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

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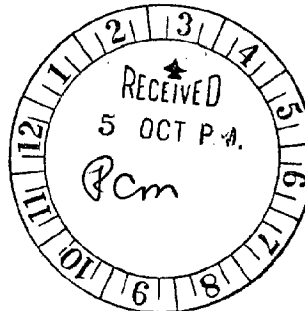
Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology and Appendices

In compliance with reference (a) enclosure (1), with appendices, is 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

1-30 September 1966

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

Commanding Officer	Major JAMES H. BIRD JR. 1-30 September 1966
Executive Officer	Major E. A. HUERLIMANN JR. 1-30 September 1966
Adjutant/S-1	2ndLt R. L. DANIELS 1-30 September 1966
S-3	Major R. V. WALKER JR. 1-30 September 1966
S-4	Major F. L. BIROU JR. 1-30 September 1966
Commanding Officer Headquarters Company	Captain C. W. ROSS 1-26 September 1966
	Captain G. M. MIZER 27-30 September 1966
Commanding Officer Communication Company	Captain E. A. LYNCH 1-30 September 1966
Commanding Officer Communication Support Company	1stLt J. N. RODOSTA 1-30 September 1966
Commanding Officer Radio Relay & Construction Company	Captain D. B. NEWTON 1-30 September 1966

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Commander's Narrative of Significant Events

## Commander's Narrative Summary

During the period 1-30 September 1966 the 7th Communication Battalion augmented the 1st Marine Division, III MAF, and 1st Marine Air Wing. The Battalion provided communications teams for Operations Fresno and Golden Fleece as well as teams and equipment for communications support for the 1st Military Police Battalion and the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade.

Elements of this Battalion remain engaged in the rehabilitation and expansion of the Chu Lai Combat Base Cable System. The Communication Support Company remains in DaNang under the operational control of 5th Communication Battalion.

This Battalion is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the wire system for the CLDC (Chu Lai Defense Command) and additionally provides communication support for CLDC in the form of four (4) radio operators, three (3) switchboard operators and accompanying equipment.

~~SECRET~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. PERSONNEL.

	USMC OFFICERS	USMC ENLISTED	USN OFFICERS	USN ENL
1. 1Sep66	34	638	0	10
2. Total as of 30Sept66	38	587	1	9

3. There are 45 personnel TAD from this command as of 30 September 1966.

4. The personnel shortages and overages within this Battalion as of 30 September 1966 are reflected in TAB 1, Appendix B. (Documentation)

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

6. Prisoners of War: N/A

7. Grave Registration: N/A

8. Moral and Personnel Service: Pay, Religious facilities, special services, R&R facilities, leave and liberty, postal service and Red Cross facilities are considered adequate.

B. ADMINISTRATION. Although under the operational control of 5th Communication Battalion, Communication Support Company remains under Administrative control of this Battalion.

C. INTELLIGENCE. N/A

D. TRAINING.

1. The 7th Communication Battalion conducted a one day course for the 1st Marine Division communication s personnel in the proper techniques of maintaining and handling the BB-451 and PP-3240. The course ran from 5-10 September with 16 Division Units being represented. Five persons attended each day.

2. An FSR Comm-Elect instruction team presented instruction on the AN/PRC-25, AN/GRC-125, AN/MRC-109/110 and KY-8 on 2-5 September. Twenty men attended.

3. Ten men attended a Communication Security School presented on 21 September by 1st Radio Battalion.

4. Battalion NCO leadership training commenced on 23 September.

5. Two officers and 18 men attended the 1st Engineer Battalion Mine and Booby Trap school on 26 September.

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~~SECRET~~E. SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

1. Eleven men with two AN/MRC-62's and one AN/MRC-63 participated in Operation Fresno from the 8th to the 15th of September and in Operation Golden Fleece from the 15th to the 27th of September.
2. A radio relay link from Chu Lai to the CP of the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade was established. Seven enlisted with two AN/MRC-62's are located at the ROKMC CP to operate that terminal. In addition one officer and twelve enlisted are currently maintaining an area communications support facility in support of the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade.
3. One officer and 25 enlisted with 13 AN/TRC-27's, three AN/MRC-62's and various other equipment are still TAD to the 5th Communication Battalion in support of III MAF.
4. Communication Support Company remains in DaNang under the operational control of 5th Communication Battalion, providing support to FLC/FLSG-A, 1st Military Police Battalion, and the Parchment Switchboard (REAR).
5. Nine men are presently TAD to 1st Marine Air Wing, 3 men are working at 7th Marines switchboard, 3 more at the Anchor Watch Switchboard, and 8 more have been provided to the 1st Marine Division Wire Officer for operation of the Chu Lai Switch.

