

HEADQUARTERS
12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
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, KS-2 12-3
(2) - Command Chronology, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
(3) - Command Chronology, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
(4) - Command Chronology, 3d Bn, 12th Marines
(5) - Command Chronology, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
(6) - Command Chronology, 1st 8" How Battery (SP), FMF
(7) - Command Chronology, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), FMF

1. As directed by reference (a), the following command chronology for the period 1-31 March 1966 is submitted.

a. Organizational Data

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

<u>UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION/COORD</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
12th Marine Regiment (-)(Rein)	DaNang AT 958757	G/S - 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery (-)	-do- -do-	
1st Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines	DaNang AT 957758	D/S - 3d Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "A"	-do- 939722	
Battery "A", 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 922791	
Battery "B"	-do- 921737	
107mm Mortar Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 934838	
Battery "E", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 921799	

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2d Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Mar	DaNang AT 995722	D/S - 9th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "D"	-do- BT 064680	
Battery "E"	-do- AT 986644	
Battery "F"	-do- 933666	
107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Bn,	-do- 966618	
12th Mar		
Battery "I", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 988672	
3d Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines	PhuBai YD 877145	D/S - 4th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "I"	-do- 872139	
Battery "G", 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 871140	
Battery "B", 1st Bn, 11th Mar	-do- 868136	
Mort Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Mar	-do- 881148	
Battery "M", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 880149	
4th Bn (-), 12th Marines	DaNang AT 943764	G/S
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), FME	DaNang AT 964712	G/S
1st 8" How Battery (SP), FME	DaNang AT 955775	G/S

(2) Period Covered: 1-31 March 1966

(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. FRITCH 011910	
S-1/Adj	1stLt GLASSMEYER 087778	1-13 Mar 1966
	Capt R. V. BRENNAN 076831	14-31 Mar 1966
S-2	Maj W. R. DITTMANN 059033	
S-3	LtCol T. J. JOHNSTON Jr 026878	
Asst S-3	Maj B. N. BITTNER 064637	
Asst S-3	Capt L. R. WILLIAMS 073714	
S-4	Maj S. M. MORROW 052130	
MFO	Capt M. J. ZACHODNI 075616	
SupO	Capt T. S. MAIRS 081905	1-24 Mar 1966
	Capt N. M. LARIMER 070399	25-31 Mar 1966
OrdO	Maj H. C. SOMMERVILLE 060802	1-26 Mar 1966
	WO A. L. CLARK 082849	26-31 Mar 1966
AO	1stLt E. C. BROWN 089725	
Asst FSC	LtCol W. E. MCCAIN 023418	
Asst FSC	Maj K. G. PATTERSON 066058	
PersO	1st Lt GLASSMEYER 087778	14-31 Mar 1966

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TIO	Capt G. M. WASTILLA 083784	
CommO	Maj A. M. GRAY 056067	
Sur/Metro Off	1stLt L. G. KLEIBOEKER 087370	1-2 Mar 1966
SurO	1stLt L. G. KLEIBOEKER 087370	3-31 Mar 1966
MetroO	2dLt L. D. HOSEK 082720	3-31 Mar 1966
RadarO	1stLt J. R. BELL 087202	
NGFO	LtCdr R. C. MASON 532203 USN	
Surgeon	Lt J. M. BALDWIN 684523 USN	
Chaplain	LtCdr O. E. KINZLER 573708 USN	
Hq Commandant	Maj D. N. HARMAN 060586	

(4) Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
175	2591	13	52

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel

(1) Joined 49 USMC officers, 536 USMC enlisted, 7 USN officers and 5 USN enlisted during the month of March. (This includes 7 officers and 142 enlisted in 1st 155mm Gun Battery and 1 officer and 15 enlisted in 1st FAG Survey/Metro Team joining ADCON of this Regiment.) 26 USMC officers, 334 USMC enlisted, 1 USN officer and 4 USN enlisted rotated to CONUS.

(2) Shortages

(a) Shortages exist in the following MOS's (with projected April losses):

0120	(2)	2531	(105)
0130	(9)	3371	(16)
0141	(11)	3531	(41)
0239	(2)	9999-1stSgt	(4)
OF 08-IT's	(29)		

b. Intelligence

(1) The assignment of five (5) more interpreters has added to the overall effectiveness of units reconnaissance and security patrols.

(2) There has been a marked increase in small arms harrassing fire in the vicinity of Alpha Battery, 1st Bn, 11th Mar (AT 9279). Echo Battery

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2/12 patrol killed one VC tax collector and confiscated the tax stamps and certificates in addition to 1200 piasters. Arty AO reports continue to indicate an increase in VC diggings in the South and Southwest portion of the TAOR and an increase in VC automatic weapons fire directed at reconnaissance aircraft. Aerial photos of all battalion and battery positions were taken and analyzed to increase the effectiveness of defenses. Precision registrations by artillery AO's were conducted for 8" Howitzer and 155mm Gun Batteries.

(3) English language classes are continuing three times a week for two hours each evening in Da Son (AT 9276). English language class held every Saturday morning Da Mon (BT 0671). Bath tub of concrete and stone was constructed with help of villagers in the village of Da Mon. St Patricks Day party given by people of Da Son for Marines.

(4) Twenty-four (24) Hometown News Releases were forwarded to the Division ISO. In addition five (5) feature articles were released to the news media.

(5) Unit intelligence training has been on the correct and timely use of intelligence spot reporting.

c. Training. During the reporting period the regiment trained all members of the Division Scout Sniper School and the entire Force Recon Company in FO procedures. Additionally the Regiment graduated eleven (11) 12th Marine students from the three week FO School conducted by 3/12 at Phu Bai. Twelve (12) students graduated from a Special Weapons course on Okinawa.

d. Communications

(1) During this reporting period continued emphasis was placed on improving and up grading the overall regimental communication system. Construction of the new regimental communication center bunker and switch-board bunker was completed with full operation commencing on 17 Mar 1966. Completion of sandbag reinforcement is expected to be completed in early April.

(2) Due to the shifting of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines to Phu Bai and the return of the Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines to the Da Nang enclave, a realignment of the covered KW-7 circuit was accomplished between the Da Nang-Phu Bai enclaves.

(3) Staff visits were made to all artillery units in the Da Nang and Phu Bai enclaves. Extensive ground reconnaissance was continued in conjunction with selection of potential wire routes and radio relay sites to support future requirements.

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8 Apr 1966e. Fire Support

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

Observed Missions	1,400
Unobserved Missions	1,456
Registrations	127
H&I Missions	10,204
 Total	 13,187

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

105mm High Explosive	32,613
105mm Illumination	1,164
105mm Smoke (WP)	2,244
107mm High Explosive	3,551
107mm Illumination	351
107mm Smoke (WP)	921
155mm How High Explosive	11,393
155mm How Smoke (WP)	644
155mm How Illumination	295
155mm Gun High Explosive	1,701
155mm Gun Smoke (WP)	125
8" How High Explosive	1,240
 Total	 56,242

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

- (1) The battery received and constructed the following bunkers.

(a) One (1) 8 x 12 x 8 - Telephone Switchboard

(b) Four (4) 8 x 12 x 8 configured to two (2) 12 x 24 x 8
Regimental FDC - Regimental Comm Center.

(2) There has been a continued improvement in the Motor Transport deadline rate. As of 25 February the deadline rate was 8% and as of 31 March the rate has dropped to 0%. There has been continued improvement also in the number of spare parts received for motor transport.

g. Regimental Chaplain

- (1) Divine Services

(a) Services conducted - 28

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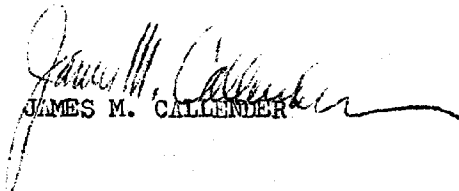
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- (b) Total Attendance - 357
- (c) Memorial Services - 2
- (d) Catholic Services in Regiment - 23
- (e) Attendance - 320
- (f) Catholic Parties Leaving Area - 17
- (g) No. in Party - 91
- (h) Catholic Memorial Service - 1
- (2) Counseling Cases - 24
- (3) Pastoral Calls
 - (a) Field Contacts - 992
 - (b) Hospital - 89
- (4) Conferences
 - (a) III MAF/Division Chaplain's Conference - 5
 - (b) Staff Conference - 3
- (5) Miscellaneous
 - (a) Bible Study classes - 5, Attendance - 15
 - (b) Civic Action - Took 14 Marines to WEC orphanage where they underwrote support of 16 orphans at \$10.00 per month per child. Also took soap and clothing to the orphanage. Regimental Chaplain attended four (4) English classes in Da Son. He met twice with the Bishop of DaNang Cao Dai Temple and discussed needs and plans for construction of an orphanage. He conferred with USOM Representative for III MAF concerning materials for this orphanage - approval of plans has to come from Saigon.
 - (c) Inspection - Regimental Chaplain was inspected by Division Chaplain's staff during CG Inspection.
 - (d) Lectures - Thirteen on "Religions of Viet Nam". Four lectures have been given by Doctor - Chaplain team on "VD Control".
 - (e) Two taped interviews by WDAY-TV, Fargo, North Dakota.

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8 Apr 1966h. Special Events

- (1) On 2 March, General YU, Commandant of the Nationalist Chinese Marine Corps, visited and toured this command.
- (2) On 10 March, General KONG, Commandant of the Korean Marine Corps, visited and toured this command.
- (3) On 14 March, Major General W. B. KYLE visited and toured this command.


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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 28 Feb 1966 TO 1900 1 Mar 1966

TIME	FROM	JNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
011045H	1st Bn	J-1	Heard 1 rd fired and obs it hit in the middle of 132 VN working in the rice paddies in the vic of 936707, patrol searched area but had neg contact.	

