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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, First Marine Division  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January to 31 January 1967  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
      (b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
      (c) DivO 5750.2B  
Encl: ✓ (1) 7th Communication Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. January to 31 January 1967

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**PART I**  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

**1. DESIGNATION**

7th Communication Battalion

**COMMANDER**LtCol W. M. CLELLAND  
1-31 January 1967**SUBORDINATE UNITS**

Headquarters Company

Captain G. M. MIZER  
1-31 January 1967

Communication Company

Major D. G. BISHOP  
1-31 January 1967

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Major J. W. HENRY JR.  
1-31 January 1967

Communication Support Company

Captain J. N. RODOSTA  
1-31 January 1967**2. LOCATION**

1-31 January:

Headquarters, 7th Communication Battalion  
Headquarters Company  
Communication Company  
Radio Relay and Construction Company  
Communication Support CompanyCHU LAI, RVN  
CHU LAI, RVN  
CHU LAI, RVN  
CHU LAI, RVN  
DANANG, RVN**3. STAFF OFFICERS**

Executive Officer

Major E. A. HUEBLIMANN JR.  
1-31 January 1967

Adjutant/S-1

2ndLt R. L. DANIELS  
1-31 January 1967

S-3

Captain T. C. TERRELL  
1-31 January 1967

S-4

Major E. A. JENSEN  
1-31 January 1967**4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**

USMC	USN
OFF	ENL
33	700
OFF	ENL
1	12

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The most significant new commitment for the 7th Communication Battalion in the month of January was that of providing radio, radio relay, and radar beacon support to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines for Operation DESOTO.

The battalion suffered the loss of an AN/TSC-15 Communication Central in the early phases of Operation DESOTO when it was dropped during heli-lift from the QUANG NGAI IMA to DUC PHO on 28 January. The Central and all equipment in it were completely unsalvageable. It was blown in place on 29 January.

The efforts of this battalion in the area of Civic Action were set back on two separate occasions in January. In XUAN THUNG on 13 January an elderly man and young girl were accidentally killed by Marine helicopter fire and in THANH LONG on 30 January two young children were accidentally killed while sleeping in their home when a Marine on the perimeter fired his weapon and the round carried into the home and struck both children. Relatively good relations have been restored at this time.

A highly successful battalion Savings Bond program was conducted during January. On 20 January the Battalion percentage participation stood at 91% with Headquarters Company achieving 99% participation.

The battalion remained heavily committed in January providing communications support to the 1st Marine Division, 3rd Marine Division, III MAF, the 1st Marine Air Wing, Task Force X-Ray, CHU LAI Defense Command, and the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

3 January 1967

This battalion was directed by the 1st Marine Division Assistant CEO to provide a breakdown of personnel utilization by company. (excluding Comm Spt Co.)

Ref: Telecon ASST CEO 1stMarDiv and Exec0, 7thCommBn of 3 January 1967.

7thCommBn msg 040612Z Jan67  
(TAB A, Enclosure (1))

27 January 1967

Reported OPSTAT Combat Readiness C2 in officer personnel category based on 84% authorized officer strength and 70% in MOS 2502.

Ref: 7thCommBn msg 270120Z Jan67

29 January 1967

Personnel Status Report submitted including personnel who are TAD, HOSPITALIZED, R&R, etc. from Communication Support Company as well as the three companies remaining OPCON this battalion.

Ref: 7thCommBn msg 020820Z Jan67  
(TAB B, Enclosure (1))

31 31 January 1967

Personnel shortages and overages within the battalion as of 31 January are reflected in TAB C, Enclosure (1).

2. TRAINING

9 January 1967

Thirty (30) enlisted attended a Drug Addiction Class conducted by 7thCommBn Medical Section.

9-12 January 1967

Four (4) enlisted attended a teletypewriter maintenance school on the AN/TGC-14. The school was conducted at FLSG-B by an FMFPAC contact team.

Ref: Task Force X-Ray 230015Z Dec66

11 January 1967

Conducted fam-firing of the M-14 in order to zeroize weapons and fix battle sights. Thirty-four (34) men participated.

12 January 1967

One (1) enlisted attended Vietnamese Language School in OKINAWA.

13 January 1967

Eighty-eight (88) enlisted attended NCO Leadership Class given by the Battalion S-3 on Leadership Traits.

24 January 1967

Nine (9) enlisted attended local generator school given by the battalion engineer section.

29 January 1967

Six (6) enlisted attended generator school at FLSG-B. Instruction was presented at FLSG-B by the FMFPAC Team.

Ref: CG 1stMarDiv 280331Z Dec66

3. OPERATIONS

12 January 1967

Operation SIERRA terminated. 7thCommBn detachment returned to battalion.

17 January 1967

A radio relay team from this battalion was heli-lifted into the ARVN held area atop NUI DANG mountain near DUC PHO several days before Marine forces were to relieve ARVN units. The purpose was to determine if the forty-eight mile radio relay shot from NUI DANG to the Task Force X-Ray CP would work without a repeater station.

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The shot was successful and excellent communications were established. Due to unfavorable flying conditions the team had to remain atop the hill for five days before they could be extracted.

26 January 1967

The Communication Detachment for support of Operation DESOTO consisted of one NCOIC. A three (3) man radio relay team with one (1) AN/MRC-62, a three (3) man radio team with one (1) AN/TSC-15 Communication Central, and two (2) radio operators with one AN/MRC-83. This detachment departed CHU LAI on 26 January for the QUANG NGAI LSA for heli-lift to NUI DANG and DUC PHO.

Ref: 7thCommBn Operation Order 2-67 dtd 211020Z (TAB D, Enclosure (1))

28 January 1967

All personnel and equipment were heli-lifted safely except for the AN/TSC-15 Communication Central which was dropped from a CH-46 when the vertical reach pennant parted at 4,200 foot elevation. The AN/TSC-15 (\$50,598.00) was unsalvageable and was blown in place the following morning by an EOD team.

Ref: Communication Company, 7thCommBn ltr DGE/jih over 2000.

29 January 1967

Provided further support for Operation DESOTO in the form of one AN/MRC-83 and operator and one Radar Beacon with team.

31 January 1967

Received copy of "Combat Operations After Action Report, Communications" concerning the employment of personnel and equipment of this battalion on Operation PRAIRIE from 15 October 1966 to 31 January 1967. The Officer-in-Charge of the Communication Detachment concerned is Captain R. W. SLOAN, a member of this battalion.

(TAB E Enclosure (1))

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4. PLANS

5 January 1967

Completed drafting of 7thCommBn Operation Plan 1-67 for support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 316-67 (GEORGIA I).  
(TAB F Enclosure (1))

5. LOGISTICS

4 January 1967

Received cord circuits for telephone centrals serving Task Force X-Ray. These items were reported as critical in December.

Ref: 7thCommBn Logistic Summary Report dtd 31Jan67  
(TAB G, Enclosure (1))

21 January 1967

Battalion Supply Officer and Construction Platoon Commander departed on TAD to 3rd FSB, OKINAWA and further as required to the U.S. Army Purchasing Agency, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN. The purpose of the trip is to purchase telephone cable and associated hardware for the CHU LAI Combat Base Telephone Cable System.

