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1st FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP

Rough Command Chronology, [20 Dec 65] - 8 Mar 66

Ltr, LtCol A.B. CLARK, [Fate of 1st FAG], 16 Mar 1966

Recap of Training, 10-12 Apr 1966

Command Chronology, 16 Oct-Nov 66. Thereafter, monthly Command Chronology

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1st Field Artillery Group
c/o Fleet Marine Force
San Francisco, California 96601

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6 Mar 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Command Chronology, Unit History and Related Items of Interest

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Encl: (1) Rough Command Chronology

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2. Add, delete or correct entries in your copy of enclosure (1) so that all pertinent information is correctly reflected. A blank page is enclosed for your comments regarding pre-embarkation, embarkation, shipboard and debarkation phases of the current operation.
3. Bring enclosure (1) completed to the Operations Office on Monday, 7 Mar 66 at the designated time for conference with the S-3.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

On 21 Dec 1965 information was received (212011Z CG FMFPac) regarding deployment of units to Republic of Vietnam. Administrative items included:

- a) Units will deploy at manning level.
- b) Personnel reaching age of 18 after 1 May 1966 will not be included in overseas movements.
- c) If otherwise eligible, Sergeants and above are considered career Marines, there being no consideration of EAS.
- d) Enlisted personnel possessing Basic MOS will not be deployed to RVN.

Logistics items to accompany deploying units included the following:

- Class I: 30 days (15 days MCI, w/tricorne; 15 days B rations)
- Class II: Initial T/E allowance and 30 days replacement type I items; 30 days individual clothing; 30 days M/O items; 30 days dry cell batteries; 60 days operating stocks.
- Class III: 2 days MD gas; 4 days diesel; 30 days special oils, lubricants and packaged products.
- Class IV: 30 days field fortification material.
- Class V: 30 days.

Message received on 30 Dec 1965 (300234Z) stated that 1st FAG, 29 Palms, California was available to embark CONUS to deploy direct to Republic of Vietnam (RVN) to arrive not later than 28 Feb 1966. This is based on latest force requirements and ~~CG combat readiness classification~~ classification of the 1st FAG. One 28 class LSD required for trans-Pacific movement.

On sailing, CHOP (Change Operational Control) of units sailing direct to RVN to OPCON/ADCON of CG FMFPac. Units affected are 3rd 8" How and 1st 155mm Guns, based on message 312100Z Dec65.

Dependants of deploying personnel were permitted to remain in government quarters contingent upon needs of the service. (032010Z Jan66).

ADMIN

Commercial transportation to San Diego via commercial busses was authorized. Plant account and garrison property was not authorized to leave MCB 29 Palms, and was turned in.

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (cont)

The following baggage was authorized to be taken:

Troop space cargo: Officers and SMO-One Valpac and one footlocker;
Other enlisted-Field Transport Pack and one Seabag.
Hold baggage (marked as such): Officers and SMO-one footlocker; other
enlisted-One seabag.

Uniform for embarking and debarking was field transport pack, normal arms and equipment, helmet with cover green side out, jungle kit, pistol belt with holster or cartridge belt. Pistols will not be carried by individuals (032010Z Jan66).

The USS Ogden (LPD-5) was recommended by COM-III MAC for the lift of the 1st FAG to RVN (050529Z Jan66).

On 29 January 1966, (290648Z Jan66) CG FMFPac advised that CG III MAF/MCC recommended that 1st FAG HqBtry not be deployed to RVN, but to Okinawa. The 3rd 8" How and 1st 155mm Guns would be off-loaded in RVN, and Hq 1st FAG to Okinawa to assume responsibility for TF-79/MAB. FMFPac planned that 1st FAG Hq would provide the nucleus for the Prov MAB and Hq Co. (021021Z Feb66 FMFPac)

USS Ogden scheduled to load Class V supplies on 1-2 Feb at Seal Beach, California and return to San Diego, pier 6 to load FAG vehicles starting 3 Feb 1966. (101925Z Jan66) Actual loading of Ogden commenced 050900U Feb66 and secured 070100U Feb66. Ogden sailed 081000U Feb66. Sierra message sent CG FMFPac and info CG ForTrps, CG 1st MarDivRear 081806Z Feb66.

The following troops were deployed on initial embarkation:

		Navy	Total	Dest
1st FAG	29/441	2/10	31/451	WestPac
1st Guns	6/137	0/0	6/137	Da Nang
3rd 8"	8/193	0/4	8/197	Chu Lai
HqBtry	15/111	2/6	17/117	Okinawa

1st FAG sent message on 2 Feb 1966 (021750Z Feb66) routing mail to Pearl Harbor on 12 Feb, Da Nang RVN 28 Feb, and all 3rd 8" mail to Chu Lai.

Advance party for 1st FAG authorized (021021Z). XO 1st FAG and XO 3rd 8" HowBtry deployed for RVN on 8 Feb. 1st Lt R. OLSON added to advance party to Okinawa to be assigned in 0130 HD3 billet for Prov MAB Hq&Hq Co.

Received message 240416Z Feb66 from CG 3rd MarDiv to 1st FAG, 3rd 8" and 1st 155mm Guns. Message follows:

1. Chop 3rd 8" HowBtry (SF) to 3d Bn, 12th MarArty Bn Group Chu Lai and 1st 155mm Gun Btry (SF) to 12th Marines - Da Nang upon off loading South Vietnam.
2. ADCON both Btrys with 12th Marines.
3. Notify this Hq, CG III MAF and COMUSMACV DTG each Btry landing by GP immediate message.

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JOURNAL NOTES FOR 1st FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP

7 February 1966, Monday

0805 Remaining personnel of 1st FAG departed MCB, 29 Palms by bus.
1125 Arrived pier 6 San Diego and boarded USS Ogden.

8 February 1966, Tuesday

0800 1st 155mm Gun Btry held muster and rifle inspection on the pier.
All battery's mustered personnel..
1005 Underway.

9 February 1966, Wednesday

Underway as before. Moderately heavy rolling and troops unaccustomed to same precluded training. Vehicles started and checked out.

10 February 1966, Thursday

Training held as noted on training schedule found in journal file.

11 February 1966, Friday

Training held as noted on training schedule found in journal file.
Troop pay day.

12 February 1966, Saturday

Training held as noted on training schedule found in journal file.
1300 Navv personnel inspected by ship's captain. (3)

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13 February 1966, Sunday

0830 Vehicle engines turned over. Holiday routine.
0900 Protestant church services.
1000 Catholic lay services conducted.
1330 USS Ogden tied up to K pier, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
1500 Liberty for embarked personnel.

14 February 1966, Monday

Holiday routine for embarked personnel. Liberty commenced 0900
0730-1130 FAG CO, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-3A, S-4, and CommO to FMFPac
Hq, Camp Smith for briefing and to obtain operations information.
1615 CG, FMFPac boarded USS Ogden for tour and inspection of ship
and embarked troop facilities.
1700 CG, FMFPac left the ship.
Engine for M109 Van taken aboard.
2 1/4 ton trucks M-38 and drivers embarked for further transportation
from 1st Radio Battalion.

15 February 1966, Tuesday

0900 USS Ogden underway for RVN
Batterys held rifle inspections, section training, and
maintenance of personal equipment.

16 February 1966, Wednesday

Training for embarked troop personnel as noted in training schedule
in journal file. Section training conducted in MOS for 1st 155mm Gun
Battery.
1330 Engines run on embarked vehicles.

17 February 1966, Thursday

0900 Ship exercised at General Quarters drill.
Training as noted on training schedule in attached journal file.

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Personnel from 1st 155mm Gun Battery received inoculations for prevention infectious hepatitis.

18 February 1966, Friday

International date line crossed, ship not changing days until midnight. Training for embarked troop personnel as noted on training schedule for 19 February.

Personnel from 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery received inoculations for prevention infectious hepatitis.

20 February 1966, Sunday

0900 Protestant church services
1000 Catholic lay leader services
Holiday routine

21 February 1966, Monday

Training conducted by all batteries in accordance with training schedule in attached journal file.
1330 Exercised engines of embarked vehicles.

22 February 1966, Tuesday

Training conducted by all batteries in accordance with training schedule in attached journal file
1300-1530 1st 155mm Gun Btry (SP) fired .50 cal and M60 machine guns.
Lt Col G. R. LAMB dropped from TAD orders and assigned to Staff TF 79 for duty. Message 222250 Z from CG 7MPac to Camp Butler, Info Ogden

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23 February 1966, Wednesday

Training conducted by all batteries in accordance with training schedule in attached journal file.

