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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, First Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April thru 30 April 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5720.2
(b) FMFPacO 5758.8
(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 April thru 30 April 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

7th Communication Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol H. O. COWING
1-30 April 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Captain L. E. MALBY
1-30 April 1968

Communication Company

Major G. I. BOMGARDNER
1-30 April 1968

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Major L. A. SCHNEIDER
1-30 April 1968

Communication Support Company

Captain A. R. MOORE
1-30 April 1968

2. LOCATION

Headquarters, 7th Communication Battalion
Headquarters Company
Communication Company (-) (Rein)
Radio Relay and Construction Company (-)
Communication Support Company (-)

1-30 April 1968 DA NANG, RVN
1-30 April 1968 DA NANG, RVN
1-30 April 1968 PHU BAI, RVN
1-30 April 1968 DA NANG, RVN
1-30 April 1968 DA NANG, RVN

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Executive Officer

Major D. G. BISHOP
1-30 April 1968

Adjutant/S-1

WO S. RUSSIN
1-30 April 1968

S-3

Major C. A. MC CLUSKEY
1-30 April 1968

S-4

Major R. E. HATSLIP
1-20 April 1968
Major J. T. GRAY
21-30 April 1968

S-5

Major C. A. MC CLUSKEY
1-30 April 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The decrease in enemy activity in the immediate area of the Battalion enabled this unit to devote the majority of effort to communication tasks and projects as well as expanding further the previous month's emphasis on preventative maintenance. However, the Battalion maintained responsibility for supervision of the Hill 34 patrol force. Forty night and sixty daylight patrols were conducted during this period which resulted in two contacts with the enemy.

During the month, three detachments from the Communication Support Company were effected to support 1st and 3d Marine Division units. Thirteen (13) Marines were detached to Task Force X-Ray to service the Gia Le Combat Base with a telephone switching capability and an area communication center. A telephone switching detachment was provided to the 1st Hospital Company on their arrival at Danang. Currently the Battalion provides both radio operators and telephone switching support to the Hospital Company. Finally, ten (10) communication center men were detached as augmentation to the 3d Marine Division in the northern ICTZ.

The Battalion continued to provide a substantial percentage of its multi-channel radio capability to III MAF forces throughout I Corps. During the month, an average of fifteen radio relay teams were deployed from their parent unit utilizing eighteen multi-channel equipments. In order to provide maintenance and coordination to these widely spread detachments in the most efficient and expeditious manner, a maintenance and coordination contact team was established and deployed to Phu Bai. This team will be more centrally located to units receiving multi-channel support from the Battalion, thus eliminating many existing logistic problems.

Cable construction in the Danang area was greatly accelerated and several long standing projects were either completed or initiated. Most significant was the submission of an underground cable plan for the 1st Marine Division Command Post, the completion of a 25 pair cable to the Hoa Vang District Headquarters and the initiation of an underground cable system to eventually run from the Hill 55 complex to the Song Cau Do Bridge servicing the 7th and 27th Marines as well as other units along the cable route.

During the entire month, the Communication Company (-) (Rein) remained attached to Task Force X-Ray providing command and tactical communications to that organization.

Because of the tactical lull, training programs that had by necessity been reduced during the months of February and March were accelerated with particular emphasis on weapons training and weapons safety, hot weather personal care, preventative maintenance and Personal Response.

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The unit also was a host unit for the FMFPac Multi-Fuel Contact Team which provided three (3) days of instruction in multi-fuel vehicle maintenance and operations.

Civic Action and Psychological operations had a very successful month with one excellent opportunity to display to the local people the benefits of being supporters of the GVN. A confirmed case and a suspected case of plague were found in the immediate area. Through the efforts of NSA, 1st Marine Division Psyops and Battalion Marines and medical personnel, 600 residents of Yen Bac and Phong Bac hamlets were inoculated against plague thereby easing the minds of a rather concerned populace. In addition, security patrol members held sanitation classes for the children of Yen Bac, distributed toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap, and held an "after harvest" party for all the residents of the hamlet. Psyops were conducted using "Yellow hat" and anti-VC/Chieu Hoi leaflets that were distributed both by hand and dropped along trails in areas where enemy contacts had been made in recent weeks.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration

3 April 1968	PFC FOURMENTIN died of wounds received 4 March 1968.
10 April 1968	Two (2) men from Radio Relay and Construction Company were ambushed and killed near Village of Tra Lo.
12 April 1968	Division Postal inspection was conducted of Battalion mail service. 25 men recommended for Vietnamese Awards for TET offensive.
17 April 1968	One (1) enlisted from Radio Relay and Construction Company was wounded at Hue.
20 April 1968	Accidental discharge of weapon reported to Division.

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2. Operations

1 April

Div Asst CEO called with warning order to assume telephone swbd at 1st Hospital Company by 0800 3 Apr 68.

Ref: Telecon Div CEO/Bn S-3

3 April

Negative Aircraft Utilization Report for period 3 Apr 68 to 9 Apr 68 submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Bn CO and S-3 departed CP for conference with CEO Task Force X-Ray and CO of Comm Co, 7th Comm Bn.

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 27 Mar 68 to 2 Apr 68 forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv (ATTN: CEO)

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv Ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

4 April

Patrol detonated a rocket in Rice paddies on west side of perimeter.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 041652H Apr 68 (Page 1, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

5 April

Pick up AN/GGC-3 at 1st Div Comm Co, Maintenance shop and deliver to OIC, ACT #1 tomorrow.

Ref: Telecon Major VERDUN/Bn S-3

6 April

S-3 departed CP for Hoi An (East) with AN/GGC-3.

Ref: Telecon Major VERDUN/Bn S-3

7 April

Negative Detainee Report for period 31 Mar 68 to 6 Apr 68 forwarded to III MAF. (ATTN: PMO)

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

Patrol had contact with an estimated 7 V. C., no casualties were reported.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 072110H Apr 68 (Page 2, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

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10 April

Bn CO/S-3 were informed that two (2) men from ACT #1, were found on beach road between Hoi An East and Danang both were found dead and their respective Company was Radio Relay and Construction.

One (1) helo mission requested and completed during period 10 Apr 68 to 16 Apr 68. Submitted to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 3 Apr 68 to 9 Apr 68 forwarded to CG 1st MarDiv (ATTN: CEO).

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

12 April

S-3 departed CP for a visit to Hill 55.

13 April

Received word V.C. were seen crossing river. S-3 notified our patrol to set up blocking force, and has another patrol going out.

Ref: Telecon 1st Tanks/Bn S-3

Boat with V.C. swimming alongside sighted. Red Patrol fired M-79 at same boat on other side of river. ARVN fired Green Smoke. Possible they may move in to investigate. Boat crossing was at coordinates 990698.

Found 2 boats damaged with bullet holes in both, found clothes hanging on bushes. S-3 reports patrol has a swimmer in the water looking for possible weapons, negative results. ARVN on South side of river reluctant to go near the boat to investigate, notified 1st Tanks.

Ref: Telecon Bn S-3/Bn Ops Chief

Ref: Bn Ops Chief/1st Tanks

14 April

Submitted Detainee Report of (1) detainee for period of 7 Apr 68 to 13 Apr 68 forwarded to III MAF (ATTN: PMO)

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

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15 April

Informed that the Khe Sanh TRC-97 will stay in. Cable job may be reactivated.

Ref: Telecon Major VERDUN/Bn S-3

16 April

Submitted telephone traffic diagram and Radio Relay traffic diagram to 1st MarDiv Comm Chief.

Ref: Telecon 1st Div Comm Chief/Bn Ops Chief

Submitted Evaluation of selected Munitions report to 1st Div G-3.

Ref: Dept. of Army, Army Concept Team in Vietnam ltr dtd 1 Mar 68

17 April

One (1) helo mission requested and completed during period 17 Apr 68 to 23 Apr 68. Submitted report to CG 1st MarDiv.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance for week of 10 Apr 68 to 16 Apr 68 forwarded to 1st MarDiv (ATTN: CEO).

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67

Red Patrol located one (1) cave at coordinates 980701, cave empty, patrol blew cave.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Spot Report 171330H Apr 68 (Page 3, TAB B, Enclosure 1)

18 April

Army has begun action to return TRC-97 with crew from Camp Evans. We will check and arrange transportation to Khe Sanh. CEO concurs.

Ref: Telecon Bn S-3/Major VERDUN

7th Comm Bn Frag Order 5-68 published. (TAB C, Enclosure 1)

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20 April Informed to cancel out commitment to Khe Sanh.
Passed to CSC 6.
Ref: Telecon Bn XO/Bn Ops Chief

21 April Negative Detainee Report for period 14 Apr 68
to 20 Apr 68 forwarded to III MAF. (ATTN: PMO)
Ref: DivO 3461.2A

22 April Hand delivered original and one copy of
Operational Status of 7th Comm Bn to CEOs
office.
Ref: CEO request of 20 Apr 68

23 April S-3 made liason visit to S-3 7th Marines and
S-3 27th Marines concerning security and having
sweeps for cable construction crew working
Route 10. Excellent cooperation recieved at
both organizations.
S-3 made liason visit to 1st Hospital Co.
to check on operation of 7th Comm personal.
No difficulties.

