

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY REPORT

Organizational Data:

a. Designation/location:

(1) Force Logistic Support Group Alpha/coordinates AT 945810 on map series L701.

(2) Designation/location of Group Units not physically located with Group Headquarters:

(a) Maintenance Company - coordinates AT 998746.

(b) Force Logistic Support Unit #2 - coordinates YD 900140.

(c) Sub-Unit One, Headquarters and Service Company - coordinates YD 240595.

b. Period covered by this is 010001H to 312400H October 1966.

c. Name/rank of Commanding Officers and Staff:

1) Group Headquarters:

(a) Commanding Officer Colonel R. R. WEIR
(b) Executive Officer LtCol K. D. SEIBERT
(c) S-1/Adj Major J. A. KENT JR.
(d) S-2/S-3 LtCol W. L. SMITH
(e) Asst S-3 (Supply) Major K. H. BERTHOUD
(f) Asst S-3 (Maint) Capt A. M. INGLISA
(g) S-4 Major S. H. RAUH
(h) Sergeant Major SgtMaj R. E. WINSLOW

(2) Headquarters and Service Company:

(a) Commanding Officer LtCol J. L. CARTER
(b) Executive Officer Major D. E. WIGHT, JR.
(c) Ops/Logistic Officer Capt F. R. CAREW
(d) Administrative Officer CWO-3 C. H. FLETCHER
(e) Service Platoon Commander 2ndLt C. BYTOF

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(3) Maintenance Company

- (a) Commanding Officer. Major A. GORDON
- (b) Executive Officer Major REY
- (c) Operations Officer Major L. B. ICE
- (d) Motor Transport Maintenance Plt Cmdr CWO-4 . BOSTON
- (e) Engineer Maintenance Plt Cmdr 2ndLt R. D. OLSON
- (f) Electronics Maintenance Plt Cmdr 2ndLt DUNNING
- (g) Ordnance Maintenance Plt Cmdr D. I. TESH
- (h) General Supply Maintenance Plt Cmdr 2ndLt F. L. SHUE

(4) Supply Company:

- (a) Commanding Officer. LtCol J. O. ARFORD
- (b) Executive Officer Major P. G. MCINTYRE
- (c) Operations Officer Major D. J. BEARD
- (d) Personnel Officer 2ndLt OLFE
- (e) Bulk Fuel Plt Cmdr Capt J. HOLT
- (f) Ammunition Plt Cmdr Major R. CHANEY
- (g) Operations Plt Cmdr 2ndLt D. THAYER JR.
- (h) Storage Plt Cmdr or L. P. CORBETT

(5) Truck Company:

- (a) Commanding Officer Capt M. . SCANLON
- (b) Executive Officer/Operations Officer Capt . FLIPPIN
- (c) Motor Transport Chief 1st Sgt . J. LAURSEN

(6) Force Logistic Support Unit #2:

- (a) Commanding Officer. LtCol F
- (b) Executive Officer Major . R.
- (c) 2ndLt HATADI

- (d) S-2/3 Major J. A. ESKAM
- (e) S-4/H & S Plt Cmdr Capt R. R. WRIGHT
- (f) Supply Plt Cmdr Capt D. G. EMERY
- (g) Maintenance Plt Cmdr 2ndLt R. G. HOFFMAN
- (h) Truck Plt Cmdr 2ndLt W. A. FLAHERTY
- (7) Sub-Unit One (LSU - Dong Ha):
- (a) Officer in Charge Major B. D. THORNBERRY
- (b) Assist Officer in Charge 2ndLt D. P. GRAHAM

d. Average Monthly Strength this Period:

<u>Company/Unit</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
H&S Co.	38	668
Maintenance	14	759
Supply	26	891
Truck	6	290
FLSU #2	18	629
Sub-Unit #1	<u>1</u>	<u>31</u>
Group Total	103	3,268

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events as they Relate to:

a. Personnel:

(1) During the month of October, this Group joined 531 personnel and transferred 561 personnel.

(2) During this period, personnel were promoted to the rank indicated:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NUMBER of PERSONS</u>
GySgt	2
SSgt	18
Cpl	293
LCpl	526
PFC	18

(3) During October 1966, the following decorations were awarded or personnel recommended for the awards as indicated:

<u>Decoration</u>	<u>Awarded</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Silver Star Medal		2
Bronze Star Medal		4
Navy Commendation Medal		10
Air Medal	4	4
Gold Star in Lieu of Additional Medal	14	
Cert of Commendation	5	

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ENCLOSURE (2)

Decoration

Awarded

Recommended

Meritorious Achievement

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4) The Group earned 1.2% participation in Savings Bonds.

