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Encl: (1) Headquarters Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Upon detachment of enclosure (1), this letter will be unclassified.

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## Part I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATIONS

Headquarters Battalion  
3d Marine Division, FMF

COMMANDER

LtCol. C. F. King

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Maj. G. G. Bosworth

Service Company

1stLt. J. J. Foyle  
(1 Oct 69 to 21 Nov 69)  
Capt. G. G. Smallwood  
(22 Nov 69 to 31 Dec 69)

Communications Company

Maj. F. G. Mullen Jr.  
(1 Oct 69 to 14 Oct 69)  
Maj. D. R. Manning  
(15 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 69)

Military Police Company

Maj. D. D. Barnhill

2. LOCATION

1 October 1969 to 23 November 1969 Quang Tri, RVN (Less Communications Company and Headquarters Company, Dong Ha, RVN). 23 November 1969 to 31 December 1969 Camp Courtney, Okinawa (Less Military Police Company, Camp Hansen, Okinawa 25 October 1969 to 31 December 1969).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. K. L. Christensen  
(1 Oct 69 to 12 Dec 69)  
Maj. J. B. Seeburger Jr.  
(13 Dec 69 to 31 Dec 69)

S-1/ADJUTANT

Capt. C. E. Swisher  
(1 Oct 69 to 12 Dec 69)  
Capt. J. R. Pippin  
(13 Dec 69 to 31 Dec 69)

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S-1/ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

2ndLt G. R. Dowty Jr.  
(11 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 69)

OPERATIONS/LOGISTICS OFFICER

Maj. A. J. Calimano

MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER

1stLt A. S. Bullard

SUPPLY OFFICER

Maj. A. T. Lawson

SURGEON

Lt. W. N. Miller, USN

CHAPLAIN

Cdr. W. R. Howard, USN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
October	213	1588
November	209	1226
December	201	1413

	<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	10	33
	10	30
	11	34

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## Part II

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion elements were stationed throughout the 3d Marine Division area of operation in RVN during the period 1 October 1969 to 23 November 1969 in the following major locations:

Quang Tri	Military Police Company (-)
Quang Tri	Service Company (-)
Dong Ha	Headquarters Company (-)
Dong Ha	Communications Company (-)

The remainder of the period from 23 November 1969 to 31 December 1969 Headquarters Battalion elements were located at Camp Courtney, Okinawa with the exception of Military Police Company which was located at Camp Hansen, Okinawa during the period 25 October 1969 to 31 December 1969.

2. Unit Activities and Events

a. Headquarters Battalion. The activities of this unit during the period October - December 1969 were concentrated in three major areas. First, to continue to provide communications, logistic and administrative support to 3d Marine Division Headquarters at 2 locations, QTCB and DHCB, RVN. Second, the planning and execution of total stand-down and redeployment from RVN to Okinawa. Third, reestablishment of support functions for 3d Marine Division Headquarters on Okinawa and assumption of additional logistic/administrative responsibilities as Headquarters, Camp Courtney and as the supporting unit for Headquarters, I MEF, 3d Marine Division Ranges and 3d Marine Division Schools. Concurrently with this third major area of activity maximum effort was devoted to post deployment recovery and rehabilitation of equipment.

b. Headquarters Company. During the second quarter FY-70 this unit was commanded by Major G. G. Bosworth. On 24 October, 1stLt J. S. Lassiter was relieved by 1stLt A. T. Augulis as Executive Officer. On 10 December, 1stSgt B. Castro was relieved by 1stSgt S. L. Hinkle as Company First Sergeant. The average quarterly strength was 177 officers and 689 enlisted. There were 79 officers joined and 136 officers dropped. There were 369 enlisted joined and 511 dropped.