24 April Summary of Pole Line Construction/Maintenance
for week of 17 Apr 68 to 23 Apr 68 forwarded
to 1st MarDiv (ATTN: CEO).
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/WDC dtd 11 Nov 67
Negative Aircraft Utilization Report submitted
to CG 1st MarDiv.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67

25 April 7th Comm Bn Frag Order 6-68 published.
(TAB C, Enclosure 1)
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 250036Z Apr 68
Helicopter has been requested and approved from
III MAF POW Compound to Dong Ha for 10 man
detachment going to 3rd MarDiv.
Ref: Telecon Bn S-4/Bn S-3

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26 April Informed that Trenching Machine at Hill 55
is deadlined awaiting parts.

Ref: Telecon Lt JOHANSON/Bn Ops Chief

Recieved warning order to provide 2 AN/MRC-83
to FLC by 28 Apr 68. Comm Spt Co will provide.

Ref: Telecon S-3/Div CEO

27 April 7th Comm Bn Frag Order 7-68 published.
(TAB C, Enclosure 1)

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 270311Z Apr 68

28 April Negative Detainee Report submitted for period
28 Apr 68 to 5 May 68 forwarded to III MAF
(ATTN: PMO)

Ref: DivO 3461.2A

29 April 27th Marines postponed security requirement
for underground cable job.

Ref: Telecon S-3/27th Marines

30 April SSDF reserve platoon was placed on 30 minute
notice.

Ref: 1st Tanks/S-3

S-3 made liaison visit to Airhead Security
concerning rocket early warning net.

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3. Plans

24 April

Division Command Post Underground Cable
System Plan completed and submitted to
CEO, 1st MarDiv by Radio Relay and Const-
ruction Company.

Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO# 11-68

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1 April One (1) enlisted departed for (4) days
Embarkation School.
Ref: DivBul 1500 dtd 17 Mar 68

2 April One (1) Officer and (1) enlisted departed
for Leadership School.
Ref: DivBul 1500 dtd 18 Mar 68

3 April Sixteen (16) NCOs attended Bn NCO School
class on "Hand and Rifle Grenades".
Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

4 April Two (2) enlisted departed CP for Vietnamese
Language School in Okinawa.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 310926Z Mar 68

5 April Forty-five (45) NCOs attended Bn NCO School
class on "Hand and Rifle Grenades".
Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

6 April One (1) SNCO departed CP for SNCO Leadership
School.
Ref: DivBul 1500 dtd 18 Mar 68

7 April One enlisted departed CP for KY 28/38
Maintenance Course.
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 161915Z Mar 68

9 April Comm Spt Co held (2) 1-hr. classes on "Mines
and Booby Traps".
Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

10 April Forty-eight (48) attended Bn NCO School
class on "Map and Aerial Photographs".
Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

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11 April

All available Battalion personnel checked out gas masks using HC due to unavailability of CN.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 071440Z Apr 68

12 April

Forty-one (41) enlisted and patrol departed CP for zeroing detail of T/O weapons at Hoa Cam.

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

Thirty-one (31) attended Bn NCO School class on "Map and Aerial Photographs".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

13 April

Thirty-three (33) enlisted attended Orientation Indoctrination Lecture given by S-3, Chaplain, S-5 and Medical Officer.

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

Forty-five (45) SNCOs and Officers attended SNCO and Officer School class on "Call for Fire and Adjustment of Fire".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

RR&C Co held one hour class for Company on "Map and Aerial Photograph Reading".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

BAS held period of instruction to section personnel on "Effects and uses of Narcotics".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

14 April

One (1) NCO and one (1) SNCO departed CP for NCO/SNCO Leadership School.

Ref: DivBul 1500 dtd 18 Mar 68

16 April

Comm Spt Co held a 1 hour class on "Scouting and Patrolling".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

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16 April

Seventy-two (72) enlisted attended instruction on proper procedure for filling out trip tickets.

Ref: 3/FCC/erm dtd 10 Apr 68

S-3A gave instruction and practical application in use of riot gas in offensive action to patrols.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 071440Z Apr 68

17 April

Fifty-four (54) enlisted and one (1) officer departed CP for Hoa Cam for infantry weapons instruction and application.

Ref: 3/CAM/erm dtd 14 Apr 68

Nineteen (19) NCOs attended Bn NCO School class on "Call for Fire and Adjustment of Fire".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

18 April

One (1) enlisted departed CP for Fixed Plant Teletype Course.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 271456Z Mar 68

20 April

RR&C Co held one hour class on "Heat Casualties".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

One (1) enlisted departed for Cable Splicers School.

Ref: CG III MAF 130700Z Sep 67

Two (2) enlisted departed for Vietnamese Language School at III MAF.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 101203Z Apr 68

21 April

One (1) officer departed CP for officers Leadership School.

Ref: DivBul 1500 dtd 18 Mar 68

One (1) enlisted departed for Basic Organic Supply Accounting School.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 230229Z Mar 68

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22 April

Forty-seven (47) NCOs attended Bn NCO School class on "Call for Fire and Adjustment of Fire".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

23 April

Comm Spt Co held class on "Map Reading".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

Twenty-eight (28) officers and enlisted attended Helicopter Support Team Instruction.

Ref: 3/CAM/erm dtd 11 Apr 68

Sixty-nine (69) enlisted attended Individual Responsibility class conducted by Hq Co CO.

Ref: BnO 1610.5 dtd 17 Apr 68

24 April

Weapons Safety class given to patrol members.

Ref: BnBul 1501 dtd 16 Jan 68

Thirty-two (32) NCOs attended Bn NCO School class on "Field Sanitation and Personnel Hygiene and First Aid".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

26 April

Thirty-eight (38) NCOs attended Bn NCO School class on "Field Sanitation and Personnel Hygiene and First Aid".

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

27 April

RR&C Co held class on "Care and Cleaning of the M-16 rifle.

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

Ten (10) Motor Transport personnel attended class on "Multi-Fuel Instruction (3 Days).

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv Ø2134ØZ Apr 68

BAS held instruction on "Mechanical Resuscitation" for BAS personnel.

Ref: BnBul 1540 dtd 18 Mar 68

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28 April

One (1) enlisted departed for MCO Leadership School.

Ref: DivBul 1500 dtd 18 Mar 68

One (1) enlisted departed for Basic Organic Supply Accounting School.

Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 230229Z Mar 68

29 April

S-3A held period of instruction for patrols on "Action at Danger Areas".

30 April

S-3A held period of instruction for patrol on "Night Vision".

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5. Logistics

Our overall supply situation continues to be satisfactory while here in the Danang TAOR.

1 April	Logistics Summary Report for the month of April 1968 submitted.
2 April	1 AN/TRC-27 team sent to Task Force X-Ray in Phu Bai with one AN/TRC-27 radio set.
9 April	Approximately 175 persons from 2nd Battalion 13th Marines were fed in 7th Comm Bn mess hall for a period of about three days while their mess hall was closed for sanitary reasons.
10 April	Received directions from 1st MarDiv CEO to provide 3rd MarDiv with 35,000 feet of 25 pair cable. Wire prepared for shipment. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 090024Z Apr 68
11 April	Wire requirement to 3rd MarDiv cancelled.
12 April	A truck load of supplies departed for Comm Co in Phu Bai.
14 April	Provided assistance to 2nd Battalion 13th Marines in form of PU-482 generator. Their broken generator was declared unserviceable.
15 April	Truck loaded with supplies for Comm Co went to Phu Bai.
19 April	Truck loaded with supplies for Comm Co went to Phu Bai.
23 April	7th Engineer Bn provided assistance in the form of repairs to the mess hall water tower. Ref: 1st MarDiv Engineer work order D213-68
26 April	One M-35 and two AN/MRC-83s were sent to Comm Co in Phu Bai.
27 April	Two AN/MRC-83s were loaned to Comm Co, Hq Bn, FLC.

Ref: Telecon S-3/CEO 1st MarDiv

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28 April

Two Radio Relay teams and three AN/TRC-27s were sent to Quang Tri for attachment to 588th Signal Co.

Ref: 7th Comm Bn Frag Order 7-68 271600H Apr 68
(TAB C, Enclosure 1)

A 100 KW generator was provided to the unit by NSA.

Ref: III MAF spd ltr 15/PAS over 10260 of 16 April 1968

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6. Civic Action

- 1 April MedCap was held in Yen Bac. The number of persons in attendance was 67. 10 Females, 7 Males and 50 Children.
- 2 April 3 year old child returned to family in Yen Bac after surgery on the U.S.S. Repose.
- Male child from Phong Bac brought in by patrol with an infected foot. He was treated and released.
- Major PAYNE, Div G-5 called and asked for a report on the RDs for General KRULAK.
- 3 April Escorted LtGeneral KRULAK on a visit to the hamlet of Yen Bac.
- 4 April MedCap was held in Cam Hoa. The number of persons in attendance was 55. 10 Females, 7 Males and 38 Children.
- 5 April Woman from Yen Bac came to the BAS. She was treated and returned.
- Elderly woman from Cam Hoa was taken and admitted to Danang Hospital.
- S-5 held a Personal Response Class for members of the Patrol.
- 6 April Visited Yen Bac to determine number of persons in need of small pox vaccination. Results indicate, major portion of population have not been vaccinated.
- 7 April Prepared and submitted weekly civic action report.
- 8 April MedCap was held in Yen Bac. The number of persons in attendance was 41. 8 Females, 3 Males and 30 Children.
- 9 April Doctor paid a follow up visit to a woman who was injured in Yen Bac.
- 10 April MedCap was held in Cam Hoa. The number of persons in attendance was 55. 10 Females, 5 Males and 40 Children. 25 Vitamins were distributed.
- 13 April Prepared and submitted weekly civic action report.

