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

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4 November 1966

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 and Appendices

1. 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

1-31 October 1966

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

Commanding Officer	Major JAMES H. BIRD JR. 1-31 October 1966
Executive Officer	Major E. A. HUELLMANN JR. 1-31 October 1966
Adjutant/S-1	2ndLt R. L. DANIELS 1-31 October 1966
S-3	Major R. V. WALKER JR. 1-31 October 1966
S-4	Major F. L. BIROU 1-29 October 1966
	Major A. E. JENSEN 30-31 October 1966
Commanding Officer Headquarters Company	Captain G. M. MIZER 1-31 October 1966
Commanding Officer Communication Company	Captain E. A. LYNCH 1-7 October 1966
	Major D. G. BISHOP 8-31 October 1966
Commanding Officer Communication Support Company	Captain J. N. RODOSTA 1-31 October 1966
Commanding Officer Radio Relay & Construction Company	Captain D. B. NEWTON 1-31 October 1966

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Commander's Narrative of Significant Events

Commander's Narrative Summary

During the period 1-31 October 1966 the 7th Communication Battalion continued to augment the 1st Marine Division (Rein), III MAF, and the 1st Marine Air Wing. The Battalion provided communications teams for Operation Prairie and continued communications support to the 1st Military Police Battalion, the 2nd Korean Marine Brigade and the Chu Lai Defense Command.

This Battalion was heavily committed in October in the support of Task Force X-Ray and has taken over the operation of the Task Force X-Ray Communication Center.

The Communication Support Company remains under the operational control of the 5th Communication Battalion.

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

	USMC OFFICERS	USMC ENLISTED	USN OFFICERS	USN ENLISTED
1. 1Oct66	38	587	1	9
2. Total as of 31Oct66	39	600	1	9

3. There are presently 7 officers and 113 enlisted either TAD or augmenting other organizations without TAD orders. This total does not include Communication Support Company or personnel committed to Task Force X-Ray and Chu Lai Defense Command.

4. The personnel shortages and overages within this Battalion as of 31 October 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 remain adequate.

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

C. INTELLIGENCE. N/A

D. TRAINING.

1. Formal GMS training was temporarily suspended for a two to three week period due to a rapid deployment of personnel during October which resulted in the loss of instructors for scheduled classes and disrupted the present training program to such an extent as to make it unworkable. At the time of this report training schedules are being revised and classes rescheduled for immediate resumption.

2. Fifteen men attended mine and booby trap school conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion during October.

3. FAM firing of M-14's, .45 cal. pistols, and shotguns was conducted on 8 and 15 October with 5 officers and 35 enlisted participating.

4. One man was ordered to Vietnamese Language School in Okinawa on 29 October for 4 weeks.

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5. During October this Battalion received and filled one quota to each of the following schools:

- a. Small Arms Repair School, Okinawa
- b. Supply Procedures Course, Okinawa
- c. NCO Leadership School, Okinawa
- d. On the job training in teletype repair, Phillipines

6. A 3 day school on Multifuel vehicles at FLSG-B was attended by 3 personnel of this command during October.

E. SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

- 1. Two officers and 17 enlisted from Radio Relay and Construction Company participated in Operation Prairie.
- 2. Communication Company was heavily committed during October in support of Task Force X-Ray and is presently manning the Task Force X-Ray Communication Center with 3 officers and 45 enlisted.
- 3. Communication Support Company remains under operational control of 5th Communication Battalion and continues to provide support as reported for September.
- 4. Other operational commitments last reported continued through October.

F. COMMAND AND CONTROL.

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

G. CLOSE COMBAT. N/A

H. FIRE SUPPORT. N/A

I. LOGISTICS.

1. Camp construction got under way again in late October with the construction of 4 tropical huts for quarters and the commencement of construction on a new Battalion Aid Station. Construction continues.

2. Supply support for the month of October as compared to September was slightly improved. Some 156 requisitions were filled out of a total of 700 submitted for a fill rate of 22%. The fill rate for September was 16.8%.

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- J. AIR DEFENSE. N/A
- K. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT. N/A
- L. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION. Heavy rains severely curtailed the civic action program of this Battalion by washing out roads to the village of My Hue (1). In the trips that were made, 148 patients were treated by the Battalion Surgeon. Relations with the villagers continue to be good but have not changed significantly since September.
- M. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL OR OTHER SPECIAL WARFARE. N/A

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

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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AIRS	E-9		Capt/E-8		Col/E-7		LtCol/E-6		Maj/E-5		Capt/E-4		Maj/E-3		LtCol/E-2		TOTAL	
	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H	W/L	O/H
0130													1	1			1	1
0406									1	0							1	0
2105											1	1					1	1
2501													0	3			0	3
2502							1	0	6	6	14	6	7	10			28	22
2805													1	3	5	1	6	4
2810													0	2	3	0	3	2
3002											1	0					1	0
3010															0	1	0	1
3502											1	1					1	1
5910													0	2	0	2	0	4
TOTAL							1	0	7	6	17	8	9	21	8	4	42	39

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	5	1	1	6	8	2	0	14	16
0441									1	0			0	1			1	1
0849					1	0											1	0
1141											1	0	1	3	2	0	4	3
1341											1	1	1	2	1	0	3	3
1345													1	0			1	0
1411									0	1			3	1	0	1	3	3
2111											1	0	1	1	0	1	2	2
2511			1	1	3	2	5	4	15	6	23	13	43	70	57	52	147	148
2529			2	0	1	1	2	0									5	1
2531									1	3	4	6	9	39	9	10	23	58
2532											25	15	26	38	9	7	60	60
2533									7	3	25	6	27	4	32	1	91	14
2539			1	2	2	0	2	4									5	6
2541									1	3	3	9	11	7	15	5	30	24
2543									4	2	5	8	10	23	11	15	37	49
2561			0	1	5	5	5	1	11	1							21	8
2811					1	0	2	4	2	1	2	0	2	0			9	5
2812							0	1	1	0	1	0					2	1
2813									1	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	10	6
2814							1	0	1	1	1	0					3	1
2821											0	10	0	4	0	2	0	16

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NBS	2822/2823		2831/2841		2843/2847		2861/2862		2863/2867		3041/3042		3051/3111		3311/3371		3516/3531		3537/5711		8404/9999		TOTAL	
	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E	M/L	O/E
2822							3	6	2	1	3	0	8	7										
2823							0	1					0	1										
2831							4	14	5	5			9	19										
2841							1	16	3	2			4	18										
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	1				8	1										
3041				1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	6	3	6	11	18							
3042									0	1				0	1									
3051								1	0	6	0	4	2	3	6	14	8							
3111													0	1	0	1								
3311												0	1		0	1								
3371				1	0	1	0	2	1	3	3	4	6	2	1	13	11							
3516				0	1	1	0	5	2	6	5	8	8	6	0	26	16							
3531								3	4	8	4	12	34	33	9	56	51							
3537	0	1	1	0	2	1									3	2								
5711								1	0		0	1			1	1								
8404				1	2	2	1	3	2	5	4				11	9								
9999	1	1	4	4											5	5								
TOTAL	1	2	11	9	21	21	37	18	93	49	144	126	185	267	191	117	683	609						

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