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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for 7th Communication Battalion  
for period 1 May thru 31 May 19691. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and  
is forwarded herewith.  
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14 June 1969  
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To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, FMF  
Subj: Command Chronology for 7th Communication Battalion for  
period 1 May thru 31 May 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPac 5750.8  
(c) III MAFO 5750.8

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 May thru 31 May 1969

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**PART I**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA**

**1. DESIGNATION****COMMANDER****5th/7th Communication Battalion****ltCol C. L. BRADY  
1-31 May 1969****SUBORDINATE UNITS****Headquarters Company****Captain M. L. BURTON  
1-31 May 1969****Communication Company****Captain J. M. CULVER  
1-31 May 1969****Communication Support Company****Major L. E. PETERSON  
1-31 May 1969****Radio Relay and Construction  
Company****Major J. H. WICKENS  
1-31 May 1969****2. LOCATION****Headquarters, 7th Communication  
Battalion****1-31 May 1969 Da Nang, RVN****Headquarters Company (-)****1-31 May 1969 Da Nang, RVN****Communication Company (-)****1-31 May 1969 Da Nang, RVN****Communication Support Company (-)****1-31 May 1969 Da Nang, RVN**

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**3. STAFF OFFICERS**

**Executive Officer**

**Major D. F. SELBY**  
1-31 May 1969

**Adjutant/S-1**

**1stLt R. L. BROWN**  
1-2 May 1969

**Captain F. D. STRONG**  
3-31 May 1969

**S-3**

**Major J. F. BAIER**  
1-31 May 1969

**S-4**

**Major W. E. DE IULIIS**  
1-29 May 1969

**Major E. S. LAWBAUGH**  
30-31 May 1969

**S-5**

**1stLt R. T. ANDERSON**  
1-31 May 1969

**4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
26	553

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	8

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During May 1969, the 7th Communication Battalion had a high percentage of personnel deployed in operational communication commitments throughout I Corps. The battalion moved into Camp Hoa Long from Hill 34 in the early part of the month and made extensive efforts to expand camp facilities.

Communication Company continued to support the Third Marine Division and Task Force Hetel. The company conducted preventative maintenance on equipment and augmented the Battalion Guard.

Communication Support Company continued to support the Second ROK Marine Brigade, First MP Battalion, First Marine Air Wing. Additional support was given to 95th Evacuation Hospital. In addition, the company provided personnel to the Battalion Guard and conducted preventative maintenance on equipment.

Radio Relay and Construction Company continued radio relay commitments for the III MAF TAOR and maintained a high rate of telephone cable installation and repair with the First Marine Division TAOR. Of specific interest is the fact that the Construction Platoon installed over 56,000 feet of cable in one month; 49,000 feet was installed in only 9½ days. The company continued a program of preventative maintenance. Personnel were provided to augment the Battalion Guard.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operations

- 1 May Continued liaison and planning for cable reinstallation for 1st Marine Division.
- 2 May S-3A to 4th Bn. 11th Marines to make liaison for security on Hill 34. 4th Bn. 11th Marines assumed responsibility for coordinating security on Hill 34 as of 0800.
- 5 May Bulk Fuel and Ammo Companies assume responsibility for Bunkers #6-#10.
- 6 May Bulk Fuel and Ammo Companies assume responsibility for all bunkers with the exception of #1, 2, and 11.
- 8 May Relieved of all security responsibilities by Bulk Fuel and Ammo Companies.
- Remaining personnel in 7th Communication Battalion depart Hill 34 to move to 5th Communication Battalion cantonment on China Beach. Elements of the 7th Communication Battalion have been on Hill 34 since August 1967.
- 12 May Rocket alert sounded three times in the early morning.
- 14 May Rocket alert sounded once in the early morning.
- 17 May Rocket alert sounded once in the early morning.
- 18 May Rocket alert sounded three times in the early morning.
- 19 May Rocket alert sounded once in the late evening.
- 20 May Rocket alert sounded three time in the early morning.

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23 May

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28 May

LtCol CUMMINS, FLC Legal Officer, conducted Officer/SNGO School on "Military Law."

Rocket alert sounded once in the early morning.

29 May

Received commitment from 1st Marine Division to support communications for tactical operation.

30 May

FORSTAT Report submitted to III MAF.