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14 April Woman from Yen Bac hamlet received emergency pre-natal care at Bn BAS.

15 April Patrol brought a boy from Phong Bac into Bn BAS for treatment of a nail wound in the leg.

MedCap was held in Yen Bac. The number of persons in attendance was 68. 8 Females, 5 Males and 55 Children.

17 April S-5 with the Hamlet Chief of Cam Hoa attended a meeting with G-5 1st MarDiv and the District Chief of Hoa Vang District.

18 April MedCap was held in Cam Hoa. The number of persons in attendance was 48. 4 Females, 4 Males and 40 Children. Treated one (1) case of suspected Plague, one (1) severe case of Cellulitis, and one (1) 42 year old Male with Cardiac disease.

One (1) woman from Yen Bac was treated at the Bn BAS for wounds of the buttocks. (Non Hostile)

19 April S-5 with patrol personnel held personal sanitation classes and distributed Soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes to Children and Families in Yen Bac.

Magic Show held for children in Yen Bac. Donated clothes presented to hamlet chief for distribution.

Loudspeaker Team from Div PsyOps broadcast notice to Cam Hoa 1 and 2 that Plague Immunization shots would be given on 20 April to people of the hamlet.

20 April Villagers of Yen Bac and Cam Hoa were given Plague Immunization shots. The total number treated was 600. 150 in Yen Bac and 450 in Cam Hoa 1 and 2.

1 Boy from Yen Bac was treated and released by the Bn BAS.

Prepared and submitted weekly civic action report.

22 April Visit to Yen Bac, paid 700\$RVN reward to man for reporting a dud 122mm rocket.

MedCap and Dent Cap was held in Yen Bac. The number of persons in attendance for MedCap was 20. 5 Females, 3 Males and 12 Children. Dent Cap had 10 persons, 4 Females and 6 Children.

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23 April

One (1) man and one (1) boy were brought into Bn BAS for treatment by the patrol from Phong Bac.

S-5/PsyOps Officer made a visit to Div PsyOps to discuss local PsyOps progress.

One boy from Yen Bac was treated at Bn BAS for a head injury and returned.

24 April

S-5 made arrangements with Hamlet Chief of Yen Bac to cut brush on the west side of our perimeter in exchange for some gasoline.

25 April

MedCap was held in Cam Hoa. The number of persons in attendance was 39. 6 Females, 8 Males and 25 Children.

26 April

Prepared and submitted weekly civic action report.

27 April

Patrol brought in a boy from Phong Bac to Bn BAS who had an infected foot.

Child from Yen Bac came to Wire requesting medical aid. Sent to BAS for treatment.

29 April

MedCap was held in Yen Bac. The number of persons in attendance was 34. 6 Females, 3 Males and 25 Children.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB A

7th Comm Bn Logistics Summary Report
for April 1968 dtd 1 May 1968

✓ TAB B

7th Comm Bn Spot Reports - April 1968

✓ TAB C

7th Comm Bn Frag Order 5-68, 6-68, 7-68

✓ TAB D

7th Comm Bn 010145Z May 1968

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Command Chronology of:
✓ Communication Company, ✓ Communication
Support Company and Radio Relay and
Construction Company

✓ TAB F

7th Comm Bn S-3 Journal - April 1968

✓ TAB G

7th Comm Bn Informational Services Activities
Report for April 1968 dtd 1 May 1968

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

4/JTG/pjs
 4800
 1 May 1968

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

Subj: Logistic Summary Report

Ref: (a) Divo 4400.198
 (b) CG 1st MxDiv 201452Z Apr 68

Encl: (1) Critical Table of Equipment Shortages
 (2) Critical Class II Type 2 Supplies
 (3) Other Critical Items
 (4) Major Items of Equipment, Motor Transport
 (5) Major Items of Equipment, Ordnance
 (6) Major Items of Equipment, General Supply
 (7) Major Items of Equipment, Engineering
 (8) Major Items of Equipment, Communication-Electronics

1. The following report covering the month of April, 1968, is submitted in accordance with reference (a) and (b).

2. Supply Situation.

a. The overall supply situation is considered satisfactory. During this reporting period, three requisitions for critical T/E shortages were filled. The most significant one, a V-18 earth auger, the lack of which had almost eliminated the pole line construction capability of the Battalion, was received on 19 April 1968. A generator, PU-482 was also received.

b. The problem of obtaining classified duplicating paper has been relieved. Classified paper has been printed in Okinawa for this Battalion and we have received a three month supply. Fixed plant teletype parts are also much less a problem. Parts are being received from Yokosuka ten to fifteen after they are ordered.

c. This unit receives considerable unofficial supply support from NSA, DaNang, especially in the areas of fixed plant teletype and cryptographic equipment repair parts. If an item is available in Vietnam and there is an urgent tactical requirement for it, it is highly recommended that users should have ready access to all in-country resources. Steps should be taken to open the official supply channels between Marine Corps users and other service supply systems.

Tab A

d. The problem of potable water in this unit and in the DaNang area in general is already approaching a critical stage. The underground water level is low because of increased usage by US personnel and a light monsoon season. As the dry season lengthens, the water shortage will become more acute. It is suggested that, for the short term, well digging activity should be intensified to uncover sufficient underground resources for the summer. A long range program for water supply, storage and distribution is sorely needed.

e. The resubmission of documents with a draft date prior to 7261 is completed. However the new cancellation program for documents from 7261 to 7365 will affect over 500 more requisitions.

3. Critical Items

a. These items are listed in enclosures (1) through (3).

4. Significant Problem Areas

a. In several instances, items have been obtained by walk-through requisitions while older priority O2 requisitions have remained unfilled. A particular case is 2-EE batteries; on 8108, six (6) batteries were received on a walk-through. At that time four O2 requisitions for this item, dated 8068 to 8090 were pending. As of 8128 they are still pending, and status (BA) had been received only on the oldest of these. The same situation has occurred on a number of other items, notably HC-292 antennas, and several motor transport repair parts. Particular emphasis has been placed on the desirability of reducing walk-through requisitions to a minimum. However, normal supply methods often do not provide satisfactory results. "Walk-throughs" seem to be the only way to get necessary items within any reasonable time frame.

b. This Battalion is still short 74 gas masks.

c. No small utility covers have been received since 7340.

5. Maintenance Situation

a. Motor Transport maintenance continues to remain low at 7.6%. Of these some six vehicles, or 6.5%, are in for third echelon repair and one, or 1.1%, need second echelon repairs.

b. The Electronic Maintenance Section inducted 144 items into its shop during the month. Of these, eighty-seven have been completed and fifteen evacuated to 1st FSB.

6. Major Items of Equipment

a. Major items of equipment, motor transport: see enclosure (4)

b. Major items of equipment, communication: see enclosure (5)

7. Significant Maintenance Problem Areas

a. The First Marine Division Communication - Electronics Officer provided assistance in obtaining hard-to-get repair parts. Also considerable support in the area of fixed plant teletype maintenance has been received from the Naval Support Activity, DaNang. This timely assistance has enabled the Battalion to operate vital communication links with a minimum of outage time. It is recognized that these are unofficial sources of maintenance and they are resorted to only when normal channels will not satisfy circuit restoration priorities. As in the case of supply support, it is recommended that any maintenance support available in the DaNang area should be made available to all US Forces.

b. Excessive down time continues for both motor transport and electronics equipment. Two problem areas result in this condition: (1) Although the supply of repair parts has improved, delivery time for repair parts is quite erratic, therefore lead time cannot be accurately estimated. (2) Higher echelon repair facilities continue to consume excessive time in repairing combat essential equipment. In many cases equipment must await parts in higher echelon repair facilities.

c. Maintenance of Radio Set AN/TRC-97 continues to be a problem because of a poor factory support program to repair defective modules.

8. Service Situation

a. Service support from NSA, DaNang, and engineering units has continued at a high level. During this period a 100 KW generator was received from NSA. This frees T/E generators for their intended tactical uses. The observation platform and perimeter bunkers were completed.

b. There are four outstanding requests for engineer assistance.

<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>	<u>Work Order No.</u>	<u>Date Answered</u>
Revire electrical system	NSA	FWO-57	20 May 1967
Build BAS & COO bunkers	1st Eng. Bn.	CG 1st MarDiv 242310Z Mar 68	
Rebuild Anne bunker	NSA	FWO-338	7 March 1968
Build Helicopter Pad	1st Eng. Bn.	CG 1st MarDiv 090544Z Apr 68	

c. A request for improvements to the Battalion's mess hall was submitted on 4 April 1968. No official word has been received on approval of this request.

9. Significant Transportation Problem Areas

a. Supply action is being completed in the case of the six 2½ ton M-55 trucks destroyed in the Phu Bai area.