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c. Service Company. During the second quarter FY-70 this unit was commanded by 1stLt J. J. Foyle until 21 November 1969. On 22 November 1969 he was relieved by Captain G. G. Smallwood. 2ndLt. E. Pennington was assigned as Executive Officer on 1 December 1969. On 11 December 1969, 1stSgt S. L. Hinkle was relieved by 1stSgt D. D. Fisher. The average quarterly strength was 24 officers and 360 enlisted. There were 13 officers joined and four officers transferred. The administration of 380 personnel to include 385 joins and transfers was accomplished with five (5) effective office personnel during the quarter.

d. Communications Company. During the second quarter FY-70 this company continued to provide the Commanding General and his Staff with reliable, speedy and flexible communications link. This included intra-staff and intra-division communications. In accomplishing this task, detachments of Communications Company were at the following locations during the months of October and November: Quang Tri Combat Base, (Division Rear); Elliot Combat Base, (3d Marines); Dong Ha Mountain, (3d Marines); Vandergrift Combat Base, (4th Marines); Con Thien, (3d Marines), (1st Radio Battalion); Headquarters 2nd ARVN Regiment; DHC B Provisional Rifle Platoon and Mai Loc, (Project Delta). During October and November Communications Company redeployed in three increments from the Republic of Vietnam to Okinawa while at the same time maintaining essential communication links until the redeployment of the 3d Marine Division was completed. The mission assigned was to install, operate and maintain communication facilities for Division Headquarters, including radio, multi-channel radio relay, wire and communications center facilities. One hundred seventy-eight pieces of electronic equipment were processed by the maintenance facility during this period, and 61 of which were evacuated to higher echelon maintenance facilities. Communications support provided included handling and processing of 92,243 messages during the period.

e. Military Police Company. During the period covered by this report, this unit conducted the following types of operations.

- (1) Traffic control, criminal investigation and apprehension, POW detention and base security at QTCB and DHC B, RVN.
- (2) Escort of confined prisoners (3dMarDiv) from III MAF Brig, Danang, RVN to Camp Smedley D. Butler Brig, Okinawa.
- (3) Traffic control (government vehicles only), tours and village patrol, criminal investigation and apprehension, VIP security while at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

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- (4) Traffic violations totaled 40 for the period. A total of 8 traffic accidents were investigated, none of which resulted in human fatality.
  - (5) A total 74 Class I and 146 Class II offenses were reported for investigation during the period. Military offenses reported by Military Police patrolmen totaled 407 for the period.
  - (6) This unit augmented the respective units responsible for defense of Sectors A and C of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter, and manned gate posts at both QTCB and DHCB.
  - (7) On 1 December 1969 this unit assumed responsibility under the general cognizance of the Provost Marshal, USARYIS, for off-post law enforcement over a geographical area of Okinawa generally defined as that north of Highway 16, bounded on the west by longitudinal axis of the island and on the east by the Pacific Ocean. Included are the villages and towns frequently visited by USMC personnel in a liberty/leave status to include Teragawa, Agena, Iha, Ishikawa, Kin, Henoko and Nago. In addition this unit retained responsibility for Military Police and Investigative (CID) support to the 3d Marine Division.

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## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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- 1 - 7 Oct - Commenced preparation for redeployment. Activated Division communications nets with III MAF and port facilities for command and control of redeployment.
- 10 Oct - Headquarters Battalion assigned perimeter security responsibility, Juliet Sector, QTCB.
- 13 Oct - LtCol C. F. King, commanding, conducted liaison visit to Okinawa accompanied by representatives of the Headquarters Battalion Staff.
- 15 Oct - LtCol C. F. King and liaison party returned from Okinawa.
- 16 Oct - Communications between DHCB and Vandegrift Combat Base deactivated.
- 18 Oct - Voice communications with III MAF, U.S.S. Repose and U.S.S. Sanctuary established. Terminated the Command's civic action project, the 1st ARVN Regiment's Buddhist Orphanage at La Vang, Quang Tri Province.  
Battalion Executive Officer Major K. L. Christenson departed for Okinawa with advance party where he commenced functioning as Camp Commander, Camp Courtney.  
Cargo and vehicles designated for redeployment on Increment I fully prepared and pre-staged
- 20 Oct - Advance party consisting of 26 officers and 205 enlisted personnel of Increment I departed for Okinawa by air.
- 21 Oct - Communications Center Van AN/TGC-37 operational and displacement of Comm Center from DHCB to QTCB commenced.
- 22 Oct - Responsibility for operation of COC at QTCB assumed by 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech). All cargo and personnel of the main body, Increment I, embarked aboard USS Union, USS Dubuque (LPD-2) and USS Vancouver (LPD-2) from Cua Viet, RVN. Relieved of responsibility for Reaction Force, QTCB by 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Commenced preparation of cargo and vehicles for Increment II.
- 23 Oct - All communications support for 3d Marine Division FSCC deactivated.
- 25 Oct - Increment I disembarked at Red Beach, Okinawa.
- 26 Oct - 2d ARVN Regiment liaison communications personnel assignments terminated.

