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12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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(4) RegtO 8094.2 of 19Oct65
(5) Command Chronology, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
(6) Command Chronology, 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
(7) Command Chronology, 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
(8) Command Chronology, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
(9) Command Chronology, 1st 8" How Btry (SP), FMF
(10) Command Chronology, Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines

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1. As directed by reference (a) the following command chronology for the period 1 - 31 October 1965 is submitted.

a. Organizational Data

(1) Designations/locations/task organization/tactical mission.

<u>UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION/COORD</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
12th Marine Regiment	DANANG AT 958757	GS 3d MarDiv
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
1st Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Mar	DANANG AT 957755	BS 3d Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery A	-do- AT 939722	
Battery B	-do- AT 922791	
107mm Mortar Btry	-do- AT 922738	
Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- AT 921799	

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UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION	LOCATION/COORD	MISSION
2d Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Mar	DANANG AT 995722	DS 9th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery D	-do- AT 064680	
Battery E	-do- AT 988672	
Battery F	-do- At 964712	
Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- AT 965716	
1st 8" How Btry (-)(Rein)(SP)	-do- AT 955774	
FMF		
3d Plt, 3d 155mm Gun Btry (SP), FMF	-do- AT 955776	
3d Battalion, 12th Marines Artillery Bn Group		
3d Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines	CHULAI BT 549046	DS 4th Mar
Hq Btry	-do- BT 549046	
Btry G	-do- BT 548044	
Btry H	-do- BT 545047	
Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- BT 527070	
107mm Mortar Btry	-do- BT 551044	
3d Bn (-), 11th Marines	CHULAI BT 554043	DS 7th Mar
Hq Btry	-do- BT 554043	
Btry G	-do- BT 567039	
Btry I	-do- BT 552042	
107mm Mortar Btry	-do- BT 555043	
1st Plt, 1st 8" How Btry(SP)	-	
FMF	-do- BT 550043	GS
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- BT 554041	GS
3d 155 Gun Btry (SP)(-), FMF	-do- BT 542050	GS
CMR Det, Hq Btry, 12th Mar	-do-	
4th Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines	PHU HAI YD 875145	Attached, 3/4
Hq Btry	-do- 876144	
Btry I, 3d Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 889141	
Btry M	-do- 876144	
107mm Mortar Btry, 2d Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 876145	
CMR Det, Hq Btry, 11th Mar	-do- 892142	

2. Period Covered: 1-31 October 19653. Command and Staff Assignments

T/O BILLET	NAME	PERIOD
GO	Col James M. CALLENDER 08570	
XO	LtCol R. G. FRITCH 011970	

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S-1/Adj	Capt A. C. FRANKENBERGER 075230	
AsstAdj/PerOff	1stLt E. F. GLASSMEYER 087773	
S-2	Capt D. W. KINARD 072193	
S-3	LtCol J. J. SNYDER 048875	
Asst S-3	Capt W. Y. THOMAS 075882	
S-4	Major S. M. MORROW 052130	
Asst S-4	Capt H. C. SOMMERVILLE 060802	
Asst S-4	1stLt R. L. ARMSTRONG 085142	
Asst PSG	LtCol A. J. HONEYCUTT 015484	
	Major J. L. MC WHIRT 059065	
TIO	1stLt A. HARKNESS III 087710	
NGFO	Lt (USN) M. H. GORDON 633477	
SupO	Capt J. G. HERNDON 080043	
MTO	Capt L. J. ZACHODNI 075675	
CommO	Major H. L. FOGARTY 052826	
Chaplain	Lt(CHC) A. B. CRAVEN 624424	
Hq Commandant	Capt B. K. CONNOR 080138	1-11 Oct
	Capt D. W. KINARD 072193	12-28 Oct
	Capt D. N. HARLAN 060586	29-31 Oct
Surgeon	Lt (MC) J. M. BALDWIN 684523	
Survey Off	1stLt L. G. KLEIBOMKER 087310	
Electronics Off	1stLt D. J. BELL, Jr 086600	

(4) Average Monthly Strength

<u>Off</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>Enl</u>
228		3333	16		69

b. Sequential Listing of Significant Events(1) Personnel

(a) During October, 129 personnel returned to the United States and 394 reported in on the normal rotation program.

(b) Critical shortages exist in the following MOS's -

<u>MOS</u>	<u>ON BD STRENGTH</u>
0131	9%
0141	51%
0239	66%
9999(1stSgt)	60%

(c) Intra-regimental transfers of personnel commences 1Nov65 (See enclosure (1)).

