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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.10Encl: (1) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Command Chronology for the
period 1 August to 31 August 19691. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and
(c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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~~COMMAND CHRONOLOGY~~

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2d Battalion, 12th Marines

COMMANDERLTCOL C. J. KILLEEN 050163/0802
USMCSUBORDINATE UNITS

HQ Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT C. F. NORTON 080524/0802
USMC (1 - 18 Aug 1969)

Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT K. C. KALBFLEISCH
084123/0802 USMC
(19 - 31 Aug 1969)

Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT G. E. HODGE 096071/0802
USMC

Battery "F", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT H. C. BARNUM 084262/0802
USMC

Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT D. P. SKILES 0103803/0802
USMC

Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT C. I. ADAMS 086589/0802
USMC

HQ Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group

1STLT J. H. MOLEN 0102524/3502
USMC2. Location. 1 - 6 August 1969: in transit from RVN to Okinawa. 6 - 31 August 1969: Camp Hauge, Okinawa.3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

MAJ R. H. LEDET 063172/0802
USMC

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CAPT N. W. CARMEN 096338/0130
USMC

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S-2	1STLT H. L. PRICE 0105231/0802 USMC
S-3	MAJ J. D. McNAMARA 078628/0802 USMC
S-4	CAPT C. F. NORTON 080524/0802 USMC
Liaison Officer	1STLT L. S. WARDLOW 0104823/0802 USMC
Ordnance Officer	M/GY/SGT C. H. STERLING 1070201/0891 USMC
Supply Officer	1STLT H. J. PETERSON 0106012/3002 USMC
Motor Transportation Officer	1STLT T. H. MASTIN III 0105181/0802 USMCR
Communications Officer	1STLT R. BRYSON 0105878/2502 USMCR

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC	USN		USN
OFF	ENL		OFF	ENL
53	825		5	13

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The past month witnessed the completed redeployment of the battalion to Okinawa. LtCol C. J. Killeen arrived by air with Colonel E. F. Danowitz, Commanding Officer, 9th Marines, on 2 August 1969. Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, Battery "E" arrived 7 August 1969. Battery "F" and Battery "L" arrived on 23 August 1969. Battery "L" became opcon to the battalion at 231330. The completed redeployment brings the battalion back to Camp Hauge after an absence of four years. The rapid expansion of the camp in the last month has progressed at a satisfactory rate. Subordinate units are

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now disposed as shown in Tab A of Part IV. One clear factor is that the billeting capacity of the camp is not what it was in 1965. It seems evident that the regimental headquarters and two more battalions would severely strain the billeting resources of the camp.

Lt W. T. Weathers, Lt(j.g.) Rourke and SSgt C. F. Elliott participated in the CTX, Beach Baron VIII, from 12 August to 18 August. This was the primary operational activity of the month.

The primary effort of the battalion was in the maintenance and administrative field (paragraph 4.). As the month ended, however, the survey section was preparing to embark for Camp Fuji. They will re-establish control in preparation for the arrival of Battery "D". The other batteries are completing rehabilitation maintenance, training and administrative matters in order to support any operational requirements that may be assigned.

PART III

01 AUGUST Elements of HQ Battery and Battery "E" embarked on the USS Paul Revere and departed RVN.

02 AUGUST Commanding Officer, 2/12 arrived by air at Kadena AFB.

06 AUGUST Opcn of HQ Battery, Battery "D", Battery "E", and Mortar Battery returned to Battalion.

06 AUGUST Elements of HQ Battery and Battery "D" arrived at Okinawa aboard the USS Paul Revere.

06 AUGUST Opcn of HQ Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group passed to Battalion.

07 AUGUST HQ Battery and Battery "E" arrived at Okinawa aboard the USS Park County LST 1077 and the USS Sedgwick County LST 1123 respectively.

08 AUGUST Batteries "F" and "L" advance parties arrive at Okinawa.

10 AUGUST Survey Section began a survey of firing ranges on Okinawa to include gun positions, impact areas, control points, registration points and observation posts.

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11 AUGUST Commandant of Marine Corps visited Camp Haige.

12 AUGUST Representatives of S-3 left for Korea to participate in the planning of Operation Beach Baron VIII and the CPX.

