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HEADQUARTERS

3d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF (FWD)
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines Artillery Battalion Group
Subj: Command Diary for period 16 - 31 Aug 1965

Ref: (a) MCO 3480.1 w/ch 1
(b) DivO 3100.1
(c) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L-701 Sheets 6756 I, IV, 6757 II, III, IV

Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data Sheet
✓(2) Narrative Summary of Highlights of Activities
✓(3) Supporting Documents

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Tab: ✓a. Periodic Personnel Reports 1-3
✓b. S-3 Staff Journal 16 Aug - 31 Aug
✓c. Overlay of Situation at close of period

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the enclosed reports are submitted as the Command Diary of the 3d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines. The Diary covers the period 16 - 31 August 1965 and is comprised of the enclosures listed above.



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16-31 Aug 1965

COMMAND DIARY: Organizational Data Sheet

- a. Designation of Reporting Unit: HEADQUARTERS
3d Battaliom (-)(Rein), 11th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601
- b. Period Covered by Report: 1 August 1965 - 31 August 1965
- c. Date of Submission of Report: 4 September 1965
- d. Commanding: Lieutenant Colonel W. H. PECK, 044927, USMC
- e. Location of Command Post: Coordinates - BS 554043
- f. Subordinate Units: (1) Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
(2) Battery G, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
(3) Battery M, 4th Battaliom, 11th Marines
- g. Commanders of Subordinate Units:
(1) Headquarters Battery - Captain M. W. SMITHSON, 081057, USMCR
(2) Battery G - 1st Lieutenant C. E. SWARTZ, 082372, USMCR
(3) Battery M - Captain J. O. BLACK, 060003, USMC

ENCLOSURE (1)

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

On 16 August 3d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines landed at Chu Lai. The Battalion consisted of Headquarters Battery which occupied a position at 5465042 and Battery M, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery G, attached to BLT 3/7, landed on 14 Aug 65 and occupied a position at 54650459. Shortly after landing on 14 Aug Battery G came under operational control of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines with mission of general support of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. Upon landing on 16 Aug, Battery M occupied a position at 555042 and was placed under operational control of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines with mission of general support of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. On 17 August this Battalion was placed under operational control of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines Battalion Group with mission of D/S 7th Marines under authority of Division Operation Order 327-65.

On 17 August planning was conducted and Artillery and Fire Support Coordination Annexes completed, for RLT-7 Operation Order 323-65 (Operation Starlight). The FSCC personnel of Battalion Headquarters plus the liaison and forward observer sections of Battery G departed with RLT-7 to participate in Operation Starlight. The liaison and forward observer sections of Battery I of this Battalion landed with BLT 3/7 and participated in Operation Starlight and then returned to duty as the SLF. The FSCC personnel of Battalion Headquarters and the liaison and forward observer sections of Battery G returned from Operation Starlight on 24 August. On 26 August Headquarters Battery displaced to coord. BS 554043 and Battery G to coord BS 5670903978. On 27 August the 7th Marines assumed responsibility for the southern portion of the Chu Lai TAOR generally from Hwy 1 to the ocean with this Battalion in Direct Support. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was the only Battalion under 7th Marines control and occupied the MLR in the 7th Marines sector with Battery G in direct support. Battery M, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was assigned a mission of General Support, reinforcing of 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

From 27 August, when this Battalion assumed the mission of direct support of 7th Marines, until 31 August the only type fire missions conducted were registration, H and I fires, and illumination.

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Enclosure (2)

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3d Battalion, 11th Marines
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FME
 Chu Lai, Viet Nam
 200700 August 1965 H

Periodic Personnel Report Number 1.

Period Covered: 162330 to 192400 August 1965 H

Ref: (a) RLT-7 Operation Plan 122-65

1. STRENGTHS.

a. Authorized.

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
(1) Hq Battery	17	149	4	3
(2) Battery G	9	124	0	2
(3) Battery M/4/11	5	128	0	2

b. Actual

(1) Hq Battery	14*	99*	1*	4
(2) Battery G	7	113	0	1
(3) Battery M/4/11	4	119	0	2

* 2 Officers, USMC, 2 Officers USN and 24 enlisted USMC, members of two SFCP's, are attached out to BLT's. 8 enlisted, USMC survey personnel are attached out to Batteries H and I, this battalion. 6 enlisted, USMC cooks are attached out to Batteries H and I and 107 Mortar.