24 February 1966, Thursday

Training conducted by all batteries in accordance with training schedule in attached journal file.
Embarked troops, 1st Btry and 1st 155mm Gun Btry received plague booster shots.

25 February 1966, Friday

Training conducted by all batteries in accordance with training schedule in attached journal file.
Plague booster shots given to personnel of 3rd 8" How Btry.
Vehicle motors turned over.

26 February 1966, Saturday

Preparations made for off-loading 3rd 8" How Btry.
Intelligence briefing for Staff by S-2.

27 February 1966, Sunday

Church services held. Holiday routine.

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28 February 1966, Monday

0915H Arrived Chu Lai, RVN
 28110Z C/OP 3rd 8" to 3d Bn, 12th Marines, 3rdMarDiv.
 Commenced off-loading

1 March 1966, Tuesday

CO, XO, S-1, S-2 visited 11th Mar CP area and 3rd 8" How Btry.
 Discussion re: backloading 1st plt, 1st 8" How Btry for transportation
 to Da Nang - TF 76.2 not informed, resulting in non-approval of lift.

2 March 1966, Wednesday

(020700Z Mar 66)(1500 H) Off-loading completed. 218 personnel, 88 vehicles,
 Ammo 20611 cube 711 Pallets
 Cargo 12552 cube 251 Pallets
 TOTAL 33163 cube 1022 Pallets

3 March 1966, Thursday

0200 H Arrived Da Nang
 (030245Z Mar 66)(1045 H) C/OP 1st 155mm Gun Btry to CO, 12th Marines, 3dMarDiv.
 CO, XO, S-1, S-2, S-3B, and SupplyO visited 12th Marines CP; discussed w/CO
 of 12th Marines, off-loading of FAG retro gear and personnel. CO 12th Mar
 informed CO FAG that he would receive message from III MAF and CG FMFPac
 granting permission authorizing FAG to drop the equipment. The following
 items were subject items of the message:

Truck	M-35	185339	Trailer	M107	180219
Truck	M-35	188678	Trailer	M105	182407
Van	M109	185190	Trailer	M105	182117

17 Pallets Class II cargo.

Also discussed OPCON/ADCON with 3d 155mm Gun Btry (SP).

4 March 1966, Friday

S-4 12th Marines aboard Ogden to discuss off-loading of Metro gear.
 Message delivered authorizing off-loading.
 Off-loading complete at Da Nang at 040430Z Mar 66
 Personnel: 145
 Vehicles: 69 (Includes 2 M38A1 Consigned 1st Radio Bn)
 Ammo 14560 cube 718 Pallets
 Cargo 7576 cube 152 Pallets
 TOTAL 22136 cube 870 Pallets

5 March 1966, Saturday

0915 Weighed anchor. Steaming to Okinawa.
 1400 Staff meeting

6 March 1966, Sunday

Church services held. Holiday routine.
 1300 Formation held on flight deck by CO 1st MAG for presentation of
 cruise memento to CO USS Ogden.

7 March 1966, Monday

Staff meeting compiling command chronology and related matters held.

8 March 1966, Tuesday

Arrived Okinawa.
 Debarked the following:
 Personnel: 130
 Vehicles: 55
 Ammo: 62 cube 2 Pallets
 Cargo: 12776 cube 255 Pallets
 TOTAL: 12838 cube 257 Pallets

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COMMENT SHEET

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Enclosure (1)

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30 June 1972

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Col A. B. CLARK's ltr 5/ABC/ms over
5750 of 29Jun72

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Twentynine
Palms, California 92278
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Historical Branch), Code
HDH, Washington, D. C. 20380
Subj: Items of Historical Interest of First Field Artillery Group -
1966

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(16 Mar 66)

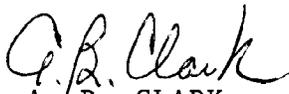
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HEADQUARTERS
Marine Corps Base
Twentynine Palms, California 92278

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29 June 1972

From: Colonel Allen B. CLARK
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Historical Branch),
Code HDH, Washington, D. C. 20380
Via: Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Twentynine
Palms, California 92278
Subj: Items of Historical Interest of First Field Artillery
Group - 1966
Encl: (1) Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade ltr 1:ABC:wbg
of 16Mar66

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interest to the Marine Corps.


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G-1 ~~Walt~~ G-3 ~~Walt~~ G-4 ~~Walt~~

Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade
G-3 Section
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Col Pace

12/22
Return with routing
1:ABC:wbg
16 Mar 1966

Dear Colonel Hannah,

This is an attempt to inform you infernally of what has happened to 1st FAG since leaving 29 Palms.

Before getting into details, I must say that the 1st FAG was probably one of the best prepared units to go into Viet Nam. We were lacking to some degree in experience, but this was overshadowed by material readiness and morale. It is with a great deal of remorse that I must relate the following fate of 1st FAG.

The loading was done in an efficient manner and after replacing two of the three trucks that broke down on our trip to San Diego we were in good shape. The third truck was the metro van and, of course, there were no replacements at 29 Palms. So when we arrived in Hawaii, I purchased an engine and some canvas to replace some that was torn by the wind on the trip to San Diego and by Navy in loading. Two days after departing Pearl, the engine was properly installed and the canvas was put on.

The fate of the 1st FAG was settled long before I arrived in Pearl. It seems as though General Walt wanted it as a base defense force for Da Nang. However, since the Navy was pushing for the establishment of the 9th MAB and assets were stretched a long way the General decided to use FAG assets to build the 9th MAB. Realizing the battle was lost, I set about trying to maintain a cadre of FAG so it could be reestablished at a later date. Of particular concern to me were the supply records, RPS, Comtac, S & C and the metro section. I made a strong bid to deploy the metro section, and to maintain a cadre to maintain the records. When I departed Pearl there was serious doubt as to whether a cadre would be maintained. The only person receptive to the idea was Colonel Dickenson in the G-3 Section. As a last resort I made a plea to maintain enough capability to properly document the disestablishment or reduction. About 3 days before arriving in Viet Nam I received a message to transfer the metro section personnel to the 3rd Division, but no mention was made of the equipment. In addition all of communication personnel were to be transferred immediately upon arrival at Okinawa. Included in these personnel was the entire section maintaining and acting as custodians of the RPS, Comtac, and S & C. As you know I have more RPS than Force Troops and I had to have some relief. So an inquiry was addressed to FMFPAC and a request to retain Captain James as alternate custodian of the RPS. I received permission to retain Captain James but received no word on metro gear.

At Col. A. B. Wand's request, "State of 1st FAG"

16 Mar 1966

ENCLOSURE (1)

We unloaded at Chu Lai first and everything went smoothly, except it was difficult to convince everyone of the sheer quantity of ammo and bulk that I had.

Upon arriving at Da Nang the same reluctance greeted us as to sheer quantity. I might point out that I had taken the trouble to communicate to III MAF/NCC total cube, square, weight, of each class of supplies on board. I even quoted total pallets to show the amount of gear coming ashore at each place. Even so, 30 days supply of ammo is a lot of ammo.

I sent a radio in on the first boat to go in. No one met us at either place to give any instructions. Major McDaniels had to hitch a ride about 4 miles to 3rd Bn 12th CP to get instructions. At Da Nang the S-4 12th MAR showed up shortly and I talked with him via the radio that I had sent in using the ship's frequency. Their first question was, "where is the metre gear"? It seems that they were down to less than 3 days operating stock and wanted all the gear. I told them I had no authority to unload it. So a flurry of phone calls were made to PAC and I was told I would receive some kind of word as to disposition. I worked all night separating metre gear from rest of Headquarters Battery gear under the assumption that the word be affirmative. I waited to the last possible moment and having received no word from PAC I decided to unload it any way. The need for it was so great that I believed that I could justify my actions. So, three trucks with trailers were unloaded along with 17 pallets of operating stock.

My conversation with Colonel Calender confirmed the fact that he absolutely did not believe there was any place in Viet Nam for a Headquarter Battery FAG. Lieutenant Colonel Fritch, XO, felt the same way, as did the S-3 and FSCC Officer. They were all interested in the assets but not any control.

The 12th MAR has a shortage of 65 company grade officers and I can understand Colonel Calender's plight and his desire for personnel and equipment. He stated priority O2 requisition took at least 90 days to fill and often much longer. So justifiably he wanted no FAG as such-only assets.