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Battalion training was maintained as much as possible. Some training had to be cancelled due to the movement of the battalion and the necessity to utilize all available personnel in the construction of working and living spaces. However eight (8) personnel were TAD to outside schools and 11 personnel attended driver training. Vietnam Orientation is being continued on the company level and weapons familiarization and zeroing of rifles is conducted for all new joiners.

3. Logistics

During the month of May the battalion experienced a shortage of repair parts to maintain its generators. In addition several cable construction jobs at the end of the month were slowed up due to the lack of cable. Construction of working and living spaces was hampered due to the lack of building materials. The water shortage problem became critical in the beginning of the month.

4. Legal

- a. Special Court Martial - 1
- b. Summary Court Martial - 2
- c. Non Judicial Punishment - 1 (Bn CO)

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB A

7th Communication Battalion  
Logistic Summary Report

TAB B

Command Chronology of:

✓ #1

Communication Company

✓ #2

Communication Support Company

✓ #3

Radio Relay and Construction  
Company

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6 June 1969

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Assistant  
Chief of Staff, G-4)

Subj: Logistic Summary Report Number 5-69 for the Month of May

Ref: (a) FMF 4000.1F

Encl: (1) LOGSUM 5-69 7th Communication Battalion

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a),  
the subject LOGSUM is submitted herewith.

C. L. BRADY

*7th Comm Bn*

*Log Sum #5-69*

*May 1969*

~~SECRET~~SECTION I - SUPPLY1. Overall Supply Situation

a. The overall supply situation is satisfactory with discrepancies. The lack of generators and the repair parts to maintain them continues to be the major problem because of the long leadtime on requisitions. Telephone construction material, such as cable and hardware, has not been received in the last nine months and continues to hamper the telephone construction work.

2. Class I. N/A3. Class II

a. Situation. Class II support items are adequate except for the shortage of telephone cable, telephone construction material and typewriters.

Sub-classification B

a. Situation. This Battalion is unable to accomplish its assigned telephone construction work, due to the shortage of material.

b. Critical Items

<u>FSN</u>	<u>U/I</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MONTH ITEM INITIALLY REPORTED CRITICAL</u>	<u>QTY ON HAND IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS</u>
3-521759	each	Cable Lash Clamps	January 1969	2000
5940-988-6311	100	Scotch Lok UI	January 1969	20 Boxes
5-522165	100	Scotch Lok UI	March 1969	20 Boxes
5-522265	roll	Sealing Cord	March 1969	64 Rolls
5-528191	roll	Sealing Tape	March 1969	64 Rolls
5805-992-0237	each	Splice Case 20A1	January 1969	30
5005-992-0238	each	Splice Case 20B1	January 1969	30
5005-992-0240	each	Splice Case 20C1	January 1969	30
5005-991-6230	each	Splice Case 21A1	January 1969	17
5805-991-6228	each	Splice Case 21B1	January 1969	17
5005-991-0239	each	Splice Case 21C1	January 1969	7
6145-617-0257	feet	Cable 25pr 22awg	January 1969	10,000
6145-577-8071	feet	Cable 50pr 22awg	January 1969	10,000
6145-577-8080	feet	Cable 100pr 22awg	January 1969	30,000
6145-577-8080	feet	Cable 200pr 22awg	January 1969	10,000
6145-577-8094	feet	Cable 300pr 22awg	January 1969	17,000
5005-981-0240	each	Adapter 129A	January 1969	25
5005-981-0245	each	Adapter 133E	January 1969	25
5005-981-8267	each	End Plug D300	January 1969	25
5005-981-8294	each	End Plug D100	January 1969	12
5005-981-8295	each	End Plug D200	January 1969	12
5005-981-8276	each	Sealing Washer 319	January 1969	35
5805-981-8272	each	Sealing Washer 315	January 1969	25

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<u>FSN</u>	<u>U/I</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>MONTH ITEM INITIALLY REPORTED CRITICAL</u>	<u>QTY ON HAND IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS</u>
5805-981-8269	each	Sealing Washer 312	January 1969	27
5805-981-0296	each	Sealing Washer E3100	January 1969	25
5805-981-8265	each	Sealing Washer E215	January 1969	24
5805-981-8257	each	Sealing Washer 100	January 1969	24
5805-981-8255	each	Sealing Washer 106	January 1969	24
6145-577-0065	feet	Cable 25pr 19 awg	May 1969	12,500
6145-577-0072	feet	Cable 50pr 19 awg	May 1969	26,400
6145-683-0632	feet	Cable 100pr 19awg	May 1969	26,400
6145-577-8009	feet	Cable 200pr 19 awg	May 1969	1,000

c. Significant Problem Areas. In early December, requisition for \$67,543.00 of telephone construction material were submitted to the Division Supply Office. There have been few requisitions for cable or telephone construction material filled in over a year.