13 AUGUST Elements of Battery "L" embarked aboard the USS Paul Revere and departed RVN.

13 AUGUST Elements of Battery "F" embarked aboard the USS Pitkin County LST 1082 at Cua Viet and departed RVN.

14 AUGUST USS Pitkin County encountered difficulties and put in at Da Nang.

14 AUGUST Remainder of Battery "F" and Battery "L" embarked aboard the USS Outagamie County LST 1073 and departed RVN.

15 AUGUST Elements of Battery "F" aboard the USS Pitkin County departed RVN final time.

17 AUGUST Elements of Battery "L" aboard the USS Paul Revere arrived at Okinawa.

19 AUGUST Typhoon Cora hit Okinawa disrupting the working schedule, causing wind and water damage, and delaying the USS Outagamie County in the Philippines.

22 AUGUST Elements of Battery "F" aboard the USS Pitkin County arrived at Okinawa.

23 AUGUST Remainder of Battery "F" and Battery "L" aboard the USS Outagamie County arrived at Okinawa.

23 AUGUST Opcon of Battery "F" and Battery "L" passed to battalion.

1. Personnel and Administration.

a. Personnel Strengths. The battalion, including Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, completed the deployment to Okinawa at T/O strength. However the joining of enlisted replacements and personnel from 1st Searchlight Battery, which was placed in a cadre status on 18 Aug. 1969, left the battalion with an end of the month strength of 112% of T/O.

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b. Personnel Vacancies. The only noteworthy T/O deficiencies were one Lieutenant MOS 3502 and one Gunnery Sergeant MOS 0441.

c. Promotions. The battalion promoted one Gunnery Sergeant to Master Sergeant, nineteen Lance Corporals to the grade of Corporal and one hundred and twenty seven Privates First Class to Lance Corporal during August.

d. Award recommendations. During the month of August a total of nine award recommendations were submitted. These included 2 Bronze Star recommendations, 2 Navy Commendations Award recommendations, and 5 Navy Achievement Medal recommendations.

f. Legal. During the month of August, eleven Battery Commanders office hours and five Battalion Commanders office hours were held. Three informal investigations were conducted during August, 1969.

2. Intelligence. Okinawan rallies this month have been of minor significance to this battalion. However, large-scale racial incidents occurred in KOZA FOUR-CORNERS during the weekend of 29 August through 1 Sep with possible use of weapons, munitions and dangerous instruments and resulting in minor injury to five U.S. military law enforcement personnel and destruction of two military vehicles (KOZA), directly affected personnel at Camp Hauge. Reaction forces were ordered by Commanding General FMFTAC FWD to be established by Marine forces on the island on a thirty minute stand-by for riot control duty. This battalion produced one reaction force company, which prepared to assist law enforcement agencies as necessary.

Since Battery "L" was chopped opcon to 2/12, this battalion has assumed a nuclear capability. Therefore, we are setting up a Personnel Reliability Screening Board to grant accesses to the nuclear system.

The procurement of maps has been a continuing problem for us. Formerly, we submitted our requests through 9th MAB however, 9th MAB now gives us permission to send our requests directly to 3rd FSR. This seems to be a much better solution; and we anticipate no further problems.

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3. Training. The training cycle appropriate to BLT/RLT in garrison was initiated toward the end of this month. Maintenance of material continued to consume the major portion of the time available for training. However, a FIREX was planned for September, plans for a Fuji FIREX were progressing and the development of a comprehensive training plan was completed. Tactical review boards were formed to critique the forthcoming operations and Gunnery SOP. Officers were assigned to develop lesson plans and materials for GMS instruction. Educational programs were initiated in all units with numerous personnel being examined for GED.

