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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology Report for period 1-31 July 1966

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(b) RegtO 5750.1

Encl: ✓ (1) Extracts, S-3 Journal
✓ (2) Extracts, S-3 Journal; Operation MACON

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

a. Organizational data including attachments:

(1) Designation/Location: 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, Da Nang Sector, South Viet Nam

(a) Battery F, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines remains detached OPCON to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines for extended operations in the AN HOA area.

(b) Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines remains detached.

(2) Period covered: 1-31 July 1966

(3) Name/Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff including T/O billet assignment:

Commanding Officer: LtCol J.R. GALLMAN Jr 049652/0802 USMC

Executive Officer: Maj W. H. MORGAN 060176/0802 USMC

S-1: Capt J. E. KSZYSTNIAK 084228/0802 USMC

S-2: 1stLt W.A. SCHERNITZKY 091023/0802 USMCR

S-3: Maj W. H. MORGAN 060176/0802 USMC
S-4: Capt G. F. JOHNSON 081628/0802 USMC
Supply Officer: 1stLt D. L. WHITE 088184/3002 USMCR
Motor Transport Officer: 1stLt G. E. DeANGELIS 089480/3502 USMCR
Communications Officer Capt R. P. LEARNARD 082493/2502 USMC
Liaison Officer: Maj G. W. RYHANYCH 060715/0802 USMC
(1-15 July 1966)
Capt J. H. KIRKHAM 076102/0802 USMC
(16-31 July 1966)
Survey Officer: 2dLt E. F. PITTS 097641/0802 USMC
Chaplain: Lt R. K. HANSEN 667714/4105 USNR
Headquarters Commandant: Capt R. P. LEARNARD 082493/2502 USMC

(4) Average strength for period: 441

b. Sequential listing of significant events especially as they relate to:

(1) Personnel. The battalion was at 83% T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. This percentage does not reflect on unit combat readiness and the battalion is still fully capable of accomplishing its mission. However, shortages in the OF 35, OF 25, and MOS 0811 will become critical with the rotation of personnel during the succeeding weeks. There were nine combat casualties during July, four KIA and five WL, and three noncombat casualties. Thirty-two personnel participated in the R&R program during the month of July.

(2) Administration: None

(3) Intelligence: The present location of the battalion CP makes it necessary to carry out extensive small unit patrols. Tunnels and caves have been destroyed within the command post area. Punji traps and firing stakes have also been uncovered. Enemy activity within the area has been light and actual enemy contact has not been experienced by patrols. On 19 July and on 20 July a Headquarters Battery patrol apprehended one VCS, both for a lack of proper identification. Five incidents of hostile small arms fire were experienced by the battalion with no casualties or damage sustained. On 20 July two Marines from Battery E were killed by automatic weapons fire from apparently five VC when they jeopardized their safety by moving into a hostile area alone.

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(4) Training. Training continues to be initiated in conjunction with operational commitments. Small unit patrols provide an excellent means to gain proficiency in current tactical trends.

(5) Operations. On 6 July Operation MACON commenced within the boundaries of the Operation GEORGIA area. Battery E displaced to (AT 967584) Btry A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to (BT 067581), one platoon from Battery L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to (AT 965618) and a composite battery of two 155mm Gun SP M53 and two 8 inch Howitzers SP M55 displaced to (AT 986645). Battery D (AT 965618) and Battery F (AT 875473) maintained their original firing positions in support of the operation. Thirty-two artillery pieces were prepared to support Operation MACON. The 2d Battalion Command Post and operations section established operational control at Battery D's position on 060945 July. Artillery support during the operation continued through 141430 July. Extracts from the S-3 Journal, enclosure (2), indicate significant missions fired during the operation. 8,758 rounds were expended in support of Operation MACON and enemy casualties reported were 40 KIA (conf), 30 KIA (poss) and 25 WIA. The battalion fired a total of 529 observed missions, 16 unobserved missions, and 1,538 H&I missions in support of the 9th Marines during July, expending 14,378 rounds of 105mm ammunition and 169 rounds of 155mm ammunition. Other enemy casualties reported other than those inflicted during Operation MACON were 7 KIA (conf) and 35 KIA (poss).

(6) Command and Control. The command post location and mission of the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines remains the same.

(7) Communications/Electronics. The battalion communication section received two KW-7's on 11 July for use with teletype equipment and during the period from 18-21 July, the battalion received eight MRC 109s and two MRC 110s. The MRC 109s and MRC 110s remain on administrative deadline in accordance with division orders and are being held at battalion.

