

HEADQUARTERS

12th Marines

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
 Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 (2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, FMF
 (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
 Subj: Command Chronology
 Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

Encl: (1) - Headquarters, 12th Marine Regiment, JOURNAL (s-3)
 (2) - Command Chronology, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
 (3) - Command Chronology, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
 (4) - Command Chronology, 3d Bn, 12th Marines Artillery Battalion Cr
 (5) - Command Chronology, 3d Bn, 11th Marines
 (6) - Command Chronology, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
 (7) - Command Chronology, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, (SP), FMF

1. As directed by reference (a), the following command chronology for the period 1-28 February 1966 is submitted.

a. Organizational Data

(1) Designations/Locations/Task Organization/Tactical Missions.

UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION	LOCATION/COORD	MISSION
12th Marine Regiment (-)(Rein) Headquarters Battery (-)	DaNang AT 958757 -do- -do-	DS - 3d MarDiv
1st Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines Headquarters Battery Battery "A" Battery "A", 1st Bn, 11th Marines Battery "C" 107mm Mortar Battery Battery "K", 4th Bn, 12th Marines	DaNang AT 957758 -do- -do- -do- 959722 -do- 922791 -do- 921737 -do- 934838 -do- 921799	DS - 3d Mar

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2d Bn(-)(Rein), 12th Marines	DaNang AF	995722	DS - 9th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do-	-do-	
Battery "D"	-do-	064690	
Battery "E"	-do-	988672	
Battery "F"	-do-	964712	
Battery "L", 4th Bn, 12th Marines	-do-	965717	
1st 8" Howitzer Battery(SP), FMF	DaNang AF	955775	GS
3d Plt, 3d 155mm Gun Battery(SP), FMF	-do-	-do-	GS
Battery P, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	-do-	938792	GS-R 1st Bn, 12th Marines
3d Bn, 12th Marines Artillery Battalion Group			
Headquarters Battery	ChuLai RD	564043	GS
Battery "M", 4th Bn, 11th Marines	-do-	-do-	GS
3d 155mm Gun Btry (-)(SP), FMF	-do-	529067	GS
1st Plt, 1st 8" How Btry(SP), FMF	-do-	530046	GS
107mm Mortar Btr, 3d Bn, 11th Mar	-do-	547040	GS
Headquarters Btry, 11th Marines (GMR and Metro Sections)	-do-	547049	
1st Bn, 11th Marines (-)(Rein)	ChuLai AF	553045	DS - 11th Mar
Headquarters Battery (-)(Rein)	-do-	-do-	
Battery "G", 3d Bn, 12th Marines	-do-	527070	
Battery "H", 3d Bn, 12th Marines	-do-	546043	
3d Bn, 11th Marines (-)	ChuLai AF	554047	DS - 11th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do-	-do-	
Battery "G"	-do-	567046	
Battery "H"	-do-	548044	
Battery "J"	-do-	552043	
4th Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein)	PhuBai RD	877145	DS - 12th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do-	-do-	
Battery "M"	-do-	876144	
Battery "B", 1st Bn, 11th Marines	-do-	882141	
107mm Mortar Btr, 1st Bn, 11th Marines	-do-	849149	
Headquarters Btry, 11th Marines (GMR Section)	-do-	892142	
Det, Headquarters Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines (SFCP)	-do-	877145	

(2) Period Covered: 1-28 February 1966

(3) Command and Staff Assignments

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<u>T/O BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO	Col James M. CALLENDER 08570	
XO	LtCol R. G. FRITCH 011910	
S-1/Adj	1stLt E. F. GLASSMEYER 087773	
S-2	Maj W. R. DITTMANN 059033	
S-3	LtCol J. J. SNYDER 048875	
Asst S-3	Maj B. N. BITTNER 064637	
Asst S-3	Capt J. E. SCHULKEN 068227	
Asst S-3	Capt L. R. WILLIAMS 073714	26-28 Feb 1966
S-4	Maj S. M. MORROW 052130	
OrdO	Capt H. C. SOMERVILLE 060802	
SupO	Capt J. G. HERNDON 080043	
MTO	Capt M. J. ZACHODNI 075616	
AO	1stLt R. L. ARMSTRONG 085142	
Asst FSC	LtCol A. J. HONEYCUTT 015484	
Asst FSC	Maj K. G. PATTERSON 066058	
TIO	1stLt G. M. WASTILA 083784	
CommO	Maj A. M. GRAY 056067	
Sur/Metro	1stLt L. G. KLEIBOEKER 087370	
RadarO	1stLt J. R. BELL 087202	
Hq Commandant	Capt D. N. HARMAN 060586	
NGFO	LtCmdr R. C. MASON 532203 USN	
Surgeon	Lt J. M. BALDWIN 684523 USN	
Chaplain	LtCmdr O. E. KINZLER 573708 USN	