ENCLOSURE (1)

S-2 JNL

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 1 Mar _ _ TO 1900 2 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
020710H		1st Bn	J-1	Kilo heard S/A fire in vicinity of coord. AT9179, approximately 15 rounds. Goose Alpha(N) confirmed the same. Firing siezed at 11 020725, nothing could be observed by Goose Kilo, or Goose Alpha(N).	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 2 Mar TO 1900 3 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
030030H	1st Bn	J-1	recd 4 rds of SA fire coming from vic 937837 they believe the rds were from a carbine	G-2/3/6

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Negative report

Negative report

ACTION

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 5 Mar TO 1900 6 Mar 1966			
TIME	FROM	JRNL	
IN OUT	TO	NO	MESSAGE ACTION
061840H	2nd Bn	J-2	<p>8 Man patrol from "D" btry received 10 incoming rds. A Marine was wounded when he was standing behind a tree, rd penetrated tree he was standing behind a tree, rd penetrated tree hitting marine's shoulder, additional group of 8 marines sent out to rein force patrol and laid down a base fire so that that chopper could land for Medevac it is beleived that 2 VC were incountered also partol leader thought that one VC had a M-1 or a M-14.</p>
			G/2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 6 Mar -- T0900 7 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
062150H		8"	J-1	2140 5 rds of sa in the vic of arvn compound at 2100 heard 5 rds of SA in village of	Lesson G-2/3/6
071205H		2nd Bn	J-2	Btry F patrol found wounded Vietnamese at 963722, patrol turned him over to Swain	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 7 Mar TO 1900 8 Mar 66

TIME		FROM	JENL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	OUT	TO	NO		

Negative Report

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Negative Report

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 9 Mar TO 1900 10 Mar 66

TIME		FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	OUT	TO	NO		

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 12 Mar TO 1900 13 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
121915H	2nd Bn	J-1	India 3/3 received at 1900H eight (8) rounds 60mm mortar fire sustained one (1) WIA. FM coor 953593 sixteen (16) HE surv "Rounds on Target"	G-2/3/6
122240H	1st Bn	J-2	Outpost received one (1) grenade, exploded five (5) meters from empty gun pit. No damage.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 13 Mar TO 1900 14 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
140910		1st Bn	J-1	Goose Brave has received fairly reliable information that there will be a demonstration sometime today in AP-LA coords AT9274, interpreter is checking on it more	G-2/3/6
141340			J-2	Hamlet chief died long ago. Just a dispute between 2 barber and laundry shops. During dispute one group brought up that other shop built over old grave. No verification that it was over grave, villagers know nothing about incident. Believe settled---there will be no demonstration. CI on scene also	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900_14_Mar TO 1900_15_Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
142020		2nd Bn	J-1	HQ Btry reported 3-5 rounds S/A fire incoming.	G-2/3/6
142400		2nd Bn		Rounds landed in Hq Btry area, no suspected VC, rounds came from vicinity of ASP (due west).	G-2/3/6
151600H		G-2		Parchment CO requests no military action at coord. AT878505 between 150700H and 172000H. La-Tain religious sect is holding meetings on opening new church. Lanterns lighting area at night. Message will follow.	S-3

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 15 Mar 1968 16 Mar

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
161123H			1st Bn	J-1	One (1) round of small arms fire into K-4-12 position from the north. Believed to be ARVN forces.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 16 Mar _ TO 1900 17 Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 17 Mar TO 1900 18 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
172030H		2nd Bn	J-1	Wiskey Btry received S/A fire.	G-2/3/6
180830H		1st Bn.	J-2	M-26's turned into A (N) by local VN. This is the second time that VN locals turned gear in. A total of 3 M-26's and 6 M-79 rds.	G-2/3/6
181330H		1st Bn.	J-3	Wire team received 4 rounds S/A fire believed to be bolt-action rifle, while trouble shooting lines at coordinates AT956765. Returned 6 rounds and checked area--negative results.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD1900 18 Mar TO1900 19 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
182320H		1st Bn.	J-1	Delta Btry observed two (2) unidentified persons laying approximately 100 meters SW of Btry perimeter, illuminated by spotlight, taken under fire by frag grenade, two (2) persons observed leaving.	G-2/3/6
191342H		2nd Bn.	J-2	A PFC (FO) reported that according to villagers there were at least 100 VC in this area (Grid Sq AT 9660) last night. They reported that the VC carried off at least 20 KIA due to the firing by 2nd Battalion, and that there is still VC in the area.	G-2/3/6
191430H		2nd Bn.		Following of Spot Report 191342H-30 KIA instead of 20 and 200 VC in area instead of 100 as well as many more VC wounded. F/2/9 patrol found 10 VC KIA this morning Whiskey Btry, Echo, And Lima fired on suspected VC mortar positions. Patrol in that area today found steel casings frags of 60mm and remnants of mortar tubs. Infantry Co Cmdr saw artillery rounds land in area of mortar flashes.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 19 Mar _ TO 1900 20 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
201210H	1st Bn.	J-1	Mr Nguyen TOAN, ID card #361836, a detective from Quang Nam reported there is one (1) VC by the name of Nguyen Van HAI in the hamlet of Khanh Son, coord. AT952768. 1/12 passed to 3rd Mar, 3rd Mar will handle.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 20 Mar TO 1900 21 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
202130H		2nd Bn.	J-1	D/2/12 fired 4 S/A rounds at 4 VCS who were crawling toward D/2/12 position from the SouthWest. D/2/12 took VCS under fire approximately 100-150 meters from Btry. All 4 VCS fled and fired no rounds. Area illuminated before firing.	G-2/3/6
219115H		1st Bn.	J-2	K-4-12 attached to 1-12 was probed by one (1) VCS from the east of the Btry position. Area was illuminated and VCS taken under fire about ten (10) meters from wire by M-60. Nine (9) rounds were fired and VCS was believed to be wounded.	G-2/3/6
211445H		2nd Bn.	J-3	E-2-12 Squad patrol searching Yen-Ne village found no villagers except for one (1) child and an old woman in hut. The patrol started to search nearby shelters and entered from both ends of shelter, Marines observed one (1) crouched VC. The VC threw grenade, marines returned one (1) grenade, killing two (2) VC. The patrol later found a firing point marker pointing to bunker #3. Marker at 984669. At 211115H the patrol recieved SA fire from 6VC, believed they returned to pick up bodies. Patrol followed VC toward AMTRAC patrol. Broke contact. 1120 one(1) VN child MEDEVAC to 2/9BAS	

Negative Report

G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PERD 1900 23 Mar TO 1900 24 Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM	TO	JRNL	NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report.

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PERD 1900 24 Mar TO 1900 25 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
241012H		1st Bn.	J-1	Goose Whiskey vehicle hit a land mine at acords AT940825. 1 WIA-medevac. Vehicle was from FLSG as was WIA 1/12 Passed cor rected information at approx 1115.	G-2/3/6
241900H		1st Bn.	J-2	A K-4-12 patrol caught 2 young men (Vietnamese) in the vicinity of a buried mortar round (possibly 60mm). Additional info from 1/12 at 2045-- interrogated by 12th Marines interpreter the 2 VCS stated they had found round and were examining it when apprehended by K-4-12 patrol. Nguyen DO and Tran TIEU both claimed to be farmers and 55 years old. Both had ID cards but DO's ID card stated he was 59. Both sent to 3rd ITT.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 25 Mar TO 1900 26 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
242315H		8" How	J-1	NE of 8" How of highway #1 a sentry stated that a vehicle driving north on route #1 was fired upon by what sounded to be an automatic weapon. The automatic weapon fired approx 20 rounds. Vehicle appeared to be heading toward 7th Engr.	G-2/3/6
251830H		1st Bn.	J-2	A 12 man patrol received 1 S/A round approx 300 meters East of Delta position. Patrol did not return fire. Btry out-post fired 1 round.	G-2/3/6
261855H		4th Bn.	J-3	Wire team received 3 rounds S/A fire approximately 400 meters SW of their position--at coords. AT910813. Eight rounds S/A fire was returned. Results unknown.	

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 26 Mar TO 1900 27 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
262035H	2nd Bn.	J-1	Delta Btry received S/A fire and several grenades from 3 to 4 VC on right flank (west flank). Also several VC positioned to rear of Btry position. Gun #1 prepared to fire direct fire if S/A fire is continued.	G-2/3/6
270755H	1st Bn	J-2	K-1-12 patrol received one (1) round S/A fire at above coords. (AT917793), Did not return fire, no injuries. Request thru 3rd Marines to 1st Bn 3rd Marines for a platoon size sweep of that area.	G-2/3/6
271730H	1st Bn.	J-3	K-1-12 patrol handed message in French by Vietnamese. Message stated: Village at AT915794 has many VC in Village. Village approximately 900meters SW of Kilo Btry. position.	G-2/3/6
			G-3 2 reinforced squad patrol moving in to area at 1900.	
			History of a previous incident similar. Lines to Kilo cut for last 5-6 nights. 1/12 requests infantry patrols to check out.	
			272220H--Received call from S-2 1/12 stating 3rd Marines sent two squads into area with negative results.	

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PERD 1900 27 Mar TO 1900 28 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
280915H	1st Bn.	J-1	At 0900 Kilo patrol passed through the hamlet of Van Duong W/O incident, when they were approximately 400 meters west of that hamlet at coords 908798 they heard 2 rounds of S/A fire from coords 915794. Not sure rounds were directed at them. Request interpreter for 1500 patrol at Kilo.	G-2/3/6
281030H	3rd ITT	J-2	Two VN males apprehended by K/1/12 patrol (241900H) in vicinity of buried mortar round were turned over to 3rd ITT. Interrogation revealed that they were going to move round off their land & tried to report it to the Marines. 3rd ITT turned them over to ARVN group HQ.	G-2/3/6
281105H	8"	J-3	Found 2 Punji traps coords AT872765. Size 2 1/2' by 2 1/2'. Traps destroyed by grenades. Found 1 dud (872790).	G-2/3/6
291635H	1st. Bn.	J-4	Kilo patrol went with interpreter to the village of Ap Huong Phuac coords AT914795 and talked to a 14 year old boy who said that there are many VC in the area. No further action. No other contacts made.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 28 Mar TO 1900 29 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
282045H		2nd Bn.	J-1	2 VC sighted SW of Btry position, VC ran into treeline when illuminated (hand type) was fired. Tossed three frag grenades and fired several magazines of M-14 ammunition into treeline.	G-2/3/6
282200H		1st Bn.	J-2	Relay point at AT944749 received 1 round incoming S/A fire at 2210. 1/12 radio site.	G-2/3/6
291045H		1st Bn.	J-3	One of the villagers in the hamlet of Da Son AT963766 reported that there is a Marine deserter living in the hamlet. He has been there about 10 days and goes by the name of "Jim". He has civilian clothing and never lives in the same house for very long. It is felt the natives will give this man every bit of protection because they like him and do not wish to see him hurt by being sent to Chu Lai.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 29 Mar TO 1900 30 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN OUT	TO	NO		
291930H	1st Bn.	J-1	Kilo Btry found small cave 1 mile E. of position. Cave has not been used recently. Will investigate on morning patrol. Getting dark when cave was discovered.	G-2/3/6
301215H	1st Bn.	J-2	(Jim) the Marine deserter left Da Son AT963766 about 1730 yesterday for Khanh Son AT953768 and from there headed towards mountains to the north. Goose 2 comment--Believed to be headed for the hamlet at AT926772.	G-2/3/6 PMO

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PERD 1900 30 Mar TO 1900 31 Mar 66					
TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
302245H		2nd Bn.	J-1	Two VC approached Delta Btry position from the southwest, Sentries threw one frag grenade, fired 50 rounds S/A.	G-2/3/6
302350H		2nd Bn.	J-2	OP Marksman reports harrasing S/A fire 200 meters east and movement around their position (078710). 100% alert.	G-2/3/6
311000H		155 Guns	J-3	Patrol approaching village heard drums in building. Drums progressed to other buildings along river. 10-15 minutes later a fire fight was heard across the river. Members of patrol entered buildings-seen nothing unusual.	G-2/3/6
311045H		1st Bn.	J-4	A Whiskey Btry wire team at 933794 picked up a young Vietnamese male with no ID card, on way to village chief a shot was fired over their heads at AT935796. Village chief said boy was o.k.	G-2/3/6
311815H		1st Bn.	J-5	Security Agent in Da Son AT963766 reported that the reason VC are giving little activity in BURK TAOR is they are using the mountains just north of Song CA DE as OP to count the road traffic and ships. C-3	G-2/3/6

