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 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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 (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

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

7th Communication Battalion

LtCol H. O. COWING
1-31 December 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Captain E. D. KLATTE
1-31 December 1967

Communication Company

Major G. I. BOMGARDNER
1-31 December 1967

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Captain W. E. SHAVER
1-31 December 1967

Communication Support Company

Major F. SIMON
1-31 December 19672. LOCATION

Headquarters, 7th Communication Battalion	1-31 December 1967 DA NANG, RVN
Headquarters Company	1-31 December 1967 DA NANG, RVN
Communication Company (-)	1-31 December 1967 DA NANG, RVN
Radio Relay and Construction Company (-)	1-31 December 1967 DA NANG, RVN
Communication Support Company (-)	1-31 December 1967 DONG HA, RVN

SECRET3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol D. L. MITCHELL

1-31 December 1967

Adjutant/S-1

WO S. RUSSIN

1-31 December 1967

S-3

Major D. G. BISHOP

1-31 December 1967

S-4

Major R. E. HAISLIP

1-31 December 1967

S-5

Major J. T. GRAY

1-31 December 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
36	619	2	9

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The activities of the 7th Communication Battalion (-), FMF were rather diversified during the month of December. Although support of III MAF elements and the 2d Brigade, Republic of Korea Marine Corps continued in the same form which characterized operations in preceeding months, the overall effort of the Battalion was concentrated primarily on ground defense operations within the Southern Sector Defense Command and reestablishment of the Battalion cantonment. Defensive measures consisting of patrols, ambushes and perimeter security drew heavily upon personnel resources. In addition, one search and clear mission was conducted in the Battalion Area of Responsibility, however no enemy contact was made. A realignment of 1st Marine Division forces within the Danang TAOR made it necessary that the Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Radio Relay and Construction Company occupy the cantonment previously assigned to the 1st Anti Tank Bn at coordinates AT987709. Responsibility for defensive operations in this new AOR was assumed on 18 December and relocation was completed on 22 December. Based on planning guidance provided by CG, 1st Marine Division, active preparations were undertaken to permit timely displacement of the Communication Company (-) (Rein) to the PHU BAI area as an interior unit of Task Force XRAY. A normal civic action/civil affairs program was conducted in the assigned area of civic action responsibility. This program, which provided for "medcaps", "dentcaps" and distribution of supplies, brought medical and dental treatment to more than 607 people.

The Communication Support Company continued to perform its assigned missions at the Dong Ha Combat Base under the operational control of the 3d Marine Division. There were, however, definite indications that operational control of the Company would revert to 7th Communication Bn. in the near future. Consequently, the intensity of operations was noticeably decreased during the final days of December as the Company continued to operate the communication center and switchboard for DEGB. Tactical radio support was also provided for Co D, 3d Medical Battalion.

While already committed to the operation and maintenance of numerous, widespread multichannel radio terminals, the Radio Relay and Construction Company received additional tasks to provide tactical radio relay equipment during this period. Two very high frequency terminals were installed and operated for the 5th Marines, and the 3d Bn, 11th Marines requested additional support for Operation CITRUS in the form of two terminal teams equipped with Radio Set AN/TRC-27B. In spite of thirty-four separate incidents which necessitated repair of damage to the Division Cable System,

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the Construction Platoon installed 11,700 feet of 25 pair polyethylene cable and 36 poles in the course of its operations. The Company also contributed heavily to the accomplishment of the Battalion's security mission by providing patrol personnel and manning perimeter bunkers.

The Communication Company retained its responsibility to provide two area communication teams and two detachments. Area Communication Team # 1 supported the 2d Brigade, Republic of Korea Marine Corps at DONG PHOUC and Area Communication Team # 2 continued its support of III MAF units at CHU LAI. A detachment of twenty-four radio operators and wiremen was maintained at the 1st Military Police Bn while fourteen men remained at the QUANG TRI airfield in support of MAG-36. During mid December 7th Communication Bn was directed to provide the Communication Co (-) to TF XRAY for tactical operations during the month of January. Company personnel also participated in a search and clear operation conducted by the Battalion and augmented security elements at the SONG CAU DO Bridge.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration

7 December	Six meritorious masts awarded by Battalion CO.
7 December	Division inspected S&C and RPS. Results satisfactory.
13 December	One meritorious mast awarded by Battalion CO.
14 December	One Staff NCO promoted to Second Lieutenant.
14 December	One Staff NCO recommended for Navy Commendation Medal.
15 December	One letter from CMC pertaining to Congressional inquiry.
19 December	Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited 7th Communication Battalion.
27 December	Division inspected mail room. Results satisfactory.
30 December	Administrative inspection of Battalion by Division was postponed to a later date.
31 December	One meritorious mast approved by Battalion CO.

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SECRET2. Operations

1 December Straightened pole at ASP. Repaired 75 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates BTØ17685.

2 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT991682.

3 December Detainee Report submitted to CG 1st MarDiv (Attn: G-1).

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

4 December Reset one pole and straightened five poles sideswiped by a Bay City Crane at coordinates AT994685.

6 December Received rough draft change to Div OpO 309-68 for comment and evaluation.

6 December CO directed condition GRAY be set commencing Ø7ØØØ1H, as defensive measure in view of increased possibility of air attack.

Ref: CG III MAF msg Ø5Ø9Ø2Z Dec 67

6 December Operation Order 1-68 submitted to S&C for distribution.
 (Tab A, Enclosure 1)

8 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT968718.

8 December Telecon Div CEO Sec/Bn S-3 regarding cancellation of construction on cable to 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines. Also requests we survey and estimate cable run 7th Marines to 3/5.

9 December Repaired 50 pair cable damaged by three bullets at coordinates AT986634.

10 December Detainee Report submitted to CG 1st MarDiv (Attn: G-1).

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

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10 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT943687.

11 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by shrapnel at coordinates AT946684.

11 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT942691.

11 December Contacted XO 1st MP Bn in reference to T/O authorized strength of comm personnel. He advised that M/L increase has been requested, but no action had been received to date. Therefore our detachment will be required for an indefinite period.

12 December Received telephone call from Div CEO Section. Concerning status of Khe Sanh/Phu Bai AN/TRC-97 link. 3rd MarDiv reports link unreliable and request Tech. assistance.

12 December Contacted CO, RR&C Co on above problem, will check out.

12 December In reference to AN/TRC-97 link; Conf. RCA Tech representative, TRC-97 TM Chief (Phu Bai) and Capt. ALLEN; general opinion shot is marginal at best and is now experiencing severe fade due to rain along path; will hold for further action until discussion with CEO Office.

Ref: Telecon Capt. ALLEN/Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec

12 December Khe Sahn/Phu Bai link; obviously misunderstanding about cause of unreliability which has been added to by 5th Comm Bn Tech resp. Will send Mr. HOLMES to Phu Bai earliest.

Ref: Telecon Major CREEKMORE 3rd MarDiv CEO Sec/Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec

12 December Comm Co equipment status report delivered to Div CEO, plus a recap on employment of Radio Relay Equipment.

13 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT968718.

13 December Weekly Aircraft Utilization Report sent to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060911Z Nov 67

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14 December Major CROLL, Southern Sector Defense Command, relieved 7th Comm Bn of Song Tuy Loan Bridge commitment and assigned Song Cau Do Bridge instead for week of 15-22 December 1967.

Ref: Telecon Major CROLL/Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec

14 December Received call from CO, RR&C Co in regard to Khe Sanh/Phu Bai AN/TRC-97 link. Tech Rep arrived at Phu Bai, realigned antenna. Both terminals receiving 5X5 according to Tech Rep. CEO 3rd MarDiv wants Mr. HOLMES to go to the Khe Sanh terminal.

14 December Repaired 50 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT984625.

Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT943691.

14 December Telecon Bn S-3/Major CREEKMORE, 3rd MarDiv CEO in regard to Khe Sanh/Phu Bai link. Reports link is marginal and wants to send Tech Rep to Khe Sanh. 3rd MarDiv will get air transportation, weather marginal; request they advise us when link is operating to their satisfaction or recommend changes.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec/Major CREEKMORE

14 December Distribution made of Operation Order 2-68 (Tab C, Enclosure 1)

14 December Telecon Major SCHNEIDER, Div CEO Sec/Bn S-3 Major BISHOP; request we provide two (2) AN/TRC-27 terminal teams. Passed to RR&C Co, they are able to provide. 11th Marines will coordinate with Bn.

Ref: Frag Order 2-68 (Operation CITRUS) (Tab B, Enclosure 1)

15 December Sweep of 7th Comm Bn and AT's Areas of Responsibility commenced 0600. Sweep completed 1000, 1 PF returned to Hoa Cam. No detainees or incidents.

Ref: Operations Order 2-68 (Tab C, Enclosure 1)

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15 December Advised that we were terminating three men from Det, RR&C Co to return to parent unit.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec/ Asst
Comm O 1st Mar

15 December Two terminal teams detached to 3rd Bn, 11th Mar.

Ref: Frag Order 2-68
(Tab B, Enclosure 1)

15 December Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by two bullets at coordinates AT984625.

15 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by two pieces of shrapnel at coordinates AT952712.

15 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT949708.

15 December Khe Sahn/Phu Bai AN/TRC-97 link still unreliable and request assistance.

Ref: Telecon LtCol CUMMINGS, 3rd MarDiv CEO Sec/
Major Mc CLUSKEY Bn S-3A Sec

16 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT943690.

16 December Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by one bullet and two pieces of shrapnel at coordinates AT938628.

16 December Advised that we were sending up technicians to assist in locating difficulties on Khe Sahn/Phu Bai link.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec/LtCol
CUMMINGS, 3rd MarDiv CEO Sec

16 December Request that 1st Mar retain our terminal team previously requested to be returned; will advise further.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec/Lt RAMSEY
Asst Comm O 1st Mar

17 December Detainee Report submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.
(Attn: G-1)

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

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17 December Assumed security/defense responsibility for old 1st AT Area, Hill 34.
Ref: 7th Comm Bn msg 170055Z Dec 67 (Tab E, Page 1, Enclosure 1)

17 December ASP-1 detail of (7) men departed for 30 day guard for the period 17 Dec 67 to 17 Jan 68.
Ref: Southern Sector OpO 301-68

17 December Technical assistance team departed for Phu Bai to investigate difficulties with Phu Bai to Khe Sanh AN/TRC-97 link.