10. Other Items of Interest

a. The following items have been evacuated to 3d FBR under the provisions of the rapid repair & rebuild programs:

1. PU-587/G ser# 448 sent to 1st FBR on 7 Dec 67 on En. request #27301. Assigned 1st FBR repair order # G-0992. Evacuated to 3d FBR on 4 Jan 68.
2. PU-347/G ser# 247 sent to 1st FBR on 20 Oct 67 on request #27061. Assigned 1st FBR repair order # G-0265. Evacuated to 3d FBR on 26 Dec 67.
3. PU-346A/G ser # 205 sent 1st FBR on 14 Nov 67 on En. request #27307. Assigned 1st FBR repair order #G-0660. Evacuated to 3d FBR on 26 Dec 67.
4. PU-278/TBC-27 ser# 1096 sent to 1st FBR on 23 Dec 67. Assigned 1st FBR repair order #G-1228. Evacuated to 3d FBR on 17 Jan 68.
5. PU-278/TBC-27 ser # 804 sent to 1st FBR on 23 Dec 67. Assigned 1st FBR repair order #G-1229. Evacuated to 3d FBR on 17 Jan 68.
6. PU-278/TBC-27 ser# 351 sent to 1st FBR on 23 Dec 67. Assigned 1st FBR repair order # G-1230. Evacuated to 3d FBR on 17 Jan 68.
7. AR/MHC-83 ser# 236580 D/L to FLSU-1 on 10 Sep 67 (for engine). FLSU-1 evacuated to 1st FBR on tere # 417-2061-8 on 21 Oct 67. Courier from FLSU-1 (L.L. Nalls) picked up MHC-83 on 7 Dec 67 and returned to FLSU-1. FLSU-1 evacuated MHC-83 to 3d FBR under tere # 4M-2061-8 on 28 Dec 67.
8. AR/MHC-87 ser # 202391 D/L 11 Sep 67 to FLSU-1 (for engine). FLSU-1 evacuated to 3d FBR on tere # M-40860-8 on 28 Dec 67.
9. PU-587 ser # 109 D/L to FLSU-1 on 3 Jul 67. Evacuated it to 3d FBR under their repair order # FZ-0002-8 on 3 Jul 67.
10. AR/GOC-3 ser# 603 D/L to FLSU-1 on 29 Jul 67. Evacuated to 3d FBR under tere # C4-0490-8 on Sep 67.
11. AR/GOC-3 ser# 1091 D/L to FLSU-1 on 16 Aug 67. Evacuated to 3d FBR under tere # C4-0759-8 on Sep 67.
12. AR/TOC-14A(U) ser # 3491 D/L to FLSU-1 on 13 Aug 67. Evacuated to 3d FBR under tere # C4-0705-8 on Sep 67.

b. The following items have been submitted to FLSU-1 and FLSG-B for repair:

1. AM/USM-105A (ID# 03486A) ser # 6 sent to FLSU-1 on Rn. work order # 1-405-60. Assigned FLSU-1 work order # C43630-B on 18 Dec 67.

2. TS-779 (ID# 03363A) ser # 5275 sent to FLSG-B on Rn. work order # 939. Assigned FLSG-B work order # 67-10476 on 3 Apr 67.

3. ME-110/V (ID# 00125C) ser# 939 sent to FLSG-B on Rn. work order # 939. Assigned FLSG-B work order # 3000635 on 15 Aug 67.

c. No location or repair status on the items listed in a. or b. above has been received to date.

d. A significant problem exists in the area of equipment which is on loan to other units. During the two years this unit has been in country a large amount of equipment has been loaned out as directed by higher authority. All items involved have been loaned for an indefinite period, and in most cases, the items now far exceed a temporary loan status. Since there is no provision for invoicing and reordering, the result is a significant adverse effect on the capability of the loaning unit in the performance of its assigned mission. If the borrowing unit has a continuing need for the item, it should be the subject of a special allowance. It is recommended that a study of this area be undertaken and submitted to higher headquarters for action.

H. O. COWING

Critical Table of Equipment Shortages

1. MRC-87 AFI/MRI/W/5820-712-8590/EA/00003/M/21635/8059/0811/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/BM-8074
2. AN/TSC-15 AFI/MCI/W/5895-788-4555/EA/00001/M/21635/8059/0812/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/STATUS NONE/AFI-8119
3. PP-3240A/U AFI/MCI/W/6130-987-9503/EA/00001/M/21635/7356/0017/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/MB/8068

AFI/MPB/W/6130-987-9503/EA/00001/M/21635/8024/0115/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11B1000/BD-8091
4. TA-1/PT AFI/MRI/W/5805-521-1320/EA/00002/M/21635/8019/0008/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11B1000/BB-8097
5. V-18 Red Ball
NON-CRITICAL
6. M-38 AFI/MRI/W/2320-835-8319/EA/00002/M/21635/8023/0001/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N5000/BB-8097
7. PU-463 Red Ball
AFI/MPB/W/6115-721-4526/EA/00001/M/21635/7265/0051/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/BF-0011/BD-8088
Red Ball
AFI/MPB/W/6115-721-4526/EA/00001/M/21635/7265/0014/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/A31-8093

(# 8023-0109 Cancelled)
8. PU-482 Red Ball
NON-CRITICAL
9. PU-565 Red Ball
AFI/MRI/W/6125-889-0874/EA/00001/M/21635/7265/0053/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11N2000/BF-8023/AFI-8088/
Partial (1) 8068/AFI-8119
10. PU-587 Red Ball
AFI/MRI/W/6115-987-8753/EA/00003/M/21635/7265/0052/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11N2000/CA-8110/AFI-8119

AFI/MPB/W/6115-987-8753/EA/00001/M/21635/7252/0011/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11N1000/BM-7263/AFI-8119

ENCLOSURE (1)

11. M-35A2 AF1/MC1/W/2320-933-7521/EA/00006/M/21635/8058/0748/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/4G/8AOWM11N3000/STATUS NONE/AF1-8119
12. PE-75 AF1/MR1/W/6115-228-5815/EA/00008/M/21635/8117/3416/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4G/8AOWM11N1000/STATUS NONE
13. M.G. 50CAL. AF1/MR2/W/1005-726-5636/EA/00001/M/21635/8039/0539/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N4000/BA-8050
14. TGC-14A AF1/MC1/W/5815-078-5480/EA/00001/M/21635/8087/1769/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/BM-8096
15. PRC-25 AF1/MC1/W/5820-857-0759/EA/00001/M/21635/8069/1014/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4G/8AOWM11N1000/STATUS NONE/AF1-8119
16. TA-312/PT AF1/MC1/W/5805-543-0012/EA/00012/M/21635/8120/3569/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4G/8AOWM11N1000/STATUS NONE
17. GGO-3 AF1/MC1/W/5815-825-3951/EA/00001/M/21635/8069/1013/N/BLNK
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4G/8AOWM11N1000/STATUS NONE/AF1-8119
18. MRC-62A AF1/MR1/W/5820-999-8020/EA/00001/M/21635/8087/1770/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/4H/8AOWM11N1000/BM-8096
19. RC-292 NON-CRITICAL
20. Gen. Set, AF1/MFB/W/6115-750-2768/EA/00001/M/21635/8023/0007/R/BLNK/
Batt. Charg. C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/BM-8093
21. M.G. 7.62 AF1/MR1/W/1005-605-7710/EA/00002/M/21635/8091/1963/N/BLNK/
CAL. B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/5D/8AOWM11B000/BM-8099
22. URM-43 AF1/MR1/W/6625-580-0390/EA/00001/M/21635/8093/2102/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/BM-8104
23. TGC-14 AF1/MC1/W/5805-238-9873/EA/00002/M/21635/8103/2900/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4G/8AOWM11N1000/STATUS NONE
24. PP-388 AF1/MR1/W/6130-557-8668/EA/00001/M/21635/8069/1009/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H/8AOWM11N1000/BM-MFB-8093

ENCLOSURE (1)

Critical Class II type 2

1. Prot. Mask
M-17
 AF1/MC1/W/4240-542-4450/EA/00010/M/21635/8088/1787/R/BLNK/B/
 BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11D1000/STATUS NONE

 AF1/MC1/W/4240-542-4451/EA/00054/M/21635/8088/1788/R/BLNK/
 B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11D1000/STATUS NONE

 AF1/MC1/W/4240-542-4452/EA/00010/M/21635/8088/1789/R/BLNK/
 B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11D1000/STATUS NONE
2. Btry. 2HN
 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00006/M/21635/8068/0957/R/Y/30004/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/BA-8075

 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00001/M/21635/8068/0955/R/Y/30026/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/BA-8087

 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00008/M/21635/8083/1459/R/Y/50330/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/STATUS NONE

 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00004/M/21635/8090/1792/R/Y/50591/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE

 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00004/M/21635/8090/1794/R/Y/50553/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE

 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00002/M/21635/8105/2960/R/Y/30291/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE

 AF1/MC1/W/6140-057-2553/EA/00030/M/21635/8106/2994/R/BLNK/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE
3. Monoblock
BB-451
 AF1/MC1/W/6140-981-5865/EA/00021/M/21635/8113/3261/R/Y/18333/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/STATUS NONE
4. TA-1/PT
 AF1/MR1/W/5805-521-1320/EA/00002/M/21635/8019/0008/M/BLNK/
 BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/BB-8097
5. Antenna
271/A
 AF1/MC1/W/5820-242-4967/EA/00007/M/21635/8086/1604/R/Y/18082/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/MB-8104
6. Spark Plug
 AF1/MC1/W/2920-287-9135/EA/00150/M/21635/8052/0671/R/Y/38075/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/BB-8108

 AF1/MC1/W/2920-287-1935/EA/00016/M/21635/8068/0914/R/Y/50268/
 C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/BB-8108

ENCLOSURE (2)