Ref: 7thCommBn 100935Z Jan67  
CG 1stMarDiv 120525Z Jan67

31 January 1967

Nonavailability of repair parts for fixed plant teletype equipment and on-line crypto equipment continues to be a major concern.

6. CIVIC ACTION/MEDICAL AID PROGRAM

This battalion is conducting a vigorous Civic Action program with medical aid and civic action projects being carried on in the hamlets of XUAN TRUNG, AN TAY(1), AN TAY(2) and, THANH LONG. The Civic Action Officer, Major J. W. HENRY Jr., and one corpsman visit these hamlets every afternoon, seven days a week. Two days each week the Battalion Medical Officer, LT P. G. WEILLER, MC USNR accompanies the team to attend the more serious cases. The items mentioned below are a cross section of the areas covered and the work being done.

2 January 1967

Special house visits were conducted for persons too ill or incapacitated to attend regular MEDCAP. People seemed amazed that anyone would go out of his way to visit them with medical aid. The Vietnamese were most hospitable and gracious.

Ref: 7thCommBn Daily Civic Action Activity Report dtd 3Jan67

13 January 1967

The friendly atmosphere of XUAN TRUNG was notably changed by the accidental fatal shooting of an elderly Vietnamese man and a young girl during the night when rounds from a Marine helicopter struck the hut in which they slept.

25 January 1967

Began English class in XUAN TRUNG School. The class is being instructed by Lt G. L. KINDLER of this battalion, January honor graduate of the Vietnamese Language School in Okinawa. Students appear well motivated.

Ref: 7thCommBn Daily Civic Action Activity Report dtd 26 January 1967

30-31 January 1967

Some ill-will, anti-U.S. and anti-Marine feelings were evident in XUAN TRUNG and THANH LONG caused by the accidental fatal shooting of two children during the night of 30-31 January. Marines from another unit on perimeter positions had fired their weapons during the night. One round carried past the intended area of impact and struck two small children sleeping in bed killing them both.

31 January 1967

By the end of the month the battalion had worked a total of six days in assisting the Vietnamese to make badly needed road repairs. Further work in the area of civic projects was hampered due to the 22 days of rainfall encountered during January.

## 7. INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

13 January 1967

The Battalion Press Kit containing a personal brief on the Commanding Officer and a history of the Battalion was forwarded to the 1st Marine Division ISO. Photographs of 7thCommBn Marines at work are included.

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Ref: 7thCommBn ltr 3/JCH/fri over 5700  
dtd 13 January 1967  
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ TAB A 7thCommBn Personnel Utilization Report dtd 040612Z Jan67
- ✓ TAB B 7thCommBn Personnel Status Report dtd 020820Z Jan67
- ✓ TAB C Table of MOS by rank of M/L and O/H of personnel of 7thCommBn as of 31Jan67
- ✓ TAB D 7thCommBn Operation Order 2-67 dtd 211020H Jan67
- ✓ TAB E Combat Operations After Action Report, Communications dtd 30Jan67
- ✓ TAB F 7thCommBn Operation Plan 1-67 dtd 051200H Jan67
- ✓ TAB G 7thCommBn Logistic Summary Report dtd 31Jan67
- ✓ TAB H 7thCommBn Press Kit dtd 13Jan67

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*As of 4 January*

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 FM SEVENTH COMM BN  
 TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 INFO ZEN/CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
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C O N N F I D E N T I A L  
 PERSONNEL UTILIZATION

A. TELECON ASST CEO AND SEVENTH COMM BN XO OF 3 JAN 67.  
 1. REF A DIRECTED THIS ORG PROVIDE BREAKDOWN OF PERSONNEL UTILIZATION BY COMPANY. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

UTILIZATION	HQCO	COMMCO	RR&CCO
BN HQ	2-2		
CO HQ	1-5	2-8	1-10
S-1/ADJ	1-6		
S-3/SYSCONT	4-5	0-2	0-1
S-4/SUP	2-18		
MAINT	1-15	1-12	1-7
MOTOR TRANS	0-56		
RPS/SPEC SVCS	1-2		
CLDC PROV RIFLE CO	0-3	0-2	0-4
MESS	0-15	0-8	0-6
GUARD	0-4	0-9	0-6
LEAVE	0-7	0-2	0-2
SCHOOL	1-3	0-1	0-2
III MAF DET FAC	0-1	0-1	0-3
MEDEVAC	2-0		
TAD 3RD MARDIV	0-3	1-0	2-17
TF X-RAY COMM GEN		4-62	
TF X-RAY FSAC		0-18	
TF X-RAY COC		0-16	
TF X-RAY SWITCHBOARDS		1-34	
TF X-RAY RAD REL			1-22
TF X-RAY WIRE CONSTR			1-30
TF X-RAY MAINT/INTER COMM		0-11	
TAD FIRST MARDIV		1-4	0-17
KMB DET		1-15	0-3
TAD LST MAW/5TH COMM BN		0-9	1-29
RAD PLAT		1-16	
NEW MEN/OJT			0-18
TAD S U 2/MP DET	0-1	0-5	
CLDC	0-7		
RECON RETRANS	0-3		
MOUTH SWBD	0-4		
GP-4			
BT	FM SEVENTH COMM BN		CEO

TAB A  
 ENCLOSURE (1)

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FROM: CO, 7THCOMMBN  
 TO: CG, 1STMARDIV  
 ACTION

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## PERS STATUS RPT

A. CG, 1STMARDIV MSG 290657Z JAN67

1. REF A REFERS  
 2. PERS THIS COMD IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

## A. PHYSICALLY ON ROLLS

1. CHARGEABLE  
 MAROFF - 34 MARENL - 702 NAVOFF - 1 NAVYENL - 12  
 2. NON-CHARGEABLE  
 MARENL - 1

## B. R&amp;R

1. IN COUNTRY - NONE  
 2. OUT OF COUNTRY - MARENL - 9

## C. HOSPITALIZED

1. CHARGEABLE - MARENL 3  
 2. NON-CHARGEABLE - MARENL 1

## D. PERS ON LV

1. EM LV CONUS - 4  
 2. SP THIRTY DAY LEAVE - 7  
 3. ANN LV - 0

## E. BRIG - 0

## F. TRANSIENTS

1. NONE  
 2. NONE  
 3. NONE

## G. CASUALS - NONE

## H. TEMPADD DUTY/DUINS

1.	2	OFF	USMC	TAD	OKINAWA	MARCOR MATTERS
2.	2	OFF	USMC	TAD	DONG HOA	3RD MARDIV
3.	1	OFF	USMC	TAD	PHU BAI	3RD MARDIV
4.	1	OFF	USMC	TAD	DANANG	5THCOMMBN
5.	1	ENL	USMC	TAD	CONUS	CONN EM LV