18 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT946699.

18 December Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates BT031623.

18 December Telecon follow up on msg 170055Z disclosed that it is nondelivery. Contacted 1st Tank Bn Comm Center and requested retransmission.

20 December Pole Line Construction Report delivered to CEO 1st Div for week of 13-19 Dec 67.
Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec/1st MarDiv CEO 9 Nov 67

20 December 1st Mar Regt will return three (3) Rad Rel men by first available transportation.
Ref: Telecon MSgt POLK 1st Mar Regt Comm Chief/Bn S-3 Ops Chief

20 December Operation CLAXON: 2230 set condition YELLOW, 2300 set condition RED, all positions manned and ready. 0355 stand down to condition GRAY, line secure. No enemy contact.

20 December Technical assistance team returned from Phu Bai.

20 December Weekly Aircraft Utilization Report sent to CG 1st MarDiv.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060911Z Nov 67

20 December Repaired a wet spot in a splice in 25 pair cable at coordinates AT943689.

20 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT942688.

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20 December

Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by shrapnel at coordinates AT943687.

Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates BT042621.

21 December

In reference to CG III MAF msg 190118Z, Subj: Cont. Support of 2d ROK Bde. Advised Div CEO that we would be unable to provide sufficient equipment to enable simultaneous operation of two Comm Centers during displacement.

Ref: Telecon Major VERDUN, Div CEO Sec/Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec

Div CEO requested we set up 12 poles for 1st Eng Bn (Div Schools); coordinate with 1st Eng Bn.

Visit from G-4 representative in reference to re-location of ACT # 1. Stated that CG III MAF msg 190118Z answers our questions concerning status of ACT # 1, therefore, ROK Bde can provide for their support; advised him that ACT # 1 has no packaging materials available. We strongly recommended that 4 M-35s be sent to Dong Phouc to displace ACT # 1 to new site; G-4 will advise.

22 December

Issued Frag 0 3-68 detaching two (2) AN/MRC-62s and one (1) AN/MRC-83 to 5th Mar CP in support of Operation CHECKERS Phase I.

Ref: Frag Order 3-68
(Tab D, Enclosure 1)

Received request for one (1) AN/MRC-83 with driver to support 1st MT Operations. To report about 0700, 23 Dec for a period of about 4 days.

S-3, 9th Eng Bn requested we leave PU-482 in place for backup power; they will install wiring; request approved. ACT # 2 support will be required for a minimum of two more months. Recommended that 9th Eng request over-the-counter service from Chu Lai Relay. He will discuss with CO and advise.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec/S-3, 9th Eng Bn

Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by bullets at coordinates AT943693.

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22 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT940691.

22 December Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates BT038629.

24 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by three bullets at coordinates AT943688.

24 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates AT946699.

24 December Detainee Report submitted to CG 1st MarDiv (Attn: G-1).
Ref: DivO 3461.2A

25 December Submitted OPSTAT Report 013; change of Commanding Officer not reflected in OPSTAT for November.
Ref: FMFPacO PO3000.5B
7th Comm Bn msg 250750Z Dec 67
(Tab E, Page 2, Enclosure 1)

26 December CO, S-3 and S-3A attended conference at SSDC. Received two (2) copies of SSDC 301-68.

26 December Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates BT041621.

26 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by shrapnel at coordinates AT951711.

27 December Weekly Pole Line Construction Report forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv.
(Attn: CEO)

27 December Negative Aircraft Utilization report submitted to 1st MarDiv.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060911Z Nov 67

27 December Repaired 25 pair cable damaged by three pieces of shrapnel at coordinates AT971720.

27 December Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet at coordinates BT038628.

27 December CG 1st MarDiv msg 250455Z Dec 67 re: Combat Intelligence Reports. We are exempted because we do not normally generate combat intelligence.

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Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec/LtCol
FIELDS, Div G-2 Sec

27 December

Subj: Fixed plant TT equipment support for
TF XRAY. Div CEO requested that we provide
1-TT47 for SSO; advised him that we had
capability and would provide when directed.
Comm Co will be provided 1 each, TT-331, 332,
333, 2 TT-171 for support of TF XRAY. Also
our AN/UGG-6 will be returned.

Ref: Telecon LtCol MITCHELL, Comm Co 1st
MarDiv/Major BISHOP Bn S-3 Sec

28 December

Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet
at coordinates BT038634.

Repaired 100 pair cable damaged by a bullet
at coordinates BT046613.

Power supply at 1st Bn, 5th Mar AN/MRC-62
terminal down; also experiencing difficulty
with AN/MRC-62 at 5th Mar. Arranged for
replacement of generators and repair of 5th
Mar terminal by contact team.

Ref: Telecon CommO, 5th Mar/Major BISHOP,
Bn S-3

Cable construction crew received 5-6 rounds
small arms fire at coordinates BT031642; no
casualties; passed to 1st MarDiv COC.

Ref: Spot Report 270930H
(Tab F, Enclosure 1)

29 December

CP location as contained in CG 1st MarDiv
msg 250205Z was incorrect; gave corrected
coordinates: AT989710.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec/
Major BJERKE, 1st MarDiv G-3 Sec

Advised by 1st MarDiv CEO that III MAF LnO
with 2d ROK Mar Bde had made arrangements to
move ACT # 1 and that OIC would be briefed.
2d ROK Mar Bde will have continuing require-
ment for AN/MRC-62s.

Ref: Telecon Major VERDUN, 1st MarDiv CEO Sec/
Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec

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31 December

Detainee Report submitted to CG 1st MarDiv
(Attn: G-1).

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

OPSTAT Report 014, as of 311600Z Dec 67,
submitted to Div 010127Z Jan 68.
(Page 3, Tab E, Enclosure 1)

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SECRET3. Plans

3 December

S-3 returned from CEO Conference in Hawaii.

5 December

S-3 attended Planning Conference at 1st Tank Bn to discuss realignment of units in Southern Sector.

6 December

Received camp planning guidance for proposed operations and gave msg reply which listed locations, strengths and wps densities for all Bn units and detachments.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 280720Z Nov 67
7th Comm Bn 061340Z Dec 67
(Page 4, Tab E, Enclosure 1)

7 December

Visited by Div G-4 Representative concerning our 061340Z Dec 67. (camp planning guidance for proposed operations) Requested disposition and strengths of detachments not included in Task Org., Div OpO 309-68; information provided.

9 December

Received Radio Relay terminal requirements for TF XRAY. 7th Comm Bn to provide 2 AN/TRC-27, 1 AN/TRC-97, 4 AN/MRC-62 if available.

Ref: Telecon LTCOL COWING/LtCol HOUCK, Asst Div CEO

13 December

TF XRAY speech and teletype security equipment requirements: 8 KW-7s, 4 KY-8s. S-3 advised that Comm Co needed 2 TT-187s, 2 TT-192s and 1 AN/UGG-6B for torn tape relay.

Ref: Telecon LtCol HOUCK, Div CEO Sec/S-3

18 December

1st MarDiv G-4 representative advised that G-4 has been in contact with G-3 on status of ACT # 1 and that we can expect an answer about 20 Dec 67.

Ref: Telecon Major BIEGLER, G-4 Plans/Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec

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30 December

Two (2) AN/MRC-62 with 1st Mar will be moved by 1st Mar to revert to 7th Comm OPCON when TF XRAY CP is established. 1st Mar Fwd CP located at YD542328.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec/
Major VERDUN, Div CEO Sec

AN/TRC-97 terminal at Phu Bai; 3d MarDiv Plans to leave terminal in service for 3d MarDiv Rear. Cmd TT will be taken off link, however, dye marker TT will be passed on one channel; terminal will CHOP 7th Comm in near future.

Ref: Telecon Major BISHOP, Bn S-3 Sec/
LtCol CUMMINGS

SECRET4. Training

1 December Thirty-nine (39) enlisted attended Bn NCO School class on "NBC Defense".
Ref: BnBul 1540

3 December Twenty-nine (29) enlisted attended orientation/indoctrination lecture.

4 December One (1) Marine to Cable Splicers School Saigon. School conducted by 1st Signal Brigade.
Ref: CG III MAF 130700Z Sep 67

5 December Three (3) enlisted to 3rd MP Bn for Prisoner Chaser School.
Ref: Telecon S-3A/CO 3rd MP Bn

6 - 8 December Fifty-three (53) enlisted attended Bn NCO School class on "Mines and Booby Traps".
Ref: BnBul 1540

8 December One (1) officer and thirteen (13) enlisted Fam-Fired the M16A1 Rifle to determine combat zero.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 030840Z Nov 67

8 December Twenty-four (24) officers and thirty-one (31) SNCOs attended Battalion Officer and Staff NCO School on "Marijuana" conducted by FMFPac Presentation Team.
Ref: Telecon CG 1st MarDiv G-2 21 Nov 67

9 December Twenty-four (24) officers and thirty (30) SNCOs attended Battalion Officer and Staff NCO School on "Fitness Reports" conducted by CO Radio Relay and Construction Company.
Ref: BnBul 1540

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10 December One (1) officer to Registered Publications Custodian School in Japan.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 061023Z Dec 67

10 December Three (3) Marines to CAG School at III MAF Headquarters.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060115Z Dec 67

12 December Fifty-one (51) enlisted attended class on "Preventative Maintenance" given by Battalion Motor Transportation Officer.

