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12th Marines  
3rd Marine Division (Rein, FMF)  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 June 1967  
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1  
Encl: ✓(1) First Field Artillery Group Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for the First Field Artillery Group at Phu-Bai is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1-30 June 1967.

  
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I.

1. <u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	
First Field Artillery Group	LtCol R.B. METCALFE	1-30 June 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location. 1-10 June 1967, DaNang TAOR, RVN  
11-30 June 1967, Phu-Bai TAOR, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj R.P. PALMER	1-30 June 1967
S-1	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY	1-30 June 1967
S-2	1stLt W.B. BOVEE	1-30 June 1967
S-3	Capt D.L. BASTIAN	1-30 June 1967
S-4	Capt A.R. JOYNER	1-30 June 1967
Adjutant	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY	1-30 June 1967
Survey Officer	1stLt S.A. JONES III	1-30 June 1967
Ordnance Officer	2ndLt J.T. BOBB	4-30 June 1967
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt P.V. SULLIVAN	1-30 June 1967
Liaison Officer	Capt J.W. STADLER 1stLt W.C. EADS	6-30 June 1967 9-30 June 1967
Assistant S-3	1stLt D.B. ANDERSON	7-30 June 1967
Supply Officer	2ndLt J. KETTLER	1-30 June 1967
Chief Aerial Observer	Capt J.R. CUNEO	1-30 June 1967

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Assistant S-2 Officer	2ndLt R.C. BRENNAN	8-30 June 1967
Battery Commander Hq Btry	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY	1-30 June 1967
Executive Officer Hq Btry	1stLt E.P. KICHI	20-30 June 1967

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
16	112	0	2	0	0

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June 1967, the major effort of the First Field Artillery Group during the first ten days of June was directed at preparing for the move from the DaNang TAOR to the Phu-Bai TAOR.

At 101530H June, the First Field Artillery Group vehicles departed the Command Post to stage at the First Motor Transport Command Post prior to departing by road to the Phu-Bai TAOR. At 110630H, the First Field Artillery Group Executive Officer and the remaining vehicles departed for the First Motor Transport Command Post to join the convoy. The First Motor Transport convoy departed the Command Post at 110800H and proceeded north over Highway 1 to the Phu-Bai TAOR. The convoy arrived at Phu-Bai at 111500H without being encountered by the enemy.

At 111530H June, the First Field Artillery Group departed the First Motor Transport convoy and proceeded to the new Command Post area grid YD876127, which is adjacent to the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, arriving at 111600H June 1967.

On 9 June 1967, the searchlight platoon which consisted of 2 lights and associated equipment and 16 personnel were chopped OPCON to the 11th Marines prior to the First Field Artillery Group departing for Phu-Bai.

On 15 June 1967, one Metro Set (GMD-1) belonging to the First Field Artillery Group was placed on temporary loan to the 12th Marines and is to be used by the 12th Marines Metro Section which is TAD to the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines located at grid YD884128.

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On 6 June 1967, the First Field Artillery Group under direction of the Commanding General, First Marine Division chopped to the 11th Marines one (1) Metro Set GMD-1 with associated equipment and the First Field Artillery Group T/O Metro Section consisting of 1 officer and 11 enlisted.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnela. Losses

1. Battle: None
2. Non-Battle: None
3. Administrative: 42

b. Gains

1. Replacements: 38

c. POW's Captured: None

d. Morale and Personnel Services. Morale is good, mail service fluctuates from good to poor with one period of five days without mail delivery. PX and laundry in vicinity of Command Post.

e. Promotions. One to Pfcf. Awards and Decorations. One Air Medal2. Administration

a. ADCON changed from the First Marine Division to the Third Marine Division on 11 June 1967.

b. Normal administrative functions were accomplished during the month. Leave was accrued in all service records.

c. One office hours was conducted.

3. Organization and Operationsa. Organization

(1) The First Field Artillery Group on 1 June consisted of only a

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Headquarters Battery. First Field Artillery Group chopped ADCON/OPCON Third Marine Division at 111200H June 1967.

(2) Operations. The First Field Artillery Group did not participate in any operations during the month of June 1967.

4. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. Nothing significant to enter.