(8) Logistics. Logistics posture for this command is satisfactory. The overall motor transport deadline rate currently averages 16-18%. The deadline rate for M-35 trucks, however is currently 30%, due primarily to lack of 2d and 3d echelon repair parts. The overall deadline rate is attributed to a shortage of trained personnel and repair parts shortages. Except as noted, second echelon motor transport and communications maintenance continues to be completed in a reasonable time despite shortages of certain repair parts.

(9) Civic Action.

a. The battalion distributed 50 school kits to HA DONG school. 400 lbs of clothing, 1200 bars of soap, and 800 lbs of miscellaneous medical supplies were given to the Da Nang Civilian Hospital. Medical personnel treated 87 civilians during July.

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b. The battalion chaplain conducted 41 services, made 61 visits to batteries and made 139 hospital calls during July.

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EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 1 JULY 1966

2328 1 FM frm F-4, (028603) VC snipers, BE 474, Btry E, 60 HE, activity ceased, EOM 2335

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 2 JULY 1966

1545 1 FM frm E-2, BE 476, (995622) 36 HE, EOM 1557, gd eff on tgt, surveillance to follow

1605 2 FM frm B-6, (974598) VC in village, 6 HE, 10 WP, EOM 1620, BE 741, surveillance to follow

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 3 JULY 1966

0005 1 FM frm E-1, (98645565) 1 Gun Illum and FFE, BD 307, EOM 0045, 10 HE, 61 Illum, VC mortars, Btry D, Mortars silenced

0016 2 FM frm E-1, (980560) VC SA, 30 HE, Btry D, EOM 0030, fire ceased

0940 3 FM frm F-4, (035599) VC in treeline, Btry E, 14 HE, rds on tgt, EOM 0950, BE 482

1455 4 FM frm F-4, (02005980) VC in treeline, Btry E, 36 HE, BE 642 sniper fire ceased, EOM 1505

1745 5 FM frm E-3, (016555) VC in open, Btry E, 26 HE, BE 483, VC dispersed

2020 6 TOT, BX 164, (013587) suspected VC mortar position, Btry D, 22 HE, Btry E, 24 HE

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 4 July 1966

1900 1 FM frm F-4, (995589), BE 657, enemy movement, Btry E, 36 HE, rds on tgt, EOM 1910

1910 2 FM frm F-4, (006590) BE658, VC in treeline, Btry E, 12 HE, rds on tgt, EOM 1925

2040 3 FM frm E-3, (015587) BX 165, TOT, Btry D&E, 18 HE/Btry, gd cover

2130 4 FM frm 1-9 FSCC (011594) sus VC at helo landing zone, Btry E, 18 HE, EOM 2140, gd eff on tgt

2140 5 FM frm 9thMar FSCC, (993617) BX 166, TOT, Btry E, 16 HE, unobserved, EOM 2155

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EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 5 JULY 1966

0720 1 FM frm D-2A, (905535) VC movement, frm 0727 L50 +300 FFE
24 WP, EOM 0742, 2 KIA (poss)

1540 2 FM frm D-2, BD 314, VC sniper position, 77 HE, EOM 1620,
target well covered

1750 3 FM frm D-2, (903523) 15 VC in open, 17 HE, BX 168, Btry D&L,
EOM 1805, 3 VC WIA, 1 VC KIA (Conf)

2205 4 FM frm D-4A, (949533) VC activity, Btry D, 12 HE, 2 WP, BD 315,
EOM 2220

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 1800-2400 14 July 1966

1800 1 FM frm D-3A, (899539) VC w/AW, Btry D, 24 HE, 2 WP, Btry L,
18 HE, gd eff on tgt, EOM 1825

1858 2 FM frm E-2, (009591, 10 VC moving across rice paddy, Btry E,
14 HE, EOM 1906, traces of blood in area

2120 3 FM frm E-4, (99545608) BE 750, VC movement, Btry E, 12 HE

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 15 July 1966

1835 1 FM frm D-2, (926529) VC in treeline, Btry D & L (Fwd),
24 HE, 2 WP, Btry L, 18 HE, EOM 1850

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 16 July 1966

1250 1 FM frm D-4, (956548) 2 VC w/wpns, BD332, 16 HE, VC fled into
treeline, unable to observe casualties. EOM 1300

1635 2 FM frm E-4A, 20 VC in treeline, BX182, (007576) Btry E, 12 HE,
Btry D, 26 HE, EOM 1650, rds on tgt, poss. secondary explosions

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 17 July 1966

0715 1 FM frm D-2, (903538) VC snipers in treeline, Btry D, 2 WP, 12HE
BD 335, excell eff on tgt, sniper fire ceased, EOM 0735