13 - 15 December Forty-five (45) enlisted attended Bn NCO School class on "POW Handling".
Ref: BnBul 1540

15 December Fifteen (15) enlisted FamFired the M16A1 Rifle to determine combat zero.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 030840Z Nov 67

16 December Two (2) enlisted to NCO Leadership School Okinawa.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 210635Z Nov 67

16 December One (1) enlisted to Vietnamese Language School Okinawa.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 081257Z Dec 67

17 December Fourteen (14) enlisted attended orientation/indoctrination lecture.

18 December One (1) officer to Comm Crypto Security School in Japan.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 250905Z Sept 67

23 December Three (3) Marines to CAG School at III MAF Headquarters.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 161305Z Dec 67

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23 December Twenty-four (24) enlisted attended class on "Proper Operation of the M-35A2C Multi-Fuel Cargo Vehicle" given by Battalion Motor Transportation Officer.

23 December Twenty-one (21) officers and twenty-nine (29) SNCOs attended Battalion Officer and Staff NCO School on "Neuropsychiatric Disorders" conducted by LtCdr SIGFIRED, First Medical Battalion Psychiatrist.

26 December Five (5) officers and six (6) enlisted Fam-Fired the .45 caliber pistol. One (1) officer and twenty-four (24) enlisted Fam-Fired the M16A1 Rifle to determine combat zero.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 030840Z Nov 67

27 - 29 December Forty-seven (47) enlisted attended Bn NCO School class on "Introduction to Patrolling".

Ref: BnBul 1540

29 December Thirty (30) enlisted attended orientation/indoctrination lecture.

SECRET5. Logistics

Our overall supply situation is satisfactory, while here in the Danang TAOR.

1 December	Logistic Summary Report submitted. (Tab G, Enclosure 1)
	Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 191405Z Dec 67
1 December	Arranged with 1st MAW G-4 to obtain 2000 gal of Decon JP-5. To be used to burn vegetation in front of bunkers.
	Ref: Telecon Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec/1st MAW G-4
3 December	Information to Div MT Officer on Ambulance M-170. Condition R2.
	Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 291413Z Nov 67
6 December	Staff visit by Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec to S-4, 1st AT Bn, on preparation of 7th Comm Bn movement to 1st AT Cantonment.
	Ref: Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec/1st AT Bn S-4
7 December	Div Eng Officer, LtCol WILSON gave ok to move our PU-482s and 60 KWs to new cantonment.
	Ref: Telecon Div Eng O/Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec
10 December	First increment of RR&C Co (Const Plt) moved into 1st AT Bn Cantonment.
	Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060228Z Dec 67
10 December	Planning Guidance for Comm Co sent to Div (TF XRAY), by ltr 4/REH/vm over 4600.
	Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 010410Z Dec 67
10 December	Map of 7th Comm Bn Cantonment sent to Div Eng O.
	Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 010103Z Dec 67
11 December	Tasked to airlift one MRC-62 to An Hoa for 2nd Bn, 5th Mar. Set up with FLC.
	Ref: Telecon RR&C Co/Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec

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13 December "E" Co, 1st Recon Bn, elements moved in Comm Co area.
Ref: Telecon Div G-4/Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec

14 December Letter submitted on Comm-Elect Maintenance Float to Division.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 071401Z Dec 67

15 December Information to Div Ordnance Officer on M16A1 Rifle, 1 code (C) (Failure to Extract) out of 15 fired.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060212Z Dec 67

21 December 7th Comm Bn S-4 moved into 1st AT old Cantonment.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060228Z Dec 67

22 December Hq Co, 7th Comm Bn moved into new Cantonment (old 1st AT Bn area).
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060228Z Dec 67

23 December Real property forms completed and signed for by Bn S-4 for 1st AT Bn Cantonment.
Ref: Telecon Div Cantonment Officer/Major HAISLIP Bn S-4 Sec

24 December 7th Comm Bn Supply Section moved into new Cantonment Butler Building.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 060228Z Dec 67

24 December Letter to Div Ordnance Officer on M16A1 Rifle Inspection.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 172037Z Dec 67

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6. Civic Action. A regular civic action/civil affairs program was conducted in the assigned areas of responsibility, consisting of medcaps; dencaps; distribution of clothing, soap, vitamins and information leaflets; and evacuation of the sick. A Christmas party was held on 23 December for the children of Binh Thai and Cam Bac hamlets. A total of 607 people received medical or dental treatment during the month.

6 December	Evacuated two boys from Phu Hoa hamlet to Da Nang Surgical Hospital for treatment of shrapnel wounds received in VC attack on hamlet early that morning.
6 December	Submitted Serious Incident Report on Vietnamese woman hit by Comm Co driver. Report # 062115.
8 December	Solatium payment made to victim of accident, HO THI DUNG.
13 December	Battalion Medical Officer started making visits three times per week to the Hoa Cam Training Center. They have no physician assigned. Dr. GREEN will see patients hospitalized in Sick Bay.
23 December	Held Christmas party in Binh Thai hamlet for children of that hamlet and Cam Bac. 130 gift packs were handed out.
25 December	Notified by Division G-5 that area of Civic Action responsibility will change effective 1 January 1968. We will assume responsibility for Yen Bac and Cam Hoa # 1 and # 2.
28 December	S-5 attended PsyOps Conference at 1st MarDiv CP.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB A	7th Comm Bn Operation Order 1-68 dtd 5 December 1967
✓ TAB B	7th Comm Bn Frag Order 2-68 dtd 14 December 1967
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 (b) 1st MarDiv OpO 301-67 (Annex I)
 (c) Southern Sector Operation Order 3-67
 (d) 1st MarDivO PO 2000.2C (COI)

Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization. Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Current INTSUMS

(2) Reliable intelligence sources report that enemy forces have selected four primary targets in the Danang TAOR and have assigned the following priorities for destruction: (1) The Danang complex to include the Danang Airfield; (2) The Naval Support Activity POL site located at AT 987723; (3) Ammunition Supply Point # 1 (ASP-1) at AT 987732; and (4) those logistic and combat support installations located adjacent to Hill 34 (AT 989715).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st Tank Bn coordinates all defensive operations in the Southern Sector Defense Command, actively defends the 1st Tank Bn perimeter, and patrols and establishes ambushes in assigned area of responsibility.

(2) 1st Antitank Bn conducts active defense of assigned area of responsibility through patrols, listening posts and ambushes.

(3) 1st Motor Transport Bn conducts active defense of assigned area of responsibility through patrols, listening posts and ambushes.

(4) Artillery. - - Annex D (Fire Support Plan) to reference (b).

2. MISSION

7th Communication Bn conducts active defense of assigned area of responsibility through patrols, listening posts and ambushes, provides augmentation for security elements at ASP-1 and the Song Tuy Loan Bridge (AT 945706), maintains one platoon for employment on order by Commander, Southern Sector Reserve Force and prepares to assume the duties of Commander, Southern Sector.

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a. Concept of Operation. 7th Communication Battalion aggressively defends assigned area of responsibility through employment of day and night reconnaissance patrols, listening posts and ambushes; is prepared to deploy squad size reaction force to actively engage enemy threats to the perimeter; maintains an active provisional platoon in a ready status for employment as a reserve force for Commander, Southern Sector; provides forces for augmentation of ASP-1 and Song Tuy Loan Bridge security elements; and, maintains a Combat Operations Center (COC) together with necessary communications means/facilities to assume command of Southern Sector on order.

b. Communication Company. Be prepared to provide three Truck, Cargo M-35, 2½ ton to be available on two hour standby during daylight hours and 30 minutes standby during hours of darkness for movement of Reserve Platoon, Southern Sector Reserve as directed. On order of this Headquarters dispatch vehicles to the Battalion Aid Station for further movement as directed.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Subordinate units provide forces for execution of this order when directed.

(2) Rules of Engagement. - - reference (b).

(3) Patrol activities in accordance with reference (c).

(4) Southern Sector Reserve Force and Provisional Platoon. - - Annex B (Orders for the 3d Platoon, Provisional Company, Southern Sector Reserve Force) to this Operation Order.

(5) Song Tuy Loan Bridge security force in accordance with reference (b) and Annex D (Song Tuy Loan Bridge Security Force) to this Operation Order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration. Responsibility for personnel administration of elements committed in execution of this order remains with the parent unit.

b. Logistics

(1) Resupply of the Provisional Company, Southern Sector Reserve Force, once committed, will be the responsibility of the Commander, Southern Sector Reserve Force.

(2) Uniform and equipment for the Reserve Force and ASP-1 Security Force will be normal field uniform, helmet, body armor, upper torso and weapons appropriate for the provisional units concerned. A basic allowance of ammunition will be carried for all weapons (140 rds).

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(3) Uniform and equipment for Song Tuy Loan Bridge security force. (Annex D)

(4) Uniform and equipment for patrols/ambushes will be utilities, cartridge belt, bayonet, first aid kit, one full canteen, seven magazines of ammunition, rifle and M-17 field protective mask.

(5) Uniform and equipment for the Reaction Squad will be the same as (4) above plus helmet and body armor, upper torso.

(6) Transportation of Song Tuy Loan Bridge security force will be provided on order of this Headquarters.

(7) The Reserve Platoon, Southern Sector Reserve Force will muster in front of the COC Bunker when deployment is directed.

(8) A Corpsman will accompany the Reaction Squad when directed by the COC Watch Officer.

(9) All personnel and equipment will be inspected by the COC Watch Officer prior to employment.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications

(1) Communication Operating Instructions. - - reference (d)

(2) Radio

(a) 7th Communication Battalion guard Southern Sector Area Defense Net 1800-0600 daily; Initiate hourly radio checks in alphabetical sequence of call sign. Frequencies and call signs in accordance with Annex E of reference (c) (Radio Plan).

(3) Wire

(a) 7th Communication Battalion S-3 will coordinate establishment of a wire loop between the COC Bunker and company command bunkers.

(b) The wire loop will provide a means of rapid contact and passing of information during alerts.

(4) Visual

(a) Red Star Parachute - Area not secure. Do not land. (2 signals)

(b) Green Star Parachute - Area secure. Safe to land. (2 signals)

(c) Green Star Parachute - Request for ammunition. (1 signal)

(d) White Star Cluster - Request for radio communication. (1 signal)

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- (e) White Star Cluster - Objective taken. (2 signals)
- (f) Red Star Cluster - Attacked by enemy. (1 signal)
- (g) White Smoke - Marking enemy position.
- (h) Red Smoke - Area not secure or not safe to land.
- (i) Violet or Green Smoke - Area secure or safe to land or drop supplies.
- (j) Yellow Smoke - Marking friendly positions.