F. COMMAND AND CONTROL.

1. The 7th Communication Battalion remains under the administrative and operational control of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP.
2. The battalion maintains operational and administrative control of its individual companies with the exception of Communication Support Company which is under the operational control of 5th Communication Battalion.

G. CLOSE COMBAT. N/AH. FIRE SUPPORT. N/AI. LOGISTICS.

1. Camp construction remains at a standstill due to material shortages. Priority items which have not yet been constructed include a well, showers, butler buildings and 49 strongback/ wooden quarters, shops, and Admin structures. Major construction completed during September includes a Staff NCO club and Enlisted club.

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2. Supply support for the month of September fell off considerably as compared to the previous month. Only 169 requisitions were filled out of a total of 1005 submitted for a fill rate of 16.8%. The fill rate for August was 45%.

3. Maintenance support from FLSG-B remains excellent in all areas.

4. Two officers completed an open purchase trip to 3rd FSR, Okinawa and Army Procurement Agency, Japan to procure necessary communication line hardware and suspension strand to provide for rehabilitation and expansion of the Chu Lai Combat Base Cable System.

J. AIR DEFENSE. N/A

K. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT. N/A

L. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION.

The Hamlet of My Hue (1) was assigned to this organization on 16 September 1966. Six visits have been made with emphasis on the Med Cap program. A total of 54 dental and 260 Medical patients were seen and treated. Two culverts were fabricated from artillery cannisters and implaced with joint effort of two Vietnamese and members of this organization.

The initial reception by the villagers was one of apprehension and distrust. Probably a good measure of this caution was due to the fact that the hamlet chief had been assassinated only the night before the first visit by our team. By the sixth visit relations had improved, a new hamlet chief elected, and more villagers were being treated.

M. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL, OR OTHER SPECIAL WARFARE. N/A

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~~SECRET~~REFERENCES

- (a) DivO 5750<sup>71</sup>.1A
- (b) DivO 5750<sup>71</sup>.2A
- (c) MARCORMAN, Par 5750<sup>71</sup>.2
- (d) MCO 5750<sup>71</sup>.2
- (e) DivO 3480<sup>71</sup>.1

## APPENDIX A

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB 1. TABLE OF MOS, BY RANK OF M/L AND O/H OF PERSONNEL OF 7TH  
COMMUNICATION BATTALION

APPENDIX B

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As of 2359 30 September 1966

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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
0121											1	0					1	0
0141							1	2	4	4	1	1	6	2	2	6	14	15
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	6	43	19	57	113	147	151
2529			2	0	1	1	2	0									5	1
2531									1	3	4	2	9	21	9	32	23	58
2532											25	8	26	9	9	42	60	59
2533									7	1	25	8	27	0	32	2	91	11
2539			1	0	2	2	2	4									5	6
2541									1	3	3	6	11	0	15	2	30	11
2543			1	0	2	0	4	1	4	2	5	6	10	3	11	36	37	48
2561			0	1	5	4	5	2	11	1							21	8
2811					1	0	2	4	2	1	2	0	2	0			9	5
2812									1	0	1	0					2	0
2813					0	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	3	0	10	3
2814							1	0	1	1	1	0					3	1

As of 2359 30 September 1966

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
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2822											3	2	2	4	3	0	8	6
2823													0	1			0	1
2831											4	6	5	11	0	2	9	19
2841											1	4	3	12	0	1	4	17
2843											4	0					4	0
2847											2	0	2	1			4	1
2861			1	1	0	1	5	0	22	7							28	9
2862									2	1	1	0					3	1
2863					0	1	1	0	1	2							2	3
2867					1	0	3	0	4	0							8	0
3041					1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	3	10	11	18
3042											0	1					0	1
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3531									3	5	8	3	12	8	33	38	56	54
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8404					1	1	2	2	3	2	5	4					11	9
9999	1	1	4	4													5	5
TOTAL	1	2	11	6	21	19	37	22	93	47	144	64	185	123	191	313	683	596