

Hq Co, 1st Marines
Command Chronology

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SECTION X - HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

1. Locations. During the reporting period Headquarters Company was located on Okinawa from 1-12 January. At that time the unit sailed for Chu Lai RVN and arrived 17 January 1966.
2. Period covered by report. 1-31 January 1966.
3. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer and subordinates.
 - a. Commanding Officer - Capt J. R. MURPHY
 - b. Motor transport Officer - 1stLt W. F. JUNEY
 - c. Supply Officer - 1stLt H. S. STAUTZENBACH
4. Average Monthly Strength During the Period 1-31Jan66. 18 Officers
191 Enlisted.
5. Personnel. 1 Officer and 2 Enlisted scheduled to deploy to RVN were sent on emergency leave. One enlisted man obtained a humanitarian transfer.
6. Operations and Training.
 - a. While enroute from Okinawa to RVN a training schedule of four days was conducted. This schedule primarily emphasized the following:
 - (1) Command Post Security
 - (2) Fire discipline and weapons safety
 - (3) First Aid
 - (4) Physical Training
 - b. The Company Headquarters came under OPCON/ADCON 3rd Marine Division on 16 Jan 1966 and was redesignated to HqCo 1stMar 3rdMarDiv. Aside from the training conducted aboard ship two

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provisional platoons comprising of 35 men each were formed within Headquarters Company. The purpose of these platoons was to provide a contingency force within the 1st Marines' TAOR. On 29Jan66 the 1st Provisional platoon commanded by 1stLt M. F. JUTNEY deployed and spent several hours training & learning the defensive structure of the 1stBn 4th Marines CP. On 30Jan66 the 2nd Provisional platoon commanded by 1stLt L. L. MARTINEZ toured the defensive positions occupied by Company B 1stBn 4th Marines. During evening hours the platoon took up defensive positions with the 1st Plt of Company B on KY Swan Island. The evening passed without incident except for several rocks thrown into their position by Viet Cong. The 1st Provisional platoon again moved out by helicopter on 31Jan66 to Hill 69. Their mission was to occupy and defend positions as directed by Company D 1stBn 4th Marines.

7. Logistics. In the logistics field the following were noted relative to motor transport and supply:

a. During the month of January 1966, Headquarters Company, 1st Marines vehicles drove a total of 7117 accident free miles. During the period all motor transport equipment was given pre-embarkation maintenance checks prior to deployment to South Viet Nam. Prior to embarkation all motor transport equipment was put into operational condition. Upon debarkation at Chu Lai, South Viet Nam, all equipment was given post landing inspection checks. A Preventive Maintenance schedule was immediately put into operation upon arrival in South Viet Nam. This consists of a stepped up maintenance schedule

designed to cope with the unusual climate and terrain conditions encountered in the area. Due to the short period of time this unit has been in Viet Nam no shortages of spare parts has been experienced. At the end of this month no motor transport equipment is on deadline for lack of spare parts or maintenance.

b. On 18Jan66 supply moved its equipment into four strong-back tents and began operations. During the first two weeks supply supported attachments from 1st Tank Battalion and 1st Engineer Battalion. On 31Jan66 3rdMarDiv instructed 1st Tanks and 1st Engineers to obtain supply support from their parent units which are 3rd TankBn and 3rd EngrBn. Supply has submitted 227 requisitions this month, 89 of them being processed through FLSU. Of these 89 requisitions all but 8 have been passed to FLSG.

8. Problems encountered & lessons learned. Aside from having to join and transfer personnel the day prior to embarkation, and the moving into an area not vacated by the departing unit, there were no significant problems experienced.