

HEADQUARTERS

1st Battalion, 5th Marines
 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) FMF
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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 15 April 1971

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) FMF
 Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-15 April 1971
 Ref: (a) MC0 P5750.1
 (b) MIFPACO 5750.8B
 (c) DivO 5750.2

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

F. A. Hart, Jr.
 F. A. HART, JR.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 15 April 1971

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

ENCLOSURE (1)

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

First Battalion, Fifth Marines

COMMANDERLtCol F. A. HART, JR.
1-15 April 1971SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt R. L. BELL
1-10 April 1971
1stLt R. H. KAYSER
11-15 April 1971

Company A

1stLt J. A. BORZELLO
1-2 April 1971
1stLt J. A. KINDLER
3-15 April 1971

Company B

Capt A. C. SLATER
1-10 April 1971
1stLt D. W. ENGBLOM
11-15 April

Company C

1stLt J. G. BLAKE
1-15 April 1971

Company D

1stLt C. McCOWN, JR.
1-10 April 1971
1stLt J. L. LEWIS
11-15 April 1971ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATIONBattalion Command Post
Hill 34 (AT989709) Danang, RVN

1-15 April 1971

H&S Company
Hill 34 (AT989709) Danang, RVN

1-15 April 1971

Company A
Hill 34 (AT989709) Danang, RVN

1-15 April 1971

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Company B Hill 34 (AT989709) Danang, RVN	1-15 April 1971
Company C Hill 244 (AT946744) Danang, RVN (OPCON 2/1) Hill 34 (AT989709) Danang, RVN	1-2 April 1971 3-15 April 1971
Company D Hill 34 (AT989709) Danang, RVN	
<u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>	
Executive Officer	Major F. M. KAUFFMAN 1-5 April 1971 Major W. M. ANDERSON 6-15 April 1971
S-1 Officer	1stLt S. E. CARLIN 1-15 April 1971
S-2 Officer	1stLt R. H. KAYSER 1-15 April 1971
S-3 Officer	Major W. M. ANDERSON 1-5 April 1971 CWO-2 R. B. ROBINSON 6-15 April 1971
S-4 Officer	1stLt D. L. HUGHES 1-15 April 1971
S-5 Officer	1stLt J. L. LEWIS 1-15 April 1971
Communications Officer	CWO-2 K. E. PITCHER 1-15 April 1971
Battalion Surgeon	Lt C. W. COUCH (USMR) 1-8 April 1971 Lt E. E. PALMER (USMR) 9-15 April 1971
Supply Officer	1stLt L. V. FAIRMAN 1-15 April 1971

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Motor Transport Officer1stLt A. J. ANDREWS
1-6 April 1971
1stLt D. L. HUGHES
7-15 April 1971

Chaplain

LtCndr D. L. OLSON
1-12 April 19714. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	MARINES		NAVY	
	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
Chargeable	19	304	1	10
Effective	18	294	1	10

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this period the Battalion completed stand-down and pre-embarkation tasks. Numerous personnel transfers were effected and many equipment/weapon items were transferred to other commands or invoiced to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.
2. All equipment items remaining with the Battalion as well as organic property was prepared for embarkation, inspected and staged at the deep water pier, Danang commencing on 12 April. General embarkation aboard the U.S.S. Point Defiance (LSD-31) began on 15 April. Troop embarkation commenced immediately following a personnel inspection, conducted by the Assistant Division Commander, Brigadier General E. H. SIEGELS.
3. Upon embarkation, the Battalion was released from Operational Control of the 1st Marine Division and simultaneously passed to OPCON of III Marine Amphibious Force.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of the month was 32 officers and 441 enlisted. On the 7th of the month the strength was 21 officers and 301 enlisted. On the 15th of the month the strength was 12 officers and 171 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law, and Legal. During April, one General Court-Martial was held by Division. There were two Summary Courts-Martial held by this Headquarters during this reporting period. There was one Battalion and three Company Office Hours. Four investigations were completed.

c. Awards. Two Legion of Merit, eight Bronze Stars, seven Navy Commendation, and 68 Navy Achievement Medals were submitted for approval. Four Combat Action Ribbons, and two Good Conduct Medals were presented during April. There were ten Meritorious Masts and three Meritorious promotions to the rank of Corporal. One Marine was promoted to Private First Class and one Marine was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. One Sergeant was recommended for meritorious promotion to Staff Sergeant, and two Corporals were recommended for meritorious combat promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

d. Significant Casualties

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>VIAE</u>	<u>VIANE</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>NHC</u>	<u>NHD</u>	<u>DAI</u>
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USN	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

e. Morale. Morale of the Battalion members continued at an exceptionally high level.

f. Religious Services. There were two Catholic, Protestant and Latter Day Saint services each held during April, with emphasis on increased attendance during the Easter week. Fifteen individuals were counselled with personal problems.

