

1st FFG B.I. NO 417-67

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1st Field Artillery Group
12th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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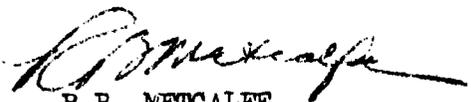
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1
Encl: (1) First Field Artillery Group Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for the First Field Artillery Group at Phu-Bai is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1-31 July 1967.


R.B. METCALFE

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1st FFG Group
Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
PART I

1. <u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	
First Field Artillery Group	LtCol R.B. METCALFE	1-31 July 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery (USA)	Capt M.A. CLAY	30-31 July 1967
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ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location. 1-31 July 1967, Phu-Bai TAOR, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj R.P. PALMER	1-31 July 1967
S-1	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY	1-31 July 1967
S-2	1stLt W.B. BOVEE	1-31 July 1967
S-3	Capt D.L. BASTIAN	1-31 July 1967
S-4	Capt A.R. JOYNER	1-31 July 1967
Adjutant	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY 2ndLt B.W. PEARCE	1-16 July 1967 17-31 July 1967
Survey Officer	1stLt S.A. JONES, III	1-31 July 1967
Ordnance Officer	2ndLt J.T. BOBB	1-31 July 1967
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt P.V. SULLIVAN ⁺	1-31 July 1967
Maison Officer	1stLt W.C. EADS	1-31 July 1967
Communications Officer	Capt J.E. O'BRIEN	1-31 July 1967
Assistant S-3	1stLt D.B. ANDERSON	1-31 July 1967
Assistant S-2	1stLt R.F. BRENNAN	1-31 July 1967

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Chief Aerial Observer	Capt J.R. CUNEO	1-31 July 1967
Supply Officer	2ndLt J. KETTLER	1-31 July 1967
Battery Commander Hq Btry	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY 1stLt E.P. KICHI	1-17 July 1967 18-31 July 1967
Executive Officer Hq Btry	1stLt E.P. KICHI	1-17 July 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	110	0	2	0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of July 1967, the major effort of the First Field Artillery Group was directed at maintenance and preparing for the occupation of the newly established Fire Support Base in vicinity of grid YD 209.

Prior to the occupation of the Fire Support Base the First Field Artillery Group conducted thorough reconnaissance of the area. This was accomplished by helicopters, motor marches and by ground reconnaissance. The selected Fire Support Base is considered adequate to fulfill the mission of conducting long range firing into the A Shau valley.

At 241800H the advance party from Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery (175mm guns) arrived at the First Field Artillery Group Command Post. The advance party remained at the Command Post until 260800H July when they and the Executive Officer, First Field Artillery Group proceeded to the Fire Support Base. This advance ~~detail~~ selected appropriate firing positions and the clearing of these areas. Position areas and all ammunition pits were prepared prior to occupation by the artillery units.

The First Field Artillery Group received OPCON of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery at 290930H July 1967.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnela. Losses

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- (1) Battle: None
- (2) Non-Battle: None
- (3) Administrative: 6

b. Gains

- (1) Replacements: 4

c. POW's Captured. None

d. Morale and Personnel Services. Morale is good, mail service has been good. PX and laundry in vicinity of Command Post.

- e. Promotions. 4 to Sgt
20 to Cpl
6 to LCpl
1 to Pfo

f. Awards and Decorations. None2. Administration

- a. Normal administrative functions were accomplished during the month.
- b. Three office hours were conducted.

3. Organization and Operationsa. Organization

(1) The First Field Artillery Group on 1 July 1967 consisted of a Headquarters Battery. At 290930H July, the First Field Artillery Group received OPCON of Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery. This was accomplished in support of Operation Cumberland.

b. Operations. The First Field Artillery Group during the month of July participated in Operation Cumberland.

Operation Cumberland is a search and destroy operation with the mission of clearing route 547 west to grid YD6008. The operation commenced in May and has continued through the end of the reporting period. It is currently being conducted by the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The First Field Artillery Group has maintained artillery personnel in the area of the Fire Support Base since 24 July when the Executive Officer with the advance party of 20 personnel from Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery

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moved to the Fire Support Base to coordinate occupation of the base by artillery units. The Commanding Officer, First Field Artillery Group arrived at the Fire Support Base on 30 July 1967 and assumed control of Operation Cumberland. At this time the artillery supporting Operation Cumberland included:

Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery	4 - 175mm Gun (SP)
Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines	2 - 155mm How (SP)
Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines	6 - 105mm How

Additional artillery units are expected during early August 1967.