For a battery to control 3 or 4 batteries, it is necessary to pull officers and NCO's to establish the control headquarters. This compounded the shortages. What no one seemed to realize was that FAG is structured for the purpose of controlling up to 7 batteries or 7 battalions. We would have fitted in perfectly.

Most forward observers teams are headed by NCO's. Out of 12 organic teams in 3/11 only 3 were headed by Lieutenants. Then, too, it was necessary to create 3 additional teams for the mortar battery. One of these was headed by the battalion intelligence chief. So the need is there. We departed Da Nang on 5 March and two days later I received authority to unload the metre gear at Da Nang.

Upon arriving in Okinawa, it seemed that every person on the island was waiting for the FAG. They all wanted personnel and gear. I was besieged from every angle to release people and equipment. I had not received any word from FMFPAC on a cadre, or on the RPS, Contac, and S & C.

My first step was at General Fields office and when I explained my flight, thank goodness, he was receptive. So in order to properly document whatever was in store I held on to people that had orders from FMFPAC to be transferred. I just didn't transfer them. If I had I couldn't have unloaded my trucks. In fact, I arrived on Tuesday about 0900, finished unloading and getting the gear off the beach at 0500 the next morning. All of the officers and men had orders to report to their new organizations by Thursday. A complete wipe out in less than two days.

FMFPAC came through the next day directing a cadre and CNO the next day on the RPS. PSR assumed ad cen and ep cen. Thank goodness they seemed to know what they were doing. All GI I, III, IV, and V was turned in. All operating stocks were turned in. All consumables that 9th MAB didn't want were turned in. I proposed 1 officer and 12 men to act as a cadre. All GI II Type I items not needed by MAB would be retained. All items turned in were properly documented and will be put on slit documents and requisitions made so when CMC directs reestablishment it can be done simply by dropping the cards in the hopper. This should be far enough along by the 16th to make the transfer. At that time all the transfers will be made. I'm slated as assistant G-3, Major Crosby as Headquarters Company Commanding Officer. All other officers and most of the NCO's will move into like billets. The communication personnel were transferred to Camp Butler, except one or two to 1st MAR DIV, one or two to SLF. The medical people ^{went} to 1st MAR DIV, just as their orders read. This is a definite weakness. If I had gone in country all the medical people would have left me and joined the 1st MAR DIV. I had a long talk with Cmdr Henry 1st MAR DIV. He stated that BUPERS really doesn't have the picture yet! I would have been without medical people. This needs to be looked into.

I'm proud of this Group. We were ready to go and they didn't want us. This group was probably one of the finest group of fighting men assembled in recent years. I'm sure you will hear from many of them later on. One of the hardest jobs has been to explain why we weren't going "in Country". Of the more than 50 men who signed waivers on their overseas control dates 20 belong to Headquarters Battery.

Just to show what can be done, when Colonel Lamb arrived here, his orders were cancelled, even though he was supposed to go to Viet Nam and even though Colonel Dickens had told him to be sure he wasn't short stopped here. It was just a simple matter of your orders are cancelled, here is a job-go to work. Later on FMFPAC affirmed the cancellation. He did, however, talk his way into Viet Nam for one day and this did help. But he was not present to meet us and Captain Kelly might as well have stayed home. In addition Lieutenant Olsen orders were terminated when he arrived. Then when we arrived they terminated the termination so that the unit diary entries would be correct.

A. B. Clark
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LtCol USMC

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	<u>HQ BTRY</u>	<u>1st 155mm</u>	<u>3rd 8"</u>	<u>Group</u>
Bulk				
cu ft	62.0	14200.2	20151.0	34413.2
wt	3791	901842	1536179	2441812
			cu ft 36945.3/	
			wt 2614376	

Med & Den				
Mobile				
cu ft	179.6			179.6
wt	2537			2537

	<u>SQ FT</u>	<u>CU FT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>S/T</u>
Cargo	12964	81371.3	3491234	
Vehicles	25506	199156.0	2715665	
Totals	38470	280527.3	6206899	3103.45

VEHICLES

	<u>HQ BTRY</u>	<u>1st 155mm</u>	<u>3rd 8"</u>	<u>Group</u>
Gen set Pu-239		1	1	2
Tlr gen Pu-482	1			1
Tlr gen Pu-587	2			2
Tlr, HPLU	1	1	1	3
LHL 4 wldr		1	1	2
HPCu cleaner stream jet	1	1	1	3
tlr M-100 1/4T	5	5	6	16
Tlr M-101 3/4T	8	5	4	17
Tlr M-105A2 1 1/2T	4	7	12	23
Tlr M-107A2 400 Gal	2	2	4	8
Trk Amb M-170 1/4T	1	1	1	3
Radio Set AN/MRC-37 1/4T	2	5	6	13
Radio Set AN/MRC-83 1/4T	5	2	2	9
Trk M-38A1 1/4T	7	7	8	22
Trk M-37 3/4T	8	5	7	20
Trk M-35 2 1/2T	7	6	8	21
Trk M-54 5T		6	9	15
Trk M-49 2 1/2T		2	3	5
Trk M-109 2 1/2T	1		3	4
Trk M-543 5T		1	1	2
M-51 (SP)		1	1	2
M-53 (SP)		6		6
M-55 (SP)			6	6
Tractor TD-18		2	3	5
SQ FT	4845	9045	11616	25506
CU FT	31595.0	74261.0	93300.0	199156.0
WT	232817	1127866	1354882	2715665

1st Field Artillery Group Embarkation Data

	<u>HQ BTRY</u>	<u>1st 155mm</u>	<u>3rd 8"</u>	<u>Group</u>
<u>Class I</u>				
Mobile				
cu ft	331.7	386.0	514.0	1231.7
wt	11176	16414	24066	51656
Bulk				
cu ft	1166.3	611.2	775.0	2552.5
wt	40032	20862	28562	89456
				cu ft 3784.2/ wt 141,112
<u>Class II</u>				
Mobile				
cu ft	2833.7	2863.7	3337.0	9034.4
wt	43360	58259	80286	181905
Bulk				
cu ft	4286.7	2237.3	3693.0	10217.0
wt	67865	44370	68998	181233
				cu ft 19251.4/ wt 363138
<u>Class III</u>				
Mobile				
cu ft	99.0	184.0	477.8	760.8
wt	3500	6930	18224	28654
Bulk				
cu ft	209.0	291.0	264.0	764.0
wt	7847	11480	9900	29227
				cu ft 1524.8/ wt 57881
<u>Class IV</u>				
Mobile				
cu ft		384.0		384.0
wt		2882		2882
Bulk				
cu ft	7046.0	4436.0	7820.0	19302.0
wt	62430	131250	115630	309310
				cu ft 19686.0/ wt 312190
<u>Class V</u>				
Mobile				
cu ft	42.6	1122.5	1367.0	2532.1
wt	2220	70232	100112	172564

Personnel	<u>USMC</u>	
	<u>off</u>	<u>enl</u>
	32	442

<u>USN</u>	
<u>off</u>	<u>enl</u>
2	10

DAYS BY CLASS

Class I - MCI 15 B 15
Class II - 60
Class III - 2 + 4
Class IV - 30
Class V - 30

OFFICE SPACES

Group Admin - 2-144-4-Q
Group Op&Log - 02-64-1-L
HQ Btry - 2-184-1-L
3rd 8" - 2-232-2-L
1st 155mm - 3-144-4-L

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RECAPITULATION OF ACTUAL TRAINING CONDUCTED 10-12 APRIL 1966

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NO. PRESENT</u>
10Feb66	M-60 Machine Gun	HqBtry	1 hr.	51
	M-60 Machine Gun	1stGuns	4 hr.	83
	.50 Cal. Machine Gun	HqBtry	2 hr.	51
	.50 Cal. Machine Gun	1stGuns	2 hr.	79
11Feb66	M-60 Machine Gun	HqBtry	1 hr.	33
	.50 Cal. Machine Gun	HqBtry	1 hr.	21
	.50 Cal Machine Gun	3rd 8"	1 hr.	80
	Comm	3rd 8"	2 hr.	31
	Precision Fire	3rd 8"	2 hr.	27
	Fire Commands	3rd 8"	3 hr.	37
	Machine Gun Drill	HqBtry	1 hr.	53
12Feb66	Hand and Rifle Grenades	HqBtry	1 hr.	53
	M-14	1stGuns	2 hr.	76
	M-60 Machine Gun	1stGuns	4 hr.	83
	Code of Conduct	1stGuns	1 hr.	89
	.50 Cal. Machine Gun	1stGuns	2 hr.	79
	.45 Cal. Pistol	1stGuns	1 hr.	74
	Comm	3rd 8"	3 hr.	37
	Execs ME	3rd 8"	1 hr.	41

*Additional section training has been conducted by all batteries.