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AS OF 31 JAN 67

OFFICERS 7th Communication Battalion

RS	P-9		Csm/E-8		Cpl/E-7		LtCpl/E-6		Maj/E-5		Capt/E-4		Lt/E-3		M/Sgt/E-2		Sgt/E-1		C/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	M/L	O/H	M/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	1	6	4	14	4	7	6					28	15	
2805													1	4	5	2	6	6			
2810												0	3	3	0	3	3				
3002											1	0							1	0	
3010															0	1	0	1			
3502											1	1							1	1	
5910													0	2	0	1	0	3			
TOTAL									1	1	7	4	17	6	9	19	8	4	42	32	

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## ENLISTED 7th Communication Battalion

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											1	0					1	0
0122											0	1					0	1
0141							1	2	4	2	1	3	6	5	2	0	14	12
0441										1	0		0	1			1	1
0849					1	0	0	1									1	1
1141											1	1	1	2	2	1	4	4
1341											1	1	1	2	1	0	3	3
1345												1	0				1	0
1441												3	2				3	2
2111											1	1	1	0	0	1	2	2
2511	1	1	3	4	5	7	15	10	23	22	43	68	57	71	147	183		
2529	2	0	1	1	2	0											5	1
2531									1	4	4	23	9	27	9	22	23	76
2532										25	13	26	29	9	10	60	52	
2533									7	9	25	9	27	4	32	9	91	31
2539	1	2	2	1	2	4											5	7
2541									1	5	3	13	11	8	15	5	30	31
2543	1	1	2	1	4	1	4	4	5	6	10	25	11	21	37	59		
2561	0	2	5	4	5	0	11	4									21	10
2811				1	1	2	3	2	0	2	0	2	0				9	4
2812					0	1	1	0	1	0							2	1
2813				0	4			1	1	4	1	2	0	3	0	10	6	
2814				0	2	1	1	1	2	1	0					3	5	

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## ENLISTED 7th Communication Battalion

ADS	E-9		Gen/E-8		Cpl/E-7		Lt Cpl/E-6		Maj/E-5		Capt/E-4		Lt/E-3		SFC/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	R/L	C/R
2821											0	8	0	4	0	1	0	13
2822											3	6	2	0	3	0	8	6
2823											0	1					0	1
2831											4	15	5	1			9	16
2841											1	21	3	1			4	22
2843											4	0					4	0
2847											2	5	2	0			4	5
2861	1	2	0	1	5	1	22	7									28	11
2862									2	2	1	0					3	2
2863			0	1	1	0			1	1	0	1					2	3
2867			1	0	3	0			4	1							8	1
3041			1	0	1	1			1	4	3	3	2	5	3	4	11	17
3042											0	1					0	1
3051									1	0	6	0	4	1	3	7	14	8
3111															0	1	0	1
3371					1	0	1	0	2	1	3	1	4	8	2	1	13	11
3381					0	1											0	1
3516					0	1	1	0	5	3	6	13	8	4	6	5	26	26
3531									3	5	8	7	12	29	33	12	56	53
3537	0	1	1	0	2	1											3	2
8404					1	1	2	1	3	2	5	5	0	3			11	12
9999	1	1	4	4													5	5
TOTAL	1	2	11	12	21	24	36	23	93	67	144	181	185	229	191	171	682	709

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## Operation Order 2-67

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000: AMS Series L701: Sheets 6659 II, III, IV  
AMS Series L7014: Sheets 6740 III; 6739 I-IV; 6738 I, II;  
6838 III, IV

(b) Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67

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1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

(1) See current INTSUMS, PERINTREPS and Special Intelligence Reports of Task Force X-Ray, 1st MarDiv and III MAF.

(2) The enemy is capable of:

(a) Low level jamming and imitative deception.

(b) Monitoring of all radio circuits and tapping of wire/remote lines.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67

2. MISSION. To provide communications as directed by CG Task Force X-Ray in support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation. 7th Communication Battalion will install, operate and maintain radio and radio relay communication circuits for Headquarters, Task Force X-Ray and will provide a communication detachment to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.b. Communication Company

(1) Provide one AN/TSC-15 with three operators for Communication Detachment.

(2) Provide one SNCO, MOS 2539, as NCOIC Comm Det, in support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

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(3) Provide necessary personnel and equipment to terminate the radio circuits at Headquarters, Task Force X-Ray in support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

c. Radio Relay and Construction Company

(1) Provide one AN/MRC-62 with three operators for Comm Det.

(2) Be prepared to provide one AN/MRC-63 with three operators. This equipment to be positioned at the 7th Marines CP for activation if required to ensure Radio Relay communications in support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

(3) Transfer the above personnel to Comm Co.

(4) Provide necessary personnel and equipment to terminate Radio Relay circuits at Headquarters, Task Force X-Ray in support of Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

d. Headquarters Company. Provide two M-35 trucks and drivers to NCOIC Comm Det for transportation of men and equipment to QUANG NGAI LSA.

e. Communication Detachment

(1) Report to CO 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines for OPCON as directed by Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) All vehicles and equipment to be staged at 7th Comm Bn Motor Pool by 1700, 24 January 1967.

(2) When directed vehicles will depart 7th Comm Bn CP and join convoy to LSA.

(3) Radio: See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

(4) Radio Relay: See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

(5) Cryptographic Instructions: See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.

b. The following items will be taken:

(1) Five days POL.  
(2) Forty gallons of water.  
(3) Five days rations.  
(4) 1000 sand bags.  
(5) Flash lights/battle lanterns.  
(6) Four terminal strips TM-184.  
(7) Forty wire tags.

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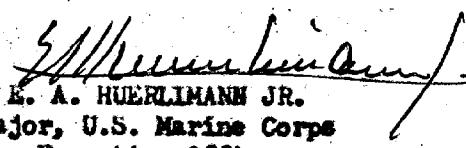
(8) Four MX -306.

- c. Body Armor will be worn by all personnel.
- d. Logistic/supply support to be provided by 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

**5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 1-67.
- b. 3rd Battalion(Rein), 7th Marines Command Post vicinity DUC PRO.
- c. Comm Det, 7th Comm Bn OPCON 3rd Battalion(Rein), 7th Marines on or about D-3. ADCON remains 7th Comm Bn.

BY COMMAND OF LTCOL W. H. CLELLAND



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Major, U.S. Marine Corps  
Executive Officer

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FPO San Francisco 96602

10/RWS/r1b  
30 Jan 67

From: Communication Electronics Officer  
To: ACofS G-3, 3d Marine Division (Forward)

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report, Communications

Ref: (a) G-3 ltr 3A/RCM/r1h 5213 dtd 5Jan67

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation Prairie I

2. 15 October 1966 - 31 January 1967

3. Third Marine Division (Forward), Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province

4. Third Marine Division (Forward)

5. Task Organization

Division (Forward) Communication Detachment OinC Capt. R. W. SLOAN

Detachment 7th CommBn (3-34)

Detachment CommCo, HqBn, 3dMarDiv (1-38)

Detachment 5th CommBn (10)

6. Not Applicable

7. Not Applicable

8. Mission. To provide communications for the Headquarters, Third Marine Division (Forward), to provide communications guard for the units in the Operation Prairie Area and to provide a Division CEO representative for the staff of the Third Marine Division (Forward) Headquarters.

9. Concept of Operations

a. To install a Communication Center capable of providing teletype communication to higher headquarters and of providing communications guard to the units in the Operation Prairie Area.