2. WEATHER. Weather during the reporting period reflects the transition between the northeast and southwest monsoons. This is characterized by intermittent periods of low cloudiness and rain or the hot, dry weather associated with the southwest monsoon.

Mean Maximum Temperature 87 degrees
 Mean Minimum Temperature 74 degrees
 Mean Relative Humidity 77 percent
 Mean Precipitation 1.2 inches

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONSa. Organization

(1) Attachments: None

(2) Detachments: Company C OPCON 2ndBn, 1stMar 1-2 April 1971

b. Operations. None

4. PLANS. Embarkation planning continued to receive commander and executive staff attention through this period.

5. TRAINING. Pre-embarkation training covering such subjects as Troop Life Aboard Ship, Customs and Courtesies, and Uniform Regulations was conducted for those personnel embarking with the Battalion.

6. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

a. Supply. All garrison property was retrograded to Force Logistics Command by the 4th of April. Monsoon equipment was retrograded to Force Logistics Command on 8 April. Final report of controlled items was submitted to the Division Supply Officer on the 12th of April. All weapons records were reconciled on the 14th of April.

b. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport section continued preparing vehicles for embarkation. On 6 April, three H151 Jeeps were delivered to forces of the ARVN. Four personnel carriers, 17 jeep trailers, five mules, four Radio Jeeps and one jeep ambulance were retained in the section and embarked.

c. Embarcation. On 9 April the loading plan was completed. All cargo and vehicles were staged at Hill 34 on 11 April, and moved to the pierside staging area during 12-13 April. On 15 April, general loading commenced at 0800H. Personnel began embarkation at 1400H.

7. CIVIC ACTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. No activities were conducted during the stand-down period, but liaison was effectively maintained with 2nd Battalion 1st Marines to provide information on all previous (S-5) activities.

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8. MEDICAL SERVICES

a. A total of 110 outpatients were seen during the period 1-15 April. Of this total two were referred to other medical facilities for admission. Twenty-five complete physical examinations were given and 913 limited services were performed including PPD tests, mess physicals and sobriety examinations. A total of 114 prescriptions were filled and 64 laboratory examinations were performed.

b. During this period 463 records were checked for immunizations and closed out for transfer with a total of 637 immunizations administered. Daily sanitation inspections of the stand-down area were conducted and two off post inspections were held by the Division's Preventive Medicine Unit. Overall sanitation is considered to be satisfactory.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. On 7 April, equipment was turned over to the Vietnam Forces. One hundred percent of the equipment offered for transfer was accepted.

60 Complete Radio Sets AN/PRC-25
1 AN/GRC-125 Radio Set
1 Tube Tester TV-7
2 Public Address Sets AN/PIQ-5
1 Generator Signal AN/USM-44

b. All remaining phones and switchboard for the intra-Battalion Communications system were removed on 8 April 1971.

c. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines continued communications guard for 1st Battalion, 5th Marines until 15 April 1971, when the LSD-31 took over the communications.

d. A total of one officer and 30 enlisted communicators remained with the Battalion.

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S-3, 1stBn, 5thMar
Quang Nam Province, RVN

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UNCLAS E F T O //NO4420//
REDISTRIBUTION OF EQUIPMENT

A. TELCON DIVISION G-4 M/M AND MAF G-4 OPS OF 6 APR 71
B. CG FIRST MARDIV 220510Z MAR 71
1. REFERENCE A DIRECTED THIS COMMAND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES FROM THE FIRST BATTALION FIFTH MARINES UNDER PROJECT 805. THIS TRANSFER WAS EFFECTED ON 7 APRIL. OF 83 ITEMS OFFERED, ALL WERE ACCEPTED.
2. THE 100 PERCENT ACCEPTANCE RATE IS INDICATIVE OF THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH YOUR COMMAND SELECTED AND PREPARED THE EQUIPMENT FOR TURNOVER AND SERVES AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM.
3. REFERENCE B DIRECTED THIS COMMAND TO INVOICE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO THIRD FORCE SERVICE REGIMENT TO FILL MOUNT OUT AUGMENTATION DEFICIENCIES. YOUR UNIT FURNISHED 115 END ITEMS FOR THIS PROGRAM. ALL FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON MAINTENANCE WAS PERFORMED AND, ALL,

TOR 101621Z APR 71
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EQUIPMENT WAS CLEANED AND FRESHLY PAINTED. THIS OUTSTANDING CONDITION OF THE EQUIPMENT REFLECTED THE MANY HOURS OF WORK AND DETAILED ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE JOB OF PREPARING THIS MATERIAL FOR THE MOUNT OUT AUGMENTATION PROGRAM.

4. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION AND PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIRST BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES FOR THEIR CAN DO ATTITUDE WHICH RESULTED IN SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ABOVE TASKS.
WELL DONE.

MAJOR GENERAL WIDDECKE SENDS.