2. REPLACEMENTS. None.3. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER.

a. Cases of UA and desertion. None.

b. Courts Martial.

(1) Tried. None.

(2) Pending. None.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR.

a. Captured. None

b. On hand at end of reporting period. None.

5. GRAVES REGISTRATION. None.6. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES.

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a. Morale is good.

- (1) Mail is picked up and distributed daily.
- (2) Outgoing mail is delivered to the 4th Marine Post Office daily.
- (3) Messing. Headquarters Battery, Battery G and Battery M/4/11 are subsisting on B Rations.

b. Personnel Services.

- (1) Special Services has not been established as yet, however, cards and other small recreational materials have been distributed. Magazines have arrived via U. S. Mail and have been distributed.
- (2) Game equipment such as baseball and volleyball equipment is on hand to be used as the situation permits.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS-MILITARY GOVERNMENT. No encounter with indigenous personnel has been experienced.

8. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES. No difficulty experienced.

9. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT.

a. Hq Battery

- (1) Working Areas. 3 CP Tents, 2 GP Tents, 5 Pram Tents, 1 Fly Tent.
- (2) Billeting. 2 CP Tents, 8 Pram Tents.

b. Battery G

- (1) Working Areas. 1 GP Tent, 3 CP Tents, 1 Pram Tent.
- (2) Billeting. 3 GP Tents, 5 Pram Tents.

c. Battery M/4/11

- (1) Working Areas. 3 GP Tents, 2 CP Tents, 3 Pram Tents.
- (2) Billeting. 1 CP Tent, 10 Pram Tents.

10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. None

11. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Personnel, Officer. The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines is short one Major, 0802, Liaison Officer. As a result the Battalion Executive Officer is doing double duty as XO and Liaison Officer. A Major, or as a substitute a Captain, 0802 is required.

b. Personnel, Enlisted. A letter was submitted to the CG 3d Marine Division prior to departure from Okinawa concerning the unsatisfactory survey personnel shortage occasioned by PAC 216-65. Subject letter requested an increase in T/O in order to afford an adequate survey capability. No reply has been received.

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u. Personnel Shortages. Headquarters Battery is short one PFC 2511 and three PFC's 2531. Presently a LCpl 2841 is filling a T/O billet requiring a Sgt 2861 creating a serious shortage due to his lack of experience.

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Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding

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3d Battalion, 11th Marines,
3d Marine Division (Rein) FME
Chu Lai, Viet Nam
270700 August 1965 H

Periodic Personnel Report Number 2

Period Covered: 200001 to 262400 August 1965 H

Ref: (a) RLT -7 Operation Plan 122-65

1. STRENGTHS.

(a) Authorized

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
(1) Hq Battery	17	149	4	3
(2) Battery G	9	124	0	2
(3) Battery M/4/11	5	128	0	2

(b) Actual

(1) Hq Battery	15*	103*	1*	8
(2) Battery G	6	107	0	0
(3) Battery M/4/11	4	120	0	3

* One officer and four enlisted were transferred from Battery G to Hq Battery subsequent to previous report. Two officers, USMC, two officers USN and 24 enlisted, USMC, members of two SFCP's, are attached out to RLT's, 8 enlisted, USMC survey personnel are attached out to Batteries H and I, this battalion. Six (6) enlisted, USMC, cooks are attached out to Batteries H, I and 107 Mortar.

2. REPLACEMENTS. Received two HM-1's, and four HM-2's 21 August 1965. Battery M/4/11 received one enlisted man returned to duty from sick list Sub Unit #4, Hq Bn, 3dMarDiv (Rear)

3. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER.

- a. Cases of UA and desertion. None.
- b. Courts-Martial
 - (1) Tried. None.
 - (2) Pending. None.
- c. Bn CO's Office Hours.
 - (1) One case of violation of Art 113 UCMJ, sleeping on post.
- d. Two violations of Art 113 UCMJ and one violation of Art 134 pending disciplinary action.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR.

- a. Captured. None.
- b. On hand at end reporting period. None.

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5. GRAVES REGISTRATION. None.6. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES.

a. Morale remains good.

(1) Mail is picked up and delivered from 4th Marines Post Office when ready. Gaps of two to three day periods without mail have been experienced.

(2) Outgoing mail is delivered to the 4th Marines Post Office daily.

(3) Messing. Hq Btry, Btry G and Btry M/4/11 are subsiting on one meal of A Rations and two of B Rations daily.

b. Personnel Services.