1. During the above period the following shipboard requirements for embarked personnel have been filled on a daily basis:

Mess Duty	22
Cooks	15
MAA	1
Barber	4
Library	2
Laundry	11
Ship Paper	1
S&C	7
Guard of the Day	23
Total	86

2. Vehicles have been exercised every third day, concurrent with training. This requirement, coupled with routine administrative matters, accounts for the net actual number of men present during training periods.

3. Training after Hawaii includes Vietnamese language training on the individual level, taught by graduates of the Marine Corps Vietnamese Language Course. Other topics to be covered include the Civic Action Program, Viet Cong Tactics, Peoples and Customs of Vietnam and Prisoner Handling.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) FMFPacO 5750.8
(b) CG, 9thMAB 030030ZJan1967

encl: (1) 1st Field Artillery Group Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for the 1st Field Artillery Group during the period 16 October 1966 - 30 November 1966 is submitted herewith.

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1st Field Artillery Group

16 Oct 66 - 30 Nov 66

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Command Chronology (U)1. Organization Data.

- a. Designation. 1st Field Artillery Group
- b. Location. 16 Oct - 23 Nov 1966 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa
 24 Nov - 29 Nov 1966 - At sea
 30 Nov - - Chu Lai, Vietnam
- c. Period Covered. 16 October - 30 November 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff.

Commanding Officer	18Oct-27Oct 1966	MAJ T.F. GRAY.
	28Oct-30Nov 1966	LTCOL J.M. LANEY, JR.
Executive Officer	8 - 30 Nov 1966	MAJ G.J. STANARO
S-1	24Oct-30Nov 1966	CAPT V.M. SZALANKIEWICZ
S-2	29Oct-30Nov 1966	CAPT C.C. FRANTZ
S-3	29Oct-30Nov 1966	MAJ R.J. HENLEY
S-4	28Oct-30Nov 1966	MAJ T.F. GRAY
Adjutant	29Oct-30Nov 1966	2DLT M.E. RAFFERTY
Survey Officer	29Oct-30Nov 1966	CAPT D.L. BASTIAN
Logistics Officer	3-30 Nov 1966	2NDLT J.T. BOBB
Supply Officer	30Oct-30Nov 1966	2DLT J.O. HARRELL
Motor Transport Officer	11 - 30 Nov 1966	2DLT P.V. SULLIVAN
Communications Officer	29Oct-30Nov 1966	CAPT P.C. WINN
Personnel Officer	29Oct-30Nov 1966	CAPT G.T. LENGAUER
Assistant S-3	4 - 30 Nov 1966	CAPT J.D. RUANE
Brief Aerial Observer	29Oct-30Nov 1966	CAPT C.E. HANSON
Metro Officer	27Oct-30Nov 1966	2DLT W.B. BOVEE
Commanding Officer HqBtry	4 - 30 Nov 1966	CAPT. M.L. HEFTI

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2. Commanding Officer's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. On 16 October 1966 the Headquarters Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group, 3rd Force Service Regiment then in cadre consisting of one officer and 14 enlisted USMC was redesignated as the 1st Field Artillery Group, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade and moved from Camp Hauge Okinawa to Camp Hansen, Okinawa. The cadre was commanded by 1stLt W.G. EVANS, USMC. During the remainder of October the unit began requesting and receiving equipment and supplies. Personnel began arriving and on 28 October 1966, LtCol J.M. LANEY, JR., joined the unit and assumed command of the 1st Field Artillery Group. By 30 October 1966 the unit strength had risen to 16 officers and 90 enlisted USMC and 1 enlisted USN.

b. During the month of November the unit began preparations for embarkation and continued training of personnel in anticipation of subsequent movement to South Vietnam. Personnel and equipment shortages were gradually filled during the month and by 30 November 1966 the unit had a combat readiness status of C-2 personnel, C-3 equipment, C-2 training and C-3 supply. The emphasis for training was placed upon combat training for the individual Marine including crew served weapons familiarization firing, patrolling, jungle warfare training, mine warfare, booby traps and section training. The Metro Section attended a concentrated three day school on the operation of the electronic metro set which was presented by the 1st Missile Battalion, 57th Artillery, USA. The unit's electronic metro set had not yet been received. A field exercise was conducted on 15-16 November 1966. On 21 November the unit began staging supplies at the port of embarkation, Naha, Okinawa. By 23 November all personnel were embarked aboard the USS Terrell County (LST 1177) at Naha, Okinawa and the majority of equipment and supplies were loaded. On 24 November 1966 the unit departed Okinawa enroute to South Vietnam. This deployment was part of a programmed build up of Marine Corps forces in Vietnam. The unit arrived off the coast of Vietnam on 29 November, and disembarked at Chu Lai, South Vietnam on 30 November 1966. Upon arrival, the 1st Field Artillery Group reported OPCON to Commanding General III MAF, ADCON 1st Marine Division (Rein). OPCON was further passed to the 1st Marine Division and then to Task Force 31. ADCON was concurrently passed to the 11th Marines.

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events.

a. Personnel. (1st Field Artillery Group Headquarters)

(3) Losses.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Admin	0	28	0	0
Battle	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	0	0	0

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	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
(2) <u>Replacement</u>	17	138	1	2
(3) <u>Prisoners of War</u> . None				
(4) <u>Morale and Personnel</u> . Morale remains high.				
(5) <u>Promotions</u> . SSgt to GySgt		2		
		Sgt to SSgt		1
(6) <u>Awards and Decorations</u> . None.				

b. Administration.

(1) Normal administrative functions were accomplished during the month. Major difficulties encountered was refurbishing the directives system and overhaul of office equipment.

(2) Discipline. One Article 15.

c. Training. See Tab 2 to Appendix B.

d. Command and Control. The unit embarked aboard the USS Terrell County (LST 1157) in compliance with CG, 9thMAB Movement Plan (CG9thMAB msg 210002ZNov66). The Command Post is currently located at coordinates BT501035; in Chu Lai, South Vietnam.

e. Logistics. Received Class II, Type I supplies and equipment from Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade and Marine Corps Supply sources. Requisitioned anticipated Class II, Type II supplies and repair parts for organic equipment. Commencing about the first week in November, equipment and supplies began arriving at a rapid pace, with unit supply personnel concurrently packing, assembling, banding and marking mount-out pallets and containers. By 19 November 1966 staging of supplies at Naha Port Okinawa began. On 22 November Class I, and IV supplies were staged. All mobile loaded personnel and equipment preceded to Naha Port and embarked aboard the LST 1157. The 1st Field Artillery Group completed loading supplies and equipment on 24 November 1966 and departed Okinawa for RVN.

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Appendix A (List of references to 1st Field Artillery Group
Command Chronology 16 Oct - 30 Nov 1966)

References.

- a. Movement Plan; CG, 9thMAB msg DTG 150834ZNov66.
- b. Deployment Order; CG, 9thMAB DTG 210002ZNov66.
- c. 1st FAG Order 1540.1 of 1Nov1966; Training Program.

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Appendix B (Documentation)

Tab 1. S-1 Journal,

Tab 2. 1st Field Artillery Group Order 1540.1 of 1 Nov 1966,
Training Program.

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S-1, First Field Artillery Group
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 160001G Oct to 302400H Nov 1966

Oct 160001G - Journal Opened.

160500G - 1st Field Artillery Group, 3rd Force Service Regiment redesignated 1st Field Artillery Group, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade and moved from Camp Hauge, Okinawa to Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

160500G - Strength: USMC 1 Off 14 Enl
 USN 0 Off 0 Enl

160500G - 1st Lt W.G. EVANS assumed command of Headquarters Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group.

180800G - Maj T.F. GRAY, Capt G.T. LENGAUER, Capt G.L. MCKAY, Capt J.D. RICHARDSON and 2nd Lt J.K. PIPPIN temporary duty to 1st Field Artillery Group from Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

180800G - Maj T.F. GRAY assumed command of 1st Field Artillery Group.