7. Spark Plug AF1/MC1/W/2920-726-9545/EA/00150/M/21635/8052/0670/R/Y/38075/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/BB-8058
8. Tie Rod
End Assy. AF1/MC1/W/2530-040-2621/EA/00001/M/21635/8090/1890/R/Y/30214/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE
AF1/MC1/W/2530-040-2621/EA/00003/M/21635/8111/3049/R/Y/30312/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE
9. Radiator
MRC-110 AF1/MC1/W/2930-064-5979/EA/00001/M/21635/8105/2951/R/Y/30286/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/BB-8111
10. Shock
Absorber AF1/MC1/W/2540-678-2978/EA/00002/M/21635/8111/3063/R/Y/30335/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE
11. Shock
Absorber AF1/MC1/W/2540-678-2996/EA/00002/M/21635/8111/3064/R/Y/30334/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS NONE
12. Tire 900X20 AF1/MC1/W/2610-262-8677/EA/00020/M/21635/8076/1238/R/Y/30169/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11F1000/STATUS -BB-8096
13. AT-892 AF1/MC1/W/5820-242-4967/EA/00007/M/21635/8086/1604/R/Y/18082/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/STATUS NONE
14. BA-200 AF1/MC1/W/6135-050-3280/EA/00120/M/21635/8111/3114/R/Y/18329/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM1101002/STATUS NONE
AF1/MC1/W/6135-050-3280/EA/00030/M/21635/8086/1613/R/Y/18202/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK/8AOWM1101002/BB-8104
AF1/MC1/W/6135-050-3280/EA/00036/M/21635/8083/G589/R/Y/18268/
C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/BLNK/8AOWM1101002/BA-8089

ENCLOSURE (2)

Other Critical Items

1. BB-451 AFI/MCI/W/6140-889-1027/EA/00038/M/21635/7348/0008/R/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/BLNK/8AOWM11B1000/BB-8099
2. PU-454 AFI/MRI/W/6115-668-5704/EA/00001/M/21635/8117/3417/N/BLNK
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4G/8AOWM11B1000/STATUS NONE
3. PU-347 AFI/MCI/W/6115-508-1550/EA/00001/M/21635/8077/1281/N/BLNK/
B/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/999/4H/8AOWM11B1000/BA-8089

ENCLOSURE (3)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, MOTOR TRANSPORT

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/N</u>	<u>O/N</u>	<u>WORS</u>	<u>WORS</u>	<u>WORS</u>	<u>WORS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
				34 Eqs.	34 Eqs.	34 Eqs.	34 Eqs.	
M35A2	26	4	4	0	0	0	0	
M35	0	17	16	0	0	0	0	Note 1.
HPCU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	
M37/M37B1	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	
M38A1	29	27	24	0	0	0	0	
MRC-83	30	30	20	1	1	6	2	
MRC-110	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	
MRC-87	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	
V-18	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	

Notes

1. One M-35 was a combat loss and supply action is incomplete.

EX-107-100-100 (4)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, ORDNANCE

1. There are no items for this enclosure.

ENCLOSURE (5)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, GENERAL SUPPLY

1. There are no items for this enclosure.

ENCLOSURE (6)

MAJOR ITEMS OF MAINTENANCE, ENGINEERING

1. The following list of items are submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (b).

	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>2d Ech</u>		<u>3d Ech</u>	
				<u>NOEL</u>	<u>NOEL</u>	<u>NOEL</u>	<u>NOEL</u>
PU-432 (a)	13	13	8	0	2	0	3
60 EV (b)	0	2	1	0	1	0	0

(a) Four are D/L at 3d echelon maintenance, two of which are at 1st FBR, one at FBR-1 and one at 3d FBR awaiting parts. One PU-432 is in 2d echelon maintenance D/L for DC generator pulley and low voltage.

(b) One is D/L at 2d echelon maintenance for a cracked head gasket.

Enclosure (7)

MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

1. The following list of items are submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (b).

	AUTH	O/H	O/R	24 Feb		31 Feb	
				REPS	REPM	REPS	REPM
AN/PRC-83 (a)	30	30	27	1	0	2	0
AN/PRC-87	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
AN/TRC-97 (b)	8	8	6	0	0	2	0
AN/PRC-63 (c)	6	6	3	0	0	3	0
FT-333	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BE-451 (d)	66	26	26	40	0	0	0
KY-8/TSEC (e)	9	9	4	0	0	5	0

(a) The AN/PRC-83 in second echelon is for batteries.

(b) Both units have 3d echelon repair parts still outstanding. Parts date back to Sept 1967.

(c) All three units have components in Battalion shop awaiting parts.

(d) A requisition for 38 BE-451 has been submitted. Eight nonblocks have also been requisitioned. See enclosure (2).

(e) Parts on order.

ENCLOSURE (8)

OPERATIONAL SPOT REPORT

SSDCO 3100.1
11 Dec 1967

Classification	Precedence	Send Mod Clear	Send Clear
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FROM*

INITIAL REPORT ()	FOLLOW ON ()	FINAL (x)
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ALFA

Unit Sending Report 7th Comm Bn

BRAVO

DNG Activity/Incident Occurred 041630H

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) 985713 (E)

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Hamlet resident Yen Bac reported 122 MM

rocket dud buried in paddy to security patrol.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Patrol investigated-dud located buried in mud.

Destroyed in place. Villager rewarded.

FOXTROT***

GOLF(Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA

Friendly WIA

Friendly MIA

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA

VC/NVA CAPTURED

DETAINEES

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known)

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed)

04	04	1652	68	Cpl Veach
Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

** If applicable - Time Friendly air, mortar, arty commenced support
Time of dispatch of reaction force(s)
Time of arrival of reaction force(s) at scene of contact

*** Shackle Friendly Casualty Figures

Enclosure (6)
Ch 1 (13Jan68)

Tab B

OPERATIONAL SPOT REPORT

SSDCO 3100.1
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Classification	Precedence	Send Med Clear	Send Clear
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FROM*

INITIAL REPORT ()	FOLLOW ON ()	FINAL (X)
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ALFA

Unit Sending Report 7th Comm Bn

BRAVO

DTG Activity/Incident Occurred 070050H

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) 9837020 (E) 9837025

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Ambush moved from ambush site and were

taken under fire by unknown number of enemy.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Fire fight continues.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA

Friendly WIA

Friendly MIA

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA

VC/NVA CAPTURED

DETAINÉES

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known)

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed)

07	04	2110	68	L/Cpl Marsh
Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

** If applicable - Time Friendly air, mortar, arty commenced support
Time of dispatch of reaction force(s)
Time of arrival of reaction force(s) at scene of contact

*** Shackle Friendly Casualty Figures

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OPERATIONAL SPOT REPORT

SSDCO 3100.1
11 Dec 1967

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ALFA

Unit Sending Report 7th Comm Bn

BRAVO

DTG Activity/Incident Occurred 171030H

CHARLIE (Shackle if Necessary)

Location by coordinates (F) 980701 (E)

DELTA

Who, What, When, Where, How Recon patrol discovered one 10 ft cave
in thicket.

ECHO**

Results or Action Taken Cave destroyed.

FOXTROT***

GOLF (Med Evac/Non Med Evac)***

HOTEL***

Friendly KIA

Friendly WIA

Friendly MIA

INDIA

JULIETT

KILO

VC/NVA KIA

VC/NVA CAPTURED

DETAINÉES

LIMA

Weapons Captured or Lost (State type if known)

MIKE

Equipment/Documents (Captured/Destroyed)

17	04	1330	68	L/Cpl Marsh
Day	Month	Time	Year	Received By

* FT, Sqd, Plt, Combat, Recon Patrol, Security Force, Ambush, Clearing
Operation, S&D Operation, Perimeter Bunker (S), etc.

** If applicable - Time Friendly air, mortar, arty commenced support
Time of dispatch of reaction force(s)
Time of arrival of reaction force(s) at scene of contact

*** Shackle Friendly Casualty Figures

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 DaNang, RVN
~~180800~~ April 1968
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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. -- (Omitted)
- b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion, FMF, Task Force X-Ray assumes OPCON Det, Communication Support Company effective 190600H April 1968, provides necessary transportation, installation assistance and communications equipment in support of the Detachment mission at the Gia Le Combat Base.

c. Attachments and Detachments

Det, Communication Support Company, effective 190600H Apr 68

2. MISSION

7th Communication Battalion supports Task Force X-Ray with Communication Detachment at Gia Le combat base to provide area communication center and telephone switching central.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Employment. On or about 19 April 1968, 7th Communication Battalion displaces a communication center team and a telephone switching central team to Gia Le, RVN for duty with Task Force X-Ray.

b. Communication Support Company

(1) At 190600H Apr 68 detach seven (7) Marines MOS 2542, five (5) Marines MOS 2511 and one (1) Marine MOS 2815 to Communication Company for duty at the Gia Le combat base.

(2) Provide two teletype machines AN/TGG-14 and associated equipment to provide one (1) half duplex teletypewriter circuit; transmission over Land Lines.

(3) Provide administrative Communication Center equipment and initial supplies to provide over the counter service to the units at the Gia Le combat base.

(4) Provide necessary telephone equipment and supplies to operate a 30 drop switching central 24 hours a day. (less Telephone Switchboard)

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CONFIDENTIAL**c. Coordinating Instructions**

(1) Communication Company in accordance with liason agreement provides to Det, Communication Support Company:

(a) Installation support for one (1) half duplex teletypewriter TSEC/KW-7 secure circuit Phu Bai/Gia Le and installation support for telephone switching central at Gia Le.

(b) One (1) SB-86 Switchboard.

(c) Necessary RPS support to include KW-7 equipment and keying materials as required.

(d) Maintenance support within organic capability.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Personnel take normal arms and equipment including ammunition allowance and protective armor and one seabag personal gear per individual.

b. Resupply Class II consumables from parent unit through Communication Company.

c. Maintenance support above capability of Communication Company provided by 7th Communication Battalion.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Detachment is OPCON Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion; ADCON parent unit.

