communication Battalion

It gives me great pleasure to add to this letter the appreciation of the men of the 37th Signal Battalion. We especially appreciate the cooperative spirit and can do attitude demonstrated by your personnel. It has been most gratifying for us to work with you toward attaining our common goals.

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as

Robert W. Watson
ROBERT W. WATSON
LTC, SigC
Commanding

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Defense Communications Agency
 Southeast Asia Mainland
 Da Nang Detachment
 C/O H&S Co., III MAF, G-6 Section
 FPO IN COUNTRY 96602

28 June 1969

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commanding Officer
 37th Signal Battalion

Commanding Officer
 1972nd Communications Squadron

Commanding General
 USMACV

Commanding General
 III MAF

TO: Commanding Officer
 5th/7th Communication Battalion

As the Defense Communications Agency representative for the I Corps Tactical Zone, I would like to express the deep appreciation of myself and our Headquarters for the splendid work and responsiveness your unit has shown regarding cable difficulties in the Danang area and its environs. As you know, Danang has continually come under enemy rocket, mortar, sapper and small arms attacks. Additionally, much damage was done by the three separate munition dump explosions which have taken place since 1 January 1969, and unexplained damage to exposed cables by persons unknown. Not to be overlooked are the brush fires, particularly on Monkey Mountain, caused by flare activity and indiscriminate disposal of cigarettes flipped into tinder dry grass along the mountain roadway. Construction by both military and civilian activities have also taken their toll on both buried and aerial cables, to the deep sorry of the many communications activities throughout the Danang area, whose services are interrupted during such occurrences.

Although specific examples of your responsiveness and assistance are numerous, I would like to refer to three in particular. The first being the laying of a 400 pair buried cable between the Air Force Tandem Switch and Army technical Control Facility (TCF) in April 1969, which was a distance of 1800 yards. Had you not responded, the activation of the Danang Tandem Switch would not have been possible. Further, in this regard, your unit rendered invaluable assistance in performing the necessary splicing of

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the cable pairs before termination was possible. The second example, in June 1969, resulted in the repair and replacement of a 100 yard span of 200 pair cable on Monkey Mountain caused by a brush fire. Again, the maintenance responsibility for this cable was not yours but you were called upon, and delivered, thereby bringing about the restoration of 49 high priority DCS and the remaining non-DCS circuits in a minimum amount of time. A third prime example of the invaluable help you have rendered was in completing a $4\frac{1}{2}$ mile project, both buried and aerial, of a 400 pair cable between the Danang Dial Central Office to the west side of the new Danang Bay Bridge. This project enabled the many Commands and subscribers in this area to have alternate capability for a portion of their higher priority circuits.

Through your willingness, responsiveness and proven "can do" attitude, we again thank you for what you have done in making the ability to "communicate" with units far and near, a reality rather than a promise.

James P. Wintersmith Jr.

JAMES P. WINTERSMITH, Jr.
MAJOR USAF
DETACHMENT CHIEF

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, 5th/7th Comm Bns ltr 3/FGY/am over
5750 Ser: 0077-69 dtd 8 September 1969

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for the 5th Communication Battalion,
FMF for period 1-31 August 1969

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness
and is forwarded herewith.

[Handwritten Signature]
R.D. WHITE
By direction

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CG, III MAF

5-24 Comm Bns

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 5th/7th Comm Bns ltr 3/FGY/am over 5750
Ser: 0077-69 of 8 Sep 1969

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

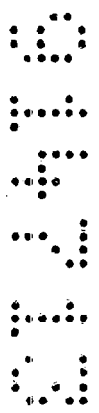
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1-31 August 1969

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FPO San Francisco, 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

5th Communication Battalion, FMF

LtCol C. L. BRADY
(1-31 August 1969)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Company

Major R. C. PETERSON
(1-31 August 1969)

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Major R. F. EDWARDS
(1-31 August 1969)

Headquarters Company

Captain C. A. KENNEDY
(1-31 August 1969)

Communication Support Company

1stLt R. T. ANDERSON Jr.
(1-31 August 1969)

2. LOCATION

1 to 31 August 1969: Camp Hoa Long, East Da Nang RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major D. F. SELBY
(1-31 August 1969)

S-1 Officer

Captain F. D. STRONG
(1-31 August 1969)

S-3 Officer

Major J. F. BAIER
(1-31 August 1969)

S-4 Officer

Major F. W. MARTINO
(1-31 August 1969)

S-5 Officer

1stLt R. T. ANDERSON
(1-31 August 1969)



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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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OFF ENL
39 674

USN
OFF ENL
1 3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During August 1969 the Fifth Communication Battalion Continued its mission of providing communication support to III MAF Headquarters, the First and Third Marine Divisions, the First Marine Air Wing and the Republic of Korea Second Marine Brigade. Army, Navy and Air Force units in the I Corps area have also been provided communications assistance and support.

2. NVN sapper teams attempted infiltration of an outlying radio relay site in mid-August, but were repelled with no damage to any of the equipment or operators. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy infiltrators.

3. Improvements and additions continues to be made in the cantonment. Foremost among the additions were a new Butler type warehouse and two enlisted showers. Work was also completed on the IRO office building and an Officer/SNCO shower facility. All of these structures were erected by the 7th Engineer Battalion. Building projects currently in progress include installation of a 100,000 gallon infiltration water system and hard standing the motor transport parking area.