#### Sub-classification E

a. Situation. The shortage of typewriters has hampered the Battalion in accomplishing its mission properly. There are sufficient NAVIC10154-PD Forms in Battalion Supply to last for a period of three months.

#### b. Critical Items

<u>FSN</u>	<u>U/I</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>MONTH ITEM INITIALLY REPORTED CRITICAL</u>	<u>QTY ON HAND IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS</u>
7430-254-4319	each	Typewriter	October 1968	3
7430-254-4321	each	Typewriter	October 1968	11
7430-464-4421	each	Typewriter	October 1968	1
0000-002-1902	sheet	NAVICFORM0154	May 1969	3,000

c. Significant Problem Areas. At present time, this Battalion has 30 typewriters on order.

#### Sub-classification F

a. Situation. The supply situation in this area is satisfactory.

b. Critical Items. None.

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

#### Sub-classification M

a. Situation. Weapons and Ordnance support is satisfactory.

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~~SECRET~~b. Critical Items. None.c. Significant Problem Areas. None.Sub-classification Ta. Situation. Supplies in this area are considered satisfactory.b. Critical Items. None.c. Significant Problem Areas. N/A4. Class IIIA and IIB. N/A5. Class IVa. Situation. Construction material such as 2x4's and plywood are non-existent, but this is due mainly to the low priority established in current directives.b. Critical Items. None.c. Significant Problem Areas. None.6. Class V. N/A7. Class VI. N/A8. Class VIIa. Situation. The overall situation is satisfactory.Sub-classification A N/ASub-classification Ba. Situation. Satisfactory.b. Critical Items. None.c. Significant Problem Areas. None.Sub-classification Da. Situation. None.b. Critical Items. None.c. Significant Problem Areas. None.Sub-classification G~~SECRET~~

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a. Situation. Electronics and items are satisfactory.

b. Critical Items

ITEM	ASN	TOTAL QTY		LATEST	
		AUTH	DUE	LAM	STATUS
FU-347	6413-308-1550	N/A	1	MPB	BM

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

Sub-classification K

a. Situation. Satisfactory.

b. Critical Items. None.

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

Sub-classification L N/A

Sub-classification M

a. Situation. Satisfactory.

b. Critical Items. None.

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

Sub-classification N N/A

#### 9. Class V/II

a. Situation. Satisfactory.

b. Critical Items. None.

c. Significant Problem Area. None.

#### 10. Class IX

a. Situation. The overall Class IX is considered to be marginally satisfactory.

Sub-classification A N/A

Sub-classification B

a. Situation. Generators as components have been on order for some time, such as FL-75's. There are 26 on order. They are being replaced by a new 3 M Generator. Initial issues will be directed by CHC, ETA 1st Quarter FY-70.

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~~SECRET~~b. Critical Items

<u>FSN</u>	<u>U/I</u>	<u>NUMERATURE</u>	<u>MONTH ITEM</u> <u>INITIALLY</u> <u>REPORTED</u> <u>CRITICAL</u>	<u>QTY ON HQN</u> <u>IN EXCESS</u> <u>OF 30 DAYS</u>
6115-222-5815	each	FE-75	JUNE 1968	26

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.Sub-classification Da. Situation. N/Ab. Critical Items. None.c. Significant Problem Areas. None.Sub-classification C

a. Situation. Marginally satisfactory as several major components have been on order for an excessive period of time. We have been encountering trouble in the receipt of repair parts for the AN/PGC-1, VCC-1, VCC-2, and AS-2236. Critical repair parts are listed in Class IX Sub-class C.

b. Critical Items

<u>FSN</u>	<u>U/I</u>	<u>NUMERATURE</u>	<u>MONTH ITEM</u> <u>INITIALLY</u> <u>REPORTED</u> <u>CRITICAL</u>	<u>QTY ON HQN</u> <u>IN EXCESS</u> <u>OF 30 DAYS</u>
5920-050-4953	each	FUSE	NOVEMBER 1968	20
PT 200-39	each	PART SECTION	MAY 1969	0
PT 199-30	each	ANTENNA, ASSY	MAY 1969	11
PT 200-2	each	TRIPOD ASSY	MAY 1969	6
PT 200-38	each	PART SECTION	MAY 1969	3
PT 199-38	each	CABLE ASSY	MAY 1969	10

c. Significant Problem Areas. If the repair parts ordered for the AN/PGC-1's, only those assigned Federal Stock Numbers are being received. There is an excessive delay in obtaining AN/TRC-97 Repair parts and parts for AS-2236's.