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 010600 MAR 66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 020600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0950		281451Z	CG 3D MarDiv - OpCon CHU LAI arty units (less Hq Btry, 3/12) chop to 11th Marines.		
1752			Rcvd call from 1/12 watch officer stating that W/1/12 has returned to its battery position but is not laid.		
2113			FSCC reported "D" Btry was firing at (BT 039720) & 045726) on A/W fire. ARVN FO adjusting.		
2202			FSCC reported "D" Btry firing illum men (AT 085615) on suspected enemy posn. FO is "D"4.		
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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 030600 MAR	TO(DATE & HOUR) 040600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACEDANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1240			Btry C departed primary psn to Air Freight on way to Phu Bai		
2008			Rcvd call from watch officer 2/12 with following spot report: A - E/2/12.		
			B - 031815. C- E Btry Position.D - At 031715H an E Btry fire team patrol		
			apprehended one VCS vic Dong Song(3) (AT 991671). VCS turned over to 2/9		
			for interrogation. Interrogation revealed that suspect was VCC operating		
			with group of other VC. Suspect attempted to avoid apprehension and later		
			stated that 3 other VC were in immediate area. They were armed with auto-		
			matic wpns and 3 rifles. Info was passed to 2/9 and a squad made a sweep		
			of the area with negative results. VCC stated that he had been working		
			with the VC for 2 1/2 months and when apprehended was carrying various types		
			of local medicines. Patrol will continue tomorrow in that area.		
2010			Rcvd call from 3d Mar FSCG: In spt of HS 63 "Pie in Sky" effective from		
			031600 to 081000H. Restructured air operations to 10,000 ft from 902820 to		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 040600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 050600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS. MESSAGES. ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0715			Rough Rider underway	
1657			FSOC (Div) reports Rough Rider is in.	
0105		CG 041212Z	0730 to 1200, 5 Mar ARVN troops will be conducting jump training, (AT 965783). 8" & 1/12 notified	
0115		CG 040842Z	Suspension from issue & use of following ammo lots: A. C445 CTC HE 105mm M1 Lots KN-35-3XA and KN-35-3X. B. M412 Fuze VT M513 (T226E2) Lot SAA- 6264-HA-55.	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 050600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 060600 MAX MAR 66	IN THE FIELD ELACEDANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
2030			Div FSCC & 1/12 rpt: 1/3 said they rcvd explosions (believed to be arty) 500 meter from psn (AT 829782). Check by this Hq reveals no arty was firing within 3000M of above coords. Recheck with 3d Mar FSCC stated arty not blamed, checking Mort.		
2206			3d Mar FSCC stated that 3d Marines determined the above explosions were from their 81 Mortars firing H&I's.		Notified FSCC Notified CO
2249			3d Mar requested via 1/12 that Conc HZ 402 (AT 845603) be fired ASAP. Passed to 1st 8". One rd fired at 2255H.		
0031			Rcvd RED HAZE report from FSCC: Suspected VC camp fires (AT 204624 & 204558). Cleared with 3d Mar. Assigned to 1st 8", 2 rds each tgt w/155 Fuze VT, Conc HZ 407 & 408. Had FSCC clear w/DASC for max clearance. safe to fire.		Gun

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ORGANIZATION Hq. 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 080600 Mar66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 090600 Mar66	PLACE Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0825			K(X-ray) back to pri position	Not. FSCC
0845			Received call from 1st 8" How Btry stating that recon patrol in elephant valley has been retracted and requested permission to return 8" platoon to battery position. Permission granted.	Not. FSCC
1132		CG 3D Mar Div 071458Z	Rough Rider North (for 1/1)-Execute NLT 090900H	
1132		CG 3D Mar Div 080213Z	Rough Rider North-Change execute to NLT 100900H	
1533			Passed following msg to 1st 8" How Btry - Activate D-147 at 100600H.	
			Be prepared to answer calls for fire from Permission Alpha South 4 in support of Operation Rough Rider North.	
1535		12th Marines 080730Z	To 1st 8" How Btry-Support Recon patrols HS-64, HS-67, and HS-70 w/1 How & 1 gun via B Btry pos. Co D, 3D Recon Bn op order 18-66 sent by courier.	
Late 1030			8" How Btry reports platoon at Lemy back in primary position.	Not. FSCC

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ORGANIZATIONHq. 12thMar			FROM(DATE & HOUR)080600 Mar66	TO(DATE & HOUR) 090600 Mar66	PLACEDanang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1710		CG 3DMarDiv 080104Z	Rpt. of Casualties 65-66		None.
1710		CG 3DMarDiv 080054Z	Red Ball System		None
1725		CG 3DMarDiv 081125Z	To 1/12-Clarification on authority to fire for Recon patrol.		None
2045			Div F800 called-Rough Rider canceled meeting, 0900 at I Corps postponed		
			until 1015.		
2123			CMR reports "B" Set is up.		None
2250			1st Guns reported he relaid 2 Guns on Az 4300 in order to fire his		
			H&I's Relaid and ready at 2250 hrs.		None
0055			1/12 reported #2 piece in Kilo (a M109) was out of action due to bent		
			follower. No estimate on time for repair since will require contact team.		

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ORGANIZATION Hq. 12thMar			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 090600 Mar66	TO(DATE & HOUR) 100600 Mar66	PLACE Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1000			8" Btry spt. Recon requested spt fire as they could not reach target		
			1st Guns assigned mission.		
1300			8" rpt 8" How in Btry B pos. down. Directed them to return How to pri		
			pos without replacement. 1st Guns will take over mission in that area		
			of fire.		
1430			Received call from DivF300 stating that a Special Forces Camp at As Hu		
			(YC 5084) has been under seige by VC since 090300H. It is being defended		
			by 300 Nungs with 2-4.2" mortars and 3-81mm mortars. They are running		
			low on ammo. "P" (2/1) has been alerted as have two Nung companies at		
			ThuBai and Marble Mountain.		
1617		CG 30MarDiv 090130Z	Rough Rider North cancelled		
1708			8" rpts. Guns 3&5 out of action getting ready to board ship.		

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ORGANIZATION Hq. 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 090600 Mar66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 100600 Mar66	PLACE Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1640		-Late Entry-	Phoncon 1st 8" How displace 1 Plat to vic B Btry AZ 4100 & 4800-Prepare		
			Plat 155 Guns for boarding ship 100700. Confirmed by 12th Mar 091140Z		
1820		CG 3D Mar Div 090915Z	Change to 3D Mar Div CPO 343-66 for mission to 3D SF Bn		
1846			HS 64 has returned		
1848			LVTH-6 Plat Phoncon: to be in position 10 Mar & anticipated reg. by		
			noon.		
1901			HS 66 has returned		
1937		CG 3D Mar Div 090540Z	Requirement to submit CT locations by 091800H		
2210			1/12 tpts Btry E recieved small arms fire-med evac by infantry forward		Spot rpt to Div.
			of position.		
0210			FSCC mts 9th Mar relieving mortar fire at 9963.		
0214			2/12 fired on suspect mortar position at 901632. Rds on tgt.		
0510			3D Mar FSCC request that 1st 155 Gun Btry fire on VC CP (82536031) at		
			100600H. Conc FX116		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 100600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 110600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0800		^{3d Mar Div} CG, 090255Z	Cancel OP PLAN 379-66 & downgrade to confidential		FILE
1242			Recd call from Div FSCC stating that a Rough Rider North would be executed tomorrow.		Not. METRO
	1404		Passed following msg to 1st 8" How Btry - Activate D-147 at 110600H.		
			Be prepared to answer calls for fire from Permission Alpha South 4 in support of operation Rough Rider North. Clearance for mission considered automatic when transmitted by FO.		
1532		^{3d Mar Div} CG, 100608Z	Rough Rider North Execute NLT 110700H		
1700			Ivan reported 155mm Guns departed CP.		
1720			Div. FSCC Reg. fire mission 945574 & 951571 mortars firing FFE. To 2/12 & 1st 155 Guns. Surveillance to follow.		
0050			FIRREP from 2/12: Alpha BD 168; Bravo 075608; Charlie, VC Mortar & Small Arms Fire; Delta, 6HE; Echo, None; Foxtrot, FO Delta 2; Golf, 0015H; Hotel, Did not fire for effect.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 110600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 120600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACEDANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1200			3d Mar reports HS-70 extracted 111155H MAR		
1410			4th Div FSCC: Rough Rider arrived Phu Bai		
2125			4th Bn, 12th Mar msg 111200Z regarding retention of personnel		
2240			CTF 67 msg 110242Z on Air support & river transit support in RVN was sighted.		
2355			FSCC reported that the Danang garrison had reported that a VN vessel had		None except
			been fired on by USMC mortars in the 9588 grid square. Investigation		1/12 & 2/12
			revealed that the vessel hadn't identified itself. Our mortars were		say W btry nd
			firing H&I's (AT 955891 & 949891) in our own TAOR.		firing H&Is
					tonight
0005			CG 3d MarDiv msg 110720Z relates to Precautions due to relief CG 1 CTZ.		
0005			CG 3d MarDiv msg relates to LtGen THI removal		
0230			Rcvd request for H&I's from 3d Recon via 1/12 in spt of HS-71 at (AT 845614,		Assigned
			hillside; 842611, hillside; 838606, stream; 837603, stream; 837598, hillside)		to Guns
			ASAP-NIT 0600, Cleared by 3d Mar, Assigned to 135 Guns		
0235			(2 rds H&I Fz Delay on each. Conc HZ 510-514)		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 120600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 130600 MAR 66	PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0920			3rd Mar rpts that Rough Rider departed Pha Bai 0815 for return trip		
1236			3rd Mar rpt Rough Rider is back.		
1900			Div FSCC rpts that hill #55 received mortar rds (coor-9661) notified		
			CMR to scan AZ 3580.		
2040			1st Guns rpts enemy action around perim of EP more detail later.		FSCC
2240			Alpha South had one enemy grenade explode near outpost and within 5		
			meters of empty gun pit. Alpha North has one gun prepared to fire		
			illum. No damage or casualties.		

