

HEADQUARTERS
Force Logistic Support Group Alpha
3d Service Battalion (Rein)
Force Logistic Command, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER
1966

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FLSg Alpha/3d Ser Bn

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PART I

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1. DESIGNATION

Force Logistic Support Group Alpha

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

Supply Company

Maintenance Company

Truck Company

COMMANDER

Col R. R. WEIR
(1-31 Dec 1966)

LtCol J. L. CARPER
(1-31 Dec 1966)

LtCol J. O. ARFORD
(1-31 Dec 1966)

Major A. GORDON
(1-31 Dec 1966)

Capt M. F. SCANLON
(1-31 Dec 1966)

2. LOCATION

1-31 Dec: Red Beach, DaNang, RVN

1-31 Dec: Maintenance Company Coordinates - AT998746

3. STAFF OFFICERS

a. Executive Officer, FLSG Alpha

LtCol K. D. SEIBERT
(1-31 Dec 1966)

b. S-1/Adjutant

Major J. A. KENT, Jr.
(1-31 Dec 1966)

c. S-2

2ndLt A. J. MEDNIS
(1-31 Dec 1966)

d. S-3

LtCol W. L. SMITH
(1-31 Dec 1966)

e. Asst. S-3 (Supply)

Major K. H. BERTHOUD
(1-31 Dec 1966)

f. Asst. S-3 (Maintenance)

Capt A. M. INGLISA
(1-31 Dec 1966)

g. S-4

Major S. H. RAUH
(1-31 Dec 1966)

h. Sergeant Major

SgtMaj R. E. WINSLOW
(1-31 Dec 1966)

Enclosure (1)

TAB A of ENCL 1A



4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
94	2497	4	47

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, FISG-A continued to provide the services and supplies required to support Marine Combat Units in the field. Over 1000 tons of supplies of all classes were furnished in support of Operation Prairie. On the evening of 24 December, as a result of a plane crash south of DaNang, this Command rapidly supported the 29th Civil Action Company. Food, clothing, blankets and cots were donated to the local people. Tests were conducted with HMM-265 to study the feasibility of air dropping supplies from the CH-46 helicopter. The Civil Affairs Program has moved forward in the past month. Heads and showers are being constructed in all the local hamlets and the people are showing a good response to the MED GAP Program.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. During the month of December this Group joined 268 personnel and transferred 191 personnel.

b. During the month of December personnel were promoted to the rank indicated.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS</u>
1st Lt.	1
E-9	2
E-8	6
E-7	8
E-6	9
E-5	55
E-4	9
E-3	6
E-2	2

c. The following decorations were awarded or recommended during the month of December:

	<u>Awarded</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Bronze Star	1	2
Navy Commendation	9	6
Air Medal	5	

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Recommended

	Awarded	Recommended
Gold Star in Lieu of Air Medal	4	
Certificate of Commendation	6	4
Letter of Appreciation	1	
Vietnam Cross of Gallantry		1

2. Administration

a. On 1 December 1966 the Operational and Administrative control of FLSU#2 and LSU#1 were transferred from Force Logistic Support Group Alpha to Force Logistic Command.

3. Intelligence

During the month of December the S-2 initiated and processed 14 Spot or Serious Incident Reports. Also, three sweeps were initiated for the purpose of capturing Viet Cong insurgents and collecting war materials.

4. Training

a. In addition to regularly scheduled general military subjects and technical training, 421 personnel of Headquarters and Service Company fired their individual T/O weapons during the reporting period.

b. An in country IBM School was held in cooperation with DPP #16, DPP #10 and DPP #28. Seven members of DPP #10 attended. The subjects taught were Basic Machine Operations and O88 Collator. IBM will give the individuals concerned, credit for completing the Programmed Instruction Course on these subjects. School was held 12 hours a day for 7 days and produced satisfactory results.

c. A Special Generator Operator's Course was conducted by the Utilities Section during the month. 5 operators were qualified and licensed.

