

## HEADQUARTERS

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)  
 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

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 2 Apr 1966

1st Bn 12th Mar S&C  
 Control No. C-904-66

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1  
 (b) RegtO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Narrative Summary

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) the following report is submitted.

2. Organizational Data.

<u>a. Designation/Commander</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Location/Coord.</u>
1stBn, 12thMar(-)(Rein) LtCol A. J. HONEYCUTT	51	724	4	15	DaNang/95958682
HqBtry, 1stBn, 12thMar Capt R. C. PROUTY	13	149	0	4	DaNang/95958682
Btry "A", 1stBn, 12thMar Capt F. H. DOUGLAS	6	98	0	2	DaNang/93907216
Btry "A", 1st Bn, 11thMar Capt R. J. SEED III	7	95	0	2	DaNang/92237912
Btry "B", 1stBn, 12thMar Capt N. MOLSBEE	8	108	0	1	DaNang/92237374
Btry "C", 1stBn, 12thMar Capt D. H. OBLINGER	8	92	0	2	DaNang/92237374
(OPCON 4thBn, 12thMar eff 4Mar66)					
(OPCON/ADCON 3rdBn, 12thMar eff 26Mar66)					
Btry "K", 1stBn, 12thMar Capt M. H. WATERBURY (1-10Mar66)	5	106	0	2	DaNang/92937985
Capt J. E. SCHULKEN (10-31Mar66)					
(OPCON 4thBn, 12thMar eff 311200H Mar 66)					
MortBtry, 1stBn, 12thMar Capt T. C. DREW	4	76	0	2	DaNang/92238383

Average strength for Mar 46 702 3 19 DaNang/92238383

b. Period Covered. 1-31 March 1966

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DECLASSIFIEDc. Staff Assignments

Battalion Executive Officer: Major B. F. READ JR.

S-1: 1stLt P. J. VAN RYZIN  
 S-2: 1stLt T. G. BROOKS  
 S-3: Maj D. H. BALIUS  
 S-4: Capt H. L. PARKS III  
 LnO: Maj J. L. MCWHIRT SR.

3. Fire Support

a. During the reporting period the battalion fire the following missions:

Observed	185
Unobserved	4
Registrations	5
Harassing & Interdiction	<u>3769</u>
Total	3963

b. During the reporting period the battalion expended the following ammunition:

(1) DaNang TAOR;

	HE	WP	ILL	HC	SMOKE
105mm	9349	93	23	23	2
107mm	27	6			
155mm	1592	34	44		

(2) Operation DOUBLE EAGLE;

107mm	1027	159	82		
Total	11995	292	149	23	2

(3) Total; 12,461

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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## 1 March

At 011635H Mortar Battery was detached from Task Force Delta upon completion of Operation DOUBLE EABLE. At 011800H Mortar Battery returned to their primary position. From 011455H to 011600H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 4 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. At 011810H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired an illumination mission at (AT 965802). At 012100H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired an illumination mission at (AT 95588095). The battalion fired 203 harassing and interdiction missions.

## 2 March

From 021400H to 021554H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 8 observed missions in support of the 12th Marines FO School. The battalion fired 172 harassing and interdiction missions.

## 3 March

At 031430H Battery "C" staged their howitzers at Marine Air Freight for air movement to Phu Bai. At 031605 Battery "K" displaced (2x155 (Towed) (K Xray) to Le My to support Company "A" 3rd Recon Battalion. The battalion fired 198 harassing and interdiction missions.

## 4 March

At 040435H Battery "C" began a motor march with Operation ROUGH RIDER to Phu Bai. At 041315H Battery "B" displaced 1 howitzer to Battery "C" position at (AT 92237374). From 041345H to 041630H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 11 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. The battalion fired 174 harassing and interdiction missions.

## 5 March

At 051700H the remainder of Battery "B" arrived at Battery "C" position at (AT 92237374). From 051205H to 051602H Battery "A" 11th Marines fired 10 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. At 051600H Battery "K" fired 3 check rounds at (AT 90088426). The battalion fired 146 harassing and interdiction missions.

## 6 March

At 060945H Mortar Battery conducted a registration at (AT 909855). The battalion fired 190 harassing and interdiction missions.

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7 March

At 072330H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an illumination mission in support of 7th Engineer Battalion. The battalion fired 158 harassing and interdiction missions.

8 March

At 080830H Battery "K" (XRay) began displacement back to their permanent position. From 081410H to 081505H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 4 observed missions at (AT 881842), (AT 882835), (AT 882835), and (AT 88188347) for Battery "A" FO # 4. At 081632H Battery "B" fired in a defensive concentration at (AT 872070). At 081706H Battery "B" fired in a defensive concentration at (AT 86797349). At 081710H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an observed mission on suspected VC at (AT 92006478) with good effect on target. At 081743H Battery "B" fired an observed mission on suspected VC at (AT 861700) with no surveillance. The battalion fired 117 harassing and interdiction missions.

9 March

At 092003H Battery "B" fired an observed mission at VC snipers at (AT 887694). At 092133H Battery "K" fired an illumination mission on suspected VC at (AT 838827). At 092210H Battery "B" fired an observed mission at VC snipers at (AT 87557028). At 092300H Battery "K" fired an illumination mission at suspected VC movement at (AT 857853). The battalion fired 127 harassing and interdiction missions.

10 March

At 100030H Battery "K" fired an observed illumination mission at 2 VC at AT 837817; no VC sighted. At 101133H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an observed practice mission for Battery "B" FO # 1 at (AT 914638). From 101343 to 101456H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 3 observed practice missions for FO # 4. The battalion fired 139 harassing and interdiction missions.