(4) Average Monthly Strength (reflects 1/11 and 3/11)

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
231	3485	17	67

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

a. Personnel

(1) Joined 12 USMC Officers, 123 enlisted and 1 USN Officer. 9 USMC Officers, 116 USMC enlisted, 4 USN Officers and 5 USN enlisted rotated to CONUS. Transferred 1st Bn, 11th Marines, 3d Bn, 11th Marines, Battery K, 4th Bn, 11th Marines, 3d 155mm Gun Btry and 107mm Mortar Btry, 3d Bn, 11th Marines to ADCON of the 11th Marine Regiment in accordance with CG 3d MarDiv msg 281124Z Feb 1966.

(2) Shortages

(a) There is a critical shortage of personnel in MOS 0239. Within the regiment at present there are 3 of 5 authorized by the T/O, by

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April there will be 2 of 5 (40%).

(b) Officer attrition will also cause a serious personnel shortage. If replacements are not forthcoming in proportion to losses by the end of June, company grade officer strength will be 82 on hand of 186 T/O - for 44% of T/O.

b. Intelligence

(1) The assignment of four Vietnamese interpreters has added to the effectiveness of unit reconnaissance and security patrols.

(2) Indoctrination briefing and lectures for incoming personnel. Special security briefing for personnel returning to CONUS.

(3) Unit training has been on Counter Battery/Counter Mortar crater analysis.

c. Training. During the month of February at the request of the Commanding Officer, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, an FO school for each platoon of the battalion commenced. Approximately 65% of the battalion received schooling on observed fire procedures during this reporting period.

d. Communications. Nothing of significance occurred during this reporting period.

e. Fire Support

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

Observed Combat Missions	1,004
Unobserved Fires	277
Registrations	95
H&I Missions	11,927
Total	13,303

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

105mm High Explosive	28,179
105mm Illumination	1,234
105mm Smoke (WP)	1,665
107mm High Explosive	3,491
107mm Illumination	73
107mm Smoke (WP)	371
155mm How High Explosive	6,861
155mm How Smoke (WP)	380
155mm How Illumination	304
155mm Gun High Explosive	421
155mm Gun Smoke (WP)	18
8" How High Explosive	380
Total	43,377

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f. Logistics. During the month of February the following happenings of significance occurred in Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines.

(1) The strongback program is now complete with only about 25% of the total number (39) still requiring doors and steps.

(2) There continued to be a significant decrease in the motor transport deadline rate during the period. As of 25 February the deadline rate was 8%. This is a reduction of 8% as compared with the period ending 28 January.

(3) A large shipment of pillows, sheets, mattress pads and blankets was received by battery supply and were distributed to battery personnel.

g. Regimental Chaplain

(1) Divine Services

(a) Services Conducted - 31

(b) Total attendance - 487

(c) Memorial Services - 3, attendance - 260

(2) Counseling cases - 29

(3) Pastoral Calls

(a) Visits to batteries - 33

(b) No. visits to field - 852

(c) Hospital Calls - 16

(4) Conferences

(a) III MAF Chaplains conference - 4

(b) Staff Conferences - 4

(5) Miscellaneous

(a) Bible study classes - 3, attendance - 17

(b) Civic affairs - presented to fire victims - 12,980 Piasters, attended one session English language school at DA SON.

(c) Briefed Chaplain HANSON and checked him in with 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

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9 Mar 1966h. Special Events

(1) On 10 February, Congressman COHELAN, Democrat from the 7th District, Alameda County, California, visited and toured this command.

(2) On 21 February, BrigGen TRANG, Chief of the Artillery Command, Saigon, visited and toured this command.

i. Operations. During Operation Taut Bow (8-16 Feb 1966), Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines provided one artillery liaison team and one forward observer team to the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (-)(Rein). Seven unobserved missions were fired, expending 77 rounds. During these missions three secondary explosions were produced and 15 VC KIA (possible).