Sub-classification K

a. Situation. Satisfactory. Receipt for Motor Transport items continues on a regular basis.

b. Critical Items. None.~~SECRET~~

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c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

Sub-classification L N/A

Sub-classification M

a. Situation. Unsatisfactory. No problems encountered with parts for weapons.

b. Critical Items. None.

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

Sub-classification N N/A

Sub-classification T

a. Situation. Satisfactory.

b. Critical Items. None.

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

11. Class X. N/A

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~~SECRET~~ SECTION II - MAINTENANCE

12. Maintenance Situation. The overall maintenance situation is marginally satisfactory. The excessive repair time required for small engine generator repair has hampered tactical effectiveness. The lead time of items turned in under the secondary repairable program has necessitated acquiring equipment on temporary loan to meet tactical commitments.

13. Aircraft. N/A

14. Other Major Items of Equipment

a. Statue

Wheeled Vehicles

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>AVERAGE OH</u>	<u>AVERAGE MORS</u>	<u>AVERAGE NORM</u>
Labo & Servicing Unit Power Operated, Portable 2 1/2 Ton	2	2	1	0	1

Comment: One Labo & Servicing Unit belonging to 7th Communications Battalion, was evacuated to 3d Force Regiment.

Communications Equipment

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>AVERAGE OH</u>	<u>AVERAGE MORS</u>	<u>AVERAGE NORM</u>
AN/CCG-3	14	11	7	3	1

Comment: Sufficient assets of this equipment are operational to meet current commitments. The only problems encountered is acquiring repair parts. Requisitions for repair parts for this item date back to October 1968.

AN/TRC-63	6	6	5	1	0
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Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet present commitments. No problems are anticipated.

AN/TRC-83	30	29	14	10	5
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Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet current commitments. Four radio sets are awaiting AN/TRC-75 radio sets ordered on requisition number 8742-4441.

AN/TRC-87	5	1	0	1	0
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Comment: One (1) AN/TRC-87 is deadlined for MORS due to missing TRC-75

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which is an requisition document number 6142-4441. Three (3) AN/MRC-57's that were code H will be replaced by three (3) AN/MRC-124's which will be fed by MOAS Phila.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ON</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u> <u>ON</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u> <u>NORS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u> <u>NORM</u>
AN/MRC-109	10	10	8	1	1

Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet current commitments. No problems are anticipated.

AN/MRC-110	3	2	2	0	0
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Comment: Assets appear to be adequate at this time to meet commitments, one (1) AN/MRC-110 is code H and is on order.

AN/MRC-41	6	6	5	0	1
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Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet present commitments. No problems are anticipated.

AN/MRC-47	15	14	9	0	5
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Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet present commitments. No problems are anticipated.

AN/MRC-27	12	12	2	2	8
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Comment: Two (2) AN/MRC-27's are deadlined NORS due to code H of PU-278 Generators and eight (8) sets are deadlined NORM due to sixteen (16) Generators at 1st AR. This is a very critical item as only five (5) Generators are operational. This significant problem area has been reported continually since December 1968 and no relief is in sight. This item has remained on PAREN deadline, as well as GA submission with follow-up remarks.

AN/MRC-97	8	8	4	0	4
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Comment: This unit is considered to be very critical and has shown signs of increased down time during the hot summer months. Since no maintenance fleet is held by this unit at this time and parts are very limited in the supply system for this unit, it is anticipated that present and future commitments may have to be terminated until the system establishes logistic support that is able to meet the present demands.

AN/MRC-15	11	9	5	0	4
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Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet present requirements. No problems are anticipated.

AN/PCG-1	20	20	6	11	0
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Comment: This is considered to be a critical item. The eleven (11) NUIS are second echelon and awaiting parts for the control unit C-7673's. Apparently parts are not readily available in the supply system. This set is in great demand for its use, but due to the lack of repair parts, it is considered very critical.

AN/VOL-2	6	6	5	0	1
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Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet present commitments. Parts are not readily available through supply however and if hot weather increases breakdown, this item could become critical.