5. Special Operations

a. Combined Action Company Platoons ECHO-2 and ECHO-3 (formerly HOTEL-1 and HOTEL-2) conducted patrols and set up ambushes in and around the Hamlets of Nam O, Koa Knanon and Mieu Na.

b. A major sweep was conducted in conjunction with 3dBn, 9th Marines, which was acting as a blocking force while CAC ECHO-2 (Rein) conducted the sweep in the Hamlet of Mieu Na. As a result, 3 VCS were apprehended and turned over to District Headquarters; found 1 Chicom Hand Grenade, 2 M-26 duds and 1 tunnel blown in place.

c. During the month of December, Air Delivery Platoon participated in a series of test drops with HMM-265 utilizing the CH-46 helicopter. Air dropped loads of 1,000 pounds were dropped from various altitudes and at various air speeds. The Air Delivery Platoon designed the release system, rigged and loaded the aircraft, and furnished the air drop crew in these tests. The feasibility of air drop from the CH-46 aircraft has been accepted by the Commanding Officer, HMM-265, and it is possible that a new method of air drop will be in use in RVN in the near future.

d. Maintenance detachments of 7 and 4 men were maintained in support of tactical operations at AN HOA and DONG HA respectively.

e. 207 contact teams provided 3858 man hours of service to supported units.

f. Support continued for Operation Prairie. Supplies furnished from 1 December to 31 December 1966 were as follows:

Class I	252.4 S/T
Class II	554.9 S/T
Class III	22.6 S/T
Class IV	42.3 S/T
Class V	313.0 S/T
Medical Supplies	19.0 S/T

g. Brigadier General Clarence J. LANG, USA, Director of Logistics U.S. Strike Command and party toured Maintenance Company area on 1 December 1966.

h. General CHAPMAN, General MURRAY and party toured Maintenance Company on 11 December 1966.

i. Lieutenant General KRULAK and party toured Maintenance Company, Truck Company, Supply Company and CAC Echo-2 Compound. Also visiting CAC Echo-2 during the month were Lieutenant General WALT, Major General NICKERSON, Brigadier General HERBOLD, General LAM (ARVN), General HENDESE (USA), Ambassador LODGE, Senator THURMOND and Congressman and Mrs. BINGHAM.

6. Command Relations. N/A

7. Equipment. N/A

8. Logistics

a. III MAF Transient Facility serviced 20,801 military personnel.

b. III MAF Laundry processed 102,075 pounds of laundry.

c. Truck Company logged 161,231 miles during the month. In this same period 24,231 tons of supplies and equipment were moved and 80,362 passengers were transported.

9. Community Relations.

The Civil Affairs Program has made good progress during the past month. Many public improvement programs have been completed; and many more are being initiated. Among the more significant accomplishments were:

a. The completion of 13 wells in the village of TRUNG PHUC.

b. The completion of two pig pens in the village of HOA KHANH.

- c. Continual progress of the CHUOC NG YIA school and the beginning of a church.
- d. The initiation of heads and showers for sanitary measures in all hamlets.
- e. The highlight of this month was the hosting of 7 Christmas parties for the children and adults of the surrounding areas. Each party was well received by the Vietnamese and was equally enjoyable for the Marines. Approximately 1700 guests attended the parties. The MEDCAP Program continued to show excellent results. During the past months over 4700 Vietnamese were treated for sickness. In addition, many serious cases, such as tuberculosis, Polio, and blindness were evacuated to "C" Med and further to the Repose. At present there are 5 blind people on the Repose awaiting treatment.
- f. A donation of \$630.60 was made to the WEC and Sacred Heart Orphanages by Maintenance Company.

10. Communications. Normal.

11. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations.

- a. The CAC Platoons HOTEL-2 and HOTEL-1 were redesignated as ECHO-3 and ECHO-2 respectively.

PART IV

Chronology of Subordinate Commands

1. Copies of the Command Chronologies of Headquarters and Service Company, Supply Company, Maintenance Company and Truck Company are attached to this report.