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

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C. A. MC CLUSKEY
Major, USMC
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Time Zone: Zulu

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1. SITUATION

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

Det, Communication Support Company effective 260800H Apr 68

2. MISSION

7th Communication Battalion supports 3rd Marine Division (Rein) operations in the Northern ICTZ by providing a 10 man Communication Center personnel for duty.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Employment. On or about 26 April 1968, 7th Communication Battalion displaces a 10 man Communication Center Team by air for attachment to the 3rd Marine Division, Dong Ha, RVN.

b. Communication Support Company

(1) At 260800H Apr 68 detach one 10 man Communication Center Team to 3rd Marine Division FMF, Dong Ha, RVN.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Senior Marine to report to CG, 3rd Marine Division FMF on arrival Dong Ha Combat Base.

(2) Senior Marine report to 3rd MarDiv CEO by phone on arrival Dong Ha Combat Base.

(3) Transportation onward from Dong Ha Combat Base provided by 3rd Marine Division.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Personnel take normal arms and equipment including full ammunition allowance for individual weapons and upper torso body armor. One seabag per individual is authorized. Personnel will not have any high explosive ordnance in their possession.

b. Resupply through unit to which attached.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Detachment is OPCOM 3rd Marine Division, ADCOM parent unit.

H. O. CONING

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding

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CG, 3rd MarDiv
CEO, 1st MarDiv
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 Danang, RVN
 271600H April 1968

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Ref: (a) 1st MarDiv 270317Z Apr 68

1. SITUATION

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

Det, Radio Relay and Construction Company effective 280900H Apr 68

2. MISSION

7th Communication Battalion supports Task Force Clearwater operations in the Northern ICTZ by providing two (2) multi-channel Radio Relay Teams for duty.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Employment. On or about 28 April 1968, 7th Communication Battalion displaces two (2) Radio Relay Teams (AN/TRC-27) by air to Quang Tri for attachment to 588th Signal Company.

b. Radio Relay and Construction Company

(1) At 280900H Apr 68 detach two (2) AN/TRC-27 Radio Relay Teams with three (3) Radio set AN/TRC-27B to 588th Signal Company, Quang Tri, RVN.

(2) Draw three (3) Radio set AN/TRC-27 from Radio Relay Platoon, MWCS-1, Danang, RVN prior to 271500H Apr 68.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Senior Marine, Radio Relay detachment report to Captain MATULA, 588th Signal Company, on arrival Quang Tri.

(2) Senior Marine report by phone to parent unit on reporting to 588th Signal Company.

(3) Transportation onward from Quang Tri provided by 588th Signal Company.

(4) Frequency assignment by ProvCorps V.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Personnel take normal arms and equipment including full ammunition allowance for individual weapons and upper torso body armor. One seabag per individual is authorized. Personnel will not have any high explosive ordnance in their possession.

b. Transportation to Quang Tri will depart III MAF POW Compound Heli-pad 280900H.

c. Resupply and Maintenance through ProvCorps V.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Detachment is OPCON, 588th Signal Company; ADCON parent unit less maintenance and resupply.

H. O. COWING

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding

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CG, ProvCorps V
CEO
Radio Relay and Construction Co
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Major, USMC
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7TH COMM BN

PART I

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PART II

OVERALL ENLISTED STRENGTH OVER 95 PERCENT BUT REPORTED C-2 DUE TO SHORTAGE OF SUPERVISORY AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL-MOS 2591 IS AT 50 PERCENT M/L, MOS 2811 AND 2861 UNDER 40 PERCENT M/L. STAFF NCO AT 62 PERCENT M/L AND SGT AT 55 PERCENT M/L. BN CURRENTLY HAS ONE CO. AND 23 COMM DET DEPLOYED FROM PARENT UNIT WITH OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY BEING REDUCED BECAUSE OF ABOVE PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES.

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

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5750
1 May 1968

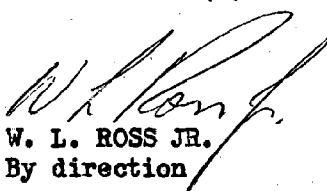
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To: Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion (Attn: S-3)

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
(d) CO, 7thCommBn Memo 3/RVN/wjh of 21 July 1966

Encl: (1) Communication Company Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


W. L. ROSS JR.
By direction

Comm Co, 7th Comm Bn

Apr 1968

Tab E

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

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5750
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Communication Company

COMMANDERMaj G. I. BOMGARDNER
1-30 April 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Center Platoon

Maj A. E. ARCHAMBAULT JR.
1-30 April 1968

Radio Platoon

1stLt S. D. JAY JR.
1-30 April 1968

Wire Platoon

WO R. NICHOLS
1-30 April 19682. LOCATION:

1-30 April 1968, Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS:

Executive Officer

Capt W. L. ROSS JR.
1-30 April 1968

Supply Officer

1stLt E. C. HARDY III
1-30 April 1968

Maintenance Officer

1stLt W. T. MCAULEY II
1-30 April 1968

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt W. T. MCAULEY II
1-30 April 1968

Systems Control Officer

1stLt L. DAVIS
25-30 April 1968

Ass't Comm Center Officer

Capt F. M. KLUNK
1-30 April 1968

Comm Watch Officer

Capt A. M. TRIPP
1-30 April 1968

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt R. I. TANAKA
1-30 April 1968

WLR/bps

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt E. C. HARDY III
1-30Apr68

Comm Watch Officer

1stLt. E. L. GREATHOUSE
1-30Apr68USMCUSNOFF
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2PART II

Communication Company installation, operation, maintenance, training and support continues. The company has been relocated within the Phu Bai Combat Base placing it much closer to radio and attached radio relay transmission sites. A subsidiary communication center and switchboard was established in conjunction with Communication Support Company at Gia Le in support of units in that area. Communication Company personnel continued to support the First Marine Air Wing at Quang Tri Combat Base as well as equipment and personnel for the 1st ARVN Division at Hue, the 1st M.P.'s outside the Phu Bai base and the 1st Force Recon Company. Continued support was provided for TFX with trucks for logistical operations.

PART III

1Apr68

Four M-35 trucks furnished in support of 1st Marines operations at Ca Lu.

1Apr68

H.F. RATT and Voice link established between TFX and 1st Marines at Ca Lu.

7Apr68

CommCo moved from cantonment 4 to cantonment 1 within the Phu Bai Combat Base.

7Apr68

MRC-62 link established between TFX and 1/27 near Hue.

10Apr68

Provided 2 radio operators to 1st Force Recon Company.

17Apr68

Two M-35 trucks furnished in support of 1st MarDiv Clubs System.

17Apr68

Secured HF link to 1st Marines at Ca Lu.

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22Apr68	Secured Convoy Control Net between Phu Bai and Danang.
25Apr68	1stLt L. DAVIS 095930/2502/9962/0805 joined the company and was assigned to Systems Control.
26Apr68	Gia Le Communication Center and Switchboard began operations.
27Apr68	Two M-35 trucks furnished in support of Sub Unit #1 at Phu Bai.
30Apr68	Personnel and equipment furnished 1st MP's for a four station, mobile, HF net.

- 19 April 1968 Established Area Communication Team#3 to provide a communication center and switching central for Marine units located at Gia Le. Team is Opcon to Communication Company.
- 20 April 1968 SSgt J.M. Davis 1330309 completed a one week course on Staff NCO Leadership at Division Schools.
- 20 April 1968 Helo lifted crypto and teletype equipment to Area Communication Team#1 in support of 2d ROK (MC) Brigade.
- 23 April 1968 Personnel attended a class on NCO leadership.
- 25 April 1968 Training was conducted on the functions that are performed by Helicopter Support Teams.
- 26 April 1968 Ten (10) communication center personnel provided to the 3rd Marine Division for employment at Khe Sanh.
- 26 April 1968 Furnished four individuals for a period of two days to deliver two AN/MRC-83's to Communication Company by 11th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy.
- 27 April 1968 Personnel attended a class on NCO leadership.
- 28 April 1968 Loaned to H/S Bn, FLC two AN/MRC-83's on an extended basis.
- 28 April 1968 L/cpl P.M. Barlow returned from completing a four week course in Embarkation.
- 29 April 1968 WO Herres began attending the Division Officers Leadership School for a one week period.
- 30 April 1968 Completed the sandbagging of the Southern Sector Defense Communication Center.
- 30 April 1968 90% of personnel in this unit are presently contributing to the Savings Bond Deposit program.

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

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5750
1 May 1968

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(c) DivO 5750.2B
Encl: (1) Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion
Command Chronology.
1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c)
enclosure (1) is submitted.