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ORGANIZATION		12th Marines	FROM(DATE & HOUR)	020600 Feb 66	TO(DATE & HOUR)	030600 Feb 66	PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN	
1130			Rcvd reinforcing mission (Prep Fire) from 1/12 AT 804652. 8" will fire 11 rds (AT 804652).				
1440			Rec'd call from S-3 1/12 sending the following mission: From 1/12 to "K" Btry(FWD) Commanding Officer Info: 12th Marines, 3d Marines and "K" Btry Msg Follows: Disregard info provided by XO 1/12 this morning. You are assigned mission of GS this battalion with priority of fires to C/1/3. 8" How Btry assigned GS-R "K" Btry (FWD). Send calls for reinforcing fires direct to 8" How Btry on D-154. No units joining you at your present position. Continue to provide own local security.				
			Anticipate retraction in 36 hours. Request ammunition requirements ASAP.				
1445			Notified 8" Howitzer Btry that until further notice they had the mission of GS-R "K" Btry (FWD).				
1955			Received information from Div FSCC that Btry D was firing illum at coord AT 059753.			XO	

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1510			Called G-3 to receive permission to return Battery "K" Xray from Hill 41 since C/1/3 was now covered by Batteries "C" and "K"(forward). Permission was granted.	Notified XO 1/12	
1630			Rec'd info from S-3, 1/12 of combined USMC/Army convoy leaving for Phu Bai, 050700 Feb 66, which will require arty support. Directed 8" How Btry to displace one 8" How and one 155mm gun to Btry K at first light, lay on AZ 5700. COF net: 29-5mc.		
1702			From S-3, 1/12: K(X) displacing to base position		
1825			From S-3, 1/12: K(X) has returned to base position		
2110			Received call from S-3, 1/12 sending the following message: From 1/12 to Battery K Info: 12th Marines and 3d Marines Msg follows: Effective 050600H you are assigned msn of GS priority of fires to D/1/3. Decentralized fire direction. AZ of fire 6400. Conduct of fire D-147. All fire msns will be cleared by 3d Marines ArtyLnO. 1st 8" How Btry will provide GS-R Fires. Msn will be performed from present position. Activate D-147 at 050600H. Answer calls for fire from F0 An-4 and X1 AO.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 060600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 070600 JAN 66	IN THE FIELD, PLACE D U ANG, RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
1040			Notified by 1st Bn that D/1/3 should be in range of 1st 8" Btry shortly.	Notified 8"	
1115			Notified by 1st Bn that 2 M109's have departed for Hill 41.	Notified XO	
1435			Recd call from watch officer, 1/12 stating that convoy has returned.		
			Directed CO 8" How Btry to move 8" How and 155mmG back from Btry K psn.	Notified XO	
2250			Revd firep from 2/12: Btry F fired 22 rds Shell HE, Fuze Q on suspected		
			VC position (AT 956663) at 062120.		
2300			MEDEVAC (AT 953667) (from FSCC), cease fire in D area.	Notified 2/12, 8" how Btry	
2330			MEDEVAC completed, cease fire lifted in "D" area.	Notified 2/12, 8" How Btry	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	NOTION TAKEN
1256			FIREP from K(X) A. RC 25 B. 82816900 C. Marking Rd D. 1 WP	
			FM F. 12th Marines S-3A G. 081245H	
1235			Partol base at (AT 834585) reported by 12th Marines S-3A	
1600			Revd Zulu Report: A. 081430 B. 83046778 G. 1 Reg	
1832			Sitrep #1 from S-3A (Op TAUT BOW): First day; No VC sighted, recon of area on leaving Hill 41 indicate arty psns all along rd to (AT 905665).	
			Rice paddies from that psn on. 1st Psn possible, need small bridge (AT 931668), 2d psn possible to ford (AT 915667). Second day; Located	
			5 VC booby traps, destroyed three. Recon patrol fired on by VC snipers.	
			Hvy fire returned, no casualties.	
2230			From watch officer G-3: Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 300810Z Nov 65. ARVN logistical convoy composed of 100 vehicles will depart DaNang 090800	
			Feb 1966 for Quang Ngai. Return trip departs 100830 for DaNang. ETA	
			DaNang 091200. Take action in accordance with reference.	Notified FSCC
2325			Notified by FSCC that Btry A(N) in firing illum (AT 919846)	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR)	090600	TO(DATE & HOUR)	100600 FEB 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN
1800		091360	Revd ZULU rpt DTG 091630 that CP is now xx established on Hill 785. At 1530 today a VC encampment was sighted and were evicted. 10 H&Is fired last night.	by			
2021			Informed/Capt FRANKENBERGER that Echo battery drew 105mm ammo and the following lot numbers were found to be defective: HE M51 Lot# LS-100-1, beadup cases and loose primers. WP Lot# RD-32-106X , powder bags deteriorating.			Notified S-4, S-4 2/12, S-4 \$1/12	
2050			1st Bn designated Battery C as alternate CP.				
2050			From 12th Marines 3A : On moving to Hill 785. VC harrassing fire on 2 points along route. Attacted VC 2 times, lost contact, Negative casualties. On arriving Hill 785, 7 VC with auto wpns fired harrassing fire directed at Marines. Make frontal assult on VC. 1 WIA VC. Climb today, kill plan to remain this location 2 days with reconnaissance patrols out				