4. Logistics. 1 - 6 August. Battery "E" & HQ Battery enroute to Okinawa aboard LSTs Sedgwick and Park Counties. Movement from Kin Red to Camp Hauge orderly and without difficulty. Prior planning and work of advance parties made occupation of the camp without inconvenience. During the first two weeks of August Battery "D" and Mortar Battery have completed turn-in of ordnance items under rehabilitation program under control of 3rd Force Service Regiment. Rehabilitation turn in of equipment has been smooth, although many long hours are needed to prepare motor transport equipment for turn-in. Priority of repairs has been allocated according to BLT composition and those headquarters elements needed to support each BLT. Batteries "F" & "L" arrive on 28 August to commence rehabilitation. Noncombat logistics program transition has been smooth. The battalion has been allocated 80,000 dollars for O&M; MC funds which is adequate to cover acquisition of new 782 gear and repairs of tactical equipment. Close monitoring of requisitioning and repair costs is needed to avoid over commitment of funds. One expected problem area developed. Criteria for determination of motor vehicle deadline status naturally increased causing a high deadline rate (approximately 66%). Demands on motor vehicles naturally increased causing a difficult scheduling problem. The rolling stock of two batteries were administratively deadlined to facilitate preparation for 3rd & 4th Echelon repairs. Original plans called for complete dependence on the vehicles from Batteries "F" & "L". However, a mortar attack on Dong Ha West compound prior to embarkation caused extensive damage to Battery "F" vehicles. Consequently these vehicles are also deadlined. The battalion is the senior command aboard Camp Hauge and as such is responsible for operation and maintenance, which puts increased burdens on personnel. 19 - 21 August, typhoon "Cora" did considerable wind and water damage to the camp and disrupted routine operations.

Generally, logistics operations have been excellent during August. Motor transport, supply, embarkation and heavy ordnance sections all enjoy adequate working spaces. However two problems continue to exist. Earlier in August, the battalion was alerted to vacate the battalion warehouse, which is currently in an ideal plant. Therefore the supply officer was

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forced to stop uncrating embarked equipment. The battalion pressed to be assigned another warehouse. However, no decision was made on relocation and in order to keep the supply operation from bogging to a complete standstill, the supply officer was directed to continue to use the present warehouse. Another problem area is the lack of suitable armory storage and work areas. There exists only one secure area which is inadequate in all but security aspects. Work orders were submitted to correct this by modifying one desirable but insecure building. Small arms maintenance (2nd echelon) is seriously impaired.

A shortage of khaki and sateen uniforms continues which necessitates continued wear of jungle utilities.

The battalion undertook the operation of two 500 man mess halls. Although relatively inexperienced in operation of messhalls, the mess section under Staff Sergeant McKeon has done a remarkably good job. A food service contact team arrived on 27 August, however their report won't be ready until the first week in September. Some discrepancies are expected.

Logistics operations are progressing satisfactorily. The S-4 section is staffed to maximum capacity with an S-4, asst. S-4/Embarkation Officer, Ordnance Officer, Log Chief, Ammo Technician and two 0441 personnel. Every bit of this talent is needed at the present to smoothly effect the transition from RVN to a training status.

5. Communications. During August, Communications Platoon participated in the move from Dong Ha to Okinawa, the initial set up of communications in the battalion area, the coordination with 9th MAB over radio frequencies and the telephone system and the disaster control communications system during typhoon Cora. On 6 August the landing at Okinawa was effected and setting up procedures were begun. On 8 August the communications section moved from building T-401 to building T-1048 due to lack of space. The message center remains at building T-401. Coordination with 9th MAB was completed on 14 August and message pickup authorization was transferred from S-1/S&C to Comm plt message center. During typhoon Cora three radio nets were monitored throughout a HF net operating at 2210 KHZ, a UHF net at 49.80 MHZ, and a VHF interoamp net at 61.55 MHZ. No serious problems were encountered during the typhoon. Emergency procedures have been established for future typhoons.

Other incidents during August included coordination between 2/12 and the Camp Butler telephone system for the base phone service requirements and coordination between 9th MAB message center and ourselves.

At this time no major problems are anticipated in communications during September. An LTI is expected before 7 September by both the 9th MAB CEO and 3rd FSR. Equipment and personnel continue to be satisfactory.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ a. Reference Maps. Map of Camp Hauge (Tab A)
- ✓ b. Photographs. (Tab B)
 - 1. ✓ Ceremonies and Embarkation from RVN.
 - 2. ✓ Visit of the Commandant of the Marine Corps to Camp Hauge on 11 Aug.
 - 3. ✓ Mess Night of 29 August.