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 19 July 1966

2007 1 FM frm E-2, (021602) Hvy AW fire, Btry E, 12 HE, rds on tgt

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 20 July 1966

1845 1 FM frm D-2, (918535) 25 VC in open, Btry D, 18 WP, BD 340,
EOM 1910, no surveillance

1850 2 FM frm D-1A, (996629) sniper fire, Btry E, 40 HE, BE 496,
sniper fire ceased, EOM 1905

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EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 21 July 1966

0710 1 FM frm D-2, (904527) 5 VC in sanpan, Btry D, 12 HE, 8 VC-KIA, (poss) 2 sanpans destroyed, EOM 0800

2025 2 FM frm D-1A (00116151) BE 658, VC sniper fire, AW & Mort, Btry E, 72 HE, excell eff on tgt, sniper fire and AW fire silenced

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 22 July 1966

1500 1 FM frm D-1, (985605) VC snipers, BE 498, HE 20, WP 18, EOM 1515 gd eff on tgt

1830 2 FM frm D-1, (987613) VC sniper, DL069, 11 WP, 6 HE, EOM 1845, excell eff on tgt, sniper fire ceased

1831 3 FM frm D-2A, (901529) 8 VC in open, Btry D (155), 8 HE, 6 WP, BD 346, EOM 1850, excell eff on tgt, 3 Or 4 VC-KIA (poss)

2045 4 FM frm D-1, (98516059) BE 498, VC sniper fire, Btry E, 20 WP, 18 HE, EOM 2100, sniper fire ceased

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 23 July 1966

2010 1 FM frm D-1, (992625) Hvy sniper fire, Btry D, BD 347, 26 HE, 12 WP, excell eff on tgt, EOM 2030

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 25 July 1966

0050 1 FM frm Rocky Point 3, outpost under attack, appx 2 VC plts, Btry D (036641) 22 HE, Btry E (038638) 22 HE, Btry I (040635) 24 HE, gd eff on tgt, VC dispersed, BX185, EOM 0115

1855 2 FM frm E-2, (028599) VC sniper fire, BE 500, Btry E, 14 HE, 14 WP, EOM 1925, outstanding eff on tgt

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 26 July 1966

1100 1 FM frm D-1, (018615) VC sniper fire, BE689, 50 HE, Btry E, EOM 1120, gd eff on tgt, sniper fire ceased

1900 2 FM frm D-2A, (90105374) snipers, Btry D, 14 HE, EOM 1915 gd eff

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 27 July 1966

1925 1 FM frm D-2 (901537) sniper fire, Btry D, BD 352, 38 HE, EOM 1935, sniper fire ceased

2015 2 FM frm E-4A, (985520) 15 VC in treeline, Btry D, 2 WP, 24 HE, rds on tgt, EOM 2030

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EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 27 July 1966 (Con't)

2030 3 FM frm E-4A, (985530) 15 VC in treeline, Btry D, 2 WP 12 HE, excell eff on tgt, EOM 2040

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 29 July 1966

1715 1 FM frm E-2A, sniper fire, BX 186, Btry E, 2 WP 12 HE, EOM sniper fire ceased

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 30 July 1966

0800 1 FM frm B-6, (897542) VC sniper fire, Btry D, BX 187, 31 HE, 26 WP, EOM 0830, rds on tgt

1230 2 FM frm D-2, (905537) VC with bugles, Btry D, BX 188, 22 HE, EOM 1250, excell eff on tgt, no surveillance at this time

EXTRACTS S-3 JOURNAL PERIOD 0001-2400 31 July 1966

1900 1 FM frm D-2, (90645361) Hvy sniper fire, 120 HE, 105 WP, gd coverage of target area

2050 2 FM frm E-3, (992620) AW fire, 33 HE, gd eff on tgt, EOM 2100

2100 3 FM frm E-3, (006620) VC retreating, 14 HE, EOM 2113, gd eff

2115 4 FM frm E-3, (005629) VC movement, 26 HE, EOM 2125, gd eff

2145 5 FM frm D-2, (91405329) VC movement, 62 HE, EOM 2205, excell eff

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EXTRACTS FROM S-3 JOURNAL - OPERATION MACON

July 6 0001-2400

0930 1 Landing zone prep fires:
Btry D 139 HE 6 WP
Btry L 36 HE 4 WP
8" How 12 HE
155 Guns 4 HE 2 WP

1925 2 FM frm C-1, (994542) VC in treeline, Btry E, 26 HE, EOM 2000

1950 3 FM frm E-3A, VC in treeline, (021547) Btry E, 28 HE, EOM 2020

2325 4 FM frm 1-A, (91105244) VC company, BX003, 34 HE, EOM 0030

July 7 0001-2400

0100 1 On BX003, of the estimated 150-200 VC, a possible 50 VC-KIA due to darkness were unable to determine any more effect. Will search the area at first light