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ORGANIZATION			Hq. Btry. 12 Marines	FROM(DATE & HOUR)	100600	TO(DATE & HOUR)	110600	in the field PLACE Da Nang
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS					ACTION TAKEN
1150					Fire Rep. from 1/12: K(X) fired 15 rds. obs. fire on VC squad (797 648)			
					S-3-A called in mission (op taut bow) No Sur. Div. FSCC notified.			
1810					Completed registration of 8" HOW. and 155 Gun at hill 41. Registration commenced at 1700; conducted by AO (Rosemont & Hotel)			
1958					Shove Bailey Reported that "D" Btry. received SA-grenades from (078 685)			
2336					FSCC reported Hoi An had relayed report of active mortars at (146 548) & (162 544) plotted, out of range			
0045					Fired H&I for FSCC at coord. (155 549) (158 549) (153 549) (160 555) (156 553) (168 550) & (156 554) all on active mortars	155G at hill 41 fired these		
0200					FSCC reported and relayed request from arvn to fire 10 rds. on suspected mortar position at (165 538). Request for 10 rds. disapproved. one round fired at (110 200)	Passed to S-3 for approval		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 140600 FEB	TO(DATE & HOUR) 150600 FEB 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
2145			1/12 reported Kilo X-Ray had received 30 rds, small arms fire from easterly direction, no casualties.		
2230			S-3 of 4/12 reports that error which resulted in rounds landing 800M out was result of transposing a 9 as a 1. The Chart Data was correct & computer in applying corrections transposed the numbers in recording Gun Data. Mission was in support of 2/1. The latest casualty report is that there were no casualties but property damage. Area hit was civilian area, with reports being submitted by ARVN. 4/12 unable to get into area tonight.	FSOC, CO Notifie	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR)	140600	TO(DATE & HOUR)	150600 FEB 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN
1325		140431Z	From CG 3d MarDiv:	Approved relief of lines between 1/9 and 3/9 during period 16-18 FEB.			
1955		140432Z	From CG 3d MarDiv:	Execute Rough/Rider north 17 Feb 66. Plan return Danang same day if feasible.			Notified watch officer 4/12 of msg DTG
2115			1st 8" How Btry reported that the on call illum msn for ARVN (AT 938946) was out of firing table Rn for 155Guns. Msn given to Kilo at 1/12.				
2130			S-3 was notified by the S-3 of 4/12 that M btry had fired (4 guns), 2 volleys, Shell Mixed, Fz Q, w/800 mil error in Deflection. Rds should have landed at YD 796064, actually landed at (YD 768128), resulting in 6 ARVN WIA. Error was made on computer/and was not caught by FDO, who initialized it. S-3, 4/12 was advised to commence investigation immediately and to look into need for BACKLASH Report.				FSCC, CO notified

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TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
0240			Div FSCC sent mission from ARVN for coordinates 030635, 035633, 037635, 035640. Requested 50 rds on each point. 2/12 had already received mission from 9th Mar. Will fire Btry two volleys on each point			
0235			Div FSCC reported possible mortar rounds landing vicinity 046668. Directed GMR to orient south set on azimuth 2700.			
0310			Div FSCC sent mission from ARVN for coord 010625, 016632, 021617, 027625, 038646. Likely avenues of withdrawal for VC from area where previous missions were fired. See 0240 entry, 2/12 mission from 9th Mar.			

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 160600 FEB	TO(DATE & HOUR) 170600 FEB 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
1140			Div FSCC requested fire on two VC Co psns reported by ARVN (AT 989597, 996587). 2/12 assigned mission.		
1150			2/12 reported rds complete on above missions. Btry E fired Btry 1 volley on each tgt.		
1200			Directed 8" How Btry and 1/12 to CSMO weapons at Hill 41 and return to primary positions.		
1224			MP Convoy for HOI AN departing		
1315			Directed 8" How Btry to lay two guns as follows: one on az 6300, the other on 4000; the 8" hows as follows: one on az 6000, on on az 5000 and the other on az 3600		
1530			MP Convoy to HOI AN has returned.		