4. Radio Relay and Construction Company continued to provide training ARVN personnel in pole line and outside plant construction. To date fifteen men have been trained and fourteen are presently undergoing instruction.

5. The civic action program continues to concentrate on the development of Damon Hamlet. During August seventeen truck loads of lumber and twenty-two sheets of roofing tin were delivered to the villagers to utilize in their home improvement program. Weekly medcaps were conducted at the hamlet and at the orphanage abutting the battalions compound.

6. Communication Support Company remains in cadre.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Operations. None

2. Routine Operations

a. Radio Relay and Construction Company

(1) Construction Platoon completed the installation of a 400 pair cable between I Corps Headquarters and Danang Control and Danang DCO. This project has been in progress since early June and involved both overhead and underground construction. In addition to routine maintenance of the I Corps cable system nineteen new poles were set and others relocated in downtown Danang and 14,000 feet of new cable was installed in the I Corps area. 5,073 man hours were expended in these projects.

(2) Radio Relay platoon added one AN/MRC-62 and two AN/TRC-97 radio relay links during the month to a system which now extends from Dong Ha to Chu Lai.

b. The III MAF Communications Center and COC processed 79,326 administrative and tactical messages during August and 415,937 calls were pegged at the III MAF switchboard. All these services are operated by Communication Company.

c. Battalion Supply completed 237 requisitions out of the 988 which were processed during the month.

d. 23,580 passengers and 277 tons of cargo were transported over 56,326 miles during August by the 1,782 trips dispatched by Motor Transport.

e. Work orders were completed in the below listed amounts by the battalions maintenance sections:

(1) Electronics:	684
(2) Motor Transport:	160
(3) Camp:	44

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3. Personnel/Equipment Deployments

- a. The Third Marine Division at Dong Ha is supported by twelve radio relay operators from Radio Relay Platoon.
- b. Seven operators and three AN/TRC-97's are assigned to the First Marine Division.
- c. The First Marine Air Wing units at Chu Lai receive service from an AN/TRC-97E operated by four men from this battalion.
- d. Four men are manning one AN/TRC-97E at Phu Bai in support of the XXIV Corps Headquarters.
- e. The following personnel and equipment are in support of III MAF Headquarters:
 - (1) Four men operating one PCC-1 two AN/MRC-62 and four AN/TRC-97's.
 - (2) Seven officers and one hundred fifty three enlisted men maintain and operate the communications center, telephone exchange and man radio and teletype nets in the combat operations center.
- f. Force Logistics Command is assigned four men to operate a terminal on the III MAF-FLC AN/TRC-27 link.
- g. Eight communication center men are assigned to augment the First Marine Air Wing Communication Center.

4. Assistance to Other Organizations

- a. One cable splicer is on TAD with Air Force GEEIA in Danang.
- b. Two men plus test equipment and an SB-22 switchboard are at Danang Control supporting the 37th Signal Battalion.
- c. One officer, with radio and telephone equipment as required, is assigned to the III MAF Civic Action Program on a TAD basis to determine the communication requirements of CAP.

5. Personnel/Equipment Casualties. Major Emanuel S. LAWBAUGH was evacuated to USNH Guam as a result of wounds received while a passenger in a vehicle which struck an enemy land mine on 12 August 1969 in Quang Nam province.

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6. Training

a. Personnel from this battalion attended the following schools during August.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	AN/TRC-97 Operator	Long Binh RVN
1	Cable Splicer	Long Binh RVN
1	NCO Leadership	FLC

b. The below listed classes were conducted at the battalion level.

(1) Sergeants/below

Venereal Disease
Narcotics Abuse
MOS Training in OF: 01, 25, 28, 30 and 35 (2 hours)

(2) Staff Noncommissioned Officers

Personal Response
Combat Intelligence (Cancelled)

7. Significant Events, Equipment & Logistics.

a. Two mobile communication center vans AN/TGC-37 were received by the battalion during August but have not yet been employed.

b. Fifth Communication Battalion remains in a C-2 readiness posture in both equipment and supply. Anticipated date of reaching C-1 is 31 December 1969.

8. Personnel

a. Joined: 10 Officers; 31 Enlisted

b. Detached: 7 Officers; 81 Enlisted

c. Overseas Extensions: Fifteen men extended for six months and six for three months.

d. Reenlistments: 2 reenlistments; 1 extension

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e. Off Duty Education:

USAFI: 30
MCI: 2-56
University Extension: 0

f. Savings Deposits and Bonds: 4% of the battalion participates in the savings program and 80% in the bond program.

g. Promotions. One officer and forty two enlisted men were promoted during August.

h. Leaves and R&R

(1) Annual Leave: 2-1
(2) Special Leave: 15
(3) Emergency Leave: 4
(4) R&R: 35

i. Hospitalization. Five men were hospitalized during August with one man evacuated as a result of enemy inflicted wounds.

9. Miscellaneous

a. Postal services is provided by the First Marine Air Wing. Average delivery time is five days.

b. Legal

(1) Special Court Martial: 3
(2) Summary Court Martial: 5
(3) Non Judicial Punishment (Bn CO) 7

c. Disbursing support is provided by Force Logistics Command.

d. Morale is good.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following items are attached as supporting documents:
 - a. ✓ Radio Relay and Construction Company Command Chronology
 - b. ✓ Communication Company Command Chronology
 - c. ✓ Headquarters Company Command Chronology
 - d. ✓ Fifth Communication Battalion Training Schedule

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