Administration No significant events to report for October 1966.

c. Intelligence:

(1) Chief of Hoa Hiep Village reported to the Combine Action Committee of Viet Cong activity north of Red Beach. This information was forwarded to the 4/503 Army Activity in the area, who verified accuracy of report.

Training

(1) In addition to regular scheduled general military subjects and technical training, nine (9) hours of live fire training was conducted for personnel of Force Logistic Support Unit Two, and the Provisional Rifle Company.

(2) Truck Company, conducted a ten (10) day vehicle driver school for staff of 1st Marine Amphibious Force.

(3) During this reporting period, forty-one (41) personnel attended formal schools.

(4) As of 31 October 1966, this command had eleven hundred fifty-six active enrollments in correspondence courses.

Special Operations

(1) The Air Delivery Platoon participated in Operation Prairie during period 7 - 11 October 1966 as crew members.

During period 7 - 11 October 1966, the Air Delivery Platoon Operated I Corps engineers in flights conducted with the CH-47 (Flying Crane) helicopter in support of movement from Thung Duc and Min Long to Da Nang.

During October support continued for Operation Prairie. During the month are as follows:

Class I	605.1 S/T
Class II	335.9 S/T
Class III	20.4 S/T
Class IV	290.9 S/T
Class V	1,672.0 S/T
Medical Support	3.0 S/T

(4) During the month of October, nine (9) convoys (rough riders), utilizing Trucks 5 Ton M-54, hauled 179 tons of Classes II, IV and V cargo from Da Nang to LSA, An Hoa.

Maintenance detachments of 10 and 6 men were maintained in support of tactical operations at An Hoa and Dong Ha, respectively.

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(6) Two hundred (200) maintenance contact teams provide 1,570 man-hours of services to supported units.

(7) Platoon #1, Combined Action Company, conducted patrol and set ambushes in and around the village of Nam O.

f. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, and other special types of warfare:

N/A

g. Command and Control:

(1) Distinguished persons visited Force Logistic Support Alpha during October as follows:

(a) Member of the Stennis Congressional Committee, visited on 24 and 27 October 1966.

(b) Lieutenant General L. W. WALT, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, visited on 28 October 1966.

(2) On 1 October 1966 Major Abie GORDON, 052319/3510/3502 assumed command of Maintenance Company

(3) Platoon #2, Combined Action Company, was organized on 3 October 1966, and established camp in the village of Koa Knanon.

(4) Truck Company relocated and established new Command Post at coordinates T 945810, on 5 October 1966.

(5) On 20 October 1966, Captain F. R. CAREY assumed command of the Combined Action Company.

(6) The Air Delivery Platoon completed displacement from the DaNang Air Field hanger area to the Special Forces Compound, coordinates BT 005743.

Communications and Electronics:

(1) Lieutenant Colonel R. E. KUTZ relieved Captain W. F. COENEN on 17 October 1966 as Force Logistic Support Group Alpha/Force Logistic Command Communications - Electronics Officer. Captain COENEN assumed duties as assistant Communications - Electronics Officer.

(2) The build-up at Dong Ha necessitated assignment of a Communication Officer to FLSU ; a Communication Officer was also assigned to FLSU #2 at Phu Bai.

(3) The AUTODIN terminal was operated by the Communication Center; plans were made for assumption of responsibility IBM transceiver maintenance and spare parts support by the Communication Platoon, FLSC-A.

(4) AUTODIN operation continued to be hampered by a combination of transceiver problems and channel difficulties. Study was initiated to determine internal capability required to insure effective internal data communications, versus the capability provided through the use of externally controlled circuits.

(5) Additional FLSG-A voice and teletype common user circuits to Dong Ha and Phu Bai, provided, were requested from the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

i. Logistics:

(1) From 15 to 27 October, this Group billeted and fed eleven hundred (1,100) Army personnel of 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (105mm SP), and the 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery (175mm SP).

(a) A temporary camp site with urine tubes, portable heads and showers was developed for utilization by Army personnel that could not be billeted with Marine personnel due to space shortage. All existing facilities of this Group were used jointly by Army and Marine personnel. No significant administrative problems were experienced.

(2) During October 1966, the III Marine Amphibious Force Transient Facility which is under operational control of this Group, serviced 18,480 military personnel. This daily average was 596.