(5) Call Sign Formulation

(a) Call signs for patrols/ambushes will be formed by using the parent unit call sign and adding the suffix for the name of a **color**, plant or state.

(b) Call signs for patrols/ambushes will be indicated on overlays.

(6) Command

(a) Command Post (AT 988715)

(b) Change in CP location will be reported to the Commander, Southern Sector as occurring.

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7th Communication Battalion

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Communication Company

Maj Bomgardner

Headquarters Company

Capt Klatte

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Capt Shaver

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ANNEX B (Orders of 3d Platoon, Provisional Company, Southern Sector Reserve Force) to Operation Order 1-68

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 (b) Southern Sector Operation Order 3-67

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1. SITUATION. (Omitted)

2. MISSION. On order 7th Comm Bn provide one platoon to Southern Sector Defense Commander to defend area of responsibility as directed by reference (b).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Be prepared for operations on thirty minutes notice during hours of darkness and two hours notice during daylight hours.

(2) On order occupy blocking position "W" or "X". (Annex C)

(3) On order conduct counterattack penetrations "Y" or "Z". (Annex C)

b. Communication Company

(1) Make available three M-35 trucks. Trucks will be required on a half hours notice during hours of darkness and two hours notice during daylight hours. When required, trucks will form a convoy in front of the Battalion Aid Station.

(2) Provide one LT/Platoon Leader; one squad of one Sergeant and ten Corporal or below. Provide one AN/PRC-25 w/operator for entry into reserve force radio net.

c. Radio Relay and Construction Company

(1) Provide one Staff Sergeant or Sergeant/Platoon Guide; one squad of one Sergeant and ten Corporal or below.

d. Headquarters Company

(1) Provide one Gy Sergeant or Staff Sergeant/Platoon Sergeant; one squad of one Sergeant and ten Corporal or below.

e. Medical Officer

(1) Provide one corpsman with medical kit and stretcher.

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f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Tour of duty for the Platoon Leader, Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Guide will be for a period of one month. Tour of duty for squads will be at the discretion of the company furnishing the squad.

(2) The Platoon Leader, Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Guide will muster the squad from their company and submit muster reports to GOC Watch Officer by 1800 daily. They will report to the Battalion S-3 Officer for briefing twenty-four hours prior to assuming duties.

(3) Platoon Sergeant notify duty corpsman upon activation.

(4) Uniform and equipment as specified in 6b(3) of Operation Order 1-68.

(5) Upon activation, muster in front of the Battalion GOC Bunker for transportation.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administrative control remains with 7th Comm Bn.

b. Upon activation logistics and supply will be effected by Commander, Southern Sector Defense Command.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Upon activation, enter the reserve force radio net. (freq 36.20)

b. Call signs: Provisional Company - Albrook Oscar
1st Platoon - Albrook Oscar One
2d Platoon - Albrook Oscar Two
3d Platoon - Albrook Oscar Three

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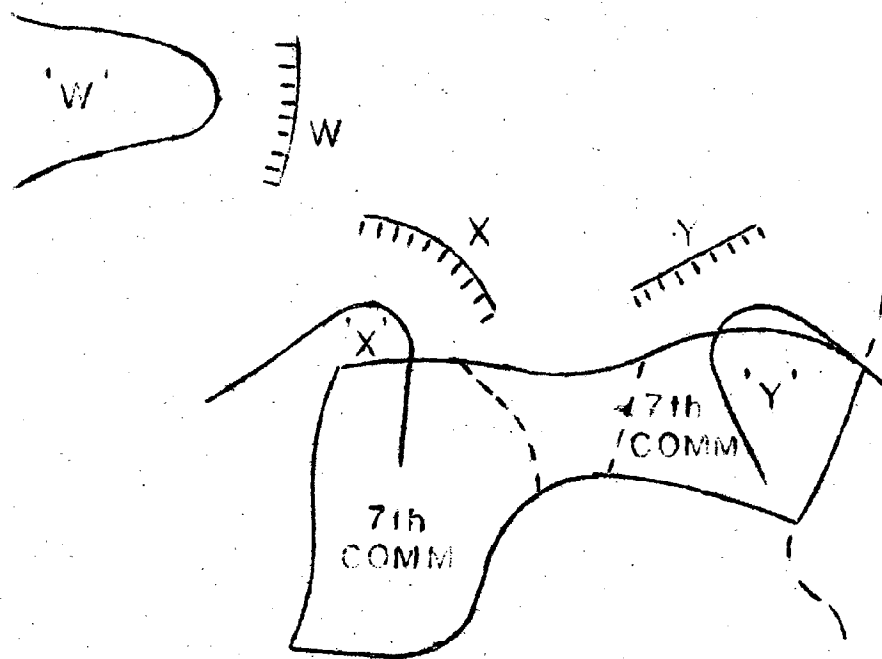
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ANNEX D (Song Tuy Loan Bridge Security Force) to Operation Order 1-68

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1. SITUATION. (Omitted)

2. MISSION

a. 7th Comm Bn provide one squad for Song Tuy Loan Bridge Security Force as directed to defend Song Tuy Loan Bridge.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communication Company and Radio Relay and Construction Company

(1) Provide one squad for the Song Tuy Loan Bridge Security Force (AT 945706) as scheduled by separate directive.

b. S-4 Officer

(1) Provide transportation as required.

c. Supply Officer

(1) Provide seven days C-rations per man.

(2) Provide 140 rounds of ammunition per rifle.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Squad requirement: one Sergeant and thirteen Corporals or below.

(2) Report to Battalion S-3 by 1000 on date assigned.

(3) The squad will be employed for a seven day period.

(4) Emergency reliefs will be effected through Battalion S-3.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

a. Administrative control remains with 7th Comm Bn.

b. Individual Equipment

(1) Pack with clothing for seven days.

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- (2) Rifle.
- (3) Helmet w/cover.
- (4) Upper body armor.
- (5) Cartridge belt w/two canteens, seven magazines, bayonet and jungle kit.
- (6) One folding cot and blanket
- (7) Mask, protective field, M-17

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Communication will be provided by Southern Sector Defense Commander.

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Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. - - (Omitted)
- b. Friendly Forces. - - (Omitted)
- c. Attachments and Detachments

Det, Rad Bn and Const. Co., effective 15/12/67.

2. MISSION

7th Communication Battalion supports 11th Marine Regt (Rein) operations by providing Multichannel Radio Terminal Teams (AM/TRC-27) as requested, prepared to install, operate, and maintain terminal facilities in support of 3d Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Employment. On or about 15 December 7th Communication Bn displaces the Multichannel Radio Terminal Teams overlaid to Hill 55, installs, operates, and maintains multichannel radio facilities in support of 3d Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein).

b. Radio Relay and Construction Co.

(1) On or about 0800, 15 December detach two AM/TRC-27 Terminal Teams (3 men each) to 3d Bn, 11th Mar (Rein) at Hill 55 (AZ001580).

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Senior Team Leader report to Capt Barnett, 3d Bn, 11th Mar Communication Officer at Hill 55.

(2) Use organic transportation and provide own security for movement to Hill 55. Onward transportation to be provided by supported headquarters.

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(3) Channelization. To be provided by 3d Bn, 11th Mar.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Normal arms and equipment including 160 rounds per man and armor, protective, upper torso.

b. Resupply by supported unit.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION

Report to this Headquarters upon establishment.

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Task Organization

Provisional Company

1st Platoon
 2nd Platoon
 Reserve Platoon
 West Ambush/Blocking Force
 East Ambush/Blocking Force

Major MC CLUSKEY

W.O. NICHOLS; 29 men (Comm Co)
 Lt. TRIPP; 29 men (RadRel&Const Co)
 Lt. BESTLER; 29 men (Hq Co)
 Sgt HERMES; 12 men (Regular Patrol)
 Sgt LISCOB; 12 men (Regular Patrol)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Enemy forces in the area of operation are believed to consist of political cadre only. However, the presence of armed forces in the operation area cannot be discounted.

b. Friendly Forces. No change.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) Attachments: 1st HPT from 132300H to termination.

(2) Detachments: None.

2. MISSION

The provisional company will engage in saturation patrolling of the Battalion and 1st Anti-Tank Battalion areas of responsibility; beginning 150600H December in order to ensure that the transfer of security functions between the 7th Communication Battalion and 1st Anti-Tank Battalion does not offer the enemy an opportunity to engage in activities denied him during normal patrol operation by troops familiar with the operating area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Night ambush patrols will be established on the night of 14 December in the normal manner. On order these patrols will rapidly move to blocking positions at first light as indicated in the operation overlay (Annex A). On order platoons will move in squad columns south from the 7th Comm Bn/1st Motor Transport Battalion boundaries. The 1st Platoon (east) will stop and assume blocking positions as indicated in Annex A (operation overlay). The 2nd Platoon (west) will join with the West Blocking Force and execute a turning movement to the east and move across the Southern area of responsibility.