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(2) Intelligence

(a) Counterbattery and countermortar operations have been limited by mechanical difficulties. One CMR Set (AN/KPQ-1) has been inoperative since August. The second set is operative but unable to scan. Location of both sets on the airfield does not enable them to detect locations of mortar positions outside TAOR and FEBA.

(b) Preparations were completed for inspection of all battalion intelligence units during the month of November. All units have received the Intelligence check list.

(c) Training for all battery personnel on intelligence and counterintelligence was continued.

(3) Training

(a) Normal OJT was conducted by all units of the regiment. Additional emphasis was placed on an information and education program to educate Marines on the "whys" of the Vietnamese war. Enclosure (1) is the Regimental order published to support this program.

(b) On 28 September DivBul 5060 was published which scheduled Commanding General's inspections of the 12th Marines during the periods 8-14, 15-21 November and 6-12 December. In response to this a series of Regimental Commanders' inspections were scheduled. The division inspection schedule was subsequently cancelled; however the regimental inspections continued. During October Battery L and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery were inspected with the remainder of the regiment scheduled during November. Primary emphasis during the inspection is placed on ascertaining the combat readiness of the personnel and material of the unit, with particular attention being given to material maintenance procedures.

(4) Communications

(a) During October the regimental command net shifted to KW-7 covered RATT. Difficulty was experienced due to 3d Battalion not holding an allowance of KW-7. Two were borrowed from 3d Battalion, 11th Marines until such time as 3/12 receives its own sets. This covered circuit has proven valuable in handling administrative and logistic traffic.

(b) Regimental Commanders inspection of Btry L and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery revealed a critical shortage of Wire, WD-1/TT throughout the regiment.

(c) Headquarters Battery installed a Radio Relay (AN/TRG-27) link between Hq, 2/12 and Btry D, 2/12. Only three serviceable generators PU-278 are available (50% of generators, PU-278 are deadlined

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at FLSG).

((d) FMFPAC Comm/Elect contact team provided an effective review and critique of operating and maintenance records and procedures.

(5) Fire Support

(a) During the month the Regiment fired the following missions:

Observed Combat Missions	721
Unobserved Call Fires	939
Destruction Missions	11
Registrations	200
E&I Missions	11,529

(b) The following ammunition was expended in firing these missions:

105mm High Explosive	25,924
105mm Illumination	1,794
105mm Smoke (WP)	1,102
107mm High Explosive	4,111
107mm Illumination	395
107mm Smoke (WP)	676
155mm How High Explosive	8,551
155mm How Smoke (WP)	523
155mm How Illumination	899
155mm Gun High Explosive	1,063
155mm Gun Smoke (WP)	32
155mm Gun Illumination	47
8" How High Explosive	1,021
TOTAL	46,138

(6) Logistics

(a) On 15 October Capt H. C. SOMMERVILLE, 060802/0802/USMC reported for duty as Assistant S-4/Ordnance Officer. See Enclosure (3). Although Headquarters Battery does not rate an ordnance officer in the T/O, experience since arriving in RVN has shown the need for one. At the present time the ordnance section is accumulating technical data on all the weapons in the Regiment (see enclosure (4)) as a basis for plans and programs aimed at achieving and maintaining a superior maintenance posture.

(b) The FMFPAC Ordnance Inspection team under LtCol Evio RAGSDALE, USMC inspected Headquarters Battery small arms as part of the overall regimental technical inspection.

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(c) The cantonment program, which was initiated during Sep, has seen very little progress during the reporting period. In the Regimental CP there have been five strong back tent frames erected and work has commenced on the foundation of the Butler Building for Supply, Survey, Metro and electronic maintenance.

(7) Chaplain Support During the month of October the Regimental Chaplain was involved in the following activities:

- (a). 27 protestant services (689 attendance).
- (b) 23 interviews with troops.
- (c) 18 visits to batteries.
- (d) Four hospital visits.
- (e) Concluded Vietnamese language class started in Sep.
- (f) Three visits to orphanages.
- (g) Two visits to local pastors and missionaries.

(8) Operations

(a) With the exception of the operations listed in enclosures (5) through (10) the Regiment continued providing close fire support to all units. Numerous displacements were made to provide coverage of all operations by patrolling units.

(b) For the command chronologies of subordinate units of the Regiment, see enclosures (5) through (10).

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