TAB E  
ENCLOSURE (1)

- b. To install a switching central at the Third Marine Division (Forward) Command Post integrated into the III MAF telephone system and the Defense Communications System.
- c. To establish necessary radio nets required to Command and control units under direct OPCON of Third Marine Division (Forward) and to maintain radio communications with the Third Marine Division.

#### 10. Execution

- a. Communication Center
  - (1) Teletypewriter circuits established to Third Marine Division include a full duplex circuit plus an overload receive circuit.
  - (2) A teletypewriter switch was established to Third Marine Regiment, 12th Marine Regiment, and the First Battalion, Third Marines. First Battalion, Third Marines was removed from the system on 13 December 1966 and was serviced from the Third Marine Division from that date.
  - (3) All other units in the Dong Ha area receive messages from the Communications Center on a daily pick-up basis.
  - (4) The Communication Center processes approximately 7000 messages per month.
  - (5) Problem areas.
    - (a) Communication Center consumable supplies are hard to get. On three occasions, the Communication center ran completely out of reproduction paper and reproduction fluid.
    - (b) Equipment shortages prevent more efficient operation of the Communications Center. AN/TGC-14V and AN/GGC-3 teletypewriter equipment are the primary shortages. More equipment would allow teletypewriter service to Units in the Dong Ha area thus reducing delivery time to these units.

#### b. Wire and Switchboard

- (1) The Third Marine Division (Forward) Command Post area was initially equipped with two SB-86/PT switchboards with two additional TA-207 switchboard units in a new switchboard room in a new area. This provided 120 line capability. The switchboards were relocated away from the COC area to reduce the traffic of communications personnel into the COC operating area.

- (2) The Command Post area was completely rewired and recabled. A main frame was constructed in the new switchboard room to accomodate 200 pairs. This allows cross connection at a central point for rapid repairs, replacement of bad lines, and faster trouble shooting.
- (3) Approximately 70 miles of WD-1/TT, 1 mile of 25 pair cable, and 1 mile of 10 pair cable was used to recable the Command Post. WD-1/TT was used due to non-availability of 25 pair cable at the time.
- (4) Three incidents of deliberate sabotage of communication lines were noted. In two cases, two lines from the Division (Forward) Command Post to the 2d ARVN Regiment Command Post had 15 foot sections cut out of the lines. A spiral four line was used for this which is difficult to cut or break. The other incident involved two surface laid WD-1/TT lines. The insulation had been stripped from two pairs; the lines had then been shorted together and taped up to make the short look like a splice.
- (5) Approximately 3000 calls per day are handled by the Third Marine Division (Forward) switchboard. Three channels to Third Marine Division were lost when an AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay was deployed with the 4th Marine Regiment. These three channels are considered a vital requirement. (See c.(3). following)

c. Radio Relay

- (1) The AN/TRC-97 Radio Set was used for the relay link to the Third Marine Division at Phu Bai. This is an excellent item of equipment. Failure of one channel due to parts was experienced on only one occasion. The only problem area noted concerns the compatibility of the Radio Set and the wire lines that connect to the channels. The impedance matching of the two appears to require critical adjustment of the radio set. The symptom is a loss of ringing ability on the circuit. A check of the wire lines separately indicates that the wire lines are good. However, when the two are connected together, the circuit will not ring through although voice transmissions are normal.
- (2) AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay Set, were used for channels to the Third Marine Regiment and the Camp Carroll area. AN/TRC-27B, Radio Relay Set, were used for alternate channels to provide backup and flexibility. These sets were widely dispersed for tactical security. Both radio relays are very reliable and provide loud and clear telephone circuits. However, both the AN/MRC-62 and the AN/TRC-27 are plagued by extremely unreliable and trouble prone power units. The AN/MRC-62 uses the PE-75 Gasoline Generator and the AN/TRC-27 uses the PU-278 Gasoline Generator. These generators are all old and require an excessive amount of maintenance. Repair parts for both have been unavailable.

(3) One AN/MRC-62 which provided channels to the Third Marine Division was secured from operation and deployed with the 4th Marine Regiment on 20 December 1966. This link provided three vitally needed common user channels, one COC channel, and a teletypewriter channel. This reduced the capability of connecting calls to the Third Marine Division at the switchboard resulting in extreme difficulty in getting a line straight to Division as the lines are continually busy. The COC lines to Division were reduced to one and a simplex teletypewriter circuit was lost. All backup and flexibility was lost because all circuits now go to Division over the AN/TRC-97. Prior to 20 December 1966, the circuits were divided between two items of equipment. This link will be replaced as soon as possible.

d. Radio

(1) Initially all radios were operated within the Command Post. An antenna site was selected outside the main CP area and located within 9th Motor Transport Battalion area for tactical security. All FM (PRC-25) nets and the HF nets were located at this site and remoted to the COC, a distance of approximately one mile. This site is manned by a four man crew.

(2) A covered voice net was established with the Division (Forward), Third Marine Regiment, Fourth Marine Regiment, and the Twelfth Marine Regiment as stations on the net. First Battalion, Third Marines has also established a station on this net, however, it is necessary to relay via Third Marine Regiment when using covered mode. The KY-8 Cipher equipment in conjunction with an RT-524/MRC-110 was used for this net.

(3) A station was activated at the Division (Forward) to Division on the Division Tactical #2 net for covered voice communication also using KY-8 cipher equipment and an RT-524/MRC-110 radio.

(4) Several units have not drawn numeral Code and Authentication publications until after they arrived at Dong Ha area and discovered that they were needed and not available. Individual unit RPS officers must draw these publications and provide them to elements located at Dong Ha. The Communication Detachment does not have the facilities nor the authority to draw and reissue these publications to these units.

- (5) An AN/TSC-15 Radio Set is available for back-up teletypewriter and telephone communications to the Third Marine Division. However, it is not operable because of lack of 400 cycle power. A PU-344 generator was initially provided, but it was deadlined and evacuated to Division Communication Company on 29 December 1966. No replacement is available.
- (6) The "Rockpile" has been used for an FM manual retransmission station between Dong Ha and areas that were not effectively reached with the AN/PRC-25 Radio Set. These areas include Khe Sanh and the valleys behind the Rockpile which are masked for FM communications from Dong Ha. The Khe Sanh relay was deactivated in October when an HT-524/MRC-110 Radio net became available and was employed direct to the Khe Sanh area. However, relays were maintained on the Rockpile for positive radio contact with Recon units.

(7) Frequency Problems

- (a) Frequency conflicts and interference have been frequent and many. These conflicts have been caused by units being assigned a particular frequency cleared for use in another area prior to deployment to the Prairie area, then, attempting to use the frequency in the Prairie area causing interference.
- (b) AN/PRC-25 frequencies in use in the same area must have at least 0.1 megacycles separation or they will overlap and cause mutual interference, e.g., frequencies 30.05 31.00 are too close and one will interfere with the other.
- (c) This frequency spread must be applied to all allied frequencies used in the area. Interference has been experienced from ARVN forces as well as Marine Units.