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- b. Company Headquarters. Establish a CP position on OP Tiger.
- c. West Ambush/Blocking Force. Assume ambush position and on order assume blocking positions as indicated in Annex A (operation overlay). West Blocking Force join with 2d Platoon and move eastward on order.
- d. East Ambush/Blocking Force. Assume ambush position and on order assume blocking positions as indicated in operation overlay (Annex A).
- e. 1st Platoon. On order, move in squad columns down the east flank of the Battalion Area of responsibility. Join with the East Blocking Force and assume blocking positions as indicated.
- f. 2d Platoon. On order, move in squad columns down the west flank of the Battalion Area of responsibility. Join with the West Blocking Force as indicated in the operation overlay (Annex A) and move eastward to Highway 1A.
- g. Reserve Platoon. Assemble in the vicinity of OP Tiger prepared to enter east or west area on order.
- h. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Preparatory fires will not be conducted.
 - (2) All requests for supporting arms will be made through Provisional Company Headquarters.
 - (3) Platoons will provide a verbal Sitrep on reaching each indicated checkpoint on the operation overlay (Annex A).
 - (4) Rules of engagement as contained in BnO 1610.1C.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Equipment for platoon personnel will be normal arms with full ammunition issue, canteen, jungle kit, helmet, armored vest, protective mask and air panel VS-17 (3 per squad).
- b. Ammunition, pyrotechnics and communications equipment will be drawn by platoon leaders at Battalion Supply at 1630 on 14 December 1967. Unused issue will be returned on conclusion of the operation to the issuing point.
- c. All resupply will be effected from the 7th Communication Battalion Command Post.
- d. Requests for medical evacuation will be made to Provisional Company Headquarters.

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e. Battalion Aid Station located in 7th Communication Battalion CP.

f. All Detainees will be collected and brought to Gate 6 on west and Gate 4 on the east. Platoon leaders establish local collection points as necessary. Document cards (1st MarDiv-3461/1) will be filled out on each Detainee.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications will be established in accordance with 1st MarDiv OpO 2000.2C (COI) and as set forth below.

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West Ambush/ Blocking Force	Trailer Park Black		X		142330		
East Ambush/ Blocking Force	Trailer Park White		X		150200		
1st Platoon	Trailer Park Blue		X		150530		
2d Platoon	Trailer Park Red		X		150530		
Reserve Platoon	Trailer Park Pink		X		150530		

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- (1) Red Star Parachute - Area not secure. Do not land. (Fire 2 signals)
- (2) Green Star Parachute - Area secure. (Fire 2 signals)
- (3) Green Star Parachute - Request for ammunition. (Fire 1 signal)
- (4) White Star Cluster - Request for radio communication.
(Fire 1 signal)
- (5) White Star Cluster - objective taken. (Fire 2 signals)
- (6) Red Star Cluster - Attacked by enemy (Fire 1 signal)
- (7) All Smoke - As ordered by Provisional Company

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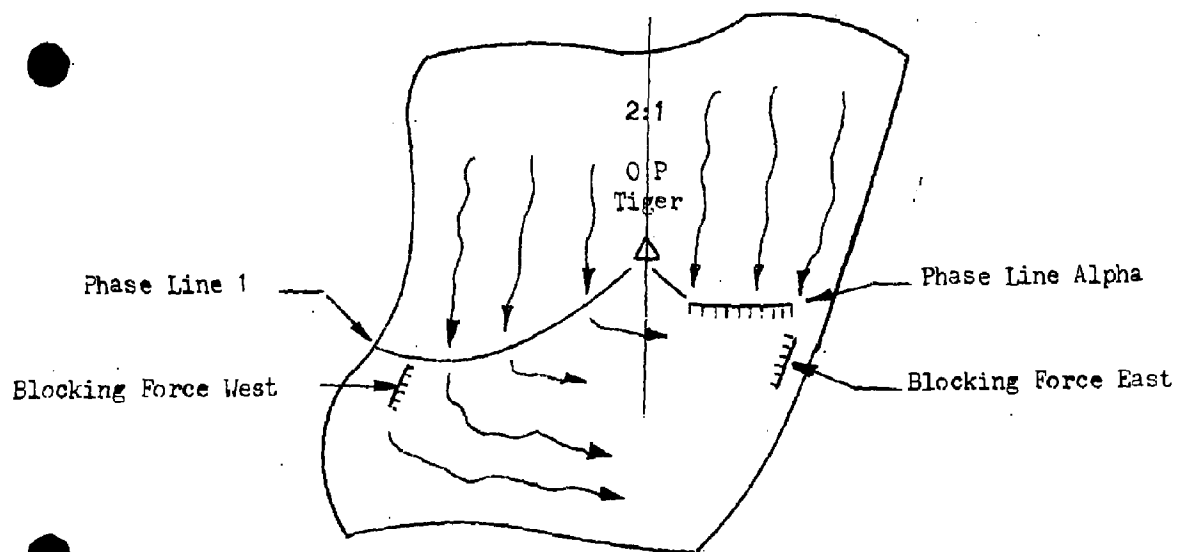
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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. -- Reference (b)
- b. Friendly Forces. -- References (a) and (b)
- c. Attachments and Detachments
 - (1) Det, Rad Hal and Const. Co. (-)
 - (2) Det, Comm Co (-)

2. MISSION

Seventh Communication Battalion provides detachments on order in support of 1st Marine Division units, prepared to assume such mission as may be directed in general support of 1st Marine Division tactical operations.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. -- (limited)
- b. Communication Company (-)
 - (1) Detach one Radio Operator with Radio Set AN/MRC-83 to 5th Mar.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide additional teams and/or equipment on order.
- c. Radio Relay and Construction Company (-)

(1) Detach two Multichannel Radio Terminal Teams (AN/MRC-62) to 5th Mar, one Team to be in direct support of 1st Bn, 5th Mar, the other to remain at the 5th Mar CP.

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(2) Be prepared to provide additional terminal teams in support of 1st Marine Division operations on order of this Headquarters.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Multichannel radio link 5th Mar to 1st Bn, 5th Mar in accordance with Annex A (Multichannel Radio Plan) to this Prag Order.

(2) This order effective on receipt and until superseded by operation Order 3-68.

(3) Detachments effective 2213Z/68. Senior Marine report to CMC, 5th Mar at 5th Mar CI (AT993673).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Initial supplies

(1) Water. - - 1 gal per man per day plus two filled canteens.

(2) Rations. - - 3 days MCI per man and fuel triexane; 1 day issued to individuals; 2 days palletized.

(3) Fuel. - - Vehicle tanks full; 2-5 gal expeditionary cans per vehicle; three days fuel for generators.

(4) Ammunition. - - Basic allowance plus 2 days.

(5) Personnel will carry 5 days iodine tablets and three days of salt tablets.

b. Assembly. - - To be provided by supported unit.

c. Uniform, Individual Equipment and Gear

(1) Standard jungle utilities and boots.

(2) One bag, waterproof per man. Parent unit will retain seabags.

5. COMMS AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS

a. Team leaders report site locations to this Headquarters when established.

b. Frequencies and call signs will be provided by supported unit.

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1. Plan I (Direct Plm Loc - 5th Air Regt)a. North Terminal

- (1) Frequencies: Transmit H-375 (55.0Mc); Receive H-329 (63.3Mc)
- (2) Azimuth: 137 Mag
- (3) Coord: ZD082007

b. South Terminal

- (1) Frequencies: Transmit H-329 (63.3Mc); Receive H-375 (55.0Mc)
- (2) Azimuth: 347 Mag
- (3) Coord: AF993673

c. Coordinating Instructions. Initial contact on H-375 (55.0Mc)2. Plan II (Relay; Hill 724)a. North Terminal

- (1) Frequencies: Transmit H-375 (55.0Mc); Receive H-329 (63.3Mc)
- (2) Azimuth: 107 Mag
- (3) Coord: ZD082007

b. Relay Site (Coord. AF035915)(1) North Facing Terminal

- (a) Frequencies: Transmit H-329 (63.3Mc); Receive H-375 (55.0Mc)
- (b) Azimuth: 287 Mag

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~~SECRET~~(2) South Pacific Terminal(a) Frequencies: Transmit M-724 (56.1Mc); Receive M-613 (57.2Mc)(b) Asimuth: 160 Magc. South Terminal(1) Frequencies: Transmit M-613 (57.2Mc); Receive M-724 (56.1Mc)(2) Quesd: AT993673(3) Asimuth: 340 Magd. Coordinating Instructions. Initial contact on M-375 (55.0Mc)3. Channelization

a. Channel 1 - Common User Telephone.

b. Channel 2 - Common User Telephone.

c. Channel 3 - CUC to CUC with HQUA TT Superimposed.

d. Channel 4 - FSCC to FSCC Telephone sole user.

H. O. COMBING
 Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

CO, 1st MarDiv
 5th Marines
 Comm Co
 RedRel&Const Co
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D. G. Bishop
 D. G. BISHOP
 Maj, USMC
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1st MARINE DIVISION

FROM -SEVENTH COMM BN

ACTION FIRST TNK BN

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SEVENTH ENG BN

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S E C R E T

UNIT RELOCATIONS

A. CG 1ST MARDIV 060228Z DEC 67

1. IAW REF A SEVENTH COMM BN MINUS CONTINUES PHASE IN AT BN. CANTONMENT, OCCUPIES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS BY 171800H DEC. EFFECTIVE 181200H DEC CO SEVENTH COMM BN RELIEVES CO FIRST AT BN. SECURITY AND DEFENSE MISSION THAT PORTION HILL THIRTY FOUR PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED FIRST AT BN. CO FIRST AT BN CONCURS.

2. CO, CO "B", SEVENTH ENG BN AUGMENTED BY COMM CO MINUS SEVENTH COMM BN AGREES TO ASSUME SEC/DEF MISSION FOR PORTION HILL THIRTY FOUR PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED SEVENTH COMM BN. COMM

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Tab E

1st MARINE DIVISION

ACTION CG FIRST MARDIV

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OPSTAT 013 AS OF 250715Z DEC 67
7TH COMM BN
PART I
COMDR LTCOL COWING, H. O./18 NOV 67
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ACTION CG FIRST MARDIV

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1st MARINE DIVISION

FROM - SEVENTH COMM BN

ACTION CG FIRST MARDIV

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S E C R E T

CAMP PALNNING GUIDANCE FOR PROPOSED OPERATIONS

A. YOUR 050535Z DEC 67

B. YOUR 280720Z NOV 67

C. 1ST MARDIV OPO 309 - 68

1. REF A ADTAKA REF B. REF B NONDELIVERY THIS HQ

2. INFO REQ REF B. PROVIDED HERewith BASED ON TASK ORG
SET FORTH REF C. SEVENTH COMM UNIT/DET FOLLOWS ORG TO
WHICH ATTACHED.

