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1st Recon Bn

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology, Submission of (U)

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2  
(b) DivBul 5750 of 14Mar66

Encl: (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.

RIF-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.

1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
Command Chronology

## I. Organizational Data

- A. Location: Camp Schwab, Okinawa
- B. Period covered by the report: 1 Mar - 31 March 66
- C. Name, rank of Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates:
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|-------------------------------------|--|
| (1) Commanding Officer              | LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN   |
| (2) Executive Officer               | Major A. S. HARRIS   |
| (3) Commanding Officer, Company "A" | 1Mar - 11Mar66<br>Capt M. R. TARDIFF<br>12Mar - 31Mar66<br>1stLt S. W. CHEFF |
| (4) Commanding Officer, Company "B" | Capt C. M. WHITE   |
| (5) Commanding Officer, Company "C" | Capt R. B. TIFFANY   |
| (6) Commanding Officer, Company "D" | Capt H. C. COOPER JR.  |
| (7) Commanding Officer, H&S Company | 1Mar - 3Mar66<br>Capt J. L. CONWAY<br>4Mar - 31Mar66<br>1stLt J. L. TAYLOR   |
| (8) Battalion Adjutant, S-1         | 2ndLt D. C. LUEDTKE  |
| (9) S-2 Officer                     | Capt B. MC MAHON   |
| (10) S-3 Officer                    | Capt R. F. MILLIGAN  |
| (11) Assistant S-3 Officer          | 1Mar - 13Mar66<br>None<br>14Mar - 31Mar66<br>Capt T. J. GERAGHTY             |
| (12) S-4 Officer                    | Capt C. D. SMALL   |
| (13) Supply Officer                 | 1stLt J. D. STEWART  |
| (14) Communications Officer         | Capt R. S. KAYE  |
| (15) Battalion Sergeant Major       | SgtMaj A. "J" TURNER   |

## 3. Detailed Description of Significant Events.

- 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/
- 1st ReconBn participated in a FIREX at Range #2 for visiting Japanese Cadets
- LtCol A. J. SULLIVAN , Commanding Officer, 1stReconBn, 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 helicopter 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, .45 pistol, M3A1 submachine gun, 3.5 rocket launcher, 81 m.m. mortar, rocket launcher and the M-79 grenade launcher. The class was given the opportunity of FAM fire most of these weapons.

## FOOTNOTES:

- 1/ CG, 1stMarDiv(Rein) msg 210645Z Feb66
- 2/ CG, 1stMarDiv(Rein) msg 240510Z Feb66
- 3/ CO, Camp Butler ltr 1/EAT/sk of 25Feb66
- 4/ CG, 1stMarDiv(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, 1stMarDiv(Rein) msg 190122Z Feb66  
2/ CO, 1stReconBn msg 221020Z Mar66  
3/ CO, USS TULARE (AKA 112) msg 230652Z Mar66  
4/ CO, USS TULARE (AKA 112) msg 230652Z Mar66  
5/ CG, 3rdMarDiv msg 271210Z Mar66

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Appendix A (List of References) to Command Chronology

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

H&S Company Unit diaries	46-66	Company "C" Unit diaries	19-66
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Company "A" (-) Unit diaries	8-66		44-66
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3. Messages

CG, 1stMarDiv(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, 1stReconBn  
221020Z Mar66

COMPANY "B"  
1st Reconnaissance Battalion  
(ADCON) 5th Marine Regiment  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF

CAW:rdm  
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19May66

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, RLT-5  
Subj: Command Chronology; report of  
Ref: (a) RLT-5 msg 132250Z of May66  
Encl: (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 Platoon  
3rd Platoon  
Hq Platoon

## a. Location

- (1) 1Mar66-21May66 - Camp Schwab, Okinawa.  
(2) 22May66-27May66 - USS Renville (APA-227)

b. Period covered by report - 1Mar66-27<sup>th</sup>May66

## 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 : 1stSgt J. SZARY

## 2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. During the period 1Mar66 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 1Mar66, 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 RLTF-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 Okinawa, both platoons received intensive field training with emphasis on scouting 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

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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 RLIT-5

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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 BMT 2/5

26Mar66: 3rd platoon arrived on Okinawa with BMT 3/5

27-31

Mar66 : 2nd platoon received counterguerilla training in the NTA.

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 BMT 2/5/.

11-15

Apr66: 3rd platoon received counterguerilla training in the NTA.

19-22

Apr66: Company participated in FEX/CPX with RLIT-5 and BMT 3/5

22Apr66: 3rd platoon fired for familiarization with T/O 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 BMT 3/5.

14May66: 3rd platoon deployed as part of SLF with BMT 3/5.

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

23-27

May66: Movement to RVN.

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

Average Monthly strength for the period was:

2 USMC Officers

40 USMC Enlisted

2 USN Enlisted

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