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ORGANIZATIONHQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 130600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 140600 MAR 66	PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0910			HS 68 & 69 is back		
1140			Recon requested fire on manned VC OP. 1st Gun fired (831601) No sur.		
1330			Recon H-S 73 departing for field.		
1848			Received call from Div G-2 that reports fr 3d MAF Center I Corps rq		
			no military action be taken at (AT 878505) between 150700 & 172000.		
			The LA -TAIN religious sect is holding meeting honoring establishment		
			of new church, lanterns will light area at nite,		
2230			Div FSCC rpts Coast Guard cutter believes he was fired on by single		
			mortar round vic AT 9588. CMR(N) directed to search on AZ 5900.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM(DATE & HOUR) 140600		TO(DATE & HOUR) 150600 MAR 66	PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0700			Received fire mission form Recon for 1st Guns , 2 VC troops. Sur: 2 KIA		
0940			8" Btry rats local demonstration planned vic platoon Btry B(1/12)		Notified, G-2,
			position in sympathy with death of nearby village chief allegedly		Bn S-2
			attributeable to noise of cannon fire.		
1020		CG 3DMarDiv 131432Z	Identified 1st Prov Amphib How Plat as subject of his 120749Z-Confirms		
			LWTH-6 Plat being OpCon 12th Mars when delivering indirect fire.		
1315			PhonCon-to 1st 8" How CO. Displace one plat 8" How to hill 41 immed.		
			Support Recon patrols HS-74. Answer calls for fire directly from		
			patrol as cleared by Recon LNO representing 3D Mar. Freq. 51.0(D-255)		
			AZ 4600.		
1325			Informed CO's of 1st 8" How Btry and 1st 155mm Gun Btry that one T/O		
			and T/E How/Gun section would be exchanged between batteries ASAP.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM(DATE & HOUR) 140600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 150600 MAR 66	PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1423			8", 1st 155 Guns, K, L, E, Mortar Btry, fired TOT at 1400 on program of counter flak targets. Duration 15 min. Tgt developed by Div FSOC.	
			Excellent effect on tgt. Program #4.	
1600		141100 12th Mar	Confirmed phonecom 141315H	
1630			Refired TOT minus 8". Sur by FC for both TOT; 26 houses destroyed & dne AA pos.	
1645			1st 8" reports that the 155 Guns they received in place of one of their 8" is in position & ready to fire. Coor 954779 AZ 3900	
1655			1st 8" reports that the two 8" that went to hill 41 are in position & ready to fire. Coor 934664 AZ 4600	
1730			1st 155G reports that the 8" they received in place of one of their 155G is in position & ready to fire. Coor 988722 AZ 2700	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 140600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 150600 MAR 66	PLACE DaNang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
	2015		Called CO 1st 8" How Btry and directed him to return the 2 8" How at B Btry position to home position and lay on AZ 6100 NLIT 150800H		
2035			2/12 rpts 3-5 rds small arms directed forward apparently toward ammo dump. Rpted to 9th Mar. 142020		Informed S-2
	2040		Phonon to 1st 8" How Btry. Relay 155 Gun on 4600. Come up on D-218		
2345		CG 3DMarDiv 140610Z	Cited msg Re: 3d Recon Bn OP plan 11-66 Directing Activation TE ECHO		Msg on S-3
			FBR planning and execution NLIT 19 Mar 1966		board
0054			1/12 advised cease fire "C" & "D" areas.		Notified 1st 8",
					1st 155G
0200			1/12 advised cease fire "C" & "D" areas lifted.		Notified 8", 155
					Guns

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 150600 MAR	TO(DATE & HOUR) 160600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1830			From 1/12: Fire Support Ship USS JENKINS DD447 firing for OP Pretext		
			26C and DONG DEN fired 185 rds HE with excellent coverage on tgts		
2025			Report from Div TIO: Intelligence reveals VC Company w/Mort vic BT 008704		
			and strong possibility DaNang & DaNang East to be mortared. Div desires		
			fires be planned from BT 000705 to BT 032726).		
					ALERTED CO 2/12.
					Reoriented CMRs
					on(N) 3250 & (S)
					5050. Assigned
					LVTH-6 Plt msn of
					reinforcing 2/12
2055			Div FSCC rpts two HU-1E gunships to be on station 0001-0400H.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 160600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 170600 MAR 66	PLACEDANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1737			"K" Xray is in position at Le My. Laid AZ 5100 and prepared to support recon patrols.		
2005			Received call from Div FSCC stating that an ARVN Rough Rider (North) was to be executed tomorrow morning and that an Fo team was requested to report to the CO 11th Transportation Bn Hq ARVN by 170630H. This headquarte s is located 100 meters north of III MAF Hq on route #1.		Notified CO,Fo team to be provided from Hq 12th Mar
	2145		Called watchhsofficer 1/12 and informed him that Fo team with ARVN convoy would use D-151 (1st Bn FD net) as a secondary conduct of fire net. Call sign-Muster Sierra. Primary conduct of fire net D-164 netting only with 12th Mar FDC.		
2315			FSCC passed request fm ARVN for fire spt. outpost being overrun coords (947584) directed 2/12 to firethe mission.		Notified CO

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 170600 MAR	TO(DATE & HOUR) 180600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0622			RECEIVED Received call from FO Team assigned to ARVN convoy stating that they		
			had arrived at the 11th Transportation Bn and that the convoy would leave		
			0700H.		
0711			ARVN convoy with FO team from 12th Mar departed for Phu Bai from Danang.		
	1015		Advised 1/12(S-3) by phoncon that our msg 160325Z(Subj: Arty Spt for Recon		
			Ops) was modified with respect to displacing two 155mm Hows to Hill 41.		
			Specifically allowed 1/12 to displace immediately after road was swept		
			of mines (Approx 0830) rather than NLT 200800H as msg reads. Advised		
			8" Btry of same modification with respect to displacement of 155mm Gun.		
1710			FSCG rpts total 80 WIA & 23 KIA. (AT 934526) 57 WIA EVAC & 19 KIA buried.		
			(AT 968544). 23 WIA & 4 KIA evacuated. Results of fires in defense of ARVN		
			outpost lastnight.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM(DATE & HOUR) 170600	TO(DATE & HOUR) 180600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1800			ARVN convoy with 12th Mar FO team returned from PHU BAI.		
1955			Rcvd call from DivAir0 stating that C-130 transportaxtion had been arranged for W/1/12 to Phu Bai tomorrow at 1400H. Unit to stage at 1300H.		
2029			Rcvd call from 2/12 Op Chief stating that W/3/12 had received a few small arms rds into psn. No fire returned, no casualties.		
2115			Rcvd call from XO /1/12 who requested that 3 air delivery pers be attached to W/1/12 for the pending operation. A similar arrangement as the one used in Double Eagle was requested.		Passed request to Div G-5
	0150		2/12, 1st 8", 1st Guns given program Shirt Timer, TOT 0200. 8" Btry rptd 8" How on Hill 41 out with burnt out check pad, called 8" Btry out of program		
0200			Watch Officer 1st 8" Btry informed 12th Mar Watch Officer that the one 8" with burnt out check pad will be out of action indefinitely until new pad can be obtained. Only four 8" Hows remain in action.		Directed 8" on Hill 41 be placed in action with chec pad from 8" psn

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ORGANIZATION		DATE & HOUR	TO/DATE & HOUR	IN THE FIELD, BANANG RVN
HQ 12TH MARROW		180600 MAR	190600 MAR 66	PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	RECORDS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0910			1/12 rptd HS-73 has returned.	
1200			Directed 8" Btry to displace one 155Gun to Hill 41 to replace 8" how casualty. Lay on 4600, displace after return HS-72, approx 1300H.	
1225			Rcvd call from S-3 2/12 stating that FO"F"4(L/Cpl MCNALLY) had been wounded with fragments in the leg and a severed artery in the arm. He was about to shoot a fire mission at (AT 961648), was wounded by apparent mine. Comm is lost and no further info is available.	Notified CO
1252			Rcvd call from S-3 2/12 stating that FO"F"4 had been wounded by a mine firing device and was now in "C" MED	Notified CO
1450			1st 8" How Btry rpts HS-72 in at Recon CP. Gave permission to displace No. 2 (155Gun)	
1555			8" rpts 2-8" Hows & one 155Gun displacing to Hill 41.	
1725			8" rpts Gun #1 & #3 laid on az 3000, Gun #2 laid on az 4600. All wps located on Hill 41.	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR BROW		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 180600 MAR	TO (DATE & HOUR) 190600 MAR 66	PLACE IN THE FIELD, DANANG
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1850			Rcvd call from CO 2/12 stating that an FO team from "E" Btry had two of its members wounded by small arms fire near Ha Dong Bridge (AT 990642).	Notified CO
			Both Marines were MEDEVACED to "C" MED. Marines names are: Cpl BARNES (FO)	
			PFC ALLEN (Radio Op).	
0200			FSCC advised following: One helicopter shot down in "F" Co/2/9 CP area.	
			A unit was chasing VC down road, evidently went into trap. 25-30 wounded	
			and having trouble getting MEDEVAC - everytime chopper goes in they	
			take a lot of fire. 2/12 providing support. 0600-0645 prep fires	
			planned (BT 010593) after which 9th Mar going in after people.	
0210			No request for reinforcing fires at this time	
0235		CG 3d MarDiv 00181155Z	Msg cited on Amphib Lift Requirements for 4th Mar & reinf units	On S-3 board

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 190600 MER	TO (DATE & HOUR) 200600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0740			FSCC rpts 1/12 prep fires completed 0715 and first waves of infantry on ground vic (BT 001593).	
1250			Recon Bn rpts Op Order 11-66 cancelled.	Informed 1/12 & 8"
1430			Revd call from S-3 2/12 that an M109 Plt of "L" Btry is displacing to "E" Btry position to support Op BING.	
1510			FSCC relayed request from ARVN for arty spt on VC in cane field. Man assigned to 2/12, Mortar Btry fired (AT 954569), SUR: One WIA, rest scattered.	
1530			FSCC rpts further sur on Mort Btry mission at 1510. ARVN rpt d two confirmed KIA's.	
1728			Revd call from S-3 2/12 stating that the platoon from "L" Btry in psn.	
2150			2/12 rpts Btry K has one M109 out of action, sending to FLSG (Operating handle retaining pin broken).	
2225		CG 3d MarDiv 190902Z	Msg cancels 3d Recon Bn Op Order 11-66.	Intrusted Msg Center to bring copy to FDC early tomorrow morning

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 200600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 210600 MAR 66	PLACE In field, Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1200		To 1st 8" Btry: Recon patrol HS-78 is in Fld. 8" platoon at Hill 41 should operate on nets D-218 and D-255. D-164 (Arty C/F net) with FO accompanying initial elements of Recon Op 11-66 has been discontinued due to possible fire support coordination problems between patrols in same area. Replaced with D-255 (Recon Co. Tac Net). Patrol HS-74 has returned.	Secured 12th Mar station on D-164
1222			Firep: 2/12 A-BE308, B-014586, C-VC in trenchline D- 34HE VT, 2WP, E-Excellent effect on target. F-FO-E-1, G-1125H.	
	1227		Requested Div G-3 (Ops) to schedule a Rough Rider North to take the rear echelon of C-1-12 to Phubai. S-3 1/12 requested the movement be made either 23 or 24 Mar.	Notified S-4, MFO, S-3 4/12
1230			Rec'd call from S-3 2/12 that E Btry had fired one short round at 1150H during a btry 3 volleys. Round landed 50 meters from troops at BT 010586. Tgt was located at BT 015586, No Casualties; investigation being done.	Notified CO, S-3

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12thMar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 200600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 210600 MAR 66	PLACE In field, Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1340			Fired 2/12: A-BE 309, B-015585, C- VC in open, D- 4HEQ, E- No Sur; F-FO-F-1 G-1300, H- Sparrow Hawk was called into area. Mission had to be ceased.	
1341			1/12 reports that A (S) is turning in one of their float guns to FLSG for 6 Months maint, and that they are getting Gun #1 back which they turned in yesterday.	
1513			1/12 reports that A (S) has Gun #1 back and is in position and ready to fire.	
1625			Fire report from 2/12: Fired Btry D- 24 rds HE & Q on Hvy Auto Wpns firing (BT 077606) located by FO D/4 at 201605H. Rds on tgt, patrol going into tgt area. BD 179.	
1845			Directed 8" to relay one gun on Hill 41 to relay on 4900.	
1840			2/12 rpts firerep: A-BD 181, B-075614, C-5VC in house with MG. D- 17 HEQ btry D fired, E- Rds on tgt, troops moving in. F-D 4A,	