AN/VOL-1	4	4	2	2	0
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Comment: This item is considered to be critical. The sets are declined awaiting repair parts of 3rd echelon and there appears to be a lack of parts held by the supply system to furnish adequate support.

AN/IRC-62	16	16	9	7	0
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Comment: This unit is considered to be a critical item. Three (3) of these units are declined due to lengthy turn around time of AN/TCG-3 Ray radio relay sets at 1st FSM. The remaining four (4) sets are declined NUIS, awaiting repair parts.

#### Engineer Equipment

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>AVERAGE OR</u>	<u>AVERAGE WORK</u>	<u>AVERAGE NORM</u>
Saw, Chain	2	1	1	0	0

Comment: Sufficient assets are available to meet present requirements. No problems are anticipated.

FE-75	14	0	6	0	2
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Comment: The two (2) generators declined at 1st FSM will probably be code II as in most cases of the FE-75. No requisition can be made due to a new generator being put into the system as a replacement for the FE-75 Generator.

FL-143	2	2	1	1	0
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Comment: Turn around of this equipment continues to be slow and can be considered critical. Future commitments may not be met due to lack of this equipment.

FL-463	22	5	0	1	4
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Comment: Slow turn around and parts procurement continues to be the problem with this equipment. Future commitments can not be met until

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equipment is repaired or replaced.

PU-482                      13              10              3                      6                      1

Comment: Slow turn around time is the main problem with this equipment. Future commitments may suffer unless this equipment is replaced.

PU-549                      0                      4                      3                      1                      0

Comment: Slow parts procurement is the main problem with engine generators. This equipment receives high usage and is subject to weather conditions that cause rapid breakdown. Future commitments can not be met due to parts procurement.

PU-557                      11                      7                      2                      1                      4

Comment: Slow parts procurement and turn around are problems with this equipment. Future commitments will be hampered unless these problems can be alleviated.

PU-557                      0                      14                      0                      14                      0

Comment: There were 26 PE-75 Generators on order and these have been cancelled. They are being replaced by a new 3 M/ generator. Initial issue will be directed by CMC, ETA 1st QTR FY-70.

#### SECTION III - SERVICES

15. Services Situation. N/A

16. Significant Problem Areas. None.

#### SECTION IV - TRANSPORTATION

17. Transportation Situation. N/A

18. N/A

19. Significant Problem Areas. None.

#### SECTION V - LOGISTICAL PLANS

20. Current Plans. N/A

#### SECTION VI - MISCELLANEOUS

21. The requirement for additional facilities generated by the consolidation and move of 7th Communication Battalion to the 5th Communication Battalion cantonment has been only partially satisfied.

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Construction of the Aid Station has begun and the eleven (11) four-hole bathroom heads have been provided. However, the five company administrative buildings, the two 20 head showers, the 40' x 100' Butler Building for storage, and the one 6 head shower have been urgently required since 15 April 1969. Construction has not yet begun on these facilities.

Water System

The present water system, which is capable of pumping only 22,000 gallons per day, has been supplemented by trucking in 10,000 - 15,000 gallons. Daily water requirement for the 5th/7th Communication Battalion cantonment is in excess of 100,000 gallons. Funds have been requested for a 100,000 gallon water infiltration unit for the 5th/7th Communication Battalion cantonment.

Parking Hardstands

To date, no action has been taken to fulfill the request for Motor Transport hardstands to accommodate all vehicles within the cantonment. Currently, vehicles are parked in the sand.

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7th Communication Battalion, FME  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
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5750  
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From: Commanding Officer  
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 May 1969

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(c) CO, 7th CommBn Memo 3/RVH/vhj of 21 July 1966

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*J. M. Culver*  
J. M. CULVER

Comm Co, 7th CommBn

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May 1969

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1. DESIGNATION:  
Communication Company

COMMANDER  
Capt J. M. CULVER  
1-31 May 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Center Platoon

1stLt. L. R. MILLER  
1-31 May 1969

Radio Platoon

2ndLt. J. R. NEUBEISER, JR.  
1-31 May 1969

Wire Platoon

CWO-2 J. P. DIANTONIS  
1-14 May 1969

HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

1stLt. R. S. TINEY Jr.  
1-30 May 1969

2. Location:  
1-31 May 1969, Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1stLt. R. S. TINEY Jr.  
1-31 May 1969

Supply Officer

1stLt. L. R. MILLER  
1-31 May 1969

Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt. J. R. NEUBEISER Jr.  
1-31 May 1969

