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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c) and (d), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 MARCH 1967 TO 31 MARCH 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

LtCol R. L. CHRISTIAN, JR.

Subordinate Units

HqBtry, 1/13

Capt C. A. AUSTIN

5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)

Maj T. J. COYLE

Btry K, 4/13

Capt J. D. EVANS

1st Plt, 5th 8" How Btry (SP)

Capt A. J. SCHMIDT

Attached Units

Btry A, 1/12

Capt D. J. HARRINGTON

Mortar Btry, 2/12

Capt A. M. PATTERSON
(3Mar67 - Present)

Capt W. J. ODLE
(1Mar67 - 3Mar67)

Btry B, 1/12

Capt J. M. ROSS

Mortar Btry, 1/13

Capt J. L. MIKKELSON

2. LOCATION

HqBtry, 1/13

1Mar- 31Mar67

Okinawa

5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)

1Mar- 31Mar67

Okinawa

Btry K, 4/13

1Mar- 9Mar67
10Mar- 31Mar67

Japan
Okinawa

1st Plt, 5th 8" How Btry (SP)

1Mar- 31Mar67

Okinawa

Btry A, 1/12

1Mar- 31Mar67

Okinawa

Mortar Btry, 2/12

1Mar- 31Mar67

Okinawa

Btry B, 1/12

1Mar- 12Mar67
13Mar- 31Mar67

RVN, Enroute Okinawa
Okinawa

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Mortar Btry, 1/13

1Mar- 12Mar67
13Mar- 31Mar67

RVN, Enroute Okinawa
Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj A. F. THOMPSON, JR
058773 USMC

S-1

2ndLt H. D. JEFFERY
097040 USMC

S-2

Lt(JG) R. K. HENRY
678199 USN

S-3

Capt G. B. FILE
083272 USMC
(1Mar- 27Mar67)

Capt L. R. SALMON
081026 USMC
(28Mar- Present)

S-4

2ndLt D. R. RANDALL
097687 USMC

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqBtry, 1/13	14	162	2	2
5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)	7	157	0	3
Btry K, 4/13	5	121	0	1
1st Plt, 5th 8" How Btry (SP)	2	60	0	1
Btry A, 1/12	10	130	1	2
Mortar Btry, 2/12	4	78	0	2
Btry B, 1/12	6	142	1	2
Mortar Btry, 1/13	4	83	0	2

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SECRETCOMMANDER'S NARRATIVE

On 2 March 1967, Major A. F. THOMPSON, JR. returned from on-the-job training with the Special Landing Force, TG 79.5. While TAD, Major THOMPSON participated in the planning and execution of Operation "DECKHOUSE SIX".

On 2 March 1967, Captain G. B. FILE and seven (7) enlisted returned from TAD with the Special Landing Force, TG 79.5. This group augmented the personnel of the SLF Fire Support Coordination Center during Operation "DECKHOUSE SIX".

From 2-8 March 1967, LtCol R. L. CHRISTIAN, JR. observed Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines conducting a Field Firing Exercise at Camp Fuji-McNair, Japan. While at Camp Fuji-McNair, Battery K conducted extensive field firing during day and night conditions and as a result of this concentrated training, achieved a C-1 category of training readiness.

On 13 March 1967, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines arrived at this Battalion for the purpose of Refurbishing Equipment, Replacement of Personnel, and Further Training.

On 13 March 1967, all Officers, Staff Non-Commissioned Officers, and assigned NBC Non-Commissioned Officers of the Battalion attended a two (2) hour briefing on Chemical/Biological Operations presented by a U.S. Army briefing team in the Camp Hansen Base Theater.

On 13 March 1967, Major CHANG, Chao-Chi and Major LI, Wen-Kun, Chinese Marine Corps, completed a two (2) week on-the-job training program in Artillery Staff Procedures conducted by this Battalion. During the training, they were briefed by and observed the duties of all Staff and Special Staff Officers of the Battalion. They also received an orientation tour of the 3rd Force Service Regiment and Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade to observe Maintenance Functions and Procedures.

On 13 March 1967, Captain YANG, Hsing-Kuo, Chinese Marine Corps arrived for two (2) weeks of training in the Techniques of Fire Support Coordination. This training emphasized the role of Artillery, Air, and Naval Gunfire Support in Amphibious Operations and the Control and Coordination Techniques Employed to Exploit their Capabilities.

On 19 March 1967, First Lieutenant CHUNG, Ha-Tien, Vietnamese Marine Corps, arrived for two (2) weeks of on-the-job training in Artillery Staff Procedures.

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On 24 March 1967, Captain J. D. EVANS went TAD to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division and Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines to effect liaison in regards to the proposed replacement of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines by Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines.

On 28-29 March 1967, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines participated in a 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade CPX.

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SECRETSEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 2 Mar 1967 - Major A. F. THOMPSON, JR. returned from on-the-job training with the Special Landing Force, TG 79.5
- Captain G. B. FILE and seven (7) enlisted returned from TAD with the Special Landing Force, TG 79.5
- 4 Mar 1967 - LtCol R. L. CHRISTIAN, JR. departed for Camp Fuji-McNair, Japan
- 8 Mar 1967 - LtCol R. L. CHRISTIAN, JR. returned from Camp Fuji-McNair, Japan
- 10 Mar 1967 - Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines and a detachment from Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines returned from Camp Fuji-McNair, Japan (CO, Btry K-4-13, Training Exercise Report, JDE/dhg over 1500 of 22 March 1967)
- 13 Mar 1967 - Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and Mortar Battery 1st Battalion, 13th Marines arrived on Okinawa
- Chemical/Biological Operations Briefing (CG 9th MAB msg 070456Z Feb 67)
- Major CHANG, Chao-Chi and Major LI, Wen-Kun, Chinese Marine Corps, completed on-the-job training in Artillery Staff Procedures
- Captain YANG, Hsing-Kuo, Chinese Marine Corps, arrived for on-the-job training in Techniques of Fire Support Coordination.
- 17 Mar 1967 - Major A. F. THOMPSON, JR, and Major T. J. COYLE TAD to Exercise Control Group, Exercise "Beach Baron One"
- 19 Mar 1967 - First Lieutenant CHUNG, Ha Tien, Vietnamese Marine Corps, arrived for on-the-job training in Artillery Staff Procedures
- 20 Mar 1967 - Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and Mortar Battery 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines OPCON BLT 1/3 (RLT 26 msg 280742Z Feb 67)

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- 24 Mar 1967 - Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines conducted a Field Firing Exercise.
Captain J. D. EVANS TAD to 3rd Marine Division
- 25 Mar 1967 - Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines conducted a Direct Fire Shoot with 105mm Howitzers
- 27 Mar 1967 - Captain YANG, Hsing-Kuo completed on-the-job training in Fire Support Coordination Techniques
- 28-29 Mar 1967 - 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade CPX
- 30 Mar 1967 - Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines conducted a Field Firing Exercise
Captain J. D. EVANS returned from TAD

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