(1) Special Services has received its allowance of items purchased by RLT-7.

(2) Movies are being shown nightly.

(3) Church services were held at 3/12 for both Catholic and Protestant personnel.

7. CIVIL-AFFAIRS-MILITARY GOVERNMENT. No encounter with indigenous personnel has been experienced.8. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES. No difficulty experienced.9. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT.

a. Hq Battery

(1) Working areas. 3 GP tents, 10 CP tents, 10 Pram tents, 3 Fly tents

(2) Billeting. 12 Pram tents, 3 Fly tents

b. Battery G

(1) Working areas. 1 GP Tent, 3 CP tents, 1 Pram Tent

(2) Billeting. 3 GP Tents, 5 Pram Tents

c. Battery M/4/11

(1) Working areas. 3 GP Tents, 2 CP Tents, 1 Pram Tent

(2) Billeting. 1 CP Tent, 10 Pram Tents

10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. None11. MISCELLANEOUS. Personnel shortages cited in previous report remain.

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Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps
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3d Battalion, 11th Marines,
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Chu Lai, Viet Nam
030700 September 1965

Periodic Personnel Report Number 3

Period Covered: 270001 August to 022400 September 1965 H

Ref: (a) RLT-7 Operation Plan 122-65

1. STRENGTHS.

a. Authorized

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
1) Hq Battery	17	149	4	3
2) Battery G	9	124	0	2
3) Battery M/4/11	5	128	0	2

b. Actual

1) Hq Battery	15*	103*	1*	6
2) Battery G	6	108	0	2
3) Battery M/4/11	4	120	0	3

c. Losses. Transferred one HM-1 and one HM-2 to 3d Bn, 12th Marines
30 August 1965.

* Personnel situation remains as previously reported.

2. REPLACEMENTS. Received one Sergeant 2311 from CONUS 29 August 1965.

3. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER

a. Cases of UA and desertion. None.

b. Courts-Martial

1) Tried. None.

2) Pending. None.

c. In CO's Office Hours.

1) Two cases of Article 113 UCMJ, sleeping on post, and one case
of Article 134 UCMJ.

2) Pending. None.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR

a. Captured. None.

b. On hand at end of reporting period. None.

5. GRAVES REGISTRATION. None.6. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES.

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- a. Moral remains good.
 - 1) Incoming mail remains sporadic.
 - 2) Outgoing mail is delivered to 4th Marines Post Office daily.
 - 3) Messing. Hq Btry, Btry G, and Btry M are subsisting on one meal of A Rations and two meals of B Rations daily.
- b. Personnel Services.
 - 1) Movies continue to be shown nightly, weather permitting.
 - 2) Church services were held for both Catholic and Protestant personnel at both 7th Marines and 3/12.
 - 3) Special Services equipment such as transistor radios and vacuum jugs have been distributed.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS-MILITARY GOVERNMENT. No encounter with indigenous personnel has been experienced.

8. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES. No difficulty experienced.

9. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT

- a. Hq Btry
 - 1) Working Areas. 3 GP Tents, 3 CP Tents, 7 PramTents, 3 Fly Tents.
 - 2) Billoting. 3 CP Tents, 15 PramTents, 3 Fly Tents.
- b. Btry G
 - 1) Working Areas. 4 GP Tents, 3 CP Tents, 1 PramTent.
 - 2) Billoting. 11 PramTents.
- c. Btry M/4/11
 - 1) Working Areas. 3 GP Tents, 2 CP Tents, 5 PramTents.
 - 2) Billoting. 1 CP Tent, 14 PramTents.

10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. None.

11. MISCELLANEOUS.

Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, remains short one (1) Major, 0802 with the result that the Battalion Executive Officer is acting as Liaison Officer with the 7th Marines and remains at the 7th Marines headquarters around the clock. Company Grade Officer shortages are apparent from paragraph 1 (b) above and further shortages are due in November (to include the Battery "G" Commander) and the months following due to EAS.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL VACK