A. 1ST MARDIV (REIN/HEADQUARTERS BN (2) (REIN)-DET, RAD
REL AND CONST CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF (ENL 3//M16A1-3)

B. TASK FORCE XRAY/TF HQ AND HQ CO (REIN) - COMM CO (-)
(REIN), 7TH COMM BN, FMF (FIELD GRADE - 2/CO GRADE - 10/
SNCO - 19/ENL - 145/M16A1 - 145/PISTOL -31/MG.50 CAL-3)

C. TASK FORCE XRAY/1ST MAR (-) (REIN)-DET, RAD REL AND
CONST CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF (ENL - 9//M16A1-9)

D. TASK FORCE XRAY/5TH MAR, (REIN) - DET, RAD REL AND
CONST, CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF (ENL 6//M16A1-6)

E. TASK FORCE XRAY/1ST FAG/HQ ELEMENT - DET, RAD REL AND
CONST CO, (ENL - 3//M16A1 - 3)

F. 7TH MAR (REIN)/7TH MAR/DET, RAD REL AND CONST CO, 7TH
COMM BN, FMF (ENL - 3//M16A1 - 3) (SEE PARA 3)

G. 7TH MAR (REIN)/7TH MAR/2D BN, 3D MAR - DET, RAD REL
AND CONST CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF (ENL - 3//M16A1 - 3) (SEE
PARA 3)

H. 7TH MAR (REIN)/7TH MAR/2D BN, 30 MAR - DET, RAD REL
AND CONST CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF (ENL - 3//M16A1 - 3) (SEE
PARA 3)

I. 7TH COMM BN (-)(REIN), FMF - (FIELD GRADE - 5/CO GRADE
49/SNCO - 29/ENL - 259//M16A1 - 259/PISTOL - 581 MG .50
CAL - 4/MG 7.62MM, M60 - 4)

3. SUB PARAGRAPHS F, G, AND H ABOVE ARE DETS NOT INCL IN TASK ORG REF C BUT WHICH ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED

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SPOT REPORT

Classification	Precedence	Send Mod Clear	Send Clear
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FROM 7TH COMM BN

INITIAL REPORT ()

FOLLOW ON ()

FINAL (X)

ALFA

Unit Sending Report 7TH COMM BN

BRAVO

DTG of Activity/Incident Occurred 270930H December 1967

CHARLIE

Location By Coordinates (F) BT031642 (E)

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Nine or ten rounds of small arms fire

had splicer crew and one fire team from 3rd Bn, 5th Mar pinned
down for approximately 5 minutes.

ECHO

Results or Action Taken 3rd Bn, 5th Mar snet 2 patrols out to clear

the area: Negative results.

FOXTROT

Friendly KIA 0

GOLF

Friendly WIA 0

HOTEL

Friendly MIA 0

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

LIMA

Enemy KIA CONF 0

Enemy KIA PROB 0

DETAINÉES 0

POWS 0

MIKE

Weapons Captured None

NOVEMBER

Equipment/Documents None

Day

Month

Year

Time

Received By

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DEC

67

0930H

D. G. BISHOP

(Revised 7 Oct 67)

Ref: DivO 5720.4A

* SEE REVERSE SIDEFOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tab F

* THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IF APPLICABLE, WILL BE ADDED TO LINE ECHO ON THE REVERSE SIDE:

1. TIME FRIENDLY AIR, ARTY OR MORTARS COMMENCE SUPPORT.
2. TIME OF DISPATCH OF REACTION FORCE(S)
3. TIME OF ARRIVAL OF REACTION FORCE(S) AT SCENE OF CONTACT.

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

h/REM/esc
h400
1 Jan 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(Attn: G-4)

Subj: Logistic Summary Report

Ref: (a) DivO h400.194
(b) CG, 1stMarDiv msg 191405Z Dec67
(c) CG, 1stMarDiv msg 312325Z Oct66

Encl: (1) Report of Typewriters

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c) the following report is submitted.

2. Supply Situation. The overall supply situation is satisfactory. Supply activities have been hindered somewhat by the move the battalion has made. The most significant highlight of this reporting period is the approved proposal for cancellation of all outstanding back orders at FLC and 3rd FSR dated prior to 7261. Because of the volume of back orders obligated to this battalion, the job of reviewing all cancellations and resubmitting our requirements will be a major project.

a. Class I. No problems encountered.

b. Class II.

(1) Fixed plant teletype repair parts continue to be a problem.

(2) Although 12 TRG-97 modules have been returned via FL32-B for further shipment to ROA for replacement/repair, there has not been a single module returned (TRG-97). The oldest turn in is approximately 120 days old.

c. Class III. No problems encountered.

d. Class IV. No problems encountered.

e. Class V. No problems encountered.

3. Critical Items. In accordance with reference (b), required information on items in short supply and major T/E shortages were submitted on CO, 7th Communication Battalion ltr h/REM/esc over h400 of 23Dec67.

Tab G

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4. Significant Problem Areas. During the month of December there were no significant supply nor distribution problem areas.

5. Maintenance Situation.

a. To provide added emphasis for driver maintenance, a 1st echelon maintenance center has been initiated. The maintenance center includes an enclosed grease rack, artificial illumination, lubrication and service unit, LI orders conveniently placed, and a M-12 decontamination has been set up in conjunction with a 1000 gallon water tank. It is believed that this service center, with close supervision, will vastly improve this unit's 1st echelon maintenance. Proper 1st echelon maintenance will greatly reduce the amount of vehicles deadlined for 2nd and 3rd echelon repairs.

b. Quarterly and annual preventative maintenance services have fallen behind. A new procedure which includes orderly turn-in of vehicles and programmed requirements of parts should enable this unit to catch up on "Q" and "A" services.

6. Major Items of Equipment. In accordance with reference (b), the below listings of major items of equipment are submitted.

MOTOR TRANSPORT

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/M</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>MORS</u>	<u>NORM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Trk M-35	26	26	26	0	0	
Trk M-37	7	7	5	0	2	All M-37 are on deadline due to parts but are in the process of being taken off due to a recent resupply of parts.
Trk M-38A1	29	27	244	0	3	All M-38 are on deadline due to parts but are in the process of being taken off due to a recent resupply of parts.
AM/MRC-83	30	30	22	2	6	4 vehicles are at VSM for repairs, 2 are in the process of being repaired, 2 vehicles are awaiting parts and the parts are being shipped to the user.
AM/MRC-110	3	3	3	0	0	
M-12 Decon Unit	1	1	1	0	0	

h/RNH/esc
hh00
1 Jan 1968

COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AVM</u>	<u>O/M</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>NORS</u>	<u>NORM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
AN/TRC-97	8	8	7	1	0	See paragraph 2. b. (2)
AN/TRC-27	12	12	5	1	6	1 awaiting parts & 1 repairs in progress. Two sets have their RT-252 on loan. 3 awaiting work on RT-252.
AN/MRC-83	30	30	27	0	3	3 sets are in the process of being repaired.
AN/TOC-14A	30	30	20	10	0	All units are awaiting parts.
AN/MRC-63	6	5	2	2	1	2 sets awaiting parts and the other repairs in progress.
AN/MRC-62	16	14	12	1	1	1 set awaiting parts and the other repairs in progress.
AN/MRC-87	5	2	0	0	2	3 MRC-87s have been on order since Dec66. Both vehicles are in the process of engine repairs.

GENERATORS

PU-482	13	11	9	0	2	Both units are at ELSC-B being repaired.
60 KW	0	1	1	0	0	

7. Significant Maintenance Problem Areas. At this time there are no significant maintenance problem areas.

8. Services Situation. This unit has moved into a new area and there are 3 outstanding requests for engineer assistance. The outstanding requests are listed below:

<u>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</u>	<u>ASSIGNED TO</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>	<u>DATE APPROVED</u>
Provide Safety Measures for Observation Tower	1st Engr Bn	Elh7-67	19 Sep 67
Relocation of Shower	NSA	FMD-135	17 Jul 67

h/REN/esc
 4400
 1 Jan 1968

<u>DESCRIPTION OF WORK</u>	<u>ASSIGNED TO</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NO.</u>	<u>DATE APPROVED</u>
Rewire Electrical System	NSA	PHD-57	23 May 67
Medical and Fighting Bunker Rehabilitation	FLC	CG, 1st Mar Div msg. 190611Z Aug 67	

9. Significant Transportation Problem Areas. At this time there is no significant transportation problem areas.

10. Other Items of Interest

a. At the present time this battalion is short three (3) PU-587s, two (2) PU-487s, four (4) PU-287s and three (3) PU-565 generators.

b. Three (3) radio sets AN/MRC-87 have been on order from Philadelphia since December 1966. As of yet, we have not received any work on these radios. The ability of the battalion to perform its mission in regards to air/ground communications is hampered thereby.

c. This battalion is also short two (2) AN/MRC-62 radio relay vans, one (1) AN/MRC-63 radio relay van and two (2) AN/TSC-15 Communication Centrals.