Operations Officer

1stLt. R. S. TINEY Jr.  
1-31 May 1969

O in C of CommCo's Detachment at Task Force Hotel

1stLt. L. S. WHITE Jr.  
1-31 May 1969

O in C of CommCo's Detachment at Dong Ha

CWO-2 J. P. DIANTONIS  
15-31 May 1969

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PART II

During the month of May Communications Company continued to support 3rd Marine Division and Task Force Hotel. Average monthly strenght of personnel supporting units and operations in Northern I Corps Tactical Zone was 85. A weekly convoy runs in support of personnel and equipment, are scheduled in cooperation with Radio Relay and Construction Company. Convoys will depart Monday morning. The first scheduled convoy departed 0630 on 26 May 1969. The Company Continued to conduct preventive maintance on equipment.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 May 1969

Communication Company  
completed move to 5th  
CommBn conformation

3 May 1969

1st Lt. G. C. ARDOLINO  
was transferred to  
Landing Force Training  
Unit Atlantic Norfolk  
Virginia

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COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY  
7th Communication Battalion, FMF  
APO San Francisco, 96602

LEP:vcc  
5750  
04 June 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Communication Battalion  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 through 31 May 1969  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMF PacO 5750.8  
(c) 5th Comm BnO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company, 7th Communication  
Battalion Command Chronology

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

  
L. E. PETERSON

*Common Support Co, 7th Comm Bn*

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*May 1969*

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COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY  
7th Communication Battalion, FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

Communication Support Company

COMMANDERMaj. L. E. PETERSON  
(1-31 May 1969)SUBORDINATE UNITS

COMMUNICATION CENTER PLATOON

1stLt. T. A. WENNINGER  
(1-31 May 1969)

WIRE PLATOON

1stLt. M. R. KABLER  
(1-31 May 1969)

RADIO PLATOON

1stLt. R. B. HUYETT  
(1-31 May 1969)

OIC 2nd ROK

1stLt. H. J. SYKES  
(1-31 May 1969)2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1969; DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1stLt. T. A. WENNINGER  
(1-31 May 1969)

FIRST SERGEANT

1stSgt. H. E. WITHAM  
(1-31 May 1969)

OPERATIONS CHIEF

GySGt. H. C. DOTSON  
(1-31 May 1969)

SUPPLY CHIEF

LCpl. R. M. VALENTINE  
(1-31 May 1969)

MOTOR TRANSPORT CHIEF

Cpl. G. P. NICKLOW  
(1-31 May 1969)

POLICE SERGEANT

PFC J. RODIC  
(1-5 May 1969)  
LCpl. P. R. WRIGHT  
(8-31 May 1969)4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	131	0	0

OTHER	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Area Communication Team #1 continues to provide multichannel radio and teletype communications for the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade. They completed installation of switchboard and telephone system for use of U. S. liaison personnel. Area Communication Team #3 continues to augment

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organic communication personnel of the 1st Military Police Battalion. Communication Center Team #1 continues to augment organic communication personnel of the 1st Marine Air Wing. On 16 May 69 Radio Platoon installed and continues to maintain AN/PRC-47 at 95th Evacuation Hospital Camp Tien Sha. Radio Team #2 was deactivated on 24 May 69. Wire Platoon secured operation of Battalion switchboard at Hill 34 on 9 May 69 and on 17 May 69 assumed responsibility to operation and maintenance of 5th/7th Communication Battalion switchboard and wire systems. Communication Team #1 activated on 31 May 69 to provide radio and Comm Center support to 1st Marines. On 24 May 69 Reaction Squad was formed to provide a reaction force for internal security.

PART III  
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- 9 May 69 Secured switchboard on Hill 34
- 16 May 69 Installed AN/PRC-47 at 95th Evacuation Hospital Camp Tien Sha.
- 24 May 69 Deactivated RT#2 at 7th Marines. Reaction Squad formed.
- 31 May 69 Communication Team #1 activated.