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ORGANIZATION		FROM(DATE & HOUR)		200600	TO(DATE & HOUR)	210600 FEB 1966	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTIONS TAKEN	
0900			Fm FSAC: Convoy under way from Tam Ky 0745. Now at check Pt 27, ETA 1130.				
0955			FSAC reports lead vehicle of convoy is at Check Pt 29.				
1020			FSAC reports rear of convoy passed Check Pt 36.				
1122			Head of Convoy arrived Homeplate.				
1955		201037Z	Fm CG 3d MarDiv to 2/1. Directed 2/1 to provide 155 Btry(-) to ARVN TF 31 CP effective 21Feb66.				
2000			Revd call from G-3. Congressmen ZABLOCKI(D-Wis) and COHELEN(D-CALIF) with party of four enroute to 12th Mar CP 1520-1530 21 Feb. 1530-1630 to visit and tour 12th Mar. Interested in battery level and below. Desires to meet constituents.				
2100			FSAC requested 1 rd illumination fo ARVN at coordinates 973686 Conc# HZ234.				
2105			2/12 fire 3 additional rds on illumination on Conc # HZ 234.				

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TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	NOTES TAKEN
0403			Rcvd possible fire mission fm FSCC. VC attack on bridge area at 012568 & 014568. Assigned to 2/12 (H-251(012568 and H-252 (014568). NO FIRE	
			NO FIRE	
0410			FSCC requested fire mission on H-251 & h-252. Assigned to 2/12(Btry 1, Fuze VT on each conc) Rds complete H-251 & H-252	
0421			FSCC requested fire mission at 012568 area w/VT, 200 meters N and 200 meters S of bridge. Assigned 2/12 Btry 1, VT Conc H-253 Rds complete	
0436			FSCC advised no comm w/HQ AN, stand easy.	
0500			FSCC advised ARVN has dispatched Reaction Force to area. 2/12 secured fm standby.	
0540			FSCC relayed request from G-3 - how many USMC & ARVN fire missions fired since 0700 yesterday?	
0600			In answer to 0540 entry - Reported 7 not observed missions for ARVN.	

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TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
0326			2/12 reported rounds complete.		
0330			ARVN requested Repeat Rn/Repeat FFE via FSCC. 2/12 reported 2d FFE compl, requested FSCC obtain surveillance.		
0336			FSCC reported still heavy attack at bridge , requested 1 rd every 30 sec. Corr/MOF passed to 2/12.		
0338			FSCC advised of possible fire mission. Area under atk (AT 042621), ARVN OP located at 035636. 2/12 notified and data plotted at 0340. FSCC advised that ARVN firing their 155's at 042621		
0351			FSCC requested change rate of fire to one rd/minute. Corr/MOF (HZ 248 & HZ 249) one rd/min acknowledged by 2/12. Requested surveillance from FSCC.		
0403			ARVN req fire mission via FSCC at 013568, Bridge being overrun, VT only. Assigned to 2/12 (Btry one rd, Sh HE, Fuze VT, HZ 250).		

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TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN
1150				Hq survey team reports they found an M26 grenade at 09858380.			
1845				Directed Echo Battery to lay on Az 3100, suspect 1 VC Bn (B2 rating) at 995575 moving north.			
1930				Directed Echo Battery to relay on primary azimuth.			
2205				Rcvd request for illumination from ARVN via FSCC at 020655. Assigned to 2/12. Cancelled ten minutes later, to be fired by 81mm Mortars.			
2255				Watch officer, 2/12 reported that OP 3 had sighted mortar rounds impacting at 018670 at 2200, two mortars firing at 013667 at 2217 and mortar rounds impacting at 002667 at 2230. 2/12 reported the sightings to CMR, which was unable to pick up any rounds.			
0315				Rcvd request from ARVN via FSCC for fire on coord 009567 and 017570. Assigned to 2/12 (battery one round, shell HE, fuze quick on each).			
				009567 - HZ-248 Tgt: atk on bridge 017570 - HZ-249			

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR)	220600	TO(DATE & HOUR)	230600 FEB 66	IN THE FIELD PLACEDANANG RVN
TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN
1710			Regt'l CO advised by G-4 that ferry is operating. Directed 2/12 to recon ferry to verify and if operating to move 155(SP) to E Btry position ASAP.				
1715			Advised by the watch officer, 2/12 that Lt BLASEN had reconnoitered ferry site. Had been told by NCO on site that although ferry was physically present it would not be operating until tomorrow. Directed 2/12 to have platoon return to primary position and resume normal mission.				
2105			2/12 reported that 2/9 was all back in regular position.				
0005			1/12 reports Kilo has suspected movement near their position. Have utilized hand illumination and have requested 81mm Illum. No further information at this time.				
0025			Kilo got 4 rds 81mm Illum, but unable to detect any movement outside perimeter.				