230800G - Strength: USMC 6 Off 33 Enl
 USN 0 Off 0 Enl

280800G - LtCol J.M. LANEY, JR., assumed command of 1st Field Artillery Group. Temporary duty terminated and Capt G.L. MCKAY, Capt J.D. RICHARDSON and 2nd Lt J.K. PIPPIN returned to Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

300800G - Strength: USMC 10 Off 90 Enl
 USN 0 Off 1 Enl

Nov 040800G - Maj R.J. HENLEY TAD to CG III MAF for liaison.

040800G - Capt M.L. HEFTI assumed command of Headquarters Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group.

050800G - Strength: USMC 16 Off 117 Enl
 USN 0 Off 1 Enl

070830G - Cpl J.E. WATTS, Nonjudicial punishment.

091200G - Maj R.J. HENLEY from TAD to CG, III MAF.

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130800G - Strength: USMC 18 Off 110 Enl
USN 0 Off 2 Enl

161100G - SSgt BERGERON and SSgt WHIPING promoted to GySgt, Sgt
HOWARD promoted to SSgt.

170600G - LtCol LANEY, Capt RUANE, Capt SZALANKIEWICZ, Capt HANSON,
2ndLt BOBB, SgtMaj MORGAN and MSgt LAUDEDALE to Vietnam
as advance party.

200800G - Strength: USMC 13 Off 112 Enl
USN 1 Off 2 Enl

231600G - Embarked aboard USS TERRELL COUNTY with:
USMC 13 Off 108 Enl
USN 1 Off 2 Enl

301500H - Disembarked Chu Lai, Vietnam.

302400H - Journal Closed.

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GROUP ORDER 1540.1

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Training Program

1. Purpose. To provide this unit with a training program designed to prepare the individual and the unit for immediate deployment and combat.

2. Scope. This order provides guidance for a four week training program. Details of training will be promulgated by weekly training schedules.

3. Policy. The conduct of training will be in accordance with policies outlined in this order.

a. General. All training will be oriented toward the type of operations being used by Marine Corps forces in Vietnam and to support the mission of this unit. Fifty percent of all field training will be conducted during the hours of darkness. This training will include the following:

(1) Counterinsurgency Operations. To be effective, counterinsurgency operations must include an understanding of the limitations placed upon military operations by the local populace. All marines must be thoroughly familiar with the political, economic, civil and psychological aspects of Vietnam.

(2) Counterguerrilla Operations. These operations are military actions of the armed forces of an established government and its allies against guerrilla forces. Training is required in the tactics and techniques employed by artillery in support of counterguerrilla operations.

(3) Anti-guerrilla Operations. These operations are concerned with protection of command posts against guerrilla forces. Training is required to insure that personnel are thoroughly trained in scouting and patrolling, local security, camouflage, blackout discipline, mines and booby traps and march security.

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(4) Civic Action Operations. Civic action is the program being used by marine units to gain the support and confidence of the local population of Vietnam. Included in this program is the improvement of health, education and welfare of the Vietnamese people. In return, we receive vital information concerning location, size, organization, etc., of the Viet Cong. This program is producing excellent results and all personnel will receive instruction on the civic action program.

(5) Ambush and Counter-ambush. Ambush is one of the most effective offensive tactic employed by guerrilla forces. Concurrent training on ambush and counter-ambush will be conducted.

(6) "Tactical Trends and Training Tips". These pamphlets are published under FMFPac Bulletin 1500 and contain information on lessons learned by marine units in combat in the Republic of Vietnam. These bulletins will be given widest possible dissemination both during regularly scheduled training and, as time permits, on field exercises.

4. Training Program. The training program will be progressive. The program will insure the highest level of knowledge and proficiency of the individual and sections, and a high level of combat readiness of the unit.

a. Each individual will fire his weapon for familiarization and to obtain his combat sight setting.

b. Each individual will be instructed in basic infantry tactics to include ambush, counter-ambush, scouting and patrolling. Emphasis will be placed on defense of position areas.

c. Classes will be conducted on use of U. S. mines and booby traps as well as the enemy use of mines and booby traps as experienced in Vietnam.

d. Instruction will be given on crew served weapons and all individuals will fire crew served weapons for familiarization.

e. Instruction will be given, lectures and practical application, on field fortifications including wire obstacles.

f. Section training will be conducted following the syllabus given in paragraph 3404 of FMFM 7-4.

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1 Nov 1966

g. All personnel will be instructed in preventive measures against diseases and poisonous flora and fauna prevalent in Southeast Asia. Emphasis will be placed on field sanitation, personal hygiene, and proper care of the feet in a hot, humid climate.

h. Unit training will be conducted in the field to include a CPX and field exercise. The field exercise will place emphasis on local security, day and night displacement, and use of aggressors.

5. Safety. Safety will be stressed at all times both in field training and garrison. Particular emphasis will be placed on motor vehicle operator safety and precautions applicable to individual and crew served weapons.

a. General. Battery Commanders will insure that personnel are properly trained and/or licensed before being allowed to handle explosives or drive any vehicle.

b. Officer in Charge of Firing. The officer in charge of firing for any exercise will insure that all provisions of Camp Butler Order P5100.6G (Range Regulations) are complied with. The Officer in charge of firing will appoint a range safety officer who will be familiar with, and carry out his duties as stated in Camp Butler Order P5100.6G.

6. Schools.

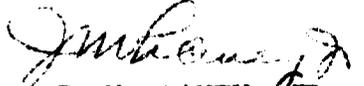
a. Officer and Staff NCO Schools. A minimum of one hour of officer and staff NCO school will be conducted per week.

b. NCO School. NCO school will be conducted at the battery level for a minimum of two hours per week.

7. Reports

a. Training Inspection Report. The Group S-3 will select classes to be monitored on the weekly training schedule and keep the Group Commander informed on progress of training.

b. Individual Training Records. Headquarters Battery Commander will maintain individual training records on all training accomplished, to include general military subjects, specialist training, MOS training, rifle/pistol qualification scores, swimming qualification, and gas mask size. These records will be kept current on a weekly basis.


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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology Report Symbol 1st MARDIV-5750-6

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) 1st Field Artillery Group Command Chronology
 (2) 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology
 (3) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology
 (4) 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology
 (5) 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology
 (6) 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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1. The Command Chronology for the 1st Field Artillery Group at Chu Lai is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1-31 December 1966.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY1. Organization Data.a. Designation. 1st Field Artillery Groupb. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnamc. Period Covered. 1-31 December 1966d. Command and Special Staff.

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	LTCOL J.B. STRIBLING
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	LTCOL J.M. LANEY, JR.
S-1	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT V.M. SZALANKIEWICZ, JR.
S-2	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT C.C. FRANTZ
S-3	1-31 Dec 1966	MAJ C.J. STANARO
S-4	1-31 Dec 1966	MAJ T.F. GRAY
Adjutant	1-31 Dec 1966	2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY
Survey Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT D.L. BASTIAN
Ordnance Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	2dLT J.T. BOBB
Supply Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	2dLT J.O. HARRELL
Motor Transport Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	2dLT P.V. SULLIVAN
Communication Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT P.C. WERN
Liaison Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT G.T. LENGAUER, JR.
Assistant S-3	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT J.D. RUANE
Chief Aerial Observer	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT J.E. HARRIS
Metro Officer	1-31 Dec 1966	2dLT W.B. BOVEE
Commanding Officer Hq Btry	1-31 Dec 1966	CAPT M.L. MEFTI

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2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. The Headquarters First Field Artillery Group (1stFAG) arrived at Chu Lai on 30 November 1966 aboard the USS Terrell County (LST 1157) from Okinawa. On 1 December 1966 the 1st Field Artillery Group relieved the 11th Marines (rear) in place and assumed tactical control of all of the US artillery units in the Chu Lai combat base. The 1st Field Artillery Group was placed under CFCOM of Task Force XRay and ADCOM of the 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

b. During the month the major artillery effort continued to be directed at providing supporting fires for the defense of the Chu Lai TACR and support of infantry operations in and around the TACR. In addition supporting fires were provided for the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion elements inserted in Viet Cong controlled territory, CIDG/Special Forces Camps, Government of Viet Nam Armed Forces Units (GVNAF), and units of the Republic of South Korea (ROKMC). Three search and destroy operations were conducted by the 5th and 7th Marines supported by units of the First Field Artillery Group, 11th Marines.

c. Operation Sutter was a coordinated search and destroy operation conducted during the period 1-6 December 1966. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines reinforced by fires from Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and the 1st Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery provided support for the operation from primary position areas within the TACR. By mutual agreement a small liaison group from the 7th Marine Regiment was co-located in the field with the 6th ARVN Regiment CP for Phase II of the operation. Its purpose was to effect the liaison and fire support coordination necessary between the two forces operating in contiguous areas, thereby relieving the committed USMC Battalion Commander of such responsibility.

d. Operation Sierra was begun 12 December 1966, and has continued through the end of the reporting period. This is a search and destroy operation conducted by the 7th Marines in the Quang Ngai Province Mo Duc area in conjunction with the 2nd ARVN Division Forces. During the first three phases of the operation the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support and furnished a Battalion Command Group to control the fires of artillery supporting the operation. The 3rd Battalion artillery elements were Task Organized to support Operation Sierra in the following manner.