1005 2 FM frm C-4, (996529) VC sniper fire, Btry D, 18 HE, 7 WP, BD316 No surveillance, EOM 1050

1100 3 Prep fires, B1D, Btry D, 118 HE, B2D, Btry L Fwd, 24 HE, B3D, Btry L Fwd, 32 HE, 8" How/155 Guns 16 HE

1110 4 FM frm D-4, (959550) Smk screen for river crossing, Btry D, 62 HOSmk, BD317, EOM 1140

1145 5 FM frm D-4, (959550) VC sniper fire, Btry D, 23 HE, sniper fire ceased, EOM 1155

1225 LATE ENTRY 1045 FM frm 9th Mar FSCC, snipers in treeline, Btry A, 10 HE, 8 WP EOM 1115, no surveillance

July 8 0001-2400

0900 1 Prep fires in support of tank river crossing:
BD 688 ((54546)) 1 HE Check round
BD 687 (954546) 36 HE (Btry D&E)
BD 688 (956548) 36 HE (Btry D&E)
BD 689 (958549) 36 HE (Btry D&E)
BD 690 (959550) 33 HE (Btry D&E)
BD 688 (956548) 12 HE (Btry D)
BD 691 (965550) 4 HE 4 WP (Btry L & F)
BD 692 (966554) 4 HE 4 WP (Btry L & F)
BD 693 (969553) 4 HE 4 WP (Btry L & F)

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BD 694 (961544) 8 HE(155) 2 HE(8") (Btry L Fwd&8")
 BD 695 (964545) 8 HE(155) 2 HE(8") (Btry L Fwd&8")
 BD 696 (966545) 8 HE(155) 1 HE(8") (Btry L Fwd &8")
 BD 697 (970550) 2 HE(155) 1 HE(8") (Btry L Fwd & 8")
 BD 698 (959548) 9 HCSmk (Btry E)
 Fires terminated at approximately 0920-crossing completed

July 9 0001-2400

0605 1 Fired BE 488 for F-1, prep fire, 3 VC KIA (Conf)
 1130 2 FM frm E-2A, (001592) Hvy AW fire, Btry D, 21 HE, 78 WP, sniper fire ceased, EOM 1200
 1225 3 FM frm E-2A, (010591) Hvy AW fire, Btry D, 12 HE, 12 WP, Lima Btry (Fwd) 4 HE, 8" How 2 HE, EOM 1245, BD 321
 1325 4 FM frm E-2A, (035544) 20 VC w/wpn, Btry D, Btry L, Btry D, 6 HE, 6 WP, Btry L, 4 HE, 4 HE-VT, EOM 1335, BD323, 1 KIA conf
 1830 5 Additional surveillance rcvd on mission (line#4) villagers rptd that 3 VC-WIA were carried off by VC unit fired on.
 2200 6 FM frm 1st platoon cmdr, A Company, (983605) BD 324, VC w/AW 33 WP, 6 HE, EOM 2230, gd cover on tgt, check area first light

July 10 0001-2400

1710 1 FM frm D-1, (946584) VC minefield, Btry D, 28 HE, two secondary explosions, EOM 1735

11 July 0001-2400

1115 1 FM frm D-1A, (980660) VC sniper fire, Btry " 20 WP, 64 HE, 9 secondary explosions, EOM 1145

1330 2 FM frm WM-3, BX 171, (930525) VC fortified position, Btry D, Btry L (Fwd) Btry D, 10 HE, Btry L, 4 HE, excell eff on tgt

July 12 0001-2400

0245 1 FM frm F-4, (958540) incoming mortars, BX 163, Btry D, 60 HE, Btry E, 60 HE, EOM 0312, mortar fire ceased

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July 14 0001-2400

0805 1 (933530) VC activity in treeline, Btry D&E, 38 HE, BX177, VC
FO-F-4, EOM 0835

1000 2 FM frm Recon OP, (983489)(983495)(983490)(990478)(985487)
and (986484), Btry E, Btry L (Fwd) Btry F, 155 G, and 8",
100 VC, Btry E=36 HE, Btry L=10 HE, 8" How=6 HE, 155G=14 HE
Surveillance indicated 22 VC-KIA

1045 3 FM frm Recon OP, (98584810) VC in village, 155G, 60 HE, EOM
1155, surveillance to follow

1230 4 FM frm Recon OP, (98684802) Est 100 VC, Btry E, Btry L (Fwd),
8" How, Btry E=20HE, 18WP, Btry L=5HE, 5 WP, 8" How= 5 HE
EOM 1300, 18 VC-KIA

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