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First Battalion, Fifth Marines
First Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

3/HLG/r1j
5750
15 July 1971

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer 5th Marine Regiment
 (2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (-) (Rein),
 FMF, Camp Pendleton, California 92055
 (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific,
 FPO San Francisco, California 96610
Subj: Command Chronology for period 16 April to 30 June 1971
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
 (b) FMFPacO 5750.8
 (c) DivO 5750.5a
Encl: (1) 1st Battalion 5th Marines Command Chronology
1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and
(b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

W. T. Macy

Enclosure (3)

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First Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

Command Chronology
16 April to 30 June 1971

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

First Battalion, Fifth Marines

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. F. A. Hart, Jr.
 16 April-11 June 1971
 Major W. T. Macy
 12 - 30 June 1971

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1st Lt. R. H. Keyser
 16 April-17 May 1971
 1st Lt. D. W. Engblom
 18 May-31 May 1971
 Capt. R. F. Kehres
 1-30 June 1971

Company A

1st Lt. J. A. Kindler
 16 April-18 May 1971

Company B

1st Lt. D. W. Engblom
 16 April-18 May 1971

Company C

1st Lt. J. G. Blake
 16 April-18 May 1971

Company D

1st Lt. J. L. Lewis
 16 April-18 May 1971

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

Battalion Command Post
 U.S.S. Point Defiance LSD-31

16 April-12 May 1971

Margarita (33) Area
 Camp Pendleton, California

12 May-30 June 1971

Company H&S
 U.S.S Point Defiance LSD-31

16 April-12 May 1971

Margarita (33) Area
 Camp Pendleton, California

12 May-30 June 1971

* Company A
 U.S.S Point Defiance LSD-31

16 April-12 May 1971

Margarita (33) Area
 Camp Pendleton, California

12 May-30 June 1971

* Company B Same

* Company C Same

* Company D Same

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this period the Battalion completed redeployment to CONUS. The Battalion departed the Republic of Vietnam on 16 April 1971, aboard the U.S.S. Point Defiance (LSD-31) and arrived at San Diego, California on 12 May 1971.

2. Offloading commenced immediately upon arrival and Battalion Headquarters was established in the Margarita (33) Area of Camp Pendleton on 12 May 1971. Shortly after debarkation inventories were conducted and results reconciled with the accounts. Recovery operations continued in Supply, Ordnance, Communications, and Motor Transport and Limited Technical Inspections commenced. The SECRET and CONFIDENTIAL files in the S-2 section were also inventoried and all documents that were not needed were destroyed.

3. Companies A, B, C, and D were closed out on 18 May 1971. All personnel were transferred to H&S Company for ease in administration and at the same time providing a CADRE for reconstruction of the Battalion at a later date.

4. Major W. T. Macy relieved Lt. Col. F. A. Hart, Jr. as Battalion Commander on 11 June 1971.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

16 April 1971

The Battalion sailed from the Republic of Vietnam aboard the U.S.S Point Defiance (LSD-31)
Ref: 5th MAB Op Plan 2-71

30 April 1971

Battalion Commander and designated personnel participated in the 1st Marine Division "Return from Vietnam" parade, reviewed by the President of the United States.
Ref: Div Bul 5060 dtd 27 April 1971

12 May 1971

The Battalion arrived at San Diego, California. After debarkation Battalion Headquarters were established at the Margarita (33) Area of Camp Pendleton, California.
Ref: 5th MAB Op Plan 2-71

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commander of Troops	Major W. M. Anderson 15 April-16 May 1971
Executive Officer	Major W. T. Macy 19 May-11 June 1971
S-1 Officer	1st Lt. S. E. Carlin 15 April-30 June 1971
S-2 Officer	1st Lt. R. H. Kayser 15 April-17 May 1971 1st Lt. J. L. Lewis 18 May-30 June 1971
S-3 Officer	CWO-2 R. B. Robinson 15 April-24 June 1971 Capt. H. L. Gerlach 22-30 June 1971
S-4 Officer	1st Lt. D. L. Hughes 15 April-10 June 1971 1st Lt. J. G. Blake 11 June-30 June 1971
Communications Officer	CWO-2 K. E. Pitcher 15 April-3 June 1971 Gy.Sgt. W. Matzkiw, Jr. 4-30 June 1971
Supply Officer	1st Lt. L. V. Fairman 15 April-30 June 1971
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt. D. L. Hughes 15 April-17 May 1971 SSgt H. G. Bringentoff 18 May-30 June 1971

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGHT

	MARINES		NAVY	
	Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
16-30 April				
Chargeable	7	167	0	1
Effective	7	167	0	1
May				
Chargeable	12	145	0	2
Effective	12	135	0	2
June				
Chargeable	11	125	0	4
Effective	10	90	0	4

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18 May 1971

Companies A, B, C, and D were closed down and all personnel transferred to H&S Company.

Ref: Unit Diary 18 May 71 107-71
Unit Diary 19 May 71 108-71

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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