Command Group, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Battery "H" (-) (4-105mm How) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

107mm Mortar Platoon (2-107mm Howtar) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Provisional Battery (4-155mm How TD) 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

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Platoon, Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery, 1st Field Artillery Group

Battery "H" (-) was helilifted to the CIDG/Special Forces Camp at Minh Long (BS53435137) to support the early phases of the operation and again later to Mo Duc (BS72185384) where it was joined by the platoon of 107mm Howtars. Upon completion of the initial phases of the operation the 3rd Battalion Command Group released the Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery from its OPCON, gave control of the artillery support to Battery "H" (-) and returned to the Chu Lai TAOR. The Platoon, Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery which had displaced to an alternate position (BS636753) was also returned to control of its parent unit. Battery "H" (-) (Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines remained in direct support of 7th Marine elements as of 31 December 1966.

e. Operation Cortez a 5th Marine search and destroy operation conducted during 7-12 December 1966 which was supported from within the TAOR by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

f. The requirement to position and maintain Battery "F" (-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at Tien Phuoc (BT106142), and the Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (4-155mm How TD) at Quang Ngai (BS60757027) as well as observation posts at An Hoa (BS574863) and Nui Tron (BS515780) continued through the reporting period.

g. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines under OPCON of the 11th Marines since 110600H December 1966 is now located in the vicinity of An Hoa (AT875472). ADCON remains with 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Field Artillery Group.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER 1966
(CHU LAI)

	107mm Mortar	105mm Howitzer	155mm Howitzer	155mm Gun	8" Howitzer	175mm Gun	Total
5th Marines	1127	1782	456	21	16	0	3402
7th Marines	606	4577	26	11	0	0	5220
ARVN	10	2809	2202	17	111	178	5327
ROKMC	0	36	460	22	65	0	583
TF XRay	10	145	700	65	126	307	1353
Recon	0	175	210	74	0	2	461
<u>Operations</u>							
Sierra	382	2589	716	0	0	0	3687
Cortez	0	295	10	0	0	0	305
Sutter	0	57	173	158	0	0	388
Totals	2135	12465	4953	368	318	487	20726

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events.a. Personnel. (1st Field Artillery Group Headquarters)

(1) <u>Losses.</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Enl.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>Enl.</u>
Admin	2	2	0	0
Battle	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	0	0	0

(2) <u>Replacements.</u>	4	21	0	0
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(3) Prisoners of War. None

(4) Morale and Personnel. Morale remains good, mail service has been oscillating between good and poor due to the increase of mail over the holiday period.

(5) <u>Promotions.</u>	GySgt to MSgt	1
	Cpl to Sgt	4

(6) Awards and Decorations. One Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm.b. Administration.

(1) Normal administration functions were accomplished during the month. No difficulties were encountered.

(2) Discipline.

5 Special Court Martials
2 Summary Court Martials
1 Article 15

c. Intelligence. Upon arrival at Chu Lai and commencement of operation, the intelligence office immediately established contact with the G-2 Section, Task Force Xray, and with the S-2 Sections of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Contacts were later established with the S-2 Sections of the 5th Marines and 7th Marines, and with 7th C.I.T. and 9th I.T.T.. Contact was also established with the Chu Lai Defense Command, and range cards were completed for CIDG Watch Towers #51 and #73. The bulk of intelligence processed by the 1st Field Artillery Group S-2 Section was obtained from the November 24 OP at Nui Tron. Highlights of the intelligence processed during the month are shown in the S-2 Journal Extracts in enclosure (1) through (6).

d. Training. Due to the recent arrival of this Headquarters in Vietnam, all training for the month has been directed at the individual to further his knowledge as a combat Marine.

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e. Special Operations. Units of the First Field Artillery Group, 11th Marines participated in four operations during the month. These were:

(1) Operation Sutter, a coordinated search and destroy operation conducted by the 5th Marines in conjunction with elements of the 6th Regiment, 2nd ARVN Division during 1-2 December 1966. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, reinforced by fires from Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and the 1st Platoon, 3rd 155 Gun Battery Supported the operation from position within the TACR. On 3 December 1966, Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was placed in direct support of the 5th Marines and continued to provide support from its primary position through 6 December 1966, when the operation was terminated.

(2) Operation Quang Tin #122, was a search and destroy operation conducted by the 2nd ARVN Division in Quang Ngai Province vicinity of Mo Duc. On 1 December 1966, the First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery (TD) displaced from its primary position area to coordinates (BS67616834) from where it provided fires in general support of the operation through 2 December 1966 when it terminated.

(3) Operation Sierra, is a several phased combined search and destroy operation conducted by the 7th Marines in conjunction with the 2nd ARVN Division which began on 12 December 1966, and is still underway. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the initial phases of the operation during the period 12-19 December 1966, providing a Battalion Command Group to control the fires of Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and the First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery (TD) which was placed under OPCCM of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines during that period. The First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (TD) displaced from its primary position on 12 December 1966 to an alternate position area coordinates (BS617640) from where it supported the operation until 19 December 1966. Battery "H" (-) was helo-borne to Minh Long coordinates (BS53435137) on 12 December 1966 from where it supported the operation through the morning of 19 December 1966. It was then further lifted to Mo Duc coordinates (BS72185384) at which location it was joined by a 2 M107mm Howtar Platoon of Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. The Howtar Platoon motor marched from its primary position within the TACR. On 19 December 1966 the 3rd Battalion Command Group and the First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery secured from Operation Sierra and returned to their primary position areas within the TFX TACR. Battery "H" (-) (Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines remained in direct support of the 7th Marine elements at Mo Duc until 23 December 1966 when it displaced 2 of its 105mm Howitzers and 1 107mm Howtar by helicopter to a position at Duc Tho coordinates (BS81203867). Battery "H" (-) (Rein) continued to support Operation Sierra from its position at Mo Duc and Duc Tho through the end of the reporting period. A platoon of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery was placed in general support of the 7th Marines, for Operation Sierra and was displaced

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to an alternate position coordinates (BS636753). It remained in general support until 13 December 1966 when it was further returned to its parent unit at coordinates (BS63018524) and assumed its primary mission. Complete details will be submitted by After Action Report upon termination of Operation Sierra.

(4) Operation Cortez. This was a 5th Marines search and destroy operation which was supported by Battery "F" 2/11 at Tien Phuoc coordinates (BT106142) and Battery "L" 4/11 from its primary position area. The operation took place during the period 7-12 December 1966.

f. Command and Control. The location of Command Posts and battery position areas are shown on the overlays attached on Tab (6) Appendix (B). For 1st Field Artillery Groups Organization for Combat on 31 December 1966, see Tab (5), Appendix (B).

g. Close Combat. During the period 1-31 December 1966, the Viet Cong continued their attempts to harrass, penetrate and destroy artillery positions and equipment as manifested by a series of probes and attacks by the Viet Cong against batteries and separate firing batteries comprising this organization. For further details relative to these attacks see enclosures (1) through (6).

h. Logistics. Normal logistic support continued for the Provisional 155 Howitzer (TD) Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines at Quang Ngai (BS608721), and Battery "F" (-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at Tien Phuoc (BT106142). In order to support Operation Sierra, 500 rounds of 105mm ammunition was diverted from Tien Phuoc to Minh Long (BS534513) for Battery "H" (-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. Upon displacement of Battery "H" (-) (Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines from Minh Long to Mo Duc and Duc Pho, the ammunition resupply was accomplished by staging Class V at the Provisional 155 Howitzer (TD) position at Quang Ngai and airlifting it from there to the positions at Mo Duc and Duc Pho. Under the present R&E program the following weapons were received. Two M109, 155mm Howitzers (SP) by the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, and one M55 8" Howitzer (SF) by the 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines. One M53, 155mm Gun (SP) under this program still remains at PLSG-B for repairs and final inspection.

i. Aerial Observation. During the month of December 1966, the Aerial Observer Section, 1st Field Artillery Group, flew 33 missions for a total of 63.1 hours in support of Task Force XRay (Chu Lai) TACR/RACR, Operations Sierra, Sutter and Cortez, and reconnaissance team inserts. Aircraft support was provided by Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 16 (O-1C Detachment) based at Da Nang and Marine Observation Squadron Six based at Chu Lai. The following is a recapitulation of missions flown.