J. C. ALEXANDER
Major U. S. Marine Corps
Executive Officer

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3d Battalion, 11th Marines - 3d MarDiv
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CLOSED (DTG, Month, year) 312400H Aug 1965
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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
16 Aug					
2300		1		Open Journal. Landed at Chu Lai, Vietnam	S-F
17 Aug					
0930		2		Battalion C.P. established vic coord BS 549054	S-F
0930		3		Battery G, ashore since 14 Aug65, under op control of 3/12 w/mission GS 3/12. Battery M, ashore since 16 Aug65, under op control 3/12 w/mission GS 3/12, located at coord BS 555042.	S-F
1000		4		This Battalion placed under op control 3d Battalion, 12th Marines Artillery Battalion Group w/mission D/S 7th Marines, auth 3d Marine Division OpO 327-65. Planning conducted Arty Annex and FSC Annex to RLT-7 OpO 323-65 completed.	S-F
1400		5		FSCC departed w/Hq, RLT-7 for operation "STARLITE".	S-F
24 Aug					
2030		6		FSCC returned from Operation "STARLITE" with RLT-7 Hq.	S-F
25 Aug					
1400		7		FSCC moved to 7th Marines Hq.	S-F
26 Aug					
0900		8		Golf Battery displaced to BS 5670903978, layed on azimuth 30004.	S-F
1000		9		Headquarters Battery displaced to coord BS 554043.	S-F
2300		10		Bonnie Hero reports storm warning with winds of 45 knots for tomorrow.	S-F-T
2330		11		Bonnie Hero directs complete blackout, expects attack.	S-F -T
27 Aug					
0035		12		Tinge Operational Immediate message- Switch to alternate sign and countersign.	S-F-T
1510		13		7th Marines and 1/7 assumed TAOR with 3/11 in direct support and M 4/11 G/S Rein 3/11.	S-F
1900		14		M 4/11 XO called to report contact with C Co 1/7 patrol to right front of their position. Squad sized foot patrol 2000-0600; motorized patrol 0800-2000 from right front of M 4/11 position to Route #1.	S-F Passed to Tinge.

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3d Battalion, 11th Marines 3d MarDiv

162300H Aug 1965

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
2000		15		Booth 22 reports patrol in area left of Grid Line 57 and short of Grid Line 00 from from 2100 to 2400. Do not fire in this area during time specified.	S-F
2000		16		Completed registration of Battery G.	S-F
2130		17		Received Night Defensive fires from Booth 22. Concentrations assigned to Battery G 3/11 and Battery M 4/11.	S-F
2345		18		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. 47 rds HE 7 rds Illum, 9 Ti Fuze, fired for 1/7, Registration.	S-F
28 Aug 0600		19		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. Negative Report.	S-F
0815		20		Completed Registration of Battery M 4/11	S-F
1215		21		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. 9 rds HE 155mm for 1/7, Registration	S-F
2315		22		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. Negative Report	S-F
2342		23		Received fire mission from Prominence 22. Assigned to Battery G.	S-F
2400		24		Completed fire mission of 2 Illum rds with Prominence 22.	S-F
29 Aug 0615		25		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. 2 rds Illum, for 1/7 1, adj mission 1.	S-F
1215		26		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. Negative Report	S-F
1800		27		Received H & I fires from Bonnie Hero 22.	S-F
1820		28		Received H & I fires from Tinge for Bendix 22.	S-F
2000		29		Passed H & I fires to Plaid Mike.	S-F
2345		30		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. Negative Report	S-F
30 Aug 0420		31		Completed H & I missions for 1/7.	S-F
0600		32		Submitted Op Summary Report to Tinge. 114 rds HE, 4 rds WP, 10 rds Illum , for 1/7 12, H&I missions 12	S-F
2330		33		Submitted Op Summary Report to Tinge. 10 rds Illum, for 1/7, Illum adj mission 1	
31 Aug 0500		34		Completed H&I missions for 1/7.	S-F
0600		35		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. 96 rds HE, for 1/7 6, H&I missions 6	S-F
1000		36		Btry I & Mort Btry 3/11 commenced off-loading at Chu Lai Causeway	S-F

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IN	OUT				
31 Aug					
1200		36		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. Negative Report	S-F
1600		37		Submitted SitRep to 7th Marines. 93 rds HE 1/7 6 missions	S-F
2130		38		Fire Mission for Golf Delta.	S-F
2140		39		End of Mission. 2 rds Illum	S-F
2150		40		Fire Mission for Golf Delta, FO request continuous Illum until 2400. 3 rds per hr.	S-F
2230		41		End of Mission 7 rds Illum	S-F
2300		42		Fire Mission Concentration EG 602, 1 rd Illum	S-F
2330		43		Submitted Op Summary to Tinge. 4 rds HE, 5 rds Illum, 4 missions for 1/7, 4 adj mission, 1 ck rds mission	S-F

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