W. O. COWING

REPORT OF TYPEWRITERS11" CARRIAGE TYPEWRITERS

<u>T/E</u>	<u>O/H SERVICEABLE</u>	<u>O/H UNSERVICEABLE</u>	<u>SHORTAGE</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING ACES</u>
22	22	0	1	NONE

18"-20" CARRIAGE TYPEWRITER

2	2	0	0	NONE
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Enclosure (1)

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 DEC TO 31 DEC 1967

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*Comm Co, 7th Com
BN*

Dec 1967

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Communication Company

COMMANDERMajor G. I. BOMGARDNER
1-31 Dec 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Center Platoon

Capt E. A. SMITH
1-31 Dec 1967

Radio Platoon

1stLt C. N. RILEY
1-27 Dec 1967
2ndLt R. W. ADAMS
28-31 Dec 1967

Wire Platoon

WO R. NICHOLS
1-31 Dec 19672. LOCATION

1-31 Dec 1967; DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt A. R. MOORE
1-31 Dec 1967

Supply Officer

2ndLt R. W. ADAMS
1-31 Dec 1967

Maintenance Officer

WO R. NICHOLS
1-31 Dec 1967

Ass't Comm Center Officer

Capt F. M. KLUNK
1-31 Dec 1967

Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt E. C. HARDY III
1-31 Dec 1967

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt J. R. MCDOUGALL
1-19 Dec 1967

Comm Watch Officer

2ndLt E. C. HARDY III
1-31 Dec 1967

Comm Watch Officer

2ndLt R. I. TANAKA
20-31 Dec 1967

OIC Area Comm Team #1

2ndLt R. J. ARMITAGE
1-31 Dec 1967

OIC Area Comm Team #2

2ndLt R. I. TANAKA
1-19 Dec 1967
1stLt J. R. MCDOUGALL
20-31 Dec 1967

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Communication Company continued to operate the Battalion Message Center. Additionally, the telephone system and security network for the operation of the COC Bunker was installed in the new Battalion Command Post, then maintained by the company. Continued support was furnished to units in the I Corps TAOR with a detachment to Quang Tri Combat Base, supporting the 1st Marine Air Wing; a detachment to 1st Military Police Battalion; Area Comm Team #1, supporting the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade; and Area Comm Team #2 furnishing support for the III Marine Amphibious Force units located in Chu Lai. Two teams consisting of an operator and AN/MRC-83 were furnished to the 1st Motor Transport Battalion in support of "Rough Rider" operations and to the 5th Marines. A platoon was furnished by the company to the battalion for a sweep of the east side of the battalion perimeter. Officers and enlisted personnel received on the job training at the 1st Marine Division Communication Center. This unit continued to perform preventive maintenance, conduct operational checks and prepare for mount-out in support of any contingency that may be assigned.

PART III

5 Dec 1967

F. M. KLUNK promoted to Captain

8 and 29 Dec 1967

Motor Transport inspections (Bn)

14 Dec 1967

CommElect Inspection (Div)

18 Dec 1967

Bob Hope Christmas Show

19 Dec 1967

CG 1stMarDiv visit

21 Dec 1967

Red Cross "ditty bags" passed out
to members of this company

23 Dec 1967

Company Party - China Beach

31 Dec 1967

R. I. TANAKA promoted to 1stLt

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

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Comm Support Co, 7th Comm Bn

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Communication Support Company
7th Communication Battalion, FMF

COMMANDER

Maj. F. SIMON
(1-31 Dec 67)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Capt. B.W. FERICH
(1-31 Dec 67)

1st.Sgt.

1stSgt. B.J. CAVITT
(1-31 Dec 67)

OPERATIONS CHIEF

MSgt. F.C. CRONIN
(1-31 Dec 67)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

COMMUNICATION CENTER PLATOON COMMANDER

1stLt. W.J. ARANT
(1-31 Dec 67)

COMMUNICATION WATCH OFFICER

2dLt. Z. KOBIASHVILI
(1-31 Dec 67)

RADIO PLATOON

1stLt. A.R. COLELLA
(1-31 Dec 67)

WIRE PLATOON

1stLt. L.E. DORNAK
(1-31 Dec 67)

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1967 Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		ATTACHED	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
7	142	0	2	0	17

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion remained under operational control of the 3rd Marine Division at Dong Ha Combat Base while administrative control remained with 7th Communication Battalion, Da Nang.

Communication support was provided for "D" Company Medical Battalion for administrative and Med-evac traffic.

On 12 December, during the afternoon hours we received approximately 8 rounds of incoming artillery, resulting in no loss of company property.

Savings Bond participation at the end of December was 98.6% while the Savings Deposit program participation remained at 5.80%.

PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. The following changes in personnel took place in December.

Joined - 1 Enl & 0 Off
 Trans - 12 Enl & 0 Off
 KIA - 0
 WIA - 0
 Emergency Lv - 1
 Pro to Cpl - 0
 Pro to LCpl - 0
 To Hos CONUS - 0
 To Hos - 7 Enl & 2 Off
 Fr Hos - 4 Enl & 1 Off
 In Hos Now - 3 Enl & 1 Off
 To R&R out of Country - 19 Enl & 2 Off
 Fr R&R out of Country - 17 Enl
 To R&R in Country - 8 Enl
 Fr R&R in Country - 6 Enl
 * Still on R&R in Country - 2 Enl
 To Special Lv - 5
 Fr Special Lv - 0
 Extended in RVN - 0
 Attached - 8
 Detached - 6
 NJP's - 3
 * Due to the overlap between months.

b. End of month Company Strength Stood at 133 Enlisted, 7 Officers, 2 USN Enlisted and 15 Attached.

2. OPERATIONS

N/A

3. TRAINING

6 Dec 1967 - SSgt. ROBERTS & Sgt. PIRKEY attended school on maintenance procedures at Battalion in Da Nang.

9 Dec 1967 - Cpl PROCTER to NCO School in Okinawa.

12 Dec 1967 - Contact team held classes on Equipment Custody Records.

23 Dec 1967 - [REDACTED]t. FERICH held classes on Per [REDACTED]el Respones.

29 Dec 1967 - Instructions on prevenative maintence on refidgeration units were held by CBMU-301. Four (4) men from Communication Support Company.

F. SIMON

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Paul H. Kelley, Comstock Co., 7th Comm. 1967

Dec 1967

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DesignationCommander

Radio Relay and Construction
Company

Capt. W. E. Shaver
(1-31 December 1967)

Subordinate Units

Construction Platoon

1st Lt. D. D. Johanson
(1-31 December 1967)

1st Lt. J. W. Pok
Asst Plt Cmdr
(1-31 December 1967)

Radio Relay Platoon

Capt. T. J. Marziaz
(1-27 December 1967)

1st Lt. A. M. Tripp
(28-31 December 1967)

1st Lt. A. M. Tripp
Asst Plt Cmdr
(1-27 December 1967)

1st Lt. N. H. Robinson
Section Leader
(1-31 December 1967)

W.O. G. F. Salter
Section Leader
(1-31 December 1967)

2. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Capt. R. K. Allen
(1-31 December 1967)

Operations Officer

1st Lt. P. C. Disario
(1-31 December 1967)

3. Location

Da Nang, RVN
(1-31 December 1967)

4. Average Monthly Strength

Officers

Enlisted

9

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PART II

Narrative Summary

Radio Relay and Construction Company continued to furnish personnel and equipment for radio relay shots previously established. The Company provided one AN/MRC-62 to 5th Marines, one AN/MRC-62 to 1st Bn., 5th Marines, one AN/TRC-27B to 3rd Bn., 11th Marines, and one AN/TRC-27B to "I" Battery, 11th Marines. In addition the Company conducted a test on the AN/TRC-97 radio relay link between the 3rd MarDiv and the 26th Marines to determine the cause of fading and signal loss. The test showed that the fading and signal loss was due to poor weather conditions. The Company installed a 25 pair cable between terminal points B-7 and B-8, a 100 pair terminal at B7B, a 50 pair cable from 1st MarDiv Chapel to 11th Marines Frame, a six pair cable from B4 to B4A, and built six circuits between B1 and B4A for the 11th Marines. In addition the Company placed twelve poles in support of Division Schools, erected eight poles in the Commanding General's Quarters' area, dug twelve holes at Song Tuy Luan Bridge in support of CAP Unit B-6, installed poles and cable in the 7th Comm. Bn. CP, and installed messenger in the area of the Commanding General's bunker. Throughout the month cable splicing teams from the Company repaired extensive cable damage caused by shrapnel and bullets.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1 December 1967	Construction Platoon completed installation of a 25 pair cable between terminal points B-7 and B-8.
2 December 1967	Construction Platoon completed installation of a 100 pair terminal at B7B.
8 December 1967	Construction Platoon completed installation of a 50 pair cable from frame behind 1st MarDiv Chapel to 11th Marines Frame.
9 December 1967	Construction Platoon completed installation of a six pair cable from B4 to B4A.
15 December 1967	Radio Relay Platoon deployed one AN/TRC-27B with operators to 3rd Bn., 11th Marines and one AN/TRC-27B with operators to "I" Battery, 11th Marines to establish a radio relay link between 3rd Bn., 11th Marines and "I" Battery, 11th Marines.
17-20 December 1967	The Radio Relay Platoon conducted a test on the AN/TRC-97 radio relay link between the 3rd MarDiv and the 26th Marines to determine the cause of fading and signal loss. The test showed that the fading and signal loss was due to poor weather conditions.
23 December 1967	The radio relay link between 3rd Bn., 11th Marines and "I" Battery 11th Marines was closed down and the two AN/TRC-27B's with operators were returned to the Radio Relay Platoon.

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23 December 1967

Radio Relay Platoon deployed one AN/MRC-62 with operators to the 5th Marines and one AN/MRC-62 with operators to the 1st Bn., 5th Marines to establish a radio relay link between the 5th Marines and 1st Bn., 5th Marines.

24 December 1967

Construction Platoon completed erection of 12 poles in support of 1st MarDiv Schools at 1st Engr. Bn.

24 December 1967

Construction Platoon completed erection of eight poles in the Commanding General's Quarters' area.

24 December 1967

Construction Platoon dug twelve holes in support of CAP Unit B-6 at Song Tuy Luan Bridge.

29 December 1967

Construction Platoon completed installation of poles and cable in the 7th Comm. Bn. CP.

29 December 1967

Construction Platoon completed installation of messenger in the area of the Commanding General's bunker.

29 December 1967

Construction Platoon built six circuits between B-1 and B4A for the 11th Marines.