(3) During August 1966, the Supply Platoon, FISU#2, continued augmentation to 3d Shore Party Battalion, at established LSA's by providing personnel to operate Class I, II, III, IV, and V dumps.

j. Air Defense: Not Applicable.

k. Medical and Dental Support:

Supplies Shipped:	16 S/T
Supplies Received:	70 S/T

l. Civil Affairs/Community Relations:

1) Group Alpha, DaNang Area:

(a) Captain G. GIBBS was assigned duties as the Group Civil Affairs Officer during October 1966. He attended the Army Civil Affairs Course, conducted at Saigon.

(b) Lance Corporal BULLOCK, 3531, was assigned to the Civil Affairs Section as a driver to deliver the "personal assistance" items, i.e., bread, milk, etc., and pick up and delivery of Med-C.A.P. personnel. His ability to directly assist in the medical program by conducting minor first aid to the Vietnamese is a valuable asset.

(c) Two (2) wells were installed in Nam O and Dinh Cu. In addition, the Nam O school has been given ten (10) bags of cement for use for a well. Plywood and assorted wood was given to the Nam O school for the use of blackboards. Wood was presented to the Phuoc-Tan School for desks and chairs.

(d) A project has been launched to establish small local industry in villages/hamlets, in an effort to upgrade the living conditions of the inhabitants.

(e) During October, the twice daily delivery of milk to the Nam O school was continued; as was the delivery of bread to the two (2) orphanages in DaNang.

(f) The Group Civil Affairs Officer has begun conducting English Language classes for the teachers in the Nam O school. Classes are two (2) hours in length and are given three (3) days per week. The response has been excellent.

(g) The development of a new pediatric hospital and facilities at Red Beach is in the final stages. The Commanding Officer of FLSG-A will have overall responsibility of this facility. It is anticipated that the structure will be completed by 18 November 1966, and ready for occupancy by 3 December 1966. Accommodations include such services as a dental section, private room/beds for the Vietnamese nurses and accommodations for upwards of fifty (50) children. It is believed this facility will ultimately diminish the local medical problems, as well as establishing a worthwhile project for the surrounding villages.

(i) The Med-C.A.P. program is the single most far-reaching and worthwhile project of the Civil Affairs Program. Consequently, eighty (80) percent of the time spent by the CA section is devoted to it. It has progressed from an average of 125 people per week to a present approximation of between 1,200 - 1,400 people per week. A dental service has been added. Lt. J. L. SHAW, USNR (Dentist), has attacked this project with noticeable vigor, and has gained the people's confidence. He has overcome the language barrier by personally learning their native tongue. The Medical Corpsman have generally been quite competent and professional in their approach to treating the Vietnamese.

(j) During the past month, three (3) new villages have been added to FLSG-A's responsibility. This represents an increase of between 2,000 - 3,500 people.

(k) It is anticipated that the following new projects will be initiated soon; and a target date for completion will be established in the next few months:

School in Phuoc Nguoc

2. New market place, centrally located with regards to surrounding hamlets (approximately coordinates AT 953 788). This market place will have a cement deck and tin roof.
- 3 Additional water well at Dinh Cu and a new well at Nam school (already mentioned).
4. Establishment of a semi-permanent first aid station at Dinh Cu.

(1) Personnel of maintenance Company made cash donation to:

Sacred Heart Orphanage	\$ 220.00
WEC Orphanage, China Beach	\$ 220.00

(2) FLSU #2, Phu Bai:

(a) The Commanding General, Force Logistic Command, Brigadier General HERBOLD and Colonel WEIR, Commanding Officer, Force Logistic Support Group Alpha, visited the Chieu Hoi Village on 11 October 1966.

(b) Construction of the School House continues and barring any rain, approximately two days of construction will complete the School House for the "McDonalds' Chieu Hoi" Village.

(c) During October 1966, an average of 25 patients a day were treated at sick call held in Chieu Hoi Village.

(d) USAID provided 20 pigs for the village to replace the original 30 pigs donated by USAID on 20 September 1966. The latter died shortly after being given to the village.

(e) During this reporting period foodstuffs and construction supplies were delivered to the village.

(f) It is expected that the fish pond will be stocked by 5 November 1966.

(g) Food, vitamins and cement were delivered to the Catholic Orphanage of Thuy Luong Village.