A. R. Moore
A. R. MOORE

Comm Support Co, 7th Comm Bn

Apr 1968

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Communication Support Company
7th Communication Battalion, FMF

COMMANDER

Capt. A.R. MOORE
(1-30 Apr 68)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

COMMUNICATION CENTER PLATOON

1stLt. P.C. DISARIO
(1-30 Apr 68)

WIRE PLATOON

1stLt. Z. KOBIASHEVILI
(1-8 Apr 68)

1stLt. E.C. JONES
(9-30 Apr 68)

RADIO PLATOON

1stLt. F.C. HEDGECOCK
(1-30 Apr 68)

OIC AREA COMM TEAM# 1

1stLt. J. W. POK
(1-30 Apr 68)

OIC AREA COMM TEAM# 3

WO-1 L. HERRERA
(13-30 Apr 68)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1968; Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Capt. J.B. CRONK
(1-30 Apr 68)

FIRST SERGEANT

GySgt. C.E. HANDCOX
(1-30 Apr 68)

OPERATIONS CHIEF

SSgt. G.T. DAWSON
(1-23 Apr 68)

Sgt. L.R. CAUDELL
(24-30 Apr 68)

SUPPLY NCO

Cpl. R.J. COLE
(1-30 Apr 68)

MOTOR TRANSPORT NCO

Cpl. G.T. WATSON
(1-30 Apr 68)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
7	160	0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Communication Support Company continued to operate and maintain the switchboard, radio and communications circuits for the Battalion. The Southern Sector Defense Command communication center covered half duplex circuit continued to be maintained and operated by this company and the Area Communication Teams supplied support to the 2d ROK (MC Brigade) and the 1st Hospital Company. Additionally, Area Communications Team#3 was established with thirteen (13) members to maintain a switching central and communications center for Marine units located within the Gia Le combat Base. A radio team continued to support the 1st Marines and a communication center team of ten (10) members was provided to the 3rd Marine Division. Radio operators and wiremen continued to augment 1st Military Police Battalion communications personnel. A squad continued to provide security for the Song Cau Do Bridge on Route 1A.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 April 1968 Capt A.R. Moore assumed command relieving Capt B.W. Ferich.
- 3 April 1968 Area Communication Team#2 displaced with 1st Hospital Company and continued to operate and maintain the radio circuits and the switchboard.
- 3 April 1968 Employed the AN/TSC-45 on the Battalion admin net vice an AN/MRC-83 and changed the transmitting site to eliminate any possible obstruction near the LZ. Furnished the Headquarters Commandent with air pannels.
- 8 April 1968 Provided a squad for patrolling to 1st Tank Battalion for a period of four days.
- 11 April 1968 The unit participated in a gas mask drill.
- 11 April 1968 Personnel attended class on NCO Leadership.
- 12 April 1968 Furnished four individuals for a period of two days to deliver two AN/MRC-83's to Communications Company by 11th Motor Transport Battalion Convoy.
- 13 April 1968 An orientation indoctrination lecture was conducted by the Battalion for joining personnel.
- 17 April 1968 Personnel attended classes on infantry weapons instructions and practical application of the 50. cal Machine gun, LAAW, M-79 and M-26A1 fragmentation grenades.

RADIO RELAY AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
7th Communication Battalion FMF
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

MGC/ljk
5750
30 April 68

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion (Attn: S-3)
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Ref: (a) BnO 5213.2B
Encl: ✓(1) Radio Relay and Construction Company Command Chronology
1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1)
is submitted.

L. A. Schneider
L. A. SCHNEIDER

Radio Relay and Construction Co, 7th Comm Bn

Apr 19 68

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DesignationCommander

Radio Relay and Construction Company

Maj. L. A. Schneider
(1-30 April 1968)Subordinate Units

Construction Platoon

1st Lt. D. D. Johanson
(1-30 April 1968)1st Lt. E. G. Jones
Asst Plt Cmdr
(1-6 April 1968)

Radio Relay Platoon

Capt. G. P. Howle
(1-30 April 1968)1st Lt. N. H. Robinson
Asst Plt Cmdr
(1-30 April 1968)CWO D. R. Dutcher
Maintenance Officer
(10-30 April 1968)2. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Capt. J. P. Hoolan Jr.
(4-30 April 1968)

Operations Officer

1st Lt. G. A. Hier
(1-30 April 1968)3. LocationDa Nang, RVN
(1-30 April 1968)4. Average Monthly StrengthOfficersEnlisted

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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. In addition the Company deployed three AN/TRC-27B's with operators, one to Phu Bai and two to Quang Tri, also had one AN/TRC-97 with operators return from Camp Evans, and one AN/TRC-27B with operators return from 37th Sig. Bn. The Company deployed 13 men and equipment to install an underground cable system at Hill 55, installed two wire pairs from OP Tiger to 2/13 COC, installed two 40 foot telephone poles in the 11th Marines CP. The Company also installed poles, messenger and 25 pair cable from terminal B-5 to serve Hoa Vang area. During the month the Company's personnel attended both Company and Battalion training, FAM fired M-16A1's and attended training on the LAAW, M-26A1, M-79 and 50 caliber machinegun. The Company throughout the month worked on improving the perimeter wire, bunkers, trenches and berm. During April the Company's Reactionary Platoon was committed twice. The Company suffered two KIA from the KMB radio relay shot.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1 April 1968	Maj. Schneider and Lt. Johanson attended cable planning conference at III MAF.
3 April 1968	Lt. General Krulak and Maj. General Robertson were in the Company area.
3 April 1968	Radio Relay Platoon deployed one AN/TRC-27B with operators to Phu Bai.
8 April 1968	Lt. Johanson attended cable planning conference at Div CEO.
9 April 1968	The Company suffered two KIA's from the radio relay shot at KMB.
13 April 1968	Maj. Schneider and Lt. Johanson attended coordinating meeting with Comm. Co., Hq. Bn. on Division CP Cable job.
22 April 1968	One AN/TRC-97 with operators returned from Camp Evans.
23 April 1968	Deployed 13 men to Hill 55 to install an underground cable system.
23 April 1968	Installed two 40 foot telephone poles in the 11th Marines CP. (Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #14-68)
25 April 1968	Ran two wire pairs from OP Tiger to 2/13 COC. (Ref: 7th Comm Bn WO #43-68)
28 April 1968	Radio Relay Platoon deployed two AN/TRC-27B's with operators to Quang Tri.
29 April 1968	Lt. Johanson left for Japan to procure cable on open purchase.
29 April 1968	Radio Relay Platoon had one AN/TRC-27B with operators return from 37th Sig. Bn.

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30 April 1968

Installed poles, messenger and 25 pair
cable from terminal B-5 to serve Hoa
Vang area.
(Ref: 1st MarDiv CEO WO #3-68)

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PART IV

Multi-Channel Radio Support

<u>Site Location</u>	<u>Link</u>	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
KMB (Hoi An)	KMB Internal	6	2 AN/MRC-62's
7th Mar CP (AT969620)	7th Mar CP/2nd Bn 7th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
2nd Bn 7th Mar	2nd Bn 7th Mar/7th Mar CP	3	1 AN/MRC-62
3rd Bn 5th Mar (Hai Van Pass)	3rd Bn 5th Mar/5th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
5th Mar (Phu Bai)	5th Mar/3rd Bn 5th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
"M" Co 3rd Bn 7th Mar (875474)	"M" Co 3rd Bn 7th Mar/ 3rd Bn 7th Mar	3	1 AN/MRC-62
1st Mar (Ca Lu)	1st Mar/1st Mar (Khe Sanh)	3	1 AN/MRC-62
Quang Tri	Quang Tri/Stand By	6	2 AN/MRC-62's
MASS III (Chu Lai)	MASS III/1st MAW	3	1 AN/TRC-97
1st Mar (Khe Sanh)	1st Mar/3rd MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-97
3rd MarDiv (Dong Ha)	3rd MarDiv/1st MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-97
TF Xray	TF Xray/1st MarDiv	3	1 AN/TRC-97
MAG-36 (Quang Tri) (Airfield)	MAG-36/1st MAW	0	1 AN/TRC-97
Dong Ha CB	Dong Ha CB/MAG-36	3 0	1 AN/TRC-27 1 RT-252
TF Xray (Hill 180)	TF Xray/1st Bn 27th Mar	3	1 AN/TRC-27
1st Bn 27th Mar (Hue)	1st Bn 27th Mar/TF Xray	3	1 AN/TRC-27

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SECTION 3

PLACE Danang

FROM 030001H Apr 68

TO 032359H Apr 68

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TIME	SERIAL NO	MESSAGES, ORDERS, INCIDENTS
0115	01	Red Alert. ROCKETS. Sounded Alert.
0120	02	Notified all units in Bn via Land Line.
0125	03	All radio nets and hotlines checked out and working.
0130	04	Reaction Squad mustered.
0203	05	Hq Co reported 100 men on line, RR&C Co reported 111 men on line.
0225	06	2nd Bn 13th Marines reported 100% men on line with 50% awake.
0225	07	Bn went on 50% alert with 100% on line.
0345	08	Telecon with 1st Tanks/Bn S-3. Resume normal watch conditions. Personnel will sleep in clothes.
0630	09	Bn CO and S-3 departed CP for conference with CEO TF-XRAY and CO of Comm Co, 7th Comm Bn.
0800	010	Submitted Negative Helo report to Div Air Officer, Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 060911Z Nov 67.
1300	011	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and Intsum report picked up.
1500	012	Hand delivered Pole Line Construction Report to 1st MarDiv (Attn: CEO). Ref: CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/GWH/wdc, dtd 11 Nov 67.
1515	013	LtGeneral KRULAK arrived Bn CP.
1519	014	LtGeneral KRULAK departed BN CP for Yen Bac.
1530	015	Telecon 1st Tanks/Bn Ops Chief; Received change to 1st Tank Bn Intsum # 93. Showed to Bn XO, who informed me to bring this to OOD attention and also that he bring it to the attention of Bn CO and S-3 upon their return to CP.
1700	016	3 messages transmitted on Bn Admin Net.
1750	017	Bn CO and S-3 returned to CP from Phu Bai.
1900	018	Sixteen (16) NCOs attended Bn NCO School on "Hand and Rifle Grenades". Ref: BnBul 1540 of 18 Mar 68.