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PART IV

Multi-Channel Radio Support

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Equip</u>
5th Mar CP (AT990661)	5th Mar/2d Bn, 3rd Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
	5th Mar/1st MarDiv (Relay)	3	1 AN/MRC-62
1st Bn 5th Mar	1st Bn 5th Mar/1st MarDiv (Relay)	3	1 AN/MRC-62
2d Bn 3rd Mar CP (BT071685)	5th Mar/2d Bn 3d Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
7th Mar CP (AT970620)	7th Mar/2d Bn 7th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
	1st Mar Div/7th Mar	3	1 AN/TRC-27B
2d Bn 7th Mar CP (AT937787)	7th Mar/2d Bn 7th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
1st MarDiv CP (AT946744)	1st MarDiv/7th Mar	3	1 AN/TRC-27B
2d ROK Mar Bde (Dong Phouc)	2d ROK Mar Bde Internal (ACT #1)	6	2 AN/MRC-62
MASS-3	1st MAW CP/MASS-3	3	1 AN/TRC-97
Americal Div CP (Chu Lai)	III MAF/Americal (ACT #2)	3	1 AN/TRC-97
2d Bn 5th Mar CP (AT875475)	1st MarDiv/2d Bn 5th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
Dong Ha CB	Dong Ha/MAG-36 (Standby)	3 0	1 AN/TRC-27B 1 RT-252/TRC-27
Quang Tri Airfield	1st MAW/MAG-36	0	1 AN/TRC-97
11th Mar CP (AT956757)		0	1 RT-252/TRC-27
1st Bn 26th Mar CP Khe Sanh	26th Mar/3rd MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-97

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Site Location	Link	Pers	Equip
3rd MarDiv CP (Phu Bai)	26th Mar/3rd MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-97
1st Mar CP (Quang Tri)	1st MarDiv/1st Mar 1st Mar/Standby	3 1*	1 AN/TRC-97 1 AN/MRC-62
1st Mar CP (Fwd) (YD532322)	1st Mar/Dong Ha 1st Mar/3rd MarDiv	3 3	1 AN/MRC-62 1 AN/MRC-62

* NCOIC of Quang Tri and Dong Ha Teams

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Tab 1

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Danang

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0820	01	FMFPac Contact Team arrived for schooling on electronic equipment maintenance. EM Club set up for class.
0830	02	Received rough draft change to DivOp0 309-68 for comment and evaluation.
0900	03	Burned brush on west side of Bn perimeter to open up fields of fire for defensive positions. Flame tank provided by 1st Tank Bn.
0930	04	Received call from Capt TURLEY (CommCo, 3rd MarDiv). He requested tech. rep. from 7th Comm Bn check AN/TRC-97 detached from 7th Comm Bn.
1035	05	CO directed condition GRAY be set commencing 070001H. Ref: III MAF 050902Z Dec67.
1040	06	Telecon Capt SHAVER - 5th Comm Bn tech.rep. recently checked AN/TRC-97 detached from 7th Comm Bn. AN/TRC-97 up and working; 5th Comm tech. rep. said he is satisfied. Will refer to 1st MarDiv CEO.
1445	07	Received CG, 1st MarDiv 280720Z Nov67: Camp Planning Guidance for Proposed Operations.
1450	08	Received Operation Order 309-68: Planning Guidance for Proposed Operations.
1500	09	7th Comm Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn.
1515	010	Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and INTSUM picked up at 1st Tank Bn.
1535	011	Operation Order 1-68 submitted to S&C for distribution. (Fourteen copies).
1700	012	Two (2) messages and one (1) phone patch transmitted over Bn Admin Net.
1900	013	Twenty-nine (29) attended Bn NCO School. "Mines and Booby Traps"
2015	014	Notified by Commander of the Guard that PFC SUNABA, George H., of Comm Co, had an auto accident hitting a civilian woman.
2130	015	Message Sent to CG, 1st MarDiv on Camp Planning Guidance for Proposed Operation. 061340Z Dec 67.

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0730	01	Serious incident report involving L/Cpl G.H. SUNARE & Vietnamese National Mrs HO THI DUNG called into Div COC Bunker at 062115 By Bn S-5.
0750	02	Telecon Maj BISHOP, S-3/Maj VERDUN, Div CEO Sec re: Maj SCHNEIDER Div CEO Sec will inspect our AN/TRC-97's today to determine if our two can be made operational from 5th Comm and FLC assets; if unable we are to come in with msg informing CG 1st MarDiv of inability to support TF XRAY req. New subj: req commencement rehab cable system of Div CP at earliest (Div WO 6 -67) passed both items to Comm and RR&C.
0830	03	Change # 1 to Bn Order # 1500.2 Medical Indoctrination made 5 Dec 67.
0900	04	S-3A made a coordination visit to 1st AT Bn concerning local security.
0920	05	Visited by 1st AT Bn Hq Cmdt/Comm re phase in of comm equip, to support security requirements. Agreed to (1) Survey existing wire system earliest; Wire Officer to recommend additional facilities and installation of Swbd. (2) Replace AT Bn Swbd and 14 telephones on 12 Dec. (3) Replace AN/PRC-25's in bunker of tower on 15 Dec; will recommend that we request additional radio equipment to free Comm Co assets.
0945	06	Received frequencies for Seventh Comm Bn training purposes. 1st Div msg 052335Z Dec 67.
1430	07	7th Comm Bn personnel status report and overlay delivered to 1st Tk Bn.
1500	08	Southern Sector Defense overlay and Insum 340 received from 1st Tk Bn.
1520	09	Visited by Div G-4 Rep concerning our 061340Z re Camp Planning Guidance for Prop Opns. Req. disposition and strengths of debts not included in Task Org Div OpO 309-68; info provided.

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0855	01	Contacted Maj. Bham in Div. CMO Sec: (1) advised CMO that we will commence const./rehab. in stre. area Div 31; ETC on rex. 20 Dec. (2) Maj. Temp Loan 5 M/240-25 from Div 3001, approved DISMISSED. (3) Threshold extender module 3A2/ M/240-97 not avail 5th Comm according to 5th Comm; suggests we go back to 5th Comm for verification; passed to G-4 for action; will advise.
1030	02	Received telephone call from Maj. Bham in Div CMO Sec. re status of Khe Sanh/Phu Bai M/240-97 link. 3rd Bn Div reports link unreliable and request tech. assistance.
1140	03	Contacted CO, Bn G Co re above problem; will check out.
1315	04	Received Capt. Bham in Div CMO Sec re M/240-97 link; Conf. with Tech Rep, Bn G-97 in Chief (Phu Bai) & Capt. Bham; General opinion shot is marginal at best and is now experiencing severe fade due to rain along the path; will hold for further action until further discussion with CMO Office.
1340	05	Received Maj. Bham in Div CMO Sec re Khe Sanh/Phu Bai link; obviously misunderstanding about cause of unreliability which has been noted to by 5th Comm on Tech Rep; will send Mr. Bham to Phu Bai to consult.
1410	06	Received M/240-97 1st Bn in Div CMO Sec re our Nov. rpt all pers. will have completed trng including wps zero by 1 Jan. 1st Bn in required to train our personnel.
1430	07	Delivered personnel status report and an overlay to 1st Tank Bn.
1430	08	Comm. Co. equipment status report delivered to Div CMO, plus a recap of radio relay equipment.
1630	09	No traffic over Bn Admin Net.
1900	010	31 enlisted Marines attended motor transportation maintenance class.

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0600	01	Sweep of 7th Comm Bn and 21's areas of responsibility commenced. OP Order 2 - 68.
0820	02	Telecon: S-3/Asst Comm G 1st Mar; advised that we were terminating three men from Det, REAC Co to return to parent unit.
0905	03	Re Frag. Order 2 - 68; two term tms detached to 3rd Bn, 11th Mar.
0915	04	Rec msg (141905H) from OIC ACT # 1 in ref to our wire note 110305Z. He will commence daily report as directed by radio each morning.
1000	05	Sweep completed, 1 PF returned to Hon Com. No detainees or incidents.
1010	06	Received circuit status report from ACT # 2.
1225	07	(14) man detail left for Song Cau Do Bridge.
1300	08	15 men Fam Fired and zeroed their M16A1 rifle.
1415	09	(1) Malfunction reported to S-3 OJ M16A1 rifle, failure to extract, code (C)
1500	010	Telecon: LtCol COMBLES, 3rd MarDiv USU Sec/S-3A Maj. MC OLUSKEY re Khe Sanh/Phu Bai AN/TRC-97 link still unreliable and request assistance.
1630	011	6 Messages on Bn Admin Net
1720	012	Personnel status report and Bn overlay delivered to 1st Tanks.
1740	013	Southern Sector Defense overlay and insum report received from 1st Tanks.
1900	014	BCO School was held and 25 men attended. The subject was on POW Handling

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0850	01	Telecon S-3/Maj VERDUN, Div CEO Sec re: (1) Transportation arrangements fro ACT # 1; (2) Status of cable construction in DivOP area; (3) Redeployment of AN/MRC-62 terminal teams after completion of CHECKERS; will advise.
0910	02	Telecon S-3/Maj BJERKE, Div G-3 Sec re: CP location as contained in CG 1st MarDiv msg 250205Z Dec; gave corrected coordinates at 989710.
1055	03	ACT # 1 msg 290800H Dec stated their PU-482 Generator broke down at 1800 28 Dec 67. <u>Msg from TP-3 to OIC ACT # 2 directing them to furnish (1) PU-482 to OIC ACT # 1.</u>
1230	04	14 man detail left for Song Cau Do Bridge for (1) week.
1330	05	Contacted III MAF Systems Control re: KRC-1; advised them that <u>generator contact team was at Dong Phouc and additional PU-482 had been ordered delivered to ACT # 1.</u>
1415	06	ACT # 1 reports both PU-482s operational power restored.
1535	07	Telecon: Maj VERDUN, Div CEO Sec/S-3; advised (1) that III MAF LnO with 2d ROK Mar Bde had made arrangements to move ACT # 1 and that Lt ARMITAGE would be briefed. (2) Requested that representative of RR&C Co conduct him on tour of Div CP and point out areas where cable construction is in conflict with power; will comply (3) 2d ROK Mar Bde will have continuing requirement for AN/MRC-62s.
1620	08	Personnel Status Report and Bn Overlay delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Overlay and INTSUM Report picked up.
1630	09	Ten (10) messages on Bn Admin Net.
1900	010	Twenty-nine (29) NCOs attended Bn NCO School "Introduction to Patrol"

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