14 March

At 141400H and 141510H Battery "K" (Fwd) fired TOT at an anti-aircraft position at (AT 945589) with good effect on target. The battalion fired 92 harassing and interdiction missions.

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15 March

At 150958H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an observed practice mission at (AT 890668) for FO # 4. At 151145H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an observed practice mission at (AT 879660) for FO #3. From 151000H to 151425H Battery "A" 11th Marines fired 10 observed missions in grid squares 8783, 8784, 8883, and 8884 in support of 12th Marines FO School. From 151020H to 151410H Battery "K" fired 13 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. The battalion fired 91 harassing and interdiction missions.

16 March

At 161415H Battery "K" displaced 2x155 (Towed) to Le My to support a 3d Recon Battalion patrol. From 160907H to 161525H Battery "K" fired 16 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. At 161000H Mortar Battery conducted a registration at (AT 923875). From 161135H to 161500H Battery "K", 11th Marines fired 14 observed missions for the FO School. At 161545H Mortar Battery fired 1 observed mission for the FO School. The battalion fired 77 harassing and interdiction missions.

17 March

At 170045H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired an illumination mission at (AT 949727); surveillance, good illumination. From 171435H to 171535H Battery "K" (Fwd) fired 3 observed missions on suspected VC at (AT 892612), (AT 889604) and (AT 905626) with good effect on target. At 171705H Battery "K" fired an illumination mission to orient a patrol from 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines at (AT 838757). From 171735H to 171850H Battery "B" fired 2 observed practice missions for FO # 3 an FO # 4. From 171750H to 171910H battery "A", 12th Marines fired 4 observed practice missions for Battery "K" (Fwd) fired 2 on-call defensive fires at (AT 902609) and (AT 898607). The battalion fired 103 harassing and interdiction missions.

18 March

At 181400H Mortar Battery with 4 M-30 Mortars was attached to Task Group Foxtrot at Phu Bai. At 181250H Battery "K" fired 1 observed test round at (AT 880848). At 181520H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an observed practice mission at (AT 889666). From 181730H to 181800H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired 2 observed missions at suspected VC at (AT 936648) and (AT 918634); no VC observed. The battalion fired 103 harassing and interdiction missions

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From 181740H to 181810H Battery "B" fired 3 observed defensive concentrations at (AT 864747), (AT 861756) and (AT 882776). The battalion fired 103 harassing and interdiction missions.

19 March

At 192015H Battery "K" fired an illumination mission at (AT 929892) in support of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines; excellent illumination. The battalion fired 101 harassing and interdiction missions.

20 March

From 201507H to 201540H Battery "B" fired 2 observed practice missions at (AT 858728) and (AT 857723) with good effect on target. From 201545H to 201630H Battery "A", 12th Marines 2 barrages at (AT 93163584) and (AT 93136631) by firing check rounds. The battalion fired 92 harassing and interdiction missions.

23 March

At 231312H Battery "B" fired an observed practice mission at (AT 884712) for FO # 3. The battalion fired 95 harassing and interdiction missions.

24 March

From 251440H to 25 1515H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired 3 observed practice missions at (AT 886284330), (AT 88188428) and (AT 88788434) for FO # r. The battalion fired 101 harassing and interdiction missions.

25 March

From 251440H to 25 1515H Battery "A", 12th ~~Marines~~ Fired 3 observed practice missions at (AT 90556648), (AT 92276439) and (AT 92456421) For FO # ~~2~~. The battalion fired 98 harassing and interdiction missions.

26 March

From 261250H to 261600H Battery "K" fired 7 observed practice missions in grid squares 8485 and 8585 for Naval Gunfire spotters. At 261625H Battery "A", 12th ~~Marines~~ fired an observed mission on a suspected VC platoon at (AT 905865); no surveillance. The battalion fired 98 harassing and interdiction missions.

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27 March

At 271715H Mortar Battery reported that the battery was in their permanent position upon return from Phu Bai. From 270950H to 271035H Battery "K" conducted 2 registrations at (AT 859860) and at (AT 839860). From 271134H to 271249H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired 3 observed missions on suspected VC at (AT 86226653), (AT 87446611) and (AT 87396453) in support of 3rd Recon Battalion; observed mission on suspected VC at (AT 93296429; no VC sighted. At 271225H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 9 observed practice missions in grid squares 9884, 8883, 8884, 8885, 8985 in support of 12th Marines FO School. At 271855H Battery "B" fired an observed mission on a suspected VC mortar position at (AT 868687), no VC sighted. The battalion fired 94 harassing and interdiction missions.

28 March

From 281220H to 281605H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 12 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. At 281905H and 281955H Battery "K" (Fwd) fired 2 unobserved missions on an unidentified VC unit at (AT 907600) in support of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. The battalion fired 105 harassing and interdiction missions.

29 March

From 291225H to 291600H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired 8 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. The battalion fired 98 harassing and interdiction missions.

30 March

From 301410H to 301600H battery "A", 11th Marines fired 8 observed missions in support of 12th Marines FO School. At 302029H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired an unobserved mission on suspected VC at (AT 870693) in support of 3rd Marines. At 302103H Battery "B" fired an unobserved mission on suspected VC concentration at (AT 858686) in support of 3rd Marines. At 302112H Battery "A", 11th Marines fired an observed mission on an unknown number of VC at (AT 883843) in support of 3rd Marines; excellent effect on target. The battalion fired 95 harassing and interdiction missions.

31 March

At 311200H operational control of Battery "K" passed to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. From 311440H to 311506H Battery "A", 12th Marines fired 3 observed missions at (AT 924647), (AT 924645), and (AT 929645) for FO # 1. The Battalion fired 96 harassing and interdiction missions.