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12thMar		200600	210600 MAR 66	In field, Danag RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1922		Both 2/12 direct wire lines are out. Directed 2/12 to activate D-147 until wire is back in.	Notified S-3 & Comm Off.
1940			2/12 rpts PFC CHRITLOW with FO team D-4 wounded by Mortar frags (201600) Minor wounds not evacuated.	Notified CO.
1945			FSCC (DIV) reports 9th Mar unit under mortar attack (003695). More details to follow.	Notified CO.
2020			Div FSCC rpts mortar attack rpt 1945 was ARVN firing sep practice mns.	Notified CO.
2050			Received request from ARVN to fire 13 H & I suspected VC positions.	Notified CO.
			Gave 8 H & I to 2/12 and turned down 5 H & I's because of proximity of 5 H & I's to the other 8 H & I's.	
2103			Fired 2/12 A-BW 24, B-010617, C- Sniper firing D-2 Ill Ti E- none F-FO-E-2, G- 2015-2040, H-EOM	
2138			AE 2130H, D/2/12 fired 40 S/A rounds at 4 VC's who were crawling toward D/2/12 position from the southwest. D/2/12 took VC's under	

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12thMar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 200600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 210600 MAR 66	PLACE In field, Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
2138	cont.		fire approx. 100-150 meters from Btry. All 4 VC's fled and fired no rounds. 1 VC was possibly wounded. Area was illuminated before firing. Reported by 2/12 watch officer.		Notified CO.
2145			1st 8" How Btry reported one gun on Hill 41 out of action because of broken sight (slipping scalars defective). This weapon can fire by azimuth indicator in emergency. Other 8" ordered to be laid on AZ 4900 WILL.		
0118			At 0115H K-4-12 attached to 1/12 was probed by one VC from the east of the btry position. Area was illuminated and VC's taken under fire a about 10 meters from the wire by M-60. 9 rds were fired and the VC's was believed to be wounded. Reported by the 1/12 watch officer.		Notified CO.
0317			1st 8" Btry rpts H & I delivered at AT 198557 was reported as too close by Recon. Recon requests tgt not be fired again. Rds fired 210305H, Cong no; HZ 626.		Examined other planned H & I's in area to ascertain if any danger exists.

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12thMar		200600	210600 MAR 66	Danang, RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0307		late CG 3dMARDIV entry 201516Z	Mag deleted 107mm Mort Btry 1/11 from prep for amphib lift from Phu-Bai to Chulai.	None required.
0330			Call to 3dMar FSC reveals confusion on what rounds landed close to troops. Coordinates reported by 8" Btry apparently erroneous or patrol info erroneous. Requested all H & I tgts not fired in 3d Mar area be re-cleared.	Ceased fire on all H&I's by 8" & 155 Gun Btry. Informed CO.
0405			Phoncon to 1/12 rpts only weapon able to fire in area of threatened patrol is 155 how at A(8) which hasn't been fired all evening. 3dMar cleared all H&I tgts for 2d time.	
0410				
0445			Phoncon with 8" Btry watch officer rpts fires delivered in vicinity of threatened patrol are by request and under control of FO with patrol. Fires delivered from Hill 41. HZ 626 was not in error but wrongly accused. No erratic rounds or gunnery error in evidence. H&I firing resumed in routine manner.	Informed CO.

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 200600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 210600 MAR 66	PLACE Danang, RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTAL MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
			Summary: G/3 arty continues to support Recon Bn patrols from positions		
			on Hill 41 and 1/12(K) from LeMay report of "close round" by FO with		
			Redon Patrol SW sector TAOR, proved erroneous. Active support Oph		
			Kings by FO's 2/12 against small gps VC armed with autowpns & mortars.		
			One enlisted mbr FO-D-4 slightly wounded by mortar-not evacuated		
			from fld. Short round by E-1-12, no casualties, probably due to		
			defective projectile. Two VC probes during night-(D-2-12 & K-1-12)		
			repelled by SAfire. No casualties. Communications between FDC-12th		
			Mar & 2/12. Both FD lines out plus one admin line. Radio comm		
			activated. Regt'l Comm O notified and will take action daylight.		
			Lines still out 210600. Rough Rider for C-1-12 rear echelon to Phu-		
			Bai requested fm Div for 23 or 24 Mar. No confirmation to date.		
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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 210600 MAR	TO (DATE & HOUR) 220600 MAR	IN THE FIELD, DANANG RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INITIALS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0825			Called Div G-3 and requested that the Rough Rider North be scheduled to coincide with the return of 4th Bn, 12th Marines to this enclave.		Notified S-3 4th Bn, S-3 1st Bn, MTO, S-4
			Informed Div G-3 that this Hq would make new Rough Rider request when movement is desired.		
	0928		Notified 2/12 that they can secure from D-147, but if wire communications go out to activate the net immediately.		
1035			2/12 rpts: Btry A(S) sending one How to FLSG for six months maint		
1145			Rcvd call from S-3 2/12 stating at 0920H a squad patrol from E/2/12 to YEN NE village. VC attacked Marines and 2 VC were KIA, no Marine cas. After leaving village, 6 VC took patrol under fire at 1115H.		Notified CO, Div G-2
			Fire returned and VC pursued. No further details at this time.		
1205			Phoncon from 3d Mar FSCC requesting arty spt for rescue/salvage of downed helo vic 890965. Directed displacement of one 8" How from btry psn to Le My (AT 901819), az 6300, Freq 42.1 ASAP		Notified CO, S-3, 1/12, & 3d Mar FSCC, Div FSCC

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MARBOM		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
		210600	220600 MAR66	
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1500			8" How in psn at LE MY 211500H.	
1625			1st Bn rpts: D/1/1 on two hour alert. Request from 3d Mar for FO tm (FO A(S)4 Lt RODGERS). Request approved by 1/12, tm dispatched.	
1802			3d Mar Ln0 reports HS-76 & 78 are complete.	
1845			Recon Bn putting out patrols in rice paddies between 2100 & 0200 South & Southeast of Regt CP. Rptd by Hq Bn.	Notified Regt OOD
1850			1st Guns rpt 4 guns & one 8" How up.	
2300			Op Order 334-66 received.	1/12 notified, copy to XO
0040			Op Order 334-66 cancelled.	1/12 notified, copy to XO
0147			Rcvd stfnote from S-3 4/12 stating that Btry C had departed CP at 210640H for Opn OREGON. Now in position at YD 526387. Btry I ashore and occupying old Btry C position. How and truck sunk during ship to shore movement recovered and both believed serviceable.	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 210600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 220600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0200			Rcvd call from Div FSOC stating that the ARVN at Hoi An had been mortared and that they requested reinforcing H&I fire on 9 suspected mortar pns in general area of Grid Sq 1659.		Passed tgts to 1st Guns Notified S-3 & CO
0330			Rcvd call from 1st Guns stating that weapon to be used on ARVN H&I's did not have accurate VE and the current net message only goes to line 8 while line 9 is required for some of the H&I's.		Notified CO, S-3, Div FSOC. Cancelled H&I's
0446			OpChief 1/12 reports two 105mm Hows at Btry A/1/12 with broken trigger shafts, estimate weapons will be back in action in morning.		
			--SUMMARY--		
			Arty action for period limited. Wire communication between FDC 2/12 & 12th Mar FDC reestablished. Patrol from E/2/12 killed 2 VC vic YEN NE village 211154H. No USMC cas. One 8" How displaced to Le My and in psn ready to support helicopter recovery opns north of IVAN pass at 211500H. 4/12 reports Btry C supporting Op OREGON. India Btry in psn of Btry C. Btry I howitzer & prime mover recovered from water and believed to be serviceable. Hoi An mortared.		
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ORGANIZATION			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 220600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 230600	PLACE Da Nang
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	MESSAGE, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1045			Div FSCC relayed fare request ARVN AO VC in trench (945554). Mission assigned to 1st Guns. Mission aborted after four rounds, aircraft low on fuel.		
1225		08 3d Mar Div 220130Z	Activation of Task Force Delta		
1400			Watch Officer 1/12 reported Kilo(Fwd) with one 155mm towed down due obturator spindle plug. Contact team called.		
1553			Recieved call from CO 2/12 stating that he had decided to position Btry "F" on hill 41 as a semi-permanent position. CO requested that 3d Marines clearance be obtained to occupy Hill 41 RECEIVED		
1742			Monitored call from Hoi An Marine Ln 0 to Div AO stating that Hoi AN was under mortar attack from the south		Notified S-3 & CO
1744			Called to Op Chief of 1st Guns and instructed him to lay recently registered gun on Az 2400 and to compute GFT setting for Met check point (BT 146563)		

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ORGANIZATION			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 220600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 230600	PLACE Da Nang
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	TRANSMISSIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1745			Watch Officer From IVAN Lt CAVANAUGH reported That at 1645 there was shooting by the sand pits. Sent patrol out to investigate, found a drunk Marine from "B" Co 7th EngBn. Unit notified and personnel are coming to pick him up.		Notified S-3 & CO
1847			1st 155mm Guns rpts Wpn in primary psn laid on Ax 2400 as instructed 1742H		
1950			At direction of CO 12th Mar, passed to CO 1/12 and CO 2/12, Charge 6 will be used for all H&I's when firing M109 (155mmHow SP). Charge 7 will be authorized for live targets only. This order effective immediately. Message to follow		
	2047		Notified watch officers of 1st 8" and 1st 155mm Gun Btry that effective immediately the 155mm Gun will average no more that five rounds per tube per day		
2156	2200		FSOC reports PUMA can be reached by going SHOVE-PARCHMNET-MUTINY-PUMA Normal circuit to PUMA out for 24-28 Hours		Notified S3 & CO

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ORGANIZATION			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 220600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 230600	PLACE Da Nang
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	EVENTS, NEWS, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
2156	2200		FSCC reports G-3 approved moving DAO into FSCC at 2155		Notified S3 & O
2205	2215		FSCC reports that G-3A got AO report of 1930 Hours which says Boats normally docked at (BT 0272) are not there tonight. Last time airfield was mortared same thing happened. G-3A provided following Coord as possible Mort Psn BT 020715, 024715, 026718, 023719, 026723, 028722		Notified S3 & O
			032724, 034727, 034730.		
	2230		Notified CMR to lay on Az 2750 and 2600 to cover possible Mortar position		
2235		CG 3d MarDiv 220710Z	Changes call sign of CG Task Force Delta to STARBOARD		
2245			FSCC states lines to PUMA & DANANG GARRISON are in.		Notified S-3
2350			FSCC reported FOL for ARVN Opn on morning of 23 Mar is along Grid Line 12 E, West from ocean, south to 60 grid line and west to normal FOL		
0455		CG 3d MarDiv 220208Z	Refers to Task Organization BLT 3/4		

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Light arty action in DaNang TAOR. Registrations accomplished by 2/12 and 1st 155mm Gun Btry. Plans formulated for movement (within next 4 or 5 days for 2/12 to move F Btry to Hill 41, L Btry to position adjacent E Btry. 1st 155mm Guns will be moved to old Btry F position. To extend life of weapons, M109's restricted to Charge 6 on H&I fires and 155mm Guns to daily average of 5 rounds per tube. Div Air Obs Net established in FSOC of Division. Alerted for possible attack on DaNang airfield. This alert was passed by G-3 at 2205. 2/12 passed defensive concentrations, CMR oriented. Op's alerted.