11. There were no hostile casualties to Communication Personnel or equipment during this period.

12. Administrative Matters. Administration, Supply, and maintenance have been major problems for this unit. The Communication Detachment is organized with personnel and equipment from three separate organizations, none of which are in the Dong Ha area. There is no T/O or T/E prescribed for this detachment.

a. Administration:

- (1) Personnel have been sent to this Detachment for duty with:

- (a) No orders other than verbal.
- (b) Orders to the "Dong Ha Area for duty in connection with Communication Matters".
- (c) Orders to the "Dong Ha Area for duty in connection with Administrative Matters".
- (d) Orders to Hq, 4th Marine Regiment.
- (e) Orders to Sub Unit #1, Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division.

(2) All personnel ordered to this Detachment should have orders to Sub Unit #2, Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division, for duty with the Division (Forward) Communication Detachment.

b. Supply:

- (1) Supply channels for this unit are nebulous at best. Although Sub-Unit #2 has established a Supply Unit and this Detachment has been making use of this unit, the Communication Detachment has not been officially assigned to Sub-Unit #2.
- (2) Supplies received have been limited to consumable type Communication Center supplies. The lead time is about three months due to lack of established usage data and previous supply demands. No repair parts have been received to date which severely limits the maintenance and repair effort.
- (3) Supply support from the three parent units of the detachment is unsatisfactory because of time, distance, and transportation problems.

c. Maintenance:

- (1) This unit has sufficient communication equipment technicians for first and second echelon maintenance. However, test equipment on hand and parts available limit the maintenance capability of this Detachment to first and second echelon preventive maintenance and minor repairs. FLSU-1 will not accept equipment for third echelon maintenance until second echelon maintenance is completed. This results in items being evacuated to Communication Company, 3d Marine Division for second echelon maintenance.
- (2) No engineer equipment mechanic, MOS 1341, is available to this Detachment, consequently, the Detachment is not capable of second echelon maintenance on engine generators. This Detachment has three PU-482: one PU-344: one PU-346; two PU-278 and four PE-75 generators on hand. Again, the second echelon maintenance must be performed prior to acceptance by FLSU-1.

- (3) FLSU-1 has no electronic maintenance capability and evacuates items received to FLSG-A. This results in unacceptable time delays before return of the items.
- (4) Motor Transport maintenance including second and third echelon preventive and corrective maintenance is extremely difficult to accomplish. Sub-Unit #2 has established a Motor Transport Pool with two mechanics, one tool box and one grease gun. No repair parts or consumable supplies are available. This Motor Pool cannot maintain the Communications vehicles with these assets. The Communication Detachment has 22 vehicles requiring motor transport maintenance support.

13. New equipment in use by the Division (Forward) Communications Detachment include the AN/TRC-97 Radio Set and the KY-8 Cipher equipment.

- a. The AN/TRC-97 has proven to be a reliable, relatively maintenance free radio set. The only operating problem with this equipment is discussed in par 10.c(1) above.
- b. The KY-8 Cipher equipment is a valuable asset to an operational command. However, there have been quite a few maintenance problems with the KY-8 which appear to be caused by overheating. The equipment cannot be continuously operated so that all radio transmissions are secure. It has been necessary to operate the equipment only when a classified conversation is desired. The equipment was operated in this manner to prevent overheating. Also an operational deficiency is involved caused by a reduction in power when operating in the Cipher mode. The operating range of the RT-524/MRC-110 is reduced when in Cipher mode compared to the same radio operating in the plain mode.

14. Not applicable.

15. Recommendations

- a. That a firm T/O and T/E for an alternate (Forward or Rear) Division Command Post Communications Unit be established patterned after a Communication Support Company.
- b. That a Letter of Instruction be published assigning a mission and tasks to this Detachment. Supporting units should be directed to provide necessary support as required by this Detachment.
- c. That the Communication Detachment be formed completely from the Communications Battalion and constituted as an official detachment with administrative capability. The OinC should have NJP authority.

- d. That FLSU-1 be provided the capability to perform third echelon repairs to electronics equipment. This would require assignment of a AN/GRM-32 SSB Maintenance Van; a AN/GRN-38 Ground Radio Maintenance Van; and a AN/GRM-48 Parts Van to FLSU-1 Maintenance Section. Technicians are already available.

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## Operation Plan 1-67 (GOMIA 1)

ref: (a) Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 316-66 (GOMIA 1)  
 (b) 1stMarDiv P02000.2C (CBOI)  
 (c) III MAF CBOI

Time Zone: II

Task Organization: See Annex A to Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 316-66  
 (GOMIA 1)1. SITUATIONa. enemy Forces

- (1) See current INTELL, PERIODIC and Special Intelligence Reports of Task Force X-Ray, 1stMarDiv and III MAF.
- (2) The enemy is capable of:
  - (a) Low level jamming and imitative deception.
  - (b) Monitoring of all radio circuits and tapping of wire circuits.
  - (c) Disruption of wire communications by destruction of pole lines and terminal strips.
  - (d) Employing booby traps and ambushes against wire repair and installation crews.

b. friendly forces

- (1) See Task Force X-Ray Operation Plan 316-66 (GOMIA 1)
- (2) Task Force X-Ray provides communication and cryptographic guard for the U.S. Army Brigade, 9thInfDiv on arrival CHU LAI.
- (3) OPCON U.S. Army brigade passes to CG Task Force X-Ray upon arrival CHU LAI.
- (4) OPCON of 1/5 and 3/5 passes to CG Task Force X-Ray Headquarters upon displacement of 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters. ADCON remains 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters (C.R.).

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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(5) Command Post

Task Force X-Ray	BT 5309
7th Marine Regiment	BT 5401
1/7	BT 6299
2/7	BT 5698
3/11	BT 5401
5th Marine Regiment	BT 4308
1/5	BT 3914
3/5	BT 4606

c. Assumptions

- (1) Enemy situation will not change significantly.
- (2) Mission of 7th Communication Battalion will not change.
- (3) U.S. Army Brigade Headquarters and Battalions will establish CP's in the positions presently occupied by 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters, 1/7 and 2/7.
- (4) ADCON of 1/5 and 3/5 will remain with 5th Marine Regiment (SAR) and internal teletype circuitry will remain unchanged.
- (5) That TMC-27, back-up to wire circuits, equipments will not be required between Task Force X-Ray Headquarters and 1/5 and 3/5.
- (6) that staging and holding areas will be predesignated with enough lead time to ensure the availability of wire construction/service.
- (7) That Operation SLIMA will be completed.
- (8) That all equipment presently on loan to the 7th Marine Regiment will be returned to 7th Communication Battalion prior to displacement of 7th Marine Regiment.

2. MISSION. To provide communications as directed by Task Force X-Ray in support of Operation Plan 316-66 (SLIMA I).

3. Execution

- a. Concept of Operation. When directed assist in the change over of 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters circuits to the U.S. Army Brigade Headquarters; and circuits between 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters and 1/5 and 3/5 to Task Force X-Ray Headquarters; and the installation/operation of temporary communications required by all units entering or departing the CHU LAI Combat Base.

