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7th Communication Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From; Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF
(SC-3: Attention: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology
(2) Appendix 1 List of Reference
(3) Appendix 2 List of Documents

1. In compliance with reference (a) enclosure (1) through (3) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Organizational Data

Headquarters, 7th Communication Battalion
Headquarters Company
Communication Company
Communication Support Company
Radio Relay & Construction Company

Location

Headquarters, 7th Communication Battalion
Headquarters Company
Communication Company
Communication Support Company
Radio Relay & Construction Company

Chu Lai, RVN
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DaNang, RVN
Chu Lai, RVN

Period Covered

1-31 August 1966

~~SECRET~~Name, Rank, of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates

Commanding Officer:

Major JAMES H. BIRD JR.
1-31 August 1966

Executive Officer:

Major E. A. HUERLMANN JR.
1-31 August 1966

Adjutant/S-1:

2ndLt R. L. DANIELS
1-31 August 1966

S-3:

Major R. V. WALKER JR.
1-31 August 1966

S-4:

Major N. B. WYNN
1-25 August 1966Major F. L. BIROU JR.
26-31 August 1966Headquarters Company
Commanding Officer:Captain C. W. ROSS
1-31 August 1966Communication Company
Commanding Officer:Captain E. A. LYNCH
1-31 August 1966

Executive Officer:

1stLt B. N. DANIELS
3-31 August 1966Communication Support Company
Commanding Officer:Captain C. FARLEY
1-31 August 1966

Executive Officer:

1stLt J. N. RODOSTA
1-31 August 1966Radio Relay & Construction Company
Commanding Officer:Captain D. B. NEWTON
1-31 August 1966

Executive Officer:

Captain R. A. MATHIESON
1-20 August 1966Captain R. W. SLOAN
27-31 August 1966~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~COMMANDERS NARRATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Commanders Narrative Summary

1. During the period 1-31 August 1966 the 7th Communication Battalion has augmented the 1st Marine Division, III MAF and the 1st Marine Air Wing with personnel and equipment. The Battalion provided Communications support for Operations Colorado and Jackson.
2. Elements of this Battalion are engaged in the rehabilitation and expansion of the Chu Lai Area Cable System.
3. Communication Support Company is in DaNang with OPCON to III MAF, ADCON remains with 7th Communication Battalion. A team of 1 Officer and 39 Enlisted men with equipment is furnishing Communications for the 1st Military Police Battalion.
4. A team of 1 Officer and 19 Enlisted Marines is providing Communication support for the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade.

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~~SECRET~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL:

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
1. 1 August 1966	37	646	0	10
2. Total as of 31 Aug 64		638	0	10

3. Total number of personnel TAD by location, rank and MOS is as follows:

OKINAWA	Captain	3502	1
III MAF	WO	5910	1
III MAF	Cpl	2532	3
III MAF	LCpl	2532	2
III MAF	PFC	2532	10
1st MAW	PFC	2543	9
1st MAW	LCpl	2821	1
III MAF	Cpl	2831	5
III MAF	LCpl	2831	2
III MAF	PFC	2831	2
NAVCOMMSTA., P.I.	Sgt	2861	1
NAVCOMMSTA., P.I.	Sgt	2862	1
HqBn, 1st MarDiv	LCpl	3041	1

Total number TAD is 39 personnel from this Command as of 31 August 1966

4. The personnel shortages and overages within this Battalion as of 31 August 1966 are reflected in APPENDIX 2.

5. Replacements: This Battalion has no information regarding forseen replacements for the Officers in MOS 2502 or replacements for the shortage in the SNCO's in all MOS's.

6. Discipline, Law and Order: No problems have been encountered.

7. Prisoners of War: N/A

8. Grave Registration: N/A

9. Moral and Personnel Service: Pay, Religion, Special Service, R&R Facilities, Leave and Liberty, Postal Service and Red Cross Facilities are considered adequate. Temporary pay records for Communication Support Company were finally received 30 August 1966.

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~~SECRET~~**B. ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Communication Support Company is OPCON III MAF at DaNang while ADMINISTRATIVE control is retained by 7th Communication Battalion.

C. INTELLIGENCE:

1. N/A

D. TRAINING

1. On 12 August 1966, 19 Officers and men attended a Mine and Booby Trap School presented by the 1st Engineer Battalion.

2. Personnel of this Command are presently undergoing training with the Division Communication Center, working with the model 28 Teletype equipment, Torn Tape Relay, the FSCC, the Combat Operation Center, and the Switchboard MTC-1. Two NCO's attended instruction on the KY-8.

3. Four personnel have been sent to the NAVCOMMSTA., P.I. for instruction on fixed plant procedures, 1 Officer is attending Embarkation School at Camp Butler, Okinawa.

E. SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

1. Radio Relay and Construction Company has had teams consisting of AN/MRC-62 and AN/MRC-63 participating in Operations Colorado and Jackson.

2. This organization has 12 AN/TRC-27, 3 AN/MRC-62 and 1 AN/MRC-63 with personnel operating at DaNang in support of III MAF.

3. Communication Support Company is in DaNang under OPCON of III MAF, providing support to the 1st Military Police Battalion, FLC/FLSG-A, and the Parchment Switchboard (Rear).

4. Personnel from Communication Company are operating Switchboards SB-86 at the 7th Marines and the 11th Marines. Have installed Switchboard SB-22 at the 1st Motor Transport Battalion and the 1st Medical Battalion. A team consisting of a MRC-83 team was in support of Operations Colorado and Jackson.

