



HEADQUARTERS 1st Reconnaissance Battalion

FPO San Francisco 96602

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From:

Commanding Officer

Commanding General, 1st Marine Division

Command Chronology, Submission of (U) Subj:

Ref:

To:

(a) Div0 5750.2 (b) DivBul 5750 of 14Mar66

(1) 1stReconBn Command Chronology

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

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2. Commanders Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

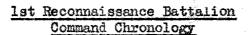
During the period of 1 - 31 March 1966 the most significant event was the deployment of the Battalion to the Republic of Viet Nam. The preparing, planning, loading and the actual movement was accomplished with particular efficiency.

RIT-5 assumed administrative and operational control over Company "B" on 1 March 1966.

The Battalion participated in a FIREX for visiting Japanese Cadets on 1 March and on 8 March organized a static display plus reconnaissance techniques for visiting Chinese Nationalist Officers. In addition, twenty-five (25) officers and enlisted men of the U.S. Air Force were given an indoctrination and familiarization course of Marine Corps weapons and their capabilities.

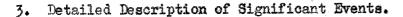
The personnel and equipment of the Battalion remains prepared to perform any mission.





- 1. Crganizational Data
 - Location: Camp Schwab, Okinawa
 - Period covered by the report: 1 Mar 31 March 66 В.
 - Name, rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates: C.
 - Commanding Officer
 - Executive Officer
 - Commanding Officer, Company "A"
 - Commanding Officer, Company "B"
 - Commanding Officer, Company "C"
 - Commanding Officer, Company "D"
 - Commanding Officer, H&S Company
 - (8)Battalion Adjutant, S-1
 - (9) S-2 Officer
 - (10) S-3 Officer
 - Assistant S-3 Officer
 - S-4 Officer
 - (13) Supply Officer
 - Communications Officer
 - Battalion Sergeant Major

- LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN
- Major A. S. HARRIS
- 1Mar 11Mar66
- Capt M. R. TARDIFF
- 12Mar 31Mar66
- 1stLt S. W. CHEFF
- Capt C. M. WHITE
- Capt R. B. TIFFANY
- Capt H. C. COOPER JR.
- 1Mar 3Mar66
- Capt J. L. CONWAY
- 4Mar 31Mar66
- 1stLt J. L. TAYLOR
- 2ndLt D. C. LUEDIKE
- Capt B. MC MAHON
- Capt R. F. MILLIGAN
- 1Mar 13Mar66
 - None
- 14Mar 31Mar66
- Capt T. J. GERAGHTY
- Capt C. D. SMALL
- 1stLt J. D. STEWART
- Capt R. S. KAYE
- SgtMaj A. "J" TURNER



1 Mar BLT 3/4 activated. 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd ReconBn, and detachment, 1st Force Recon attached 1/

RLT-5 assumed administrative and operational control over Company "B", 1st ReconBn 2/

lst RecomBn participated in a FIREX at Range #2 for visiting Japanese Cadets

LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN, Commanding Officer, lstReconBn, terminated tenure as Camp Commander, Camp Schwab, Okinawa. The Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Squadron-6, assumed command 3/

4 Mar 6th Platoon, 1st Force Recon Company attached to BLT 1/5 4/

8 Mar Visiting Nationalist Chinese Marine Corps Officers viewed a static display organized by the 1st Recon Battalion. In addition, the Battalion performed a nelicopter insertion demonstration and the technique of amphibious entry and withdrawal 5/

12 Mar Embarkation Plan Issued 6/

Twenty-five (25) officers and enlisted men of the U. S. Air Force were given an indoctrination and familiarization course of Marine Corps weapons. The Battalion displayed and informed the visitors of the capabilities and handling of the M-14 rifle, 145 pistol, M3Al submachine gun, 3.5 rocket launcher, 81 m.m. morter, rocket launcher and the M-79 grenade launcher. The class was given the opportunity of FAM fire most of these weapons.

FOOTNOTES:

1/ CG, lstMarDiv(Rein) msg 210645Z Feb66 2/ CG, lstMarDiv(Rein) msg 240510Z Feb66 3/ CO, Camp Butler ltr 1/EAT/sk of 25Feb66 4/ CG, lstMarDiv(Rein) msg 232216Z Feb66 5/ FMFPac/IMAC(Fwd) Bul 5050 of 18Feb66 6/ Annex B to Bn Admin Order 321-66

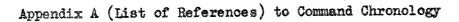
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20	Mar	LST 1-66 departed from Naha Port with elements of the 1stReconBn 1/
22	Mar	Embarked on board AKA 112 (USS TULARE) at TENGAN Pier, Okinawa 2/
23	Mar	Departed Okinawa 3/
26	Mar	Arrived and disembarked at Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam 4/
29	Mar	Assumed operational control of Company "A" (-) and Company "C", 1stReconBn 5/

FOOTNOTES:

1/ CG, lstMarDiv(Rein) msg 1901222 Feb66 2/ CO, lstReconBn msg 2210202 Mar66 3/ CO, USS TULARE (AKA 112) msg 2306522 Mar66 4/ CO, USS TULARE (AKA 112) msg 2306522 Mar66 5/ CG, 3rdMarDiv msg 2712102 Mar66

Enclosure (1)



1. Plans and Orders

1stReconBn Frag Order 44-66 of 27Mar66
1stReconBn Frag Order 45-66 of 29Mar66
1stReconBn Operation Order Supplement of 29Mar66
1stReconBn Frag Order of 30Mar66
1stReconBn Operation Order 321-66 of 30Mar66
1stReconBn Annex B to Bn Admin Order 321-66

2. Unit Diaries

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3. Messages

CG, lstMarDiv(Rein) 190122Z Feb66 210645Z Feb66 240510Z Feb66 232216Z Feb66 271210Z Mar66

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- b. CO, USS TULARE (AKA 112) 230652Z Mar66
- c. CG, 3rdMarDiv(Rein) 271210Z Mar66
- d. CO, lstReconBn 221020Z Mar66

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COMPANY "B"

lst Reconnaissance Battalion (ADCON) 5th Marine Regiment 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF

CAW *ddm 5313 19May66

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, RLT-5

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) HIM-5 msg 132250Z of May66

mincl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data.

Company B, (-) (Rein), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion 1st Marine Division, FMF (-) (Rein)

2nd Flatoon 3rd Flatoon Hq Flatoon

- a. Location
 - (1) lFar66-21May66 Camp Schwab. Okinawa.
 - (2) 22Nay66-27Nay66 USS Renville (APA-227)
- b. Peroid covered by report 1Mar66-22May66
- c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates

Commanding Officer

: Captain Craig A. WHITE

2ndPlt Commander

: 2ndLt G. W. JONES

3rdPlt Commander

* 2ndLt J. B. GREEN

First Sergeant

: lst3gt J. SZARY

- 2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.
- a. During the period lMar66 and 22May66 this company effected 41 joinings and 60 transfers of personnel. This number also includes Navy personnel. In this total we also are including 5 Force Recon personnel. On lMar66, CoB had a total of 2 Officers and 33 Enlisted. On 25Mar66 the 2nd platoon was transferred to BLT 3/5.
- b. During the reporting period the company participated in one CPX as a part of RLT-5. Other training highlights included two exercises with submarines and annual requalification firing.
- c. The third platoon arrived on Okinawa on 26Mar66 with BLT 3/5 and rejoined the company the same day. The second platoon was transferred to BLT 2/5 on 25Mar66 and deployed with 2/5 to RVN on 4Apr66. The third platoon was transferred back to BLT 3/5 on 28Apr66 and deployed to RVN on 14May66.
- d. During their stay on Ckinawa, both platoons received intensive field training with emphasis on socuting and patrolling, patrol reporting, immediate action and counterguerilla warfare. The company received training in the Northern Training Area and at the Hansen Jungle Lane. The Company also attended the Mine Warfare and Demolitions School at Camp Hansen

e. The company headquarters boarded the USS Renville (APA-227) on 22May66 for deployment to RVN.

- 3. Detailed Description of Significant Events.
 - 1Mar66: Company attached to RLT-5
 - 7,8,11
 Mar66: 2nd platoon received mine warfare and demolitions training at Camp Hansen.
 - 14-18
 Mar66 : Company fired annual requalification at Camp Schwab Rifle Range.
 - 23-25
 Mar66: 2nd platoon received training in submarines operations aboard
 USS Bugarra (SS-331).
 - 25Mar66: 2nd platoon transferred to BLT 2/5
 - 26Mar66: 3rd platoon arrived on Okinawa with BMT 3/5
 - 27-31 Mar66 2 2nd platoon received counterguerilla training in the MFA.
 - 30Mar66: 3rd platoon received training at Camp Hansen Jungle Lane.
 - 2Apr66: 2nd platoon received training at Camp Hansen Jungle Lane.
 - 4Apr66: 2nd platoon deployed to RVN with BLT 2/5/.
 - 11-15
 Apr66: 3rd platoon received counterguerilla training in the NFA.
 - 19-22
 Apr66: Company participated in FEX/CPX with RLF-5 and BLF 3/5
 - 22Apr66: 3rd platoon fired for familiarization with T/C weapons at Camp Hansen Rifle Range.
 - 25-26
 Apr66: 3rd platoon received mine warfare and demolitions training at Camp Hansen.
 - 27-28

 Apr66: 3rd platoon received training in submarine operations aboard
 USS Segundo (SS-398).
 - 28Apr66:3rd platoon transferred to BLT 3/5.
 - 14May66: 3rd platoon deployed as part of SLF with BM 3/5.



22May66: Company headquarters boarded USS Renville (APA-227).

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May66: Movement to HVN.

22May66: Total chargeable strength on board 1 USMC Officer, 14 USMC Enlisted.

Average Monthly strength for the period was:

2 USMC Officers

40 USMO Palisted

2 USN Emlisted