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HEADQUARTERS
12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96601

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
(2) Command Chronology, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
(3) Command Chronology, 3d Bn, 12th Marines Artillery Battalion Group
(4) Command Chronology, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
(5) Command Chronology, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), FMF
(6) " " 3d Bn, 11th Marines

1. As directed by reference (a) the following command chronology for the period 1-30 November 1965 is submitted.

a. Organizational Data

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

UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION	LOCATION/COORD	MISSION
12th Marine Regiment	DaNang AT 958757	GS - 3d MarDiv
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
1st Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines	-do- 957758	DS - 3d Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "A", 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 939722	
Battery "A", 1st Bn, 11th Mar	-do- 922791	
Battery "C"	-do- 921737	
107mm Mortar Battery	-do- 934838	
Battery "K", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 922799	
2d Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines	DaNang AT 995722	DS - 9th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "D"	-do- 064680	
Battery "E"	-do- 988672	
Battery "F"	-do- 964712	
Battery "L", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 965717	

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1st 8" How Btry(SP) (-) (Rein), FMF DaNang AT 955775 GS
3d Plt, 3d 155mm Gun Btry(SP), FMF -do- 955775 GS

3d Battalion, 12th Marines Chu Lai BT 554043
Artillery Battalion Group

3d Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines Chu Lai BT 554043 DS 4th Mar
Headquarters Battery -do- -do-
Battery "G" -do- 527070
Battery "H" -do- 546048

3d Bn (-), 11th Marines Chu Lai BT 554043 DS 7th Mar
Headquarters Battery -do- -do-
Battery "G" -do- 567040
Battery "H" -do- 552043
Battery "I" -do- 548044

Battery "M", 4th Bn, 11th Mar Chu Lai BT 554041 GS
3d 155mm Gun Battery (-)(SP), FMF -do- 529067 GS
107mm Mortar Btry, 3d Bn, 11th Mar -do- 547049 GS
1st Plt, 1st 8" How Btry(SP), FMF -do- 550044 GS
CMP Det, Headquarters Battery, -do- 554044 GS
11th Marines

4th Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines Phu Bai YD 877145 DS 3d Bn, 4th Mar
Headquarters Battery -do- -do-
Battery "M" -do- 876145
Battery "I", 3d Bn, 12th Marines -do- 889141
107mm Mortar Battery, 2d Bn, -do- 880148
12th Marines
CMP Det, Headquarters Battery, -do- 892142
11th Marines

(2) Period Covered: 1-30 November 1965

(3) Command and Staff Assignments

<u>T/O BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO	Col James M. CALLENDER 08570	
XO	LtCol R. G. FAITCH 011910	
S-1/Adj	Capt A. C. FRANKENBERGER Jr 075230	
Asst Adj/PerOff	1stLt E. F. GLASSMEYER 087773	
S-2	Capt D. W. KINARD 072193	
S-3	LtCol J. J. SNYDER 048875	
Asst S-3	Maj B. N. BITTNER 064637	4-30 Nov 1965
Asst S-3	Capt J. E. SCHULKEN 068227	11-30 Nov 1965
Asst S-3	Capt W. Y. THOMAS 075882	1-4 Nov 1965
S-4	Maj S. M. MORROW 052180	

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Asst S-4	Capt H. C. SOMMERVILLE 060802
Asst S-4	1stLt R. L. ANDERSON 085142
Asst FSC	LtCol A. J. HONEYCUTT 059065
Asst FSC	Maj J. L. McWINT 059065
TIO	1stLt A. HARNES III 087710
NGFO	Lt M. H. GORDON, USN 633477
SupO	Capt J. G. HERNDON 090043
MTO	Capt M. S. ZACHODNI 075675
CommoO	Maj H. L. FOGARTY 052826
Chaplain	Lt A. B. CRAVEN, USN 624424
Hq Commandant	Capt D. N. HARMAN 060586
Surgeon	Lt J. M. BARDWIN, USN 684523
Survey Off	1stLt L. G. KUMLEBEEKER 087310
Electronics Off	1stLt J. R. BELL 086600

(4) Average Monthly Strength

<u>Off</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>Enl</u>
222		3380	16		72

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

a. Personnel

(1) During November, 58 personnel returned to the U.S. and 242 reported in on the normal rotation program. An additional 30 personnel were lost through intra-division reassignments to the newly established LVTH-6 platoon.