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b. Communication Company

- (1) Be prepared to redesignate those Radio, wire, Radio relay and Teletype circuits presently installed to the 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters to the incoming U.S. Army brigades call signs and routing indicator.
- (2) Be prepared to provide an AF embarkation/debarkation convoy control radio net, if directed between the land lamp, holding/staging areas and the 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters CP.

c. Radio Relay & Construction Company

- (1) Provide one (1) HMC-62 and one (1) HMC-27 with operators to the U.S. Army Brigade as stand-by back-up for metallic circuits between Task Force X-Ray and the U.S. Army Brigade Headquarters.
- (2) Provide one (1) HMC-62 to Task Force X-Ray in addition to present HMC-27 for termination of stand-by back-up for metallic circuits between Task Force X-Ray and U.S. Army Brigade Headquarters.
- (3) When directed assist in the change over of 7th Marine Regiment circuits to the U.S. Army Brigade Headquarters.
- (4) When directed change the existing common user and sole user circuits from 1/5 and 3/5 to terminate in Task Force X-Ray Headquarters vice 7th Marine Regiment Headquarters.
- (5) When directed activate temporary wire circuits and provide terminal equipments to units in the holding/staging areas.

d. Coordinating instructions(1) Communication Center

- (a) Task Force X-Ray provide communication-crypto guard for U.S. Army Brigade.

- (b) Communication Security aids. See Annex F (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 310-66 (LAWA 1)

- (2) Radio. Radio frequencies and call signs in accordance with 1stMarDiv CIO, 9th Infantry Division CIO and as mutually agreed by the CG Task Force X-Ray and the CG U.S. Army Brigade.

(3) Wire and radio relay

- (a) Switchboard Call signs in accordance with 1stMarDiv CIO, 9th Infantry Division CIO, 111-HAF CIO and as mutually agreed by the CG Task Force X-Ray and the CG U.S. Army Brigade.

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(b) Fire and Radio Relay Plan, See Appendix 2 (Fire and Radio Relay Plan) to ANNEP R (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 316-66 (GEORGIA I).

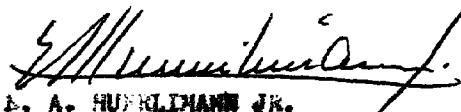
(4) Visual and Sound, Reference (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Operation Plan 316-66 (GEORGIA I).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- See references (b) and (c).
- 7th Communication Battalion CP RT 5209.

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Subj: Logistic Summary Report

Ref: (a) DivO 4000.19  
 (b) CG First MarDiv (Rein) 210121ZJan67  
 (c) CG First MarDiv (Rein) 280325ZNov66  
 (d) CG First MarDiv (Rein) 310325ZOct66

Enclo: (1) Typewriters; report of

1. The following report covering the month of January 1967 is submitted in accordance with reference (a), (b), (c), and (d).

2. LOGISTIC SITUATION

a. The overall logistical situation is satisfactory except for a few significant problem areas. Repair parts for fixed plant teletype equipment and on-line crypto equipment continues to be non-available. On 29 Jan67 a conference was held between the FLSG-BRAVO Fleet Stock Account Officer, the 7th CommBn S-4, and the Assistant Division Supply Officer (Chu Lin) to review the procedures established by CG III MAU 240820Z SEP 66. Documents are being reconciled at FLSG-BRAVO. Procedural problems have been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Progress achieved will be reported in the Logistic Summary Report for February. The PU-587, 400 cycle power source for the AN/TSC-15 remains a problem. 4 PU-587's are on priority 2 requisition; 1 is deadlines at FLSG-4; 2 are deadlines at FLSG-3; and 4 remain operational. See comments under paragraph b for additional details.

b. One AN/TSC-15 Communications Central (\$50,598.00) became a total operational loss when it was dropped from a CH-46 at a height of approximately 4200 feet. The vertical reach pennant (supplied by HMM 165) parted at coordinates ES 700621 while the AN/TSC-15 was being transported from Quang Ngai LSA to Duc Pho in support of Operation De Soto. The AN/TSC-15 was dropped at approximately 1600 on 28 Jan67. The Communications Central was determined to be completely unsalvageable by the Commanding Officer, CommCo, 7th CommBn. By authority of the battalion commander it was destroyed in place by an EOD team at 1000 on 29 Jan67 due to location and the extent of damage.

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 ENCLOSURE (1)

c. Cord Telephone for the AN/MTC-1 and AN/TTC-9 telephone centrals serving the Commanding General Task Force Iray/Chu Lai Installation Coordinator Command Post reported as critical in the December Logistic Summary Report is no longer a problem. Items requisitioned were received through normal supply sources on 4 Jan and 7 Jan.

d. On 21Jan67 the Bn Supply Officer and Construction Plt Cdr, Radio Recon and Construction Co departed on TAD to 3dPSR, Okinawa and further as required to the U.S. Army Purchasing Agency, Yokohama, Japan. The purpose of the trip is to purchase telephone cable and associated hardware for the Chu Lai Combat Base Telephone Cable System. 7th Commdn 100935ZJAN67 and CG 1st MarDiv 120525ZJAN67 provide additional details.

e. Motor Transport equipment is in good condition. Two new M-37 Trucks, component of the AN/MTC-62, were received under the R&E Program. Six new M-105 Trailers for use with the AN/TSC-15 were received on a special allowance in accordance with CG FMFPac ltr 4G/5:jf of 15 April 1966. Ten of eleven M-105 Trailers authorized have been received to date. The M-543 Wrecker deadlined on 13Dec66 for clutch repairs was returned to service from FLSG-B on 26Jan67.

f. MCP-8 completed rehabilitation of the remaining 27 strongback tents in the Bn area with the exception of the construction of steps which is in progress.

### 3. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

#### 4. Critical Items

(1) The following items are reported as requested by reference (b).

ITEM	SHORTAGE	DOC #	QTY	PRI	DDD	REMARKS
Rifle, M-14	0					FLSG-B Repair-10; 0/H-1 Next personnel input will create shortage.
Pistol, Cal .45	22	06616	22	02	6315	2 pistols are on hand.
Concertina	0					None
Battery 6TN	28	03569 04268 00190 05079 05514 05988 08057	2 2 10 4 5 3 2	13 05 12 12 17 02 12	6089 6108 6193 6257 6273 6290 7006	Used in 26 M-35 Trucks and 13 PU-462 Generators. On hand stock level is zero.