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RADIO RELAY AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
7th Communication Battalion FMF  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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5750  
8 June 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 5th/7th Communication Battalions (Attn: S-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 May 1969 through 31 May 1969  
Ref: (a) BnO 5213.20 (Recurring Reports)  
Encl: (1) Radio Relay and Construction Company Command Chronology  
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
J. H. WICKENS

*Radio Relay and Construction Co, 7th Comm Bn*

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RADIO RELAY AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

COMMANDERMAJ. J.H. WICKENS  
(1 - 31 May 1969)SUBORDINATE UNITS

CONSTRUCTION PLATOON

1st Lt. C.W. FOX  
(1 - 31 May 1969)1st Lt. R.A. Franke  
Asst. Plt. Cmdr.  
(1 - 31 May 1969)

RADIO RELAY PLATOON

2nd Lt. K.K. Smith  
(1 - 31 May 1969)CWO J.W. Hinton  
Asst. Plt. Cmdr.  
(1 - 31 May 1969)2. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1st Lt. R.C. Murphy  
(1 - 22 May 1969)Capt. R.A. Hughes  
(26 - 31 May 1969)

OPERATIONS OFFICER

1st Lt. R.H. Bryson  
(1 - 31 May 1969)3. LOCATIONDa Nang, RVN (Hill 34)  
(1 - 6 May 1969)Da Nang, RVN (China Beach)  
(7 - 31 May 1969)4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHOFFICERS

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Radio Relay and Construction Company continued to provide Radio Relay support throughout the III MAF TAOR, and continued to install, maintain and repair the telephone cable system within the 1st Marine Division TAOR and adjacent areas.

The month was dominated by two major events: the movement of the company from Hill 34 to China Beach, most of which was completed in one day on 7 May 1969; and the large amount of cable installed by the Construction Platoon, discussed below.

Personnel and equipment remained deployed at 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, Hoi An (temporarily transferred to Comm Support Company, 7th CommBn); and Task Force HOTEL, Dong Ha and Vandegrift Combat Base (temporarily transferred to CommCo, 7th CommBn. On 11 May 1969 the 5th/7th CommBn AN/MRC-62 shot (Hill 34 to China Beach) was secured since the battalion's move to China Beach was essentially complete. On 27 May 1969 the AN/TRC-97 sets, which had been on loan to 1st MAW (Quang Tri and Chu Lai), were dropped from the account of this company, preparatory to transferring these equipments to 1st MAW. Personnel and equipment returned from supporting the 1st Marines (Operation OKLAHOMA HILL) on 19 May 1969. The AN/TRC-97E shot between Hill 34 and Hill 244, with backup AN/MRC-62 sets, which had been set up for emergency communications after the ASP-1 fire, was secured on 29 May 1969; cable repairs were sufficiently completed to permit switching circuits over to land lines.

The Construction Platoon installed what is probably a record amount of cable for any Marine Corps Construction Platoon in combat or peacetime: a total of 56,205 feet were installed during the month. The bulk of this cable, 49,000 feet, was installed in the surprisingly short period of 9½ days; in completing most of two priority jobs: a new installation in the 1st Marines AO, and replacement cable for that damaged in the ASP-1 fire. Since the installation required obtaining the cable and equipment, waiting for deadlined equipment, splicing, and servicing a large amount of old cable for reuse, the installation of such a large amount of cable in a single month is particularly notable. Maintenance of the existing outside plant continued at a satisfactory rate during the month.

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2 May 1969	Provided 2 pairs to 1/11. (Ref: 7th CommBn WO #42-69) 2 PU-463, 1 M-37 and 2 men were deployed to 3rd MarDiv.
4 May 1969	Advance party deployed to China Beach.
7 May 1969	Company deployment to China Beach completed.
8 May 1969	Set one 40 foot pole at 95th MedEvac. (Ref: 5th/7th CommBn OpComm #211-69)
14 May 1969	Dug 14 holes for 2/26 (Ref: 5th/7th CommBn OpComm #217-69)
15 May 1969	Relocated 4 poles, installed 11 poles at 4/11. (Ref: 7th CommBn WO #40-69)
22 May 1969	Repairs completed in ASP-1, Dog- patch, CB Test, and Camp Monahan areas. (Ref: 5th/7th CommBn OpComm #195-69)
23 May 1969	The company fam fired T/O weapons.
24 May 1969	Installed local distribution cable at Camp Brooks. (Ref: 5th/7th CommBn OpComm #189-69)
27 May 1969	2 AN/TRC-97's on loan to 1st MAW were dropped preparatory to perma- nant transfer to 1st MAW.
29 May 1969	AN/TRC-97 shot, Hill 34 to Hill 244, with AN/MRC-62 backup was secured.

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