(2) Critical shortages still exist in the following MOS's:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>On Board Strength</u>
0121	2 - 40%
0141	61 - 60%
0239	3 - 43%
9999(1st Sgt's)	13 - 58%

(3) A total of 320 intra-regiment transfers were executed during November to equitably distribute personnel with same RTD's.

b. Intelligence

(1) Counter-mortar operations have been negligible due to mechanical difficulties. One (1) CMM (AN/KPQ-1) has been inoperative since August. The second set is operative but unable to scan. Both sets remain on the airfield. This location will not enable detection of incoming mortar rounds along the TAOR or FEBA.

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(2) Two battalion intelligence sections remain to be inspected. These units will be inspected during December 1965.

(3) Intelligence reporting has increased since batteries have initiated daily local reconnaissance patrols.

(4) Training on intelligence and counter-intelligence was continued.

c. Training

(1) Normal on the job training (OJT) was conducted by all units. The training category as reflected in RSDOPS is C1.

(2) The Regiment continues with inspections. During the period 11-12 November, 4th Bn, 12th Marines was inspected with satisfactory reports.

(3) All units are placing strong emphasis on Fam Firing of local security weapons e.g. M60, .50 Cal MG, 3.5 rocket launcher and hand grenades.

d. Communications

(1) There were no changes or innovations worthy of comment during November.

(2) Wire WD-1/TE and Batteries BA-279 continue to be in critically short supply among Artillery units in the DaNang enclave.

(3) Combat readings continues to improve.

e. Fire Support

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

Observed Combat Missions:	685
Unobserved Call Fires:	825
Destruction Missions:	1
Registrations:	163
H&I Missions:	12,435
Total:	14,109

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

105mm High Explosive:	24,093
105mm Illumination:	1,267
105mm Smoke (WP):	1,366
107mm High Explosive:	1,206

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107mm Illumination:	35
107mm Smoke (WP):	224
155mm How High Explosive:	10891
155mm How Smoke (WP):	447
155mm How Illumination:	222
155mm Gun High Explosive:	45
155mm Gun Smoke (WP):	0
155mm Gun Illumination:	0
8" How High Explosive:	855

Total 40,658

f. Logistics. During the month of November, the following item of significance occurred in Headquarters Battery:

(1) The strongback program in Headquarters Battery is now fifty (50) percent complete. As of 30 November eighteen strongbacks have been erected in the battery area and are sufficient to house all enlisted personnel. Strongbacks yet to be completed are the remainder of the office/administrative spaces, medical holding area and officers billets. The Butler Building, programmed under FY65 MILCON, is eighty (80) percent complete and lacks only the deck and ends.

g. Regimental Chaplain

(1) Divine Services

(a) Conducted 18 services, 445 total attendance.

(b) 7 November, Regimental Marine Corps Anniversary service, 120 attendance.

(2) Counseling. Counseled 24 Marines.

(3) Pastoral Visits

(a) Visited batteries 22 times, 580 personnel contacts.

(b) Visited 4th Battalion and observed their work with refugee village.

(c) Visited hospital four times.

(4) Conferences

(a) Attended four MAF Chaplain Conferences.

(b) Attended four CO's Conferences.

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h. Special Events. On 10 November a ceremony celebrating the 190th anniversary of the Corps was held in the Regimental CP, DaNang, Vietnam. An informal but impressive program was scheduled which included battery formation, honor guard composed of senior staff NCO's, Division band, reading of birthday messages, and cake cutting by the Commanding Officer. The program was completed by a message from the Commanding Officer and Brigadier General Melvin D. HENDERSON, ADC, 3d Marine Division.


i. Operations

(1) The Regiment continued providing close fire support of all units. Numerous displacements were made to provide coverage of all operations by patrolling units.

(2) To augment local security measures; batteries have been conducting daily patrols. These patrols have returned with valuable information of interest to Intelligence.

(3) On 10 November 1965 the US ARMY Electronic Calibration Team arrived to calibrate all artillery within this regiment. The anticipated date of completion is 3 Dec 1965.

(4) For the command chronologies of subordinate units of the Regiment, see enclosures (1) through (5).


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