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(U) 2nd Horse-drawn 75mm Arty Bn
(Group)

2 December 1966

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(U) ORGANIZATION. This battalion is organized into 1 Hqs and Service
Battery, 2 4-gun riding batteries, and a Communication Bn.

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(U) EQUIPMENT. This battalion is equipped with 8 Krupp, 8-25 M1939
horse-drawn guns.

16 Nov 66

OUSARPA RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL

(U) VISIT. Consulate in Rio de Janeiro taken in January and
returned in Santiago do Boqueirao, 16 Nov 66

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(U) OBSERVATION. The 1st Communication Battalion has
communication transmitters for communication with Div, Bn, and with
Personal Observation they were not observed but probably are the usual
equipment.

(U) VEHICLES. A few jeeps and Willys pickup were observed, but other
than the U.S. remark that there was a scarcity of vehicles, no information
as to numbers was obtained.

(U) On 16 November 1966, accompanied by AAJMA Major Schuler,
I visited this unit in SANTIAGO DO BOQUEIRAO (29118-54534),
State of Rio Grande do Sul.

(U) EQUIPMENT. This unit used several pieces of other military
equipment during my tour of Rio Grande do Sul.

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PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL

1. (U) LOCATION. This unit is located in barracks in the northern
part of the city at the end of Ave. Venancio Aires.

2. (C) STRENGTH. This unit has about 250 men with 30 Sergeants and
18 officers.

3. (C) SUBORDINATION. This unit is a component of the 1st Cavalry Division
and is directly subordinate to it and through it to the III Army.

4. (U) COMMAND. At the time of my visit this unit was commanded by
Lt. Col. NERTON VIRGILIO DE CARVALHO.

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OUSARMA RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZ

5. (C) RECRUITMENT. Most of the men in this unit come from the northern part of Rio Grande do Sul with about 30% coming from the area of SANTIAGO DO BOQUEIRAO. Illiteracy runs about 15%.

6. (C) ORGANIZATION. This battalion is organized into 1 Hqs and Service Battery, 2 4-gun firing batteries, and a Communications platoon.

7. (C) WEAPONS. This battalion is equipped with 8 Krupp, C-26 M1939 horse-drawn guns.

8. (U) TRAINING. Conscripts in this unit are taken in in January and released in November.

9. (C) COMMUNICATIONS. The Communications Platoon has two Brazilian manufactured transmitters for CW communications with Div. Hqs., and with Army Hqs. However, they were not observed but probably are the usual RD-300.

10. (C) VEHICLES. A few jeeps and Willys pick ups were observed, but other than the CO's remark that there was a scarcity of vehicles, no information as to numbers was obtained.

11. (U) MEDICAL. A Veterinary rendered first aid. All cases requiring further medical treatment were removed to the SANTIAGO DO BOQUEIRAO Garrison Hospital.

12. (C) EFFECTIVENESS. This unit seemed somewhat lower than other similar units observed during my tour of Rio Grande do Sul.

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1. (C) LOCATION. This unit is located in barracks in the northern part of the city at the end of Rua Venâncio Aires.

2. (C) STRENGTH. This unit has about 250 men with 20 frequent and 10 reserve.

3. (C) ORGANIZATION. This unit is a component of the 1st Cavalry Division and is directly subordinate to it and through it to the III Army.

4. (C) WEAPONS. The unit is equipped with 8 Krupp, C-26 M1939 horse-drawn guns.

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