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- 30 Oct - Cargo and vehicles designated for redeployment on Increment II fully prepared and pre-staged.
  - 31 Oct - Headquarters Battalion relieved of responsibility for perimeter security, subsector IIA, DHCB.
  - 1 Nov - Honor Guard/Color Detail for 3d Marine Division departure ceremony departed for DaNang.
  - 4 Nov - All cargo and personnel of the main body Increment II embarked aboard USS Dubuque (LPD-3) and USS Cleveland (LPD-7) from Cua Viet, RVN.
  - 7 Nov - 3d Marine Division (Rear) C.P. commenced relocation from DHCB to QTCB.
  - 8 Nov - Communications Center operations <sup>and</sup> all circuits terminated. Provisional Communications Center established and commenced operation at QTCB. Commenced preparation and Pre-staging of all cargo and vehicles designated for Increment III redeployment.
  - 9 Nov - Advance party Increment II departed for Okinawa by air. Increment II disembarked at Red Beach, Okinawa.
  - 10 Nov - BGen Regan Fuller ADC, 3dMarDiv addressed Headquarters Battalion personnel at USMC Birthday ceremony held in Enlisted messhall, QTCB.
  - 12 Nov - Former 3dMarDiv CP (fwd) DHCB transferred to 2d Regt, 1st ARVN Div in formal ceremony on location. ~~on location.~~ Conducted departure ceremony for BGen Regan Fuller, ADC, 3d MarDiv at LZ Boss, QTCB.
  - 15 Nov - All cargo, equipment and vehicles designated for redeployment on Increment III fully prepared and pre-staged. Military Police Company commenced joint training with Ryukyuan Armed Forces Police on Okinawa.
  - 16 Nov - Military Police Company completed redeployment from RVN to Okinawa simultaneously escorting a forty-one man prisoner detail from III MAF Brig Danang to Okinawa for re-confinement.
  - 20 Nov - Provided personnel and equipment for activation of communications between Division Schools, Camp Hansen and Counter guerilla warfare school, Northern Training Area, Okinawa.
  - 22 Nov - All cargo, vehicles and personnel designated for Increment III embarked aboard USS Dubuque (LPD-3).
  - 23 Nov - LtCol C. F. KING, commanding, Battalion Staff personnel and rear party of Headquarters Battalion personnel redeployed from Quang Tri to Okinawa by air.

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 25 Nov - Assumed administrative and logistical support responsibility for Headquarters I MEF.

29 Nov - Increment II disembarked at Red Beach, Okinawa.

1 Dec - Military Police Company assigned total responsibility for, and commenced operations in assigned areas of responsibility on Okinawa.

15 Dec - Assigned communications personnel and equipment for the conduct of air naval gunfire training at Subic Bay, Philippines.

16 Dec - Hosted Christmas Ceremony at Camp Courtney, Okinawa with guest of honor Major General W. K. Jones, Commanding General, 3dMarDiv.

21 Dec - Hosted Christmas party for 108 children from the Ishikawa Welfare Department.

27 Dec - Commenced planning and preparation for support of I MEF GPX scheduled for period 5 - 7 January 1970.

29 Dec - Provided VIP escort detail for His Eminence Francis Cardinal Cook, Military Vicar of the Armed Forces.

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