5. Training. The first half of June was taken up by the movement from DaNang to PhuBai and the preparation and improvement of the new Command Post area. Commencing with the week of 19 June, a training schedule was published placing the emphasis on formal training both for the General Military Subjects and MOS Training.

6. Civic Action. There was no significant civic action.

7. Logistics

a. Normal logistics support continued for Headquarters Battery, First Field Artillery Group.

b. Headquarters Battery, First Field Artillery Group displaced from DaNang TAOR on 11 June 1967 and arrived at Phu-Bai TAOR on the same day. Transportation support for the Rough Rider was supplied by First Motor Transport Battalion.

c. The logistics effort for the remainder of the month consisted of providing necessary support for construction of position area and storage of equipment and supplies.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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S-1 Journal

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S-3 Journal

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S-1, First Field Artillery Group  
Phu-Bai, RVN  
010001H to 302400H June 1967

010001H Journal opened.

010900H Pfc K.C. HORSEY promoted to present rank.

111200H Redesignate First Field Artillery Group, Third Marine Division  
(Rein) FMF.

160930H Pfc G.N. RAY declared deserter upon escape from confinement.

201300H Capt J.R. CUNEO awarded gold star in lieu of Fourth Air Medal.

281300H Non-judicial punishment awarded Pfc McCRARRY by First Field  
Artillery Group Commanding Officer

302400H Journal closed.

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S-3, First Field Artillery Group  
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010001H to 302400H June 1967

010001H Journal opened.

090800H First Field Artillery Group commenced loading and staging section equipment within the First Field Artillery Group area.

100800H First Field Artillery Group commenced loading palletized supplies and equipment aboard First Motor Transport vehicles and the remainder of First Field Artillery Group vehicles.

101530H First Field Artillery Group vehicles departed Command Post to stage at First Motor Transport Battalion motor pool prior to departure to Phu-Bai.

110635H Executive Officer, First Field Artillery Group departed Command Post to join convoy at First Motor Transport Battalion.

110800H First Motor Transport convoy with First Field Artillery Group vehicles departed DaNang for the motor march to Phu-Bai.

111500H First Motor Transport convoy arrived at Phu-Bai.

111600H First Field Artillery Group vehicles arrived at new location adjacent to Third Marine Division Command Post and 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

120730H Commanding Officer, S-3, Operations Chief First Field Artillery Group departed Command Post for airlift to Dong Ha and the 12th Marine Regimental Headquarters for an indoctrination of FADAC.

121500H Commanding Officer, S-3, Operations Chief First Field Artillery Group returned to the Command Post from Dong Ha.

140900H S-3, First Field Artillery Group and a recon party departed on a road recon to vicinity of grid YD717105.

141300H S-3, First Field Artillery Group and recon party returned.

150830H First Field Artillery Group Survey Section departed Command Post for a survey recon.

151610H First Field Artillery Group Survey Section returned to the Command Post.

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170800H Commanding Officer, S-3, LNO First Field Artillery Group were helilifted to 4th Marines Command Post to make liaison with various staff sections.

171600H Commanding Officer, S-3, LNO First Field Artillery Group returned to Command Post.

181300H S-3, First Field Artillery Group departed via convoy to Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines position grid YD717113 to await helilift to proposed combat base vicinity grid YD6008.

191600H S-3, First Field Artillery Group returned to Command Post.

261330H Commanding Officer, S-3, First Field Artillery Group and Commanding Officer, Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery (USA) departed Phu-Bai by helicopter to recon the proposed combat base vicinity grid YD6008.

261345H Commanding Officer, S-3 First Field Artillery Group and Commanding Officer, Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery (USA) arrived at First Battalion, 4th Marines by helicopter and then proceeded via vehicle and foot to the combat base.

261615H Commanding Officer, S-3 First Field Artillery Group and Commanding Officer, Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery (USA) returned from the combat base to the First Battalion, 4th Marines Command Post where they were helilifted to Phu-Bai arriving at 261630H.

300730H First Field Artillery Group Recon Party departed for the proposed combat base vicinity grid YD6008. Upon arriving they continued on foot for a recon within the proposed area.

301630H First Field Artillery Group Recon Party returned to Command Post.

302400H Journal closed.

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