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MARBTRON (DATE & HOUR)		230600 MAR 66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 240600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, PLACE DANANG, RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	TRANSMISSIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0940			Hill 41 cleared for occupancy by Btry F. Permission received from 3d Mar XO. 2/12 notified. Occupation to be completed by 27 Mar 66.	
1039			Call from 1/3 FSOC rptng salvage patrol has returned from ops north of Hai Von Pass.	
	1040		Directed 1st 8" Btry to displace one how from Le My (vic AT 902819) back to btry posn. Az 6000.	
1315			8" rptg 8" How back from Le My, laid ready to fire Az 6000.	
1420			Div FSOC confirmed Rough Rider North leaving 240700H. 9th Mar assigned responsibility.	2/12 directed to furnish FO tm & Ln party. 1/12 to provide fire spt
	1530		Instructed S-3 2/12 that the conduct of fire frequency for Rough Rider North tomorrow will be D-164 vice D-147	Notified Div FSOC, S-3 4/12
	1716		Directed 1st 8" Btry to activate D-164 at 240630H and answer calls for fire from 2/12 FO with Rough Rider North convoy.	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MA			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 230600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 240600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, PLACE DANANG, RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1719			Directed 1st 155 Guns to return 8" Howitzer to 1st 8" Howitzer Btry the morning of the 24th.		
1812			CMR reports that set Alpha will be down till around 2030.		
1835			Sitrep from Div FSCC: 1. No cas in Danang TAOR. 2. No NGF in Danang TAOR. 3. (Any changes in Code named ops) 30 arty msn & over 5000 rds fired in Op TEXAS. 4. (Items affecting any change in DaNang TAOR)		
			No change.		
1930			CMR reports that set Alpha will be down till around 2200 instead of 2030 - they are trying to get some parts for it.		
1951			Watch officer 2/12 reports LVTH-6 has 2 guns in 2/12 Mort Btry pen laid on Az 3200.		Notified S-3
2011			CMR reports that Set Alpha is back up.		
2145			9th Mar FSCC reported 1 round (105mm or larger) had landed at (AT 947587) at approximately 2100 which was approximately 50 meters from friendly		Notified CO & S-3

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 230600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 240600 MAR	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2145	(cont)		infantry - no casualties. Inquired if 1st 155 Btry had been firing.	
			Three check rds fired at 2105, 2110, and 2115 at coordinates 935554,	
			928539, & 943579 with closed stick.	
	2153		Informed 9th Mar FSCC of time and coordinates of 1st 155 Btry firing.	Notified CO & S-3
			9th Mar stated another round landed approximately 2140 at (AT 947587),	
			no casualties.	
	2155		1st 155 Gun Btry stated double check showed no rds fired after 2115.	Informed 9th Mar
	2220		8" stated they had fired no rds this evening.	
2225			9th Mar informed 12th Mar FDC that ARVN had been called and had not fired.	
2305			Div FSCC informed 12th Mar FDC that No naval Gun Fire had been fired.	
	2325		1st 155 Gun Btry notified that no rds would be fired from tube that	
			had fired check rds at approximately 2105-2115 until given permission	
			from 12th Mar S-3.	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 230600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 240600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
2340			Div FSOC called for H&I fires for ARVN at coordinates 043634, 042644, 033627 & 019637. VC company at these coordinates.		Notified S-3
2347			9th Mar cleared above fires except 019637.		
2350			2/12 given cleared H&I's to fire.		
			--SUMMARY--		
			12th Marines arty action limited to 5 observed missions by 8" How		
			Btry in support Recon patrols plus a few H&I fires by rest of regiment.		
			Arrangements made with 3d Mar relative to placing F/2/12 on Hill 41.		
			Safety clearance procedures concerning Hill 41 under study. 8" How		
			supporting rescue ops north Hai Van pass returned to primary position.		
			Rough Rider(N) scheduled for 24 Mar. Btry "C" rear echelon gear will		
			be transported to Phu Bai. CMR (Alpha) down with mechanical difficulties		
			from 1812 to 2011. Investigation conducted by S-3 Watch Officer		
			concerning possible short rounds from 1st 155 Guns. No positive		
			results. No casualties. Gun secured until further notice.		
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ORGANIZATION Hq 12thMar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 240600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 250600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0940			Watch officer 1/12 rpts K(FWD) gun out of action due to operating splindle plug is causing primer to split. Contact team is coming.	
1020			Relayed call from 1/12 to div FSCC for med evac from W/1/12. No details available. Vehicle apparently hit mine with one injured.	Notified CO.
1025			2/12 Firerep A BW29 B 979597, VC sniper fire, D 34HE 4Q030VT E Good effect on tgt. F.FO D 3 G. 0945.	
1012			1/12 rpt vehicle hit mine. One man injured (940825). Med evaced	Notified CO.
			1036. No more details at this time.	
1056			Btry E at 1047 fired at VC sniper for FO-D-3 with exc eff on tgt, exp 20HE, 2Q, 18VT.	
1116			Rec'd call from watch officer 1/12 stating that the truck that hit a mine belonged to FESC. One man from FLSG was injured. Incident occurred 1500 meter SSE of "W" Btry posit.	Notified CO, S-2.
1120			2/12 Firep A. BW 30, B. 970602, C. VC snipers. D. Ex eff on tgt. F. FO-D-3 G. 1055 H. Ptl moving onto area.	

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 240600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 250600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	REMARKS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
130			Div FSCC rpts Rough Rider will return tomorrow (25 Mar) rather than today.	Notified 2/12
1417			Rec'd from Div FSCC CYS Goldsmith rpts Rough Rider staying at Phu Bai and will return 250730. Rough Rider departed 0730 Arrived Phu Bai 1150.	
1545			1/12 rpt K(fwd) towed 155H back in action.	
2045	2057	242057	Received mission from Div FSCC via Hoi An, Mission cleared; request- ed fire at VC in open. Assigned mission to 2/12, E Btry fired 3 volleys zone fire. 1 C apart at coord 014575, expended 54 rds of HE quick, end of mission, no surveillance.	Notified CO.
0214			Cease fire E & F areas of H & I's from Div FSCC	2/12 & 155G
0215			Request for reinforcing fires on AT 953578, Sus VC withdrawal area from 9th Mar FSCC. 155G assigned(4).	Notified S-3, CO, 155G.
0238			Cease fire "D" area from 1/12	Div FSCC, 8" & 155G

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 250600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 260600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0300			Div FSCC relayed fire request fm ARVN. VC in treeline. 2/22 assigned mission Btry E fired 47HE Q. No sur at this time, ptl moving into area (005575).	Notified CO & S-3
0900			Div VSCC relayed fire request fm ARVN. VC firing SA (010587). 2/12 assigned. Mission aborted by ARVN before a rd was fired.	Notified CO & S-3
1055			At 1045H. XO 12th Mar rec info fm CO 2/12 that during prep fire by W(8) (Hill 55) at 0945-0950, on coords (957581), (2) WP landed (957586), 500 meters North of intended point of impact. FDC data produced by W(S) FDC. Two marines appear to be injured. Investigation by CO 2/12 in progress. Info passed fm XO, 12th Mar to S-3, 12th Mar method of fire Btry (1) WP and (1) HE.	CO, 12th previously notified by XO.
1057			2/12 OP chief reported: 250135 - 250540 Btry's E, W, L fired in support of CO "E", 9th Mar. VC troops/mortars attacking. FO E 1, FO D 3 obs. Fired 36 mns expended 942 HE, 100 Ill, 38WP. Sur: 3/3	

reported 41bodies, 12 wpns in area where arty fired.

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ORGANIZATION: Hq 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 250600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 260600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0830			Informed 1st 8" btry relay #3 at Hill 41 en AZ 4500 and to displace		
			back to previous pos in accordance with frag order 250315Z, At 1400		
			To come up on Div AO net between 1130 and 1330.		
1145			RR returned. Informed by Div FSCC.		
1147			No flights for AO. Advised 1st 8" btry to secure from Div AO net.		
	1150	12th Mar 250345Z	To 155 Gun btry. Spt recon ops from present pos.		
	1150	12th Mar 250315Z	To 1st 8". Return to pri pos 251400H.		
1150			Div FSCC relayed fire request fm ARVN AO. V Co. in treeline		CO & S-3 notified
			(996557), 8" assigned mission. 13rds HE, fz Q & VT exp. Missed		
			fired fm 1030 to 1120, Sur; trps dispersed. No obs cas.		
1315			Fm S-3B, 2/12: E-2-9 Patrol rpt on are of arty fire in ZA E-2-9		CO notified
			morning 25 Mar66, mort pos (961597). (Base plate imprint & port of		
			post, 2 mort pos (957504), with 17 empty ammo cannisters. Both areas		
			very cratered by arty fire. Total body count to date, 43 KIA with		

40 more KIA pos based on parts of bodies (arms, legs etc.)

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 250600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 260600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		1345	TOT by 2-8" How's + 1-155Gun fm Hill 41 on coords(830617, 836613, 837618, 825604, Fz, VT & Q. Tgts include, harborsite, Op's and rest area. Con (657660) resp. Fired at 1345 & 1352. AO observed rounds hitting vicinities of all tgts.	
		1400	8" platoon + 1-155Gun displacing fm Hill 41 to parent units.	
1500			FSCC Div reports Rough Rider(N) terminated 1117H.	
1510			S-3 2/12 requested release of M 109's from Ch6 restriction for use in LZ prep tomorrow morning. Also requested use of Ladyship. Per-	Informed CO 12th Mar & FDC 1st 155Guns.
			mission granted.	
1630			8" rpts the 2 8" hows & 1 155G back in CP fm Hill 41. Directed them to lay as follows: one 8" AZ 4600, one 8" AZ 4000 & 155G AZ 5000.	
1630			8" rpts all guns in pri pos, laid ready to fire.	
1647			S-3A 2/12 rpts Btry E CSMO at 1615 moving 4 guns to Hill 55.	

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 250600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 260600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0800			251500 3/12 assumed mission of 4/12. Ref: 3/12 msg 250840Z.	CO & XO
0843			2/12 rpts that "D" Btry fired on Coor (067625), 10 VC W/Auto wpas .	
			D-2-12 exp 25 rds WP & 2 rds HE Q. They fired from 1910 to 1934. Tgt	
			was reported by D2A FO. Sur: going into tgt area to check out.	
1955			Secured D 197 & D 164.	
2057			Watch officer 2/12 rpts at 2045 Btry E & Mort Btry fired on VC Co's	
			for ARVN. Each Btry exp 10 rds HE. No sur.	
	2200		Directed Sgt Sims with radio operator to accompany 11th ARVN trans-	
			portation Bn as FO on convoy to Quang Ngai. Call sign-Muster Sierra,	
			Frequency - D-164. Activate net at 250630H.	
2230		251200Z	Fm 4/12. Control Phu Bai Arty passed 3/12 at 251500H. Hq Btry 4/12	
			ready to return Danang.	
	0029		Directed 2/12 to activate D-164 at 0630H tomorrow and answer calls	
			for fire from Muster Sierra (FO with ARVN convoy travelling to Quang	
			Ngai).	