The mission of the First Field Artillery Group is to provide supporting fires, for the defense of the Fire Support Base, support of Infantry operations in and around the operational area of Cumberland, long range firing into the A Shau valley, and supporting fires for the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion elements inserted in Viet Cong controlled territory.

Ammunition Expended

Artillery ammunition expended during the month of July 1967 at the Fire Support Base.

155mm Howitzer (SP)	7 rounds
175mm Gun (SP)	0 rounds

Missions Fired During July

155mm Howitzer	3 missions
175mm Gun (SP)	0 missions

4. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. Nothing significant for July.

5. Training. Normal General Military Subjects training and technical training was accomplished. Emphasis was placed on technical training.

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

7. Logistics

a. Normal logistics support at Phu-Bai was accomplished for Headquarters Battery, First Field Artillery Group.

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b. On 30 July the Ordnance Officer was directed to the Cumberland area to assist the Commanding Officer in handling logistical matters within the area of operation.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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S-1 Journal

✓ Appendix 2

S-3 Journal

✓ Appendix 3

S-4 Journal

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S-1, First Field Artillery Group
 Phu-Bai, RVN
 010001H to 312400H July 1967

010001H Journal opened.

010730H Sgt NEW, D.R., Sgt BAPTISTE, L.C., Sgt GRAY, A., and Sgt LORENTZ, T.L., promoted to present rank.

010900H Major PALMER, R.P., to sick U.S.S. SANCTUARY.

011600H Pfc REYNOLDS, R.J., promoted to present rank.

051300H Major PALMER from sick.

101300H Non-judicial punishment imposed on Pfc W.R. BAKER.

141300H Non-judicial punishment imposed on Cpl P.D. WALKER.

150800H 1stLt BOVIE, W.B., TAD to Okinawa.

180800H 1stLt E.P. KICHI relieved 1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battery, First Field Artillery Group.

271500H 20 personnel promoted to Cpl and 6 personnel promoted to LCpl.

271600H Non-judicial punishment imposed on Cpl G.J. GEIGER.

312400H Journal closed.

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S-3, First Field Artillery Group
Phu-Bai, RVN
010001H to 312400H July 1967

010001H Journal opened.

190730H Commanding Officer, First Field Artillery Group departed Command Post for III MAF to confer with the Army Liaison Officer.

200730H Commanding Officer, First Field Artillery Group returned from III MAF.

241800H Advance party from Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery arrived at the First Field Artillery Group Command Post.

250730H First Field Artillery Group recon party with Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery was helilifted to the Fire Support Base vicinity grid YD6209 and returned by helicopter at 251730H.

260900H First Field Artillery Group Executive Officer and advance party from Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery proceeded to the Fire Support Base to coordinate establishment of the base.

280900H First Field Artillery Group, forward echelon consisting of personnel from the Operations Platoon and Communications Platoon departed the Command Post by vehicle for the Fire Support Base vicinity grid YD6209.

281030H First Field Artillery Group forward echelon arrived at the First Battalion, 4th Marines Command Post and prepared to join the 1/4 convoy to the Fire Support Base.

281220H First Field Artillery Group forward echelon departed the First Battalion, 4th Marines Command Post with the 1/4 convoy.

281250H First Field Artillery Group forward echelon arrived at the Fire Support Base and commenced establishment of the Command Post.

290920H Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery chopped OPCON First Field Artillery Group for Operation Cumberland.

291030H S-3, First Field Artillery Group arrived at the Fire Support Base.

301200H Battery "L"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (2-M109's) arrived at the Fire Support Base and occupied position grid YD620097. They are to be used for defense of the Fire Support Base.

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301300H Commanding Officer, First Field Artillery Group designated as
Commanding Officer Operation Cumberland (4thMar msg 300500ZJul67).

301345H Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery occupied position
grid YD620095, laid on direction 3700 mils.

310800H First Field Artillery Group received CPCON one platoon (2 guns)
First 155mm Gun Battery and one platoon (2 guns) 155mm Howitzer
Battery.

312400H Journal closed.

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S-4, First Field Artillery Group
Phu-Bai, RVN
010001H to 312400H July 1967

010001H Journal opened.

301105H First Field Artillery Group S-4/Ordnance Officer arrived at the Fire Support Base to handle logistical commitments.

301105H First Field Artillery Group vehicles containing Class I, IV, V arrived at the Fire Support Base with a convoy from First Battalion, 4th Marines.

311210H First Field Artillery Group vehicles containing Class IV arrived at the Fire Support Base with a convoy from First Battalion, 4th Marines.

312400H Journal closed.

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