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TIME	SERIAL NO	MESSAGES, ORDERS, INCIDENTS
0800	01	CommSpt Co held 2 one hour classes on "Mines and Booby Traps". Ref: BnBul 1540 of 18 Mar 68
0930	02	Telecon Comm Co 1st Sgt/Bn Ops Chief, requested to know procedures for handling of Vietnamese civilian hit by MGR-83. Informed him S-5 will contact him. Civilian not seriously injured.
1025	03	Telecon, Bn Ops Chief/Comm Co 1st Sgt. S-3 informed Comm Co 1st Sgt to handle the 0930 entry through Task Force X-RAY.
1045	04	Submitted one (1) nominee for NCO Leadership School (15-27 Apr). Ref: DivBul 1500 of 18 Mar 68.
1100	05	Submitted one (1) nominee to CG 1st MarDiv for Basic Organic Supply Accounting School. CLCV 21 Apr 68. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 230229Z Mar 68.
1300	06	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and Intsum report picked up.
1530	07	Submitted nominee to CG 1st MarDiv for Cable Splicers School 20 Apr to 6 May 68. Ref: CG III MAF 130700Z Sep 67.
1530	08	Submitted a work order to Hq Cmdt for construction of 30 targets for range zeroing.
1540	09	Notified all companies and personnel concerned of an Orientation/ Indoctrination lecture for 1300 on 13 April at the outdoor theatre
1600	010	Notified all companies that the zeroing of T/O weapons for all new personnel at 0800 on 12 April, to include all personnel in patrol.
1600	011	Memo S-3/Distribution List. The testing of protective mask will take place on 12 Apr. Ref: 3/FCC/erm over 9 Apr 68.
1700	012	Two (2) messages transmitted over Bn Admin Net.

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0800	01	RR&C Co held one hour class for Company on "Map and Aerial Photograph Reading". Ref: BnBul 1540 of 18 Mar 68, RR&C Co Bn 4500 of 4 Apr 68.
1000	02	Dispatched S-3 driver to 1st Div G-3 to bring units and Boundaries on map up to date.
1045	03	Received word via 1st Tanks, that V.C. were seen crossing the river. S-3 notified our patrol to set up blocking force, and has another patrol going out.
1050	04	Telecon Major SIMON/S-3 via Bn Ops Chief, requested to talk to technical assistance for inspection of Hq Bn on 17 Apr 68. Informed Major SIMON, S-3 would return the call.
1100	05	BAS held period of instruction to section personnel on "Effects and uses of Narcotics". Ref: BnBul 1540 of 18 Mar 68.
1100	06	Informed and explained orally to Comm Center Watch Supervisor the procedure for sending out his Radio msg via TT, and explained that call signs will not be used.
1100	07	Captain HOPKINS from 1st Tanks called over hotline requesting S-3. S-3 out of office concerning 1045 incident. 1st Tanks requested to know how many V.C. were presumed in area. From all available information, possibly 3 to 5.
1110	08	S-3 informed COC bunker of large object floating down river towards Cau Do bridge with vietnamese in boat, with flag behind it. Notified 1st Tanks of same.
1115	09	Telecon Lt GODIN 4/11/Bn Ops Chief, notified COC that OP Tiger reports MARINES "clearing" villagers out of village and there is firing by river, informed him of circumstances.
1120	010	Telecon Lt HAGERTY 2/13/Bn Ops Chief, 2/13 will be test firing their M-60's at 1330, informed Sgt of Guard of same.
1125	011	Bn Adjutant informed Ops Chief that 1st Div. called and will accept CPL in lieu of Sgt as instructor. Passed to S-3.
1130	012	Telecon Major DICKY/Bn Ops Chief, requested to know SITREP and whether any firing was going on. Checked SITREP with S-3 informed Major DICKY that 5 rounds were fired into a haystack and 5 rounds into a bamboo thatch. There will be no more firing unless fired upon, and that ARVN are working other side of the river.
1130	013	Boat with V.C. swimming alongside sighted. SF Red fired M-79 at same. Boat and V.C. on other side of river ARVN fired Green Smoke. Possible that they may be investigating.

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1130	014	Telecon S-3/Bn Ops Chief, large clumps of bushes floating in river. Requested Ops Chief to check with Tanks to see if same holds true at Tuy Loan Bridge and OP Lion. Passed to 1st Tanks.
1145	015	Telecon Bn Ops Chief/Mess Sergeant. Notified mess hall to save chow for approximately 20 to 25 men. Changed this to 40 men.
1200	016	Telecon 4/11/Bn Ops Chief. Will be Fam Firing weapons at 1300. Informed Sgt of the Guard.
1205	017	S-3 requested Bn Ops Chief to give Bn CO present SITREP. Done same. Crossing of boat was at coordinates 990698.
1215	018	Telecon S-3/Bn Ops Chief, 2 boats damaged with bullet holes in both. Clothes found hanging on bushes, don't know whose. S-3 reports patrol has swimmer in water looking for possible weapons no results. ARVN on south side of river reluctant to go near boat to investigate, notified 1st Tanks.
1230	019	Telecon, 26th Mar, CommO/Bn Ops Chief, requested that ERC-97 team stay with him at Khe Sanh for another week and a half. He can't afford to leave them go. He explained that the 26th Mar will be the last to leave and he'll need all available men for move, cannot get hold of RR&C Co at this time, passed to Captain HODLIN.
1300	020	33 enlisted attended Orientation/Indoctrination lecture.
1330	021	One (1) detainee taken to III MAF POW compound for interrogation Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and Intsum report picked up.
1400	022	
1530	023	45 SNCO and Officers attended SNCO and Officer school on "CALL for Fire and Adjustment" of fire. Ref: Bn Bul 1540 of 18 Mar/
1600	024	Telecon 1st MarDiv S-5/Bn S-5. A meeting will be held at 0900 17 April Hq Bn, 1st MarDiv Officers Club.
1630	025	One (1) sent and three (3) received over Bn Admin Net.

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0800	01	Comm Support Company held a 1 hour class on "Scouting and Patrolling". Ref: BnBul 1540 over 18 Mar 68.
0830	02	Submitted Evaluation of Selected Munitions Report to First Div G-3. Ref: Dept. Of Army, Army Concept Team in Vietnam ltr dtd 1 Mar 68.
0830	03	Submitted Telephone traffic diagram and Radio Relay traffic diagram to 1st MarDiv Comm Chief. Ref: Telecon 1st Div Comm Chief/Bn Ops Chief.
0845	04	S-3 visited CEO and discussed cable const. at Khe Sanh and rehab. of TRC-97 equip. at Camp Evans and Khe Sanh.
0900	05	Telecon Capt. Smith Task Force X-Ray Ass't Comm. Elect. O/Bn Ops Chief; requested to know if WO HERRERA would be able to come to Phu Bai and run a cable and telephone survey. Requested S-3 to call him back when he arrives back in CP.
0930	06	Telecon Bn Ops Chief/MT dispatcher; requested 3 6X6's to transport personnel to Hoa Cam for infantry weapons instruction and practical application.
1100	07	Telecon S-3/Capt. SMITH, had discussion of 0900 entry.
1300	08	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and Intsum report picked up.
1300	09	S-3A took patrols out for instruction in use of Riot Gas in offensive action. A demonstration using CS Gas was used on patrol following the instruction.
1500	010	Set up PA system for a class on proper procedure for filling out trip tickets. Ref: 3/FCC/erm over 10 Apr 68.
1630	011	One (1) sent and two (2) received over Bn Admin Net.
1700	012	72 enlisted attended instruction of proper procedure for filling out trip tickets. Ref: 3/FCC/erm over 10 Apr 68.

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0915	01	Telecon Hq Co GySgt/Bn Ops Chief; a class will be held 23 Apr at the outdoor theatre on "Individual Responsibility". All hands will attend.
0930	02	Telecon Bn Ops Chief/ CSC Ops Chief; informed CSC Ops Chief to assume responsibility for getting "C"-Rations to their security at Song Cau Do Bridge.
0940	03	Submitted one enlisted nominee to S-1 for NCO Leadership School 8-68, 29 Apr to 11 May 68. Ref: DivBul 1500 over 18 Mar 68.
1000	04	Bn Overlay and Personnel Status Report delivered to 1st Tank Bn and Southern Sector Defense Force Overlay and Intsum report picked up.
1330	05	Telecon CSC 6/Bn Ops Chief; requested to send one man to S-3 for interview in accordance with S-3's meeting of 20 April. S-3 at Yen Bac, Bn Ops Chief gave initial interview, requested the CSC 6 have Marine report to S-3 at 0800 for interview with S-3.
1330	06	Hand delivered original and one copy of Operational Status of 7th Comm Bn to CEO's officer, Ref: CEO request of 20 April 1968.
1400	07	Bn Ops Chief verified Bn NCO Class at 1900.
1640	08	Bn Ops Chief checked out alert system Loud and Clear.
1700	09	Three (3) sent and one (1) received over Bn Admin Net.
1900	010	47 attended Bn NCO School on "Call for Fire and Adjustment of Fire". Ref: BnBul 1540 over 18 Mar 68.

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2. On 24 April 1968 a reporter came from Division ISO and interviewed the Bn S-5 about the civic action work in our area and also about the recent immunization program conducted by the Battalion Medical Section.
3. An article appeared in the 26 April issue of "Sea Tiger" about the Molitor twins who are serving together in Communication Co. at Phu Bai. Titled "Marine Brothers Pose Complications," the article explained how they both came to be stationed together and are serving as radio operators.

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