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 250600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 260600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	ACTIVITIES, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		0032	Requested OpChief 11thMar activate D-164 at 261000H and answer calls for fire from FO with ARVN convoy travelling to Quang Ngai.	
0500			CG 3dMarDiv msg 251200Z, request to Class V suspension.	
		0600	FO team to support ARVN convoy departed 12th Mar CP.	
			Summary: Arty action in ZA 3d Mar negligible. Moderate action ZA	
			9th Mar in support of Opn MINGS and ARVN. Battle field surveillance	
			of arty support of E-2-9 during period 250100-250430, indicates 43	
			VC KIA by body count with possible 40 more KIA and 12 wpns recieved.	
			At 1345 TOT by 8" and 1-155G at Hill 41 on VC OP and rest area.	
			Rough Rider (N) departed Phu Bai 0700, returned Danang 1117. Arty	
			Hill 41 departed that ops and ready to fire from parent ops (1st 8"	
			How Btry) at 1500H. At 1647H Btry E moved 4-105 How's to Hill 55.	
			At 1500H, 3/12 relieved 4/12 of arty mission at Phu Bai. One FO	
			team from Hq Btry 12th Mar departed CP to support ARVN convoy to	

Quang Ngai at 0600.

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12thMar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 260600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 270600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0902			1/12 OPChief reports K(fwd) one 155mm How out of action due to mechanism safety lock plunger is broken. Contact team notified.		
0950			8" OPChief reports one 155Gun out of action due to steering, and one 8" out of action for 2 hrs replacing replenisher.		
1110			8" OPChief reports 155Gun back in action and 8".		
1430			1/12 OPChief reports K(fwd) 155 How back in action.		
1537			155Guns fired on AA site. 3rds HE Q. tgt reported by TIO.		
1735			2/12 rpts 1600 Btry F moved three guns to new posn (Hill 41). Expect to move other three tomorrow.		
	1800		Informed S-3 4/12 that 3/12 would provide arty Ln0, to Phu Loc for Rough Rider North 281100H. CoF net for ops to be D-164. Directed S-3 4/12 to inform 3/12.		
1855			CMR rpts "B" Set down for approx 30 min. for minor repair.		
1913			DIA/ FSCC rpts 3rd Mar receiving mortars rds in grid sq 9471-called		

CMR and told them to lay on AZ 4350.

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar		260600Z	270600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1920			1/12 rpt at 1830 K Btry wire tm recieved 3 rds SA fire vic AT 910813	
			fm approx 400 mi SW. No injuries, no one observed, returned 8 rds.	
1950			Received call from Div AirO that W/1/12 air lift from Phu Bai was	Notified Watch Officer
			confirmed and the W/1/12 should stage at 270730H at Air Freight.	1/12
	2022		Sent following msg to 3/12 on Reg Cmd Net: DTG 262015H. Fm Muster	
			3A to Payable 3, request you stage permission "W" at Phu Bai Air	
			Freight for airlift to Danang tomorrow by (270730H).	
2105			1/21 rpts Btry K observing large fire north of Esso refinery. No	
			further details.	
2325		CG 3dMarDiv 261410Z	Rough Rider North goes 281100H from Nam-Q Bdg. Returns 290800H. No	
			further action req now.	
2350			Recieved msg fm 3d Force Ser Regt. Pri OZ Regn to MCSC Barstow for	
			direct delivery to RVC 21270. Msg fm FESG. Request furnish direct	
			to 3d FSR auth or Disp of EM being replaced.	

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12thMar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 260600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 270600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0025			1/12 rpts Kilo Btry #5 out with cracked variable recoil housing.	
0048		CG 3dMarDiv 261239Z (readdressed)	Condition Yellow must be enforced. Gen Walt sends. No immed action required.	
0215		3/12 msg 261800H	"Permission Whiskey (W/1/12) staged as requested notified the ETD about 270730H. 13 personell WILL assigned Primrose F.O. School also returning on flight if space available, otherwise Rough Rider.	1/12 & 2/12 Watch Officers
			Summary: Moderate arty action in TAOR. Action continues to center in ZA 9th Mar in support of Opn Kings. 2/12 missions in support of Kings include: 1 Pup Fire of LZ. and 7 observed missions. 1/12 fired 1 observed mission. Some VC night harrassment of Kilo and Delta Btry's. No VC killed-no US casualties. FO team firm HQ Btry 12th Mar furnished 11th ARVN transportation Bn departing Danang approx 260700 and arrival Quang Ngai 261625. Communication information and arrangements for arty support this convoy completely un-	

satisfactory and will be corrected with I Corps advisers. W-1-12

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar		270600	280600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	TEXT/REPTS. MESSAGES. ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0807			2/12 rpts that "W" Btry fired on 8-LOVE in treeline at Coor (9606 5657). Fired from 0720 - 0742 and exp 18 rds HE. Tgt was reported by F2 FO. Sur: rds on tgt. further surv will follow after sweep of area.	
0830		Third Mar 261730Z	Frag Ord 10-66 for Rough Rider to go 28 Mar.	
		To Foxtrot 260700Z	TG Foxtrot summary of EN activity.	
0930			HS 79 & HS 80 returned. Rptd by 3d Mar FSCC.	Notified 1/12 & 1st Guns
0900			FO team for ARVN convoy to Quang Gnai returned. Stated they convoy left him at Tam Ky at 1600. Spent night Tam Ky, returned Danang via C123 this morning.	
1000			Directed 1st Guns to displace 3 guns to new position at former Btry F, 2/12. Az of wpns remaining in old psn: 4300 and 5100. Az to lay wpns in new psn: 2700, 4300 and 5100.	
1100			155 Gun Btry rpts three Guns departed CP to Btry F psn.	CO & S-3

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ORGANIZATION: Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 270600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 280600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INITIALS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1230			155G btry rpts the three guns displaced to Btry F psn are laid ready to fire. Az 5100, 4300 and 3500.	CO
1410			2/12 rpts Btry F completed move to Hill 41, all guns laid ready to fire.	CO
1550			1st 155 Guns CO moving to Foxtrot psn.	CO
1605			1/12 rpts W/1/12 rejoined bn at 1120 frm Phu Bai.	CO
1617			1st 155 Guns in Foxtrot psn.	CO
1715			W/1/12 laid & ready to fire. Rpt by 1/12.	CO
1745			1st Guns CO rpts 1 gun on 5100, two on 4300 & one on 3500, and one on 2700. Due limitation of battery psn he cannot place two guns on 5100 as requested by regt FDC until protective wire from former psn occupants can be moved.	
1910			Received call from Div FSCC stating that D-Day for Operation Orange is 1 April.	

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ORGANIZATION		Ho 12thMar	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	270600	TO (DATE & HOUR)	280600 MAR 66	PLACE	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	EVENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN	
2118			Received call from FSCC requesting reinforcing fire on approx 25VC reported by ARVN. while notifying 2/12. they already had the mission via Mort Btry.				CO	
	2155		Directed 1st 8" How to activate D-147 at 280930H and answer calls for fire from permission Alpha 2 South the FO with Rough Rider North.					
	2214		Informed all units that there will be no met tonight due to equipment failure.					
2220			Btry D 2/12 fired on 8 VC in open (06096241) at 2215 FO D 4 obs exp 8 rds HE, VT. Exo eff on tgt.					
2312			FSCC rptd ARVN requests to fire at VC (908553, 909558, 906560), req 1 volley, assigned to 2/12.				CO	
2317			Btry D 2/12 fired on 5 VC in rice paddy (062619) at 2302. FO D 4 obs exp 6 rds HE, VT. Rds on tgt.					
	0100		Informed watch officer 3/12 that the conduct of fire net would be					

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Hq 12th Mar		270600	280600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			D-147 for the fough Rider North today and that 3/12 should be alert	
			for the FO call sign of Permission Alpha 2 South. Requested that	
			Ln0 going to Phu Lail receive this info also.	
			Summary: Light Arty action throughout TAOR. W-1-12 returned from Phu Bai	
			by airlift for Opn Orange. 2/12 completed move of Btry F to Hill 41	
			at 271410H. 1st 155 Guns completed move to old Btry F psn at 271617.	
			All arrangements pertaining to arty support of Rough Rider (N)	
			scheduled for 291100H completed. 12th Mar RAWIN out of action due to mechan	
			mechanical failure. FO team assigned ARVN convoy to Quang Ngai	
			returned 270900 stating that they had lost the convoy at Tam Ky	
			261600. Opn Orders for Orange and Virginia received.	

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Hq. Btry. ORGANIZATION 12th Mar.		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 28 0600 MAR	TO (DATE & HOUR) 29 0600 MAR 66	Da Nang in PLACE the field
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0909			2/12 North Btry. fired on 30 VC in woodline (950 633) FO F4 8bs, Rds on tgt. Exp 20 HE, 16 WP, FZ Q & VT. FO "D" 4 going into target area for better surveillance.	Notified S-3
0945			Rcvd call from watch officer 3/12 who stated that the LnO for Rough Rider was now positioned at Phu Loc.	
	1020		S-3 directed 1st 8" Btry to displace one how plt(rein) with one 155mm gun to vic 1st 8" How Btry psn (AT 874761) for a period of about 24 hours. Az one how & gun 5300, Az one how 4300. Purpose: deep H&I's	Notified CO, FSCC, 3dMar
1139			8" Btry reports at 1105 plt departed CP for fwd psn (AT 874761).	
	1251		Directed 1st 8" Btry to lay 3 pieces at psn Juliet(AT 874871) on 4300 to accomplish TOT on H&I tgts GS (AT 1964, 1965, 1966.	
1350			Op Chief from 1st 8" Btry reported 3 pieces in Juliet psnlaid.	
1405			HS-81 completed.	Notified 1st Guns
1445			Watch officer 1st Guns rpts 1 gun down due to Nitrogen leak.	