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ITEM	SHORTAGE	DOC #	QTY	PRT	DDD	REMARKS
Wire WD-1/TT (MX-306)	124	07005	124	05	6322	200 received 7Jan67; 117 received 19Jan67. See Note.
Wire WD-1/TT (DR-8)	0					None
Wire WD-1/TT (RL-159)	448	00216	19	12	6194	See Note.
		00241	200	12	6196	
		05284	100	12	6265	
		07006	129	05	6322	
Lamp Incandescent	0					None
Body Armor, Upper Torso						
8470-576-4193	25	06242	85	12	6292	Partial receipt of 60 on 26Jan67.
8470-576-4194	0		55			50 received on 7Jan67 completing requisition.
8470-576-4195	15	04085	15	02	6105	None.
Green Towels	1524	04882	1524	05	5236	Tracer submitted to Astrey Shipment reply by CG MSC Barstow 2122301Jan67.
Green Underclothing	0					None.
Tent GP (Mod)	66	02148	4	02	6104	Controlled by O-4; CG 1st MarDiv 0107452Jan67. GP under tin roofs. No problem unless displaced.
		08105	15	12	7004	
Calcium Hydrate	0					None.
Nitrogen	0					None.
Acetylene	0					None.
Oxygen	0					None.
Individual Equipment						
Molster	25	06707	25	02	6318	CG 1st MarDiv 1700352Jan67 (C)
Blanket, Bed	93	07682-1	38	02	6348	"
		08652	55	02	7020	"
Belt, Cartridge M-14	25	08030	25	02	6365	"
Haversack, Fld Pack	47	08031	47	02	6365	"

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ITEM	SHORTAGE	DOC #	QTY	PAK	IND	REMARKS
Individual Equipment Carrier, Intrenching Tool	44	08032	25	02	6365	CG 1stMarDiv 170035Z Jan 67 (C)
		08645	19	02	7020	"
Pocket, Ammunition						
M-14	40	08034	40	02	6365	"
Net & Mosquito Net	19	08641	19	02	7020	"
Cover, Water Canteen	32	08648	32	02	7020	"
Pam, Mess Kit w/cover	21	08653	21	02	7020	"
Shelter Half Tent	11	08654	11	02	7020	"
Line, Tent Cotton	23	08655.1	23	02	7020	"
Pin, Tent Wood	141	08656	141	02	7020	"
Mattress, Pneumatic	28	08658	28	02	7020	"
Helmet, Steel	32	08885	32	02	7027	"
Liner, Steel Helmet	38	08886	38	02	7029	"
Individual Clothing						
Boots 9R	50	06294	24	12	6304	None authorized for stock.
		07317	11	12	6336	Requisitions are to effect
		07376	5	12	6336	necessary replacement
		07986	10	12	6365	issues of unserviceable
						clothing.
Rain Coat 38L	3	07336	2	12	6336	"
		08015	1	12	6365	"
Rain Coat 36R	2	07338	2	12	6336	"
Boots 9W	5	07316	2	12	6336	"
		07377	1	12	6336	"
		08005	2	12	6365	"
Boots 8R	9	07979	8	12	6365	"
		07984	1	12	6365	"
Boots 12R	3	07983	3	12	6365	"
Undershirt (Med)	74	07987	74	12	6365	"

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SHORTAGE</u>	<u>DOC #</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Individual Clothing Trousers 32x33	19	08004	19	12	6365	None authorized for stock. Requisitions are to effect necessary replacement issues of unserviceable clothing.
Undershirts (S)	28	08009	28	12	6365	"
Undershirts (XS)	7	08013	7	12	6365	"
Drawers (S)	37	08011	37	12	6365	"
Drawers (Med)	47	08014	47	12	6365	"
Socks (S)	16	08020	16	12	6365	"
Socks (Med)	52	08021	52	12	6365	"
Socks (L)	13	08022	13	12	6365	"
Main Gear 38R	2	08025	2	12	6365	"

NOTE: A total of 510 miles of WD-1/TT are on order. It should be noted that 7th CommBn came in-country with 860 miles of wire. 158½ miles (317 MX-306) were received during January. 262 miles are currently on hand.

(2) Repair parts for fixed plant teletype equipment and on-line crypto equipment which are in a critical status will be listed in the Logistic Summary Report for February after the reconciliation of documents by PLSC-B is accomplished as described in paragraph 2a.

b. Significant Problem Areas. None not previously indicated.

#### 4. MAINTENANCE

a. General Status. The general state of maintenance is satisfactory.

b. Significant Problem Areas. The lack of repair parts in range and depth for the on-line crypto equipments and fixed plant teletype equipment continues to be a major concern.

c. Major Items of Equipment

<u>T/A NR</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>OPER READY</u>	<u>NORS</u>	<u>NORM</u>
MOTOR TRANSPORT						
50140	HPCU	1	1	0	1	0

T/A NR	ITEM	AUTH	O/H	OPER READY	NORS	NORM
51090	Trk 3/4T M-37	7	7	6	0	1
51120	Trk 2 1/2T M-35	26	26	24	0	2
51480	Trk 5T M-583	1	1	1	0	0
51570	Trk 4T M-38A1	29	29	28	1	0

## COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONIC

20447	AN/TSC-15	11	10*	7	3	0
21954	AN/GRC-125	2	2	2	0	0
22030	AN/MRC-63	6	5	2	3	0
22040	AN/MRC-83	30	30	17	11	2
22050	AN/MRC-87	5	2	1	0	1
22054	AN/MRC-110	3	3	1	0	2
22101	AN/PRC-25	12	12	12	0	0
22104	AN/PRC-41	7	7	7	0	0
22105	AN/PRC-47	15	15	14	1	0
22110	AN/TRC-27	12	12	10	2	0
22190	AN/MRC-62	16	11	11	0	0
22650	SB-22/PT	14	14	14	0	0
22660	SB-86	7	7	7	0	0
22770	AN/000-3	14	14	12	2	0
22783	AN/TSC-14A(V)	30	23	20	3	0
NONE	TT-47J/UG	&	4	5	0	0
NONE	TT-171C/UG	&	5	5	0	0
NONE	TT-187C/UG	&	6	3	3	0
NONE	TT-192A/UG	&	3	2	1	0
NONE	TT-253A/UG	&	1	1	0	0
NONE	TT-331A/UG	&	2	2	0	0
NONE	TT-332A/UG	&	2	1	1	0
NONE	TT-333/UG	&	4	4	0	0
NONE	AN/UOC-6	&	3	2	1	0

\* Does not include the AN/TSC-15 dropped from a CH-46 described in paragraph 2b.

& Fixed Plant Teletype Equipment installed in the Chu Lai Communications Central which is on the supply account of HqBn, 1stMarDiv.

## GENERATORS

20940	PU-454	3	3	1	0	2
20945	PU-482	13	13	10	0	3
20947	PU-587	11	7	4	0	3
21395	PU-565	4	1	1	0	0

## ENGINEER

30340	1050CFM Air Compressor 1	1	0	0	0
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COMMENT: AN/TSC-15 and PU-587 h00 cycle power source relationship is as follows:

	<u>AN/TSC-15</u>	<u>PU-587</u>
CommBptCo (Danang)	T/E 6 O/H 6 D/L 2 Operational 4	6 2 1 1
CommCo (Chu Lai)	T/E 5 O/H 4 D/L 1 Operational 3	5 5 2 3

The net result is that 3 of 7 operational AN/TSC-15's are without a PU-587 power source. See CG 1stMarDiv 231009ZJan67(C) for additional information.

COMMENT: Two of three AN/MRC-110's are deadlined for the RT-524 components. All RT-524's held by VLSG-B were evacuated to 3dFSE, Okinawa for repair on 4Jan67.

5. OTHER SERVICES. No insurmountable problems exist.

6. ADVANCED PLANNING. Three (3) C-43 Butler Building are programmed for storage and maintenance facilities in the Bn area. CG 1stMarDiv 260339ZJan67 establishes 2 as number 10 priority and 1 as number 18 priority.