(h) The Commanding Officer of FLSU#2 and Lt. CATES, the Civil Affairs Officer met with Captain TANG FON, the District Chief to discuss initiation of the Civil Action Program in three villages adjacent to the Phu Bai TAOR.

m. Chaplain Support:

) The following chaplains are assigned to FLSC A:

DR. [redacted] than [redacted], Jr., Southern Baptist, Senior Chaplain

Lt. Rich [redacted] DD, Latter Day Saints, FLSG A G

CDR P. C. HAMMERL, Wing Chaplain, 1st MAW gives Catholic Coverage for FLSG-A.

(2) During October, the FLSG-A Chaplains conducted 48 Sunday Services with 849 men attending, and 65 Weekday services with 832 men attending.

(3) The Chaplains gave one (1) lecture on the "Religions of Viet Nam" with 38 men attending.

(4) There were 9 persons receiving professional counseling during this period.

(5) A temporary chapel was constructed at FLSG-A Headquarters, which proved much too small.

(6) Both Chaplains participated in civic action activities with reference to the institutional work within their areas.

Documentation:

a. This Group has no plans or orders, journals or any other important documents of historical significance for inclusion in this report. However, the following significant events are reported:

(1) On 25 October 1966, ground-breaking commenced for the Graves Registration Team #2 facility at the 3d Medical Battalion Camp site. The facility will consist of a concrete decked building 16' X 48' and a concrete pad 12' X 28' to support two reefers. Estimate completion by 15 November 1966.

(2) Maintenance Company Motor Transport constructed a new body and fender shop with an area of 3,105 square feet. 70 yards of concrete were poured for the body and fender shop, the inspection station and the back of the DX shop.

Monthly Recap of Services/Support Provided:

a. Motor Transport:

	<u>FLSG-A</u>	<u>FLSU#2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Personnel transported	75,918	1,104	77,022
Cargo transported (S/T)	20,364	1,080	21,444
Distance traveled (M)	162,245	23,050	185,295

b. Clothing:

	<u>FLSG-A</u>	<u>FLSU #2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Receipts	\$144,434.65	\$ 29,194.52	\$173,629.17
In kind issues to USMC	143,645.70	29,178.12	172,823.82
Issues to USN	1,605.90	NONE	1,605.90
Value of Cash Sales	9,047.65	1,460.40	10,508.05

c. Maintenance:

(1) FLSG-A

<u>Category</u>	<u>O/H BOP</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
Comm/Elect	851	1,118	1,199	770
Engineer	289	399	417	271
Motor Trans	483	1,465	1,363	585
Ordinance	364	863	854	373
General Supply	<u>143</u>	<u>781</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>265</u>
TOTAL	2,130	4,626	4,492	2,264

(2) FLSU #2

<u>Category</u>				
Comm/Elect	109	242	209	142
Engineer	84	134	115	103
Motor Trans	34	134	88	80
Ordinance	79	98	76	101
General Supply	<u>29</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	335	720	622	433

d. Shipping and Receiving:

	<u>S/T</u>		<u>Cu Ft</u>	
	<u>FLSG-A</u>	<u>FLSU #2</u>	<u>FLSG-A</u>	<u>FLSU #2</u>
Received:	1,236.7	107	128,526.7	12,176
Shipped:	7,551.8	73	534,074.6	6,877

e. Class I, III and V Supplies

(1) Class I

	<u>Received</u>		<u>Issued</u>	
	<u>FLSG-A</u>	<u>FLSU #2</u>	<u>FLSG-A</u>	<u>FLSU #2</u>
A Rations (DOS)	32	18.5	31	17.5
B Rations (DOS)	0	0	3	2.5
C Rations (DOS)	7	0	7	5.5

(2) Class III/IIIA (in U.S. Gallons)

(a) Mogas

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Issued</u>
DaNang	696,638	645,777
Phu Bai	191,257	222,185
Dong Ha	101,780	85,250
TOTAL	989,675	953,212

(b) Diesel

DaNang	636,086	589,843
Phu Bai	143,904	196,465
Dong Ha	76,274	84,000
TOTAL	856,264	870,308

(c) Avgas

DaNang	182,494	189,941
Phu Bai	67,386	149,804
Dong Ha	109,351	154,482
TOTAL	359,231	494,227

(d) JP-4

DaNang	127,972	190,838
Phu Bai	172,766	217,766
Dong Ha	178,089	187,422
TOTAL	478,827	596,026

(3) Class V (S/T)

FLSG-A	3,899	2,842
FLSU #2	589	423
TOTAL	4,488	3,265