<u>Total Missions</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Strikes*</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>Photo Recon</u>	<u>Visual Recon</u>	<u>Operation Sierra</u>
33	63.1	7	7	2	33	11

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* The above figure includes artillery missions, NGF missions, and air strikes.

J. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. To initiate the 1st Field Artillery Group civic action, the Civic Action Officer attended the Civic Action Conference at Task Force KRay on 29 December 1966. MEDCAF supplies were not available upon arrival of 1st Field Artillery Group at Chu Lai; however, the Executive Officer of Headquarters Battery became acquainted with the Hamlet Chief in Long Phu (2) earlier in the month so that liaison would be established by the time MEDCAF supplies became available. With the information supplied at the Task Force KRay conference, the 1st Field Artillery Group is now prepared to conduct a civic action program in its assigned area, which includes Long Phu (1) at coordinates (BT510040), and Long Phu (2) at coordinates (BT510030).

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APPENDIX A (List of References) to 1st Field Artillery Group Command
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References.

- a. Maps - RVN 1:50,000, AMS Sheets 6739 I, II, III, IV, Series
L7014, AMS Sheets 6755 I, II, III, IV, Series L701
- b. Documentation - Appendix B

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APPENDIX B (Documentation) to 1st Field Artillery Group Command
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S-1 First Field Artillery Group
Chu Lai, Vietnam
010001H Dec 1966 to 312400H Dec 1966

010001H - Journal Opened.

010730H - LTCOL J.B. STRIBLING assumed command of the 1st Field Artillery Group.

101730H - Pfc REYNOLDS, R.J. - Article 15 UCMJ

120900H - Cpl HALL, J.W. and Cpl KELLY, G.M. promoted to Sergeant.

131300H - Cpl ALSTON, J.N. promoted to Sergeant.

191509H - Pvt JONES - SCM

161300H - Cpl HANSHIG, R.E. promoted to Sergeant.

161600H - GySgt ADAMS, P.E. promoted to Master Sergeant

201800H - Pfc REYNOLDS, Cpl WITNER, LGpl BELFLOWER - SPCM

211330H - Pfc QUINTANA - SPCM

221003H - Pfc ZOLLAR - SCM

231500H - Pfc PARKS - SPCM

261145H - LtCol STRIBLING, J.B. awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm.

312400H - Journal Closed.

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S-2, 1st Field Artillery Group
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 010001HDecel966 to 312400HDecel966

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010001H-Journal Opened.

021405H-N-24 (NUI TRON) Intelligence report. Montgnard captured prisoner who says there are 30 VC spread out between 3 points BS 504795, BS499789, and 489787. Also informed as to weapons as follows: 6 M1, 6 Carbines, 6 M36, 30 M26, 1 BAR. VC are expected to move tonight to grid square BS4881.

030850H-N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1290, 6 VC in boat, VC dispersed into village. Fired on village, rounds on target but did not observe further due to rain.

031115H-N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN854, 5 VC in open, VC dispersed.

031130H-N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN696, 3 VC on bikes, VC dispersed.

031510H-N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1241, 3 VC on trail, VC dispersed.

040130H-Hq Btry, 1st FAG. 2 men observed at perimeter wire. 12 hand flares, 4 illumination grenades expended, 14 rounds small arms fired. 6 man patrol searched area at 040830H with negative results.

040725H-N-24 (NUI TRON) noted 20 VC in small group moving from west to east in grid square BS5280.

051150H-N-24 (NUI TRON) Intelligence report. One Battalion of VC reported by Montgnard Chief to be located at coordinates: BS486765, 491754, 489759, 506747. Reported to have two rice positions to feed this Battalion at coordinates BS480783 and BS472178.

051330H-N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1301, 5 VC near tree line. Rounds on target, estimate 2 KIA's.

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- 051335H - N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1302, VC robbing civilians, VC dispersed.
- 051400H - N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission UN1303, VC in village. 3 WIA's, 3 KIA's, one hut destroyed, several damaged.
- 061100H - Captured material turned in by 3rd 155 Gun Battery security patrol. Material apparently aircraft linkage.
- 061230H - N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN696, 4 VC on bikes, 1 KIA, 2 WIA.
- 071310H -N-24 (NUI TRON) Intelligence report. Battalion of VC located at coordinates BS471754, 459752, 506750 and 514758.
- 071750H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1253, 10 VC at fording point, 2 WIA's probable.
- 081110H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1325, 4 VC on bikes, observed 1 WIA.
- 101450H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN854, VC in open, observed 2 WIA's.
- 101520H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1342, VC in huts, one hut destroyed, 2 KIA's.
- 111420H -Hq Btry 1st FAG. Survey team #2 received 2 rounds small arms fire and 5 to 6 rounds automatic weapon fire while crossing rice paddy at coordinates BS625884.
- 101820H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1434, 15 to 20 VC in village, observed 3 huts burning.
- 111540H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. UN1253, 10 VC in boat, observed rounds on target, 4 WIA's probable.
- 130900H -N-24 (NUI TRON) Intelligence report. A VC surrendered to the Montgnard Chief. VC is from 2nd Company, 40th Battalion, 1st VC Regiment. He carries soviet made weapon similar to M-1, and says VC have many of these weapons. His Battalion has 4 81mm Mortars, 4 57 recoilless rifles, 1 50Cal. machine gun. Location of the 1st VC Regiment two days ago when he left was vicinity coordinates BS431781, 428795, 437781 and 433798.

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- 131645H - N-24 (NUI TRON) Intelligence report. One VC surrendered to Montgnard Chief from Platoon 1B at BS541782. His platoon armed with carbines and 2 BAR's. He reports another platoon at BS559796. Also reports 48 VC Battalion at coordinates BS531750, 536759, 545752. I have not been able to observe any abnormal activity in these areas. Name of the VC is Do Duc THONG. Montgnard Chief's name is Dinh NHOM.
- 160815H - N-24 (NUI TRON) spotted group of 30 men in grid square BS5381, heading east in a group, suspect VC.
- 160845H - Aerial Observer checked grid square BS53788188, found group reported by N-24 to be civilians. Further checked coordinates BS420805, spotted 2 VC with packs, fired rockets at them.
- 181145H -N-24 (NUI TRON) fire mission conc. AH085, 10 VC on trail, 3 KIA's probable, VC dispersed.
- 201030H -N-24 (NUI TRON) Intelligence report. Montgnard Chief reports 1st VC Regiment has moved as of 192000H to coordinates BS545797, 552797, 542808, 544815. TAG comment; F-3.
- 251045H -1st FAG, Hq Btry. One vehicle convoy heading south on Highway 1 received one round sniper fire at coordinates BS565982 from west side of road, approximate coordinates BS5698.
- 251230H -M-24 reported approximately 2 companies of VC vicinity of coordinates BS452863. They were armed and were stopping people along the trail.
- 281410H -Hq Btry, 1st FAG patrol apprehended V~~W~~ male on bicycle who did not have ID card. Forwarded to ITT, who reported him to be a member of P.F.
- 311315H -Hq Btry, 1st FAG, Comm Section vehicle proceeding north on Highway 1 in grid square BT4807, heard what sounded like small arms round whistle past vehicle from west of road. Did not hear shot.
- 312400H -Journal Closed.

