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5th Communication Battalion, FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Subj: Command Chronology, report of
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) Foro 3121.1c

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 5th Communication Battalion, FMF, Danang Vietnam
- (2) 1 October - 31 October 1966
- (3) LtCol P. K. LEESEBERG, Commanding Officer; Major H. M. JELLISON, Jr., Executive Officer.
- (4) Forty-three officers/565 enlisted Marines, and one officer/six enlisted Navy; five officers/137 enlisted Marines/one enlisted Navy from Communication Support Company, 7th Communication Battalion; one officer/25 enlisted from Radio Relay and Construction Company, 7th Communication Battalion.

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

- (1) Personnel. The 5th Communication Battalion joined 5 officers/38 Marine enlisted and transferred 4 officers/56 Marine enlisted. Four Marines were promoted to Master Sergeant, one to Gunnery Sergeant, one to Staff Sergeant, 60 to Corporal and 123 to Lance Corporal.
- (2) Administration--None.
- (3) Intelligence--None.
- (4) Training. In conjunction with normal tactical operation of the Troposcatter Radio-Relay Set AN/TRC-97, a five

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day, 36-hour operator course has been established under the supervision of two RCA field engineers. Classes are conducted on a continuing basis until sufficient operator personnel are trained to meet anticipated future operational requirements.

(5) Special Operations. Transported by air one officer and 32 enlisted with the necessary construction equipment to install a 25-pair cable at the Dong Hoa Base Camp. Installation commenced 20 October and was completed on 24 October. Thirty-three metal poles and 5000 feet of 25-pair cable were required to complete the installation. Installation was hampered by driving rains and muddy terrain.

(6) Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other types of Warfare--None.

(7) Command and Control--None.

(8) Close Combat--None.

(9) Fire Support--None.

(10) Logistics Support--None.

(11) Air Defense--None.

(12) Close Air Support--None.

(13) Civil Affairs. This Battalion made daily food donations to, and held sick call on an "as required" basis at the Sacred Heart Orphanage in Danang East.

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