7. OTHER MAJOR ITEMS OF COMMAND INTEREST NOT COVERED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS.

a. The 7th CommBn MEDCAP program consisted of 25 visits to the village of Kuan Trung during which 637 patients were treated.

b. M/3/7 (180 men) was provided billeting in the Bn area from 22-27 Jan.

c. The 7th CommBn Mess fed the H&S Co, I Co, and N Co of 3/7 commencing with the Advance Party on 19 Jan and continuing through 27 Jan. Peak feeding was for 846 personnel from 24-26 Jan. The maximum figure for the entire mess occurred at lunch on 25 Jan when the head count was 1875. The mess served an average of 955 rations daily plus an additional 243 mid-rats. Breakdown is as follows:

Breakfast	686	Mid-Rats: Hot (Messhall)	66
Lunch	1037	Cold (Take-out)	177
Dinner	1143		

8. Enclosure (1) is a report on typewriters submitted in accordance with reference (d).

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31 Jan 1967

TYPEWRITERS; REPORT OF

11" CARRIAGE TYPEWRITERS

<u>T/R</u>	<u>O/H SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>O/H UNSERVICEABLE</u>	<u>SHORTAGE</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING RQNS</u>
22	19	0	3	RUC 21635, DDC 07977 IDD 363, PSM 7430-254- 4319, Qty 2, Pri 12, FLSG-B, initial issue (CG 1stMarDiv 260535Z Dec66). RUC 21635, DDC #08857, Qty 1, IDD 026, Pri 12, To replace like item CODE X, 15Jan67.

18" - 20" CARRIAGE TYPEWRITERS

<u>T/R</u>	<u>O/H SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>O/H UNSERVICEABLE</u>	<u>SHORTAGE</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING RQNS</u>
2	0	0	0	0

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HEADQUARTERS

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5700  
13 January 1967

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
(Attn: HQ)  
Subj: Press Kit  
Ref: (a) LivBul 5700 dtd 25 Dec 1966  
Encl: (1) 7th Communication Battalion Press Kit  
1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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TAB H  
ENCLOSURE (1)

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LtCol William Michael CLELLAND 052754/2502/6709/0130

LtCol CLELLAND first entered the Marine Corps in March 1943 and served until 1946 attaining the rank of Staff sergeant. Reenlisting in August 1950 as a Private First Class, he served in the enlisted ranks until commissioned a 2nd Lt in May 1951.

In June 1954 he married the former Miss Anna Incretia VAILL in Columbus, Ohio. They now have three children, Melinda Jean, Lindy James, and Gary Billie.

Promoted to LtCol on 3 October 1966, LtCol CLELLAND proceeded to Vietnam where he assumed command of the 7th Communication Battalion on 23 November 1966. Previous duty assignments have included the following: Operations Officer, Marine Air Control Squadron 3; (14 months), Commanding Officer, Marine Communication Detachment 303, PUCOM AGC-16; (24 months), Instructor, Communication Officer School; (29 months), and HQ STRIKE Command; (3 months).

During the assignment at the HQ STRIKE Command LtCol CLELLAND participated in Joint Training Exercise JTFP 70-80X conducted in July 1970 and was a member of the Joint Evaluation Team for Army Air Assault Exercise II conducted in the Carolinas. For performance of duty during that period he has been recommended for the Joint Services Commendation Medal.

Participating in the seizure and defense of Okinawa in 1945, operations in Korea in 1952, Lebanon in 1958, and Vietnam 1966-1967 LtCol CLELLAND is entitled to wear the Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, Navy Commendation, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Theater, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

HISTORY OF THE 7th COMMUNICATION BATTALION

The 7th Communication Battalion, FMF formed in 1958 at Camp Pendleton under the Operational and Administrative Control of the 1st Marine Division. Moving to MCB Twentynine Palms in June 1965, Operational and Administrative Control was passed to the Commanding General, Force Troops, Twentynine Palms, California. In June 1966 the 7th Communication Battalion was ordered to MACPAC and in July the Battalion landed at Chu Lai, Vietnam where it returned to the Operational and Administrative Control of the 1st Marine Division.

During the period 1958 to June 1965 the missions of the Battalion included providing Umpire Communications for all maneuvers/operations conducted by the 1st Marine Division in addition to providing Communication Support for the Tactical Headquarters and units participating in those maneuvers/operations. The involvement in these operations caused the Battalion or elements thereof to travel to Okinawa, Mindoro, Hawaii, Maui and Taiwan to name but a few areas. Additional missions have included providing Base assistance and, during the summer months, providing instruction to the reserve units attending Annual Field Training at Camp Pendleton.

During 1960 the 7th Communication Battalion deployed the Communication Support Company to Taiwan in support of Operation Blue Star. The Company was then sent to Okinawa and redesignated the 1st Provisional Communication Company, Force Troops. A new Communication Company was reconstituted and the Battalion continued its normal missions.

In May of 1965 the Communication Company, reinforced with a Radio Relay Platoon, was deployed to Vietnam. Subsequently these units were combined with the 1st Provisional Communication Company to form the nucleus of the present 7th Communication Battalion.

Communication Company and Radio Relay Platoon of Radio Relay and Construction Company were reformed while the Battalion continued to support CG Force Troops and the 1st Marine Division for maneuvers/operations.

In January 1966 Construction Platoon of Radio Relay and Construction Company deployed to MACPAC and subsequently was incorporated into the 7th Communication Battalion. After forming a new Construction Platoon in the 7th Communication Battalion it too was deployed arriving in Chu Lai, Vietnam in April 1966 where it immediately assisted the 1st Marine Division in pole line construction and wire line installation of the Chu Lai Area Wire System. The remainder of Radio Relay and Construction Company deployed in May of 1966 with the remainder of the 7th Communication Battalion following in June 1966.

Arriving in Chu Lai and once more in the familiar role of supporting the 1st Marine Division the Battalion proceeded with the newly assigned missions of pole line construction and rehabilitation of the 1800 mile Chu Lai Area Wire System, operation of the 1st Marine Division Switchboards, later Task Force A-Hay board, plus switchboards at the 7th, 11th Marine Regiments and the Chu Lai Defense Command Headquarters. Communication Center and Tape Relay operations for the Task Force A-Hay Headquarters became the responsibility of this battalion upon the displacement of the 1st Marine Division to Danang.

In addition to supporting the 1st Marine Division, personnel and equipment were employed to assist the 1st Marine Air Wing, 3rd Marine Division, Force Logistic Support Group and 1st, 7th and 11th Marine Regiments. Additionally, the Communication Support Company was assigned to the 5th Communication Battalion for OPCON in support of III MAF. A detachment also was formed to provide communication support to the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade while simultaneously providing communication support to the 1st Marine Division and Task Force A-Hay as required to support the tactical scheme of maneuver.

To date personnel from this Battalion have taken part in the following operations, JACKSON, SINGER, MC BENEDICT, GOLDEN FLIGHT, FRANKLIN, MASTERS, ■ FLEMING, and DESOTO.

Commanded by LtCol William A. CHILDS the 7th Communication Battalion stands fully combat ready to carry out its assigned missions.