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR FROM (DATE & HOUR) 280600			TO (DATE & HOUR) 290600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1550			O ^r Chief 1st 8" Btry rpts Gun # 5, Juliet psn, down.	
1610			Btry E(fwd) returning to primary psn.	Notified S-3
1630			2/12 reports further sur on mission fired 0830 this morning (AT 950633)	Notified XO
			Three confirmed KIA's and six possible WIA'S.	
1700			1st 8" Btry rpts #1 & #5 on az 5300, # 5 back up.	
1800			1/12 rpts Btry K Gun # 4(TD) down. Loose sight mount. Sent to FLSC	Notified XO
			for part. Expect to be back within 2 hrs.	
1858			Recd fire mission from Div FSCC. SPAR report places tgt at (AT 908600)	Assigned to 2/12
			and Div FSCC requested a TOT with all available.	
1910			Recd call from watch officer 2/12 stating that 36 HE, Q 105mm How &	Notified Div FSCC
			15 HE, Q, 155mm How. had been fired at coord (AT 908600)	
2018			Recd call from Div FSCC stating that on the trail located between	
			(AT 850668 to 845673) there has recently been a lot of VC movement	
			and it was requested that H&I fires be planned over this trail during	

the next few weeks

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 2806000	TO (DATE & HOUR) 290600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	2205		10 H&I's from 39th ARVN Rangers passed to 2/12	CO & S-3 notified
2220			1/12 reports that E/2/3 is sending a patrol out w/F0 in GS 9060; may need reinforcing fires.	Div FSCC watch officer
2355			Rcvd from 1/12, 4 on call conc from 290700H for indefinite period, to support E/2/3 if necessary. Assigned all four conc to 2/12. Btry 1 rd, Sh HE, FZ Q - AA132 - 901608, AA133 - 904601, AA 134 - 913597 & AA135 - 917609.	Notified 2/12
0055			1/12 Op Chief called to cancel four on call conc listed in 2355H entry. New on call fires will be called to Regt FDC as soon as they are worked up.	Notified 2/12
0115			Rcvd call from 1/12, ten on call conc for E/2/3 from 290700H for indef period. Btry 1 rd, Sh HE, Fz Q - AA128-926607, AA133-904617, AA134-901609, AA135-904601, AA136-903597, AA137-908596, AA138-913598, AA139-914604, AA140-912607, AA141-906606. Calls for these fires will be	Notified 2/12

relayed via 1/12 thru this FDC to 2/12

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 280600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 290600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DAN ANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0000			Transcribed from log entries: 2332 - 3d MarDiv msg 281412Z rcvd- Op	
			ORANGE change. 3d MarDiv msg 281310Z rcvd - Op VIRGINIA.	
			2337 - Div FSCC rpts LAAM unit 5-600M from Div CP rcvd "some" grenades.	Alerted Sgt of Gd
			this evening.	
			0018 - 1st 8" Btry # 6 at psn Juliet down with indented gas check pad.	
			Directed relay # 5 on 4300mils to fire remaining H&I's.	
0230			Fire mission from Div FECC. 39th Rangers requested illumination at (AT 983584).	CO & S-3 notified. Assigned to 2/12.
Late 1945 Btry		12th Mar 281145Z	to 2/12: Spt recon Ops HS-85 eff 291700H, Freq 51.0, fires must be cleared by 3d Marines.	
0355			1st 8" Btry rpts # 5 laid on 4300 at 0200.	
0420			1/12 reports that 3d Mar requested any H&I's in GS's 8671 & 8771 be cancelled. Worksheet indicates none planned by this hq.	

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280600 to 290600 MAR 1966

--SUMMARY--

Artillery missions for period: mainly daylight and night H&I's, defensive concentrations and illumination for both USMC and ARVN, 2-TOF's and suspected VC positions(including one SPAR mission), and one observed mission by W/2/12 resulting in 3 confirmed VC KIA. Roving platoon consisting of 2-8" Hows and 1-155mm Gun positioned coords (AT 084761) at 281350H and will be retracted approx 291400. Fire plans include coordination lines and fires for Opn ALABAMA(elements of 3/9 for period 290700H to 011800H) and for 39th ARVN Ranger Bn in old KING's area. Rough Rider(N) departed 281100H- no problems of coordination with 3/12 - will return 290700H with elements of H₂ Btry 4/12. . At 280700 in VAN DUONG, K Btry patrol reported at 280700H, boy gave info that "many VC" were in area. A 1/12 radio site was fired on (1 rd S/A) at 282210H. D/2/12 pursued two VC near position with grenades and S/A at 282045H - no observed results.

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 290600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 300600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTAL MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0820			1/12 Op Chief reported 3d Mar Rough Rider departed from Phu Bai at 0806H.	
	0830		Directed 1st 8" How Btry to activate D-147 and answer calls for fire from Rough Rider North FO.	
0850			2/12 Btry D fired on 10 VC in open, FO D 4 obs, exp 26 HE, VT. Rds on tgt, FO D 4 going into area for further surveillance.	
0910			1/12 rpts K(fwd) out of action. 155 How(twd) down with broken safety latch. Contact team called.	5 & S-3 notified
1020			1/12 rpts Btry K ahs one M109 down. Contact team not requested.	S-3 notified
1215			Advised 3d Mar of intention to return 8" platoon (Rein) from Juliet at 291400. Req permission to occupy psn Brooks (90217215) at 300900 until 311500.	S-3 & CO Notified
1230			Recieved req from Div A0 to fire practice msns by USAF FAC'S in Bravo area between 1300 and 1400.	Set up with 1/12.

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 290600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 300600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1240			3d Mar approved displacements in 1215 entry. Limited security spt available.		
1246			8" Btry rpt TOT's complete on tgts reported by Recon & AO. (190645, 193647, 197655 & 195660). First three fired at 1230, last one at 1245.		
1320			2/12 rpts Btry S (fwd) M109's returning fm Btry E psn to Pri psn.		
1320			Directed 8" plt in fwd psn to displace to pri psn.		
1420			Div FSCC rpts G/2/9 sustained one casualty from Marine arty approx 1400H at BT 011633. 9th Mar FSCC conducting investigation.		S-3 informed
1430			Div FSCC rpts incident entry 1420 occurred 1100H fm rds fired by W/2/12 in support of 2/9. Fires called in close to troops resulted in slight injury to one man not requiring evac. No evidence of arty error at this time.		
1500			8" plt back fm Juliet psn laid ready to fire.		

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 290600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 300600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATE	INCIDENTAL MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1501			"L" fwd back in pri psn, laid ready to fire.		
1510			Div FSCC rpt Rough Rider back at 1425.		
1635			2/12 rpt 200 df error fired by "E" w/one how firing in defensive		
			conc. Error made on gun. Rd impacted 016618. No injuries & no		
			damage.		
1800			Informed 1st 8" How Btry to displace to psn Brooks in accord with plans		
			outlined in 1215H entry. AZ 4000.		
2023			2/12 Op Chief rpts Btry D fired at 5 or more VC, FO D 1A obs (079592)		
			time 1905. Sur: 3 KIA confirmed by 9th Mar FSCC.		
2200		300200	1st 155 Guns called have 1 gun out of action, Gun laid on AZ 4300,		
			getting a lot of back blast. They think it is a gas check pad.		
			Summary: Arty mns consisted mainly of H & I's fires in support of		
			Recon FO. School and a few obs mns in 12A 9th Mar. D Btry fired on		
			5 VC resulting in 5 VC confirmed KIA. Continuing to employ roving		

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B-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 300600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 310600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
030			8" Btry rpts Guns #2 & 4 (8" H) displacing to psn Brooks (902721).		
0720		Late Entry	Co 2/12 advised by S-3 to be prepared to furnish one howitzer howitzer		
			btry for additional spt for Op Orange.		
0910			Watch Officer 8" rpts two 8" in Brooks psn Laid.		
1200			Fired program of Fires #2. This consisted of 15 conc on VC psns &		
			installations rpt by Recon & Div T10. 8" & 155G fired this program		
1312			Op Chief 1st 155 rpts Gun #3 out of action due to breech.		
1315			Advised 3d Mar FSCC of intentions to bring arty home from Le My and		
			Brooks 31 Mar. Req permission to emplace 2 8" Hows & one 155mm Gun		
			at Le My on same date.		
1520			3d Mar (FSCC) approved displacements in 1315H entry.		
1700			Refired Program 86 Fires #2 - Completed 1710.		
1730			Directed 1st Guns to relay another piece on 4360 .		
1740		3d Mar 300230Z	Recieved Op Orange - Op Ord 334-66.		

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar		300600	310600 MARR66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
010			Div FSCC relayed fire mission request fm ARVN 39th Rangers, VC squad.	CO & S-3
			Btry E fired, (978576). Sur: Rds on tgt. Will send ptl into area	
			in the morning for more info on damage.	
2250		302200	2/12 FDO rptd L/2/12 firing msn for F-4 on lone 13X125 fired B(1)	S-3 & EC, FSCC.
			wp in FFE. 1 rd WP landed on GTline at (964659). Replot conc BX125	
			is 96326510. Lima XO gave to rear of Piece fall in after discover-	
			ing short rd. Checked Settings, ^{POWDER} Pai Bags & Quad Elev all checked	
			out. No casualties. This was Ch 5 GB msn.	
			Summary: Program of fires on VC harbor site vicinity 8062, fired	
			twice during period 301200 - 301700 and again as night H&I's. FO	
			School by 12th Mar for Force Recon Co. ended 301630 after four	
			afternoons afternoons of firing from OP vicinity Le Ma. Short rd by	
			L 2 12 at 302200. 800 meters short. No casualties. Error under-	
			mined. Investigation will continue. One 155 Gun out of action 1st	

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ENCLOSURE (1/2)

ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar			FROM (DATE & HOUR) 310600 MAR 66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 010600 APR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0840			1/21 Op Chief rpts 11584 is secured.		S-3A
0848			1/12 Op Chief rpts that "K" fsd (AT Le My) has displaced and is moving back to pri psn.		S-3 & 5
0854			1/12 Op Chief rpts HS85 is in.		
0914			1/12 Op Chief rpts HS 82 is in.		
0915			8" Btry rpts one plt 8" Hows & 1 155G departed CP to FP LeMy.		CO & S-3 Notified
1035			Plt of 8" & 155G in psn at Le My, laid ready to fire, AZ 5000.		S-3 & 5
	1040	12th Mar 310255Z	Chop Btrys K & L to 4/12. 4/12 msn: GS. Wire between 1st & 2d Bn & GS Btrys to remain intact.		
0945			Btry E started displacement AT 0930 Coor (986644)		Exec notified.
1215			1/22 rpt Btry K(fwd) displaced back to CP all of Btry K is now in one psn. (921799)		S-3 & CO notified.
Late Entry	1200-		Directed CMRO to recon area in vic of E Btry (AT 988672) for CMR site. Set B is to be displaced on 1 April.		

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TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
00			2/12 rpts Btry E completed displacement of guns at 1230. Laid ready to fire, AZ 2800.		CO & S-3 notified
1320			1/12 rpts 2 105mm Hows displaced from A(h) Btry to Hill 41 in anticipation of Op Orange.		CO & S-3 notified
1330			2-8" & 1-155 Gunerelaid on 5200 fr LeMy		
1330			Directed 8" plat at Brooks to return to homeplate.		
1443			8" Op Chief rpts that the 8" plt at Brooks has returned to the CP.		CO notified
1500			Red msg 310306Z. Rough Rider North nlt 041100H.		
1515			8" rpts Gun #2 in psn ready to fire AZ 6000 #4 having same maint work done expects to be in action in about one hr.		CO & S-3 notified
2245			2d Bn rpts that at 2230 Whiskey Btry firing H&I. Fired one rd 3200 meters out. Fire was directed 996593. Rd rpt to have landed		
			93266414W Checked with 3d Mar. 3d Mar stated that they had two ambushes set up in the vic where the rd landed but they had red no		

adverse rpts. 2d Bn rpts that the error was made between the Exec

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			pit and the gun. A written report is forthcoming fr the 2d BN.	
	0545		Granted permission to CMR to assume stand-by status 0600-1800 1 APR.	
0545		1st Bn 3dMar 311515Z	Freq change for tacp on Op Orange.	
		CG, MAF 311320Z	Op necessity req for mil vehs in Danang.	
			Summary: No significant arty msns in TAOR. Long range H&I's	
			delivered fr roving gun psns LeMy and Brooks by 8" Hows and 155G.	
			Btrys L & K chopped to 4/12 311200H. 4/12 assigned msn G/S.	
			E-2-12 completed displacement, new psn Ha Dang bridge 311230H. CMR	
			(N) directed to recon psn move old E psn and dis place ASAP. W-2-12	
			fire H&I 3200 h out at 312230H. CO 2/12 rptd 010600H that Exec gave	
			fire command in wrong 800 h sector. No casualties rptd to date.	

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