5. A team of 1 Officer and 19 men with equipment is assigned a mission to operate and maintain an area communications support facility in support of the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade.

6. The Chu Lai Defense Command Wire System is operated and maintained by this organization.

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~~SECRET~~**F. COMMAND AND CONTROL:**

1. The 7th Communication Battalion is under the ADMINISTRATION CONTROL of the 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF.
2. OPERATIONAL CONTROL of 7th Communication Battalion is under the 1st Marine Division. Division has OPERATIONAL CONTROL of Battalion, Battalion has OPERATIONAL CONTROL of Companies.
3. Communication Support Company remains OPERATIONAL CONTROL III MAF.
4. The Commanding Officer of Communication Support Company OPERATIONAL CONTROL III MAF was Medical Evacuated on 23 August 1966. Orders were issued by 3rd Marine Division transferring him to Camp Butler by Service Record while sick on or about 25 August 1966.

G. CLOSE COMBAT:

1. N/A

H. FIRE SUPPORT:

1. N/A

I. LOGISTIC:

1. Major damage as a result of hostile action occurred on 20 August 1966 when a truck cargo, 2½ 6x6 M-35, detonated a mine while on an Administrative mission and sustained \$149.74 damages in the front body area including radiator, hood, lights, and windshield. Vehicle was repaired and returned to service after three hours and twenty minutes.
2. Camp construction has been at a standstill due to material shortages. Priority items not constructed yet include a well, showers, butler buildings and 49 strongback/wooden quarters, shops and Admin structures. Major construction completed during August include a galley and messhall.
3. An Enlisted Club was contracted for and is nearing completion.
4. Supply support has improved considerably with a total of 700 requisitions filled from 1549 submitted. For a fill rate of 45% compared to 30% during July 1966.
5. Maintenance support from FLSG-B in all areas including Electronics, Motor Transport and Engineer has been excellent.

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~~SECRET~~J. AIR DEFENSE:

1. N/A

K. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT:

1. N/A

L. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION:

1. 2ndLt KINDLER is the Battalion Civic Action Officer for period 1-31 August 1966.

2. This Battalion is still in the process of establishing a Command Post and a Civic Action Program was not conducted or participated in. It is anticipated that upon completion of the permanent camp, coordination with the 1st Marine Division G-5 will permit this organization to actively participate in one or more programs.

M. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL OR OTHER SPECIAL WARFARE:

1. N/A

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- (a) DivO 5750.1A
- (b) DivO 5750.2A
- (c) MARCORMAN, Par 5750.2
- (d) MCO 5750.2
- (e) Div O 3480.1

APPENDIX 1

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Table of MOS, by rank of M/L and O/H of personnel of 7th Communication Battalion.

APPENDIX II

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ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF 7th COMMUNICATION BATTALION

As of 2359 31 August 1966

MOS	E-9		Gen/E-8		Col/E-7		LtCol/E-6		Maj/E-5		Capt/E-4		Lt/E-3		CWO/WO/E-2/1		TOTAL	
	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H
0121									0	1	1	0					1	1
0141							1	2	4	3	1	2	6	2	2	6	14	15
0231									0	1							0	1
0441									1	0					0	1	1	1
0849					1	1											1	1
1141											1	0	1	1	2	2	4	3
1341											1	0	1	1	1	2	3	3
1345													1	0			1	0
1411									0	1			3	0	0	2	3	3
1461													0	1			0	1
2111											1	0	1	1	0	3	2	4
2511			1	0	3	3	5	4	15	6	23	8	43	19	57	118	147	158
2529			2	0	1	0	2	1									5	1
2531									1	1	4	2	9	23	9	40	23	66
2532											25	10	26	9	10	42	61	61
2533									7	0	25	8	27	1	32	3	91	12
2539			1	0	2	1	2	6									5	7
2541									1	0	3	7	11	0	15	2	30	9
2543			1	0	2	0	4	2	4	1	5	8	11	2	10	38	37	51
2561			0	1	5	4	5	3	11	1							21	9
2811							2	4	2	1	2	0	2	0			8	5
2812									1	0	1	0					2	0

As of 2359

MOS	E-9		Gen/E-8		Col/E-7		LtCol/E-6		Maj/E-5		Capt/E-4		Lt/E-3		CWO/E-2/1		TOTAL	
	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H	M/L	O/H
2813					0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	8	2
2814							1	0	1	1	1	0					3	1
2821											0	2	0	13	0	3	0	18
2822											2	2	2	6	3	0	7	8
2823													0	1			0	1
2831											4	8	6	11	0	2	10	21
2841											4	4	3	12	0	1	7	17
2843											2	2					2	2
2861			1	1	2	1	8	0	27	9							38	11
2862									2	1							2	1
2863					0	1	1	0	1	0							2	1
3041					1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	3	11	11	19
3042											0	1					0	1
3051									1	0	6	0	4	1	3	7	14	8
3371					1	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	1	2	7	13	14
3516							1	1	5	4	6	0	8	12	6	2	26	19
3531									3	1	8	4	12	8	33	48	56	61
3537	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	1									3	3
5711			0	1			1	0	0	1	0	1					1	3
8404					1	1	2	2	3	3	5	4					11	10
9999	1	1	4	4													5	5
TOTAL	1	2	11	7	21	15	37	29	94	40	139	77	185	128	191	340	679	638

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