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S-3, First Field Artillery Group
 Chu Lai, Vietnam
 010001H Dec 1966 to 312400H Dec 1966

- 010001H - Journal Opened.
- 010533H - 1st Provisional Battery leaving primary position for new position at coordinates (BS676683) to support the 2nd ARVN Division on Operation Quang Tin #122.
- 010700H - Battery "L", 4/11 direct support 2/11 for Operation Sutter.
- 010755H - 1stMARDIV msg 030611ZNov - Term: OP Mississippe Battery "E" 2/11 OPCON of 2/12, moving to Da Nang.
- 022135H - 1st Provisional Battery's 4 guns returned to primary position coordinates (BS607720).
- 040750H - Battery "E" 2/11 displacing to new position at coordinates (BT876472)
- 041430H - Battery "E" 2/11 FIRECAP coordinates (BT87604719), 6 Guns in action.
- 010800H - 1st Field Artillery Group assumed OPCON 11th Marines units in Chu Lai TAOR.
- 061400H - Battery "F" 2/11 FIRECAP coordinates (BT44240830), 4 Guns in action.
- 071005H - Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery FIRECAP coordinates (BS638759), alternate position.
- 071645H - Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery FIRECAP coordinates (BS63018524), primary position.
- 110930H - Battery "L" 4/11 returned to mission of general support reinforcing 2/11.
- 120950H - One platoon of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery coordinates (BS636753) in place as of 120830H to support Operation Sierra.
- 121030H - Battery "I" 3/11 displaced 2 guns to Battery "E" position. Battery "E" sent 4 guns to Minh Long on order.
- 121200H - Eq 3/11 Command Group is position and operational at 121130H coordinates (BS702601).

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- 121215H - Battery "H" 3/11 marched ordered 4 guns for displacement to Minh Long coordinates (BS534513).
- 121441H - Provisional Battery in position coordinates (BS617640) to support Operation Sierra.
- 122015H - Battery "H" 3/11 FIRECAP coordinates (BS53435137), in position at Minh Long.
- 131432H - "A" Platoon of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery marched ordered and returned to its primary position at coordinates (BS63018524).
- 131730H - "A" Platoon, Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery arrived at its primary position coordinates (BS63018524).
- 181458H - Two 107mm Mortars from 3/11 commenced displacing for movement to Operation Sierra.
- 182030H - 2/11 instructed to provide one (1) FO Team for convoy at 190630H, Battery "M" 4/11 and Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery will support convoy.
- 190925H - Battery "H" 3/11 displacing from Minh Long to position vicinity No Duc coordinates (BS725537).
- 191110H - Battery "H" 3/11 in position coordinates (BS72185384), 4 105mm Howitzers and 2 107mm Mortars.
- 191250H - Command Group from 3/11 passed artillery control for Operation Sierra to Battery "H" 3/11.
- 191315H - Provisional Battery directed to return to primary position at Quang Ngai Airfield and resume their primary mission.
- 191659H - Provisional Battery returned to primary position at coordinates (BS607720).
- 202030H - S-3 3/11 notified to have one (1) FO and (1) radio operator ready to depart with convoy at 210630H.
- 232040H - 1st Field Artillery Group directed 3/11 to provide 2 slings and 2 NCO's to assist the ARVN with rigging 2-105mm Howitzers for helicopter lift the morning of 26 December 1966. Personnel to arrive at Quang Ngai by the afternoon of 25 December 1966.
- 240700H - Christmas Truce in effect.

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- 260700H - Termination of Christmas Truce.
- 261910H - Battery "H" submitted FIRECAP coordinates (BS81203867), 2 105mm Howitzers, 1 107mm Mortar in position. (Vicinity Duc Pho).
- 262110H - Battery "H" submitted FIRECAP coordinates (BS72185384) 2 105mm Howitzers, 1 107mm Mortar. (Vicinity Mo Duc).
- 282110H - Notified S-3 3/11 to provide an FO Team for an ARVN convoy on 29 December 1966. FO Team is to meet the convoy at An Toan bridge coordinates (BT379174). FO Team to go to Quang Ngai and return on 30 December 1966.
- 310700H - New Years Truce in effect.
- 312400H - Journal Closed.

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S-4, First Field Artillery Group
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010001H Dec 1966 to 312400H Dec 1966

010001H - Journal Opened.

011400H - Resupply to Minh Long: 258 HE, 76 WP.

011600H - Resupply to Tien Phuoc: 162 HE.

081925H - Resupply to Tien Phuoc: 546 HE.

091000H - Resupply to M-24 completed.

100900H - Resupply to November 24 completed

101930H - Resupply to Quang Ngai

110900H - 500 rounds 105mm diverted from Tien Phuoc to Minh Long.

281515H - One 107mm Howtar was airlifted from Mortar Battery 3/11 to Duc Pho for replacement of a deadlined HowTar.

311031H - 4/11 received two M-109 under the R&E program, replacing guns 308474 and 308427.

311035H - 3rd 8" received one M-55 under the R&E program, replacing gun 234152.

312400H - Journal Closed.

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ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT 31 DECEMBER 19661. FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

2ND BATTALION, 11TH MARINES *D/S 5TH MARINES (1ST AND 3RD BATTALION)

HQ BTRY
 BTRY D (6-105 HOW)
 BTRY F* (6-105 HOW)
 MORTAR BTRY (6-107 MORT)

3RD BATTALION, 11TH MARINES *D/S 7TH MARINES (1ST AND 2ND BATTALION)

HQ BTRY
 BTRY G (6-105 HOW)
 BTRY H (6-105 HOW)
 BTRY I (6-105 HOW)
 MORTAR BTRY (6-107 MORT)

4TH BATTALION, 11TH MARINES *G/S

HQ BTRY
 BTRY K (6-155 HOWSP) (MODIFIED MISSION GS/REIN 2/11)
 BTRY L (6-155 HOWSP) (MODIFIED MISSION GS/REIN 2/11)
 BTRY M (6-155 HOWSP) (MODIFIED MISSION GS/REIN 3/11)
 3RD 8" HOWBTRY SP (6-8" HOWSP) (G/S*)
 3RD 155 GUNBTRY SP (6-155 GUNSP) (G/S*)
 PROVISIONAL BTRY (4-155 HOWTD) (G/S 2ND ARVN DIVISION)

BATTERY "A", 2ND BATTALION, 94TH FIELD ARTILLERY, USA *G/S

BATTERY "A" (4-175 GUNSP) (G/S TASK FORCE XRAY AND
 2ND BDE ROKMC*)

* SPECIAL NOTES ON ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT

1. BATTERY "F" (-), 2/11 PRESENTLY LOCATED AT TIEN PHUOC WITH FOUR HOWITZERS. G/S TASK FORCE XRAY. PRIORITY OF FIRES TO 1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION.

2. 3RD 155 GUN BTRY SP FFF AND 3RD 8" HOW BTRY SP FFF ARE OPCON 4/11 FOR PURPOSES OF

- (A) COORDINATION OF LOCAL SECURITY AT COLLOCATED POSITIONS.
 (B) COORDINATION OF CAMP CONSTRUCTION, MESSING, AND BILLETING AT COLLOCATED POSITIONS.
 (C) COORDINATION OF MAINTENANCE AREAS AT COLLOCATED POSITIONS TO ASSURE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL USE OF SHOP SPACE, COMMON USAGE ITEMS, AND WORK EFFORT. TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE MIXED BUT WILL BE MAINTAINED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE BATTERIES CAN BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED FROM OPCON IF NECESSARY.

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- (D) SUBMISSION OF SITREPS, FIREREFS, SPOTREPS, FIRECAPS, MUSTANG.
- (E) COORDINATION OF COMBINED FDC'S WHERE APPLICABLE.

3. CO 8" AND 155 GUN BTRY SP FMF RESPONSIBLE FOR OPSTATS, CASREPS, DED AND CHRONOLOGY, GUN DOWN REPORTS, AND ALL LOGISTICS REPORTS SENT TO CO ELEVENTH MARINES WITH COPY TO CO 4/11. BACKLASH REPORTS HANDLED BY SEPARATE BATTERIES WITH ASSISTANCE FROM 11TH MARINES.

4. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS TO 3RD 8" AND 3RD 155 GUN BATTERIES SP FMF BY ELEVENTH MARINES.

5. REQUESTS FOR FIRE FROM BATTERY "A", 2ND BATTALION, 94TH FIELD ARTILLERY BY 2ND BDE ROKMC WILL BE PASSED TO ELEVENTH MARINES.

6. COORDINATION OF FIRES 2ND AND 3RD BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES CONTAINED IN FSCC, 7TH MARINES LETTER OF 9 OCTOBER 1966.

7. TACTICAL FIRE DIRECTION 3RD 8" HOWBTRY SP FMF, 3RD 155 GUN BTRY SP FMF AND BATTERY "A", 2ND BATTALION, 94TH FIELD ARTILLERY, USA BY 1ST FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP.

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