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TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN	
1345			CO directed 2/12 to displace 1 plt 155(SP) from Btry L to Btry E position.			VSOC & XO	
1415			CO directed 2/12 to displace another platoon of 155(SP) from Btry L				
			to Btry E position.				
1500			2/12 reported ferry not operating.			Notified CO, S4	
1530			Ivan Gun #4 in forward position and laid on az 3850.				
1535			CO directed 1/12 to move two 155(TD) to E Btry position.			Informed XO	
1545			Directed 2/12 to move 155(SP) to Hill 22 in lieu of E Btry position.				
			Cancelled 1/12 moving 2 155(TD). 2/12 reported only 3 155(SP) operative.				
1620			8" How Btry Gun #5 in forward position and laid on az 3850.				
1645			8" How Btry Gun #2 laid on az 6300.				
1700			Notified by 2/12 that 155(SP) unable to cross river due to bridge being				
			out. Directed them to return to primary position and standby for immediate				
			departure. Regt'l CO checking with G-4 concerning ferry.				

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR)	250600 FEB 66	TO(DATE & HOUR)	26 Feb 1966	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN
2110			2/12 FDC passed report from OP (MARKSMAN; Marble Mt) that they observed mortar flashes from (AT 082640) with rounds impacting at (AT 093637).				
			2/12 checking with 9th Marines FSCC to see if friendly fire. CMR (B) laid on az 2550				
2210			FSCC advised to be prepared for Rough Rider North opn; ETD 260700 w/2 rifle co's. Notified 1/12 and 2/12				
2245			3d Mar FSCC advised that two rifle co's from 9th Mar will go to Phu Bai by air morning of 26 Feb and that Rough Rider goes only if weather bad Further, if Rough Rider North executed security/Arty Support will come from 9th Mar/ 2d bn, 12th Mar.				Notified 2/12
2302			Rcvd request from ARVN via FSCC for fire on coord 028624 & 026622). Target intell report VC co position. Mission cleared by 9th Mar. Assigned 2/12 (Lima(Fwd) & Echo - Btry 2 volleys, shell HE, fuze Q on each)				

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TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
0725			Informed b y Div FSCC that Rough Rider North would probably no be executed.			
0900			Rcvd call from Div FSCC cancelling Rough Rider North.			Notified 1/12, 4/12
2030			From S-3, 3/11: Word rcvd from LY TIN District. Intelligence reported VC wounded from early morning infantry action in 2/7 area was located in abandoned village vicinity (BT 436052). At 1145, a TOT with C/1/11, G/3/12 and M/4/11 fired a battery 3 rds, shell mixed. Excellent effect on tgt, surveillance to follow.			
2130	CG 260808Z		Debark instructions BLT 2/3			
0115	CG III MAF 251420Z		Advance warning of possible ineny actions (Blackwatch message)			

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TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
1020			Fire mission from ARVN via FSCC: snipers at (AT 011635). Assigned to 2/12; directed them to activate 47.5 mc and contact Antenna Whip 38.		
1045			Fm FSCC: Mission above shifted to (AT 998629); VC Platoon. Sur: 50% cas.		
1546			"L" fwd plt Back to primary psn & laid ready to fire.		
2130			Seven personnel from 1st 8" How Btry sent to investigate small arms fire being received from French Bunker (AT 967774). Upon arrival, estimated 2 or 3 persons in bunker. Used small arms and grenades to clear bunker.		
			Evidence of fresh blood in bunker, possibly 1 VC WIA. Upon returning to vehicle, personnel received small arms fire from second bunker, personnel threw grenade and returned to Btry position, One USMC WIA(minor).	Passed G-2, FSCC CO	
2150			"C" Btry 1/12 received approximately 100 rds small arms fire in position. Fire apparently directed at FDC bunker. Area illuminated, fire returned negative results, no casualties.	Passed to G-2, FSEC to G-3, CO	