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## **Calendar Year 1966**

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**SUBMITTED BY S-3, dtd 3 April 1967:**

**During the next two and a half weeks the Battalion practiced every available minute for the coming Battalion Test. As always true, hard work brings results and when the Battalion Test date arrived the Battalion proved its worth. The accuracy of the Firing Batteries was superior and only minor deficiencies were noted by the test team. The Battalion was now "Combat Ready".**

**The Battalion, with the exception of C Battery, moved to (??illegible??) on 3 June 1966. C Battery remained at Yakima for an additional week supporting the 1st Bn, 8th Infantry in a field exercise. This was the first time a Battery had the opportunity of fulfilling its primary mission of providing direct support for the Infantry.**

**Upon completion of individual and unit training, the battalion entered Operational Readiness Training which stressed methods and techniques applicable to duty in Southeast Asia. On 1 August 1966, the Battalion was placed under operational control of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry division.**

### **CHAPTER III - DEPLOYMENT TO VIETNAM**

**The month of August was hectic in that the unit was preparing for overseas movement, while half the battalion was on leave at one time or another. Throughout August more and more personnel were assigned, until the battalion achieved 2% over strength just prior to embarkation.**

**The Advance Party left the first week of September, while the main body was delayed a week due to a bad boiler on the USNS General Walker. The main body finally**

departed the Port of Tacoma on 15 September 1966, aboard the USNS General Gordon.

The advanced party arrived in country 8 September 1966, and established the battalion base camp with a mere 19 personnel. The main body, after a three week voyage, arrived in Vietnam on 6 October 1966.

Battery A, 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery was attached to the battalion as general support upon arrival in country. Also attached were two H-23 helicopters with pilots and mechanics. A Metro Section and a Searchlight Platoon were also attached from 4th Infantry Division Artillery.

#### **CHAPTER IV - COMBAT OPERATIONS**

Only three weeks after arrival in country the Battalion was combat ready. Immediately thereafter the battalion was involved in direct support of the 1st Brigade in "Operation Adams".

*Note: That was all, plus the following attachment:*

Throughout the operation the Battalion operated in coordination and conjunction with artillery units of the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division; the 28th Regimental Combat Team; 9th Republic of Korea Infantry Division and Civilian Irregular Defense Groups in Phu Yen Province. Initially operations were conducted along Highway 1 from Tuy Hoa to Tuy An. By Thanksgiving operations had (??illegible??) north and westward in the vicinity of Lai Hai, Dong Tre and the (??illegible??) Valley. For the remainder of 1966 the 6th Battalion 29th Artillery continued to provide timely and accurate artillery fires in support of the 1st Brigade 4th Infantry Division during Operation ADAMS.

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