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HEADQUARTERS
 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines
 3rd Marine Division, FMF
 c/o FPO, San Francisco 96602

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Encl: (1) Organizational Data Sheet
 (2) Daily Chronological Report of Significant Events
 (3) S-1 Matters
 (4) S-2 Matters
 (5) S-3 Matters *w/ TAB A - Inf from 258-8, TAB B - Ammunition Spend, TAB C - Mount Chron, TAB D - New Task Org 22*
 (6) S-4 Matters
 (7) Communications- Electronics Matters

1. In compliance with reference (a) through (c) the March 1966 Command Chronology is hereby submitted. The subject chronology is contained in enclosures (1) through (7).

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

Information and Location

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3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Location: Coordinates ~~BT~~ 87631455, Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam

2. Period Covered. 1 March 1966 to 31 March 1966 .

3. Battalion Commander and Staff

a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

- (1) Lieutenant Colonel L. L. PAGE 018982 USMC-Battalion Commander
- (2) Major C. M. REITZ 053472 USMC-Battalion Executive Officer
- (3) 1stLt W. E. WOOD 085425 USMC- Adjutant/S-1
- (4) 1stLt A. HARKNESS III 087710 USMC-S-2
- (5) Major W. J. HALLISEY 056620 USMC-S-3
- (6) Captain J. B. WAY 081103 USMC-S-4

b. Subordinate Units and Commanders

- (1) Headquarters Battery, 3rdBn, 12thMar - Capt D. H. OBLINGER 076506 USMC
- (2) Battery I, 3rdBn, 12thMar - Capt B. T. CHAMELESS 064290 USMC
- (3) Battery B, 1stBn, 11thMar - Capt F. S. CARR Jr. 072702 USMC
- (4) Battery C, 1stBn, 12thMar - Capt R. N. KOSTESKY 070455 USMC
- (5) 107mm Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 11thMar - 1stLt P. D. CARPENTER 086613 USMC
- (6) Battery M, 4thBn, 12thMar - Capt W. J. FEIND 077904 USMC

4. Average Monthly Strength: 51 Officers, 673 Enlisted.

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Daily Chronological Report of Significant Events

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1-15 March 1966

The month began with the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines reoccupying the permanent Command Post at Chu Lai. The first week was utilized to refurbish and reorganize from Operation "Double Eagle". The Battalion also began planning and preparations to displace permanently to Da Nang as directed by the 12th Marine Regiment. An advanced party led by Captain J. R. DEWAN and composed of six (6) enlisted Marines, flew to Da Nang on 6 March to initiate liaison and begin construction of the Battalion's new Command Post.

On 13 March the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was directed by the 12th Marine Regiment to prepare to move to Hue Phu Bai vice Da Nang. In response to this direction, the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, LtCol L. L. PAGE led an advanced party to effect liaison with the Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, the unit to be relieved by the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. The Battalion was subsequently involved in preparations for embarkation aboard amphibious shipping for the move to Hue Phu Bai.

15-20 March 1966

On 16 March the Battalion received CG, 3rdMarDiv msg 00161945Z which provided official confirmation for the move to Hue Phu Bai, established estimated dates for embarkation, and assigned initial missions for elements of the 4th Marine Regiment.

From 16 March to 21 March the Battalion was involved in final planning and preparation of equipment for embarkation during the period 22-24 March.

22 March 1966

During the afternoon of 22 March, the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines began staging of equipment at the LST Sand Ramp at Chu Lai.

23-24 March 1966

The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines began embarkation aboard the Paul Revere, APA 248, during the early morning, completing loading during the late evening. The Paul Revere got underway at 2330H arriving in the Hue Phu Bai area approximately 240600H. The remainder of the 24th was spent debarking personnel and equipment at the Hue causeway.

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25 March 1966

The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines commanded by LtCol L. L. PAGE assumed operational control of the Artillery Battalion Group located in the Phu Bai Area at 1500H. The new task organization is listed in Tab D to S-3 matters. A Provisional Battery Group commanded by Major H. U. CARPENTER and consisting of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and four (4) 155mm howitzers from Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines is operating in the Co Bi Tan Tan Area in connection with Operation-"Oregon". All other units are located in the Phu Bai Area. The Group continued its mission of supporting Task Force "F" operations.

26 March 1966

At 1120H the Group received a message from the 12th Marine Regiment directing that the 107mm Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines prepare to return to Da Nang when directed. At 1725H, Mortar Battery pulled out of action to prepare for the move to Da Nang.

27 March 1966

At 260205H, the Group received a message from the Provisional Battery Group stating that VC were probing the artillery perimeter with small arms fire and grenades. The Provisional Group returned fire with 105mm howitzers and small arms. As a result of the probes, one (1) Marine was killed in action due to grenade wounds. The VC casualties could not be determined.

In compliance with Group Frag Order 7-66, the Provisional Battery Group reported Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in position coordinates 629275 laid on azimuth 3900 at 1815H.

At 270930H the 107mm Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was flown to Da Nang by C-130 as directed by the 12th Marine Regiment.

The resupply convoy dispatched from the Group Command Post at Phu Bai to the Provisional Group was delayed in route at Hue due to the student demonstrations. The demonstrations waned after a few hours and the convoy was able to reach their destination during the mid afternoon.

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28 March 1966

The Counter Mortar Radar was reported in action at 271750H operating on an azimuth of scan of 3000 mils.

The Group sent a Liaison section of five Marines to the ARVN compound at Phu Loc, vicinity coordinates ZC 085 007 at 0730H to coordinate fire planning and fire support for the convoy moving Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines to Da Nang.

At 0800H, the 4th Marine Regiment relieved Task Force "F" of operational control of the Phu Bai Area. As a result the Artillery Battalion Group assumed the mission of supporting 4th Marines operations vice Task Force "F".

The Artillery Battalion Group received 4th Marine Frag Order 9-66 at 1130H which was implemented by 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, Artillery Battalion Group Frag Order 7-66 directing Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines to displace to coordinates YD 640275 to support the helilift of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines into the LZ at YD 6324. The Frag Order further directed that upon completion at the helilift, the Provisional Battery Group is directed to displace to GS 6324 to support subsequent operations in this area. At 1545H, the Provisional Group reported Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in position at coordinates 638248 laid on azimuth 4400 and Provisional Battery Y in position at coordinates 638250 laid on azimuths 4200 and 4700 as directed the Frag Order.

During the afternoon Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines conducted RSOP's to practice rapid displacements of the batteries and service practice shoots.

29 March 1966

The convoy transporting Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines from Phu Bai to Da Nang departed this Command Post at 0700H. The liaison section located at Phu Loc reported that there were no unusual events occurring in connection with providing fire support coordination with the ARVN Artillery for the convoy.

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The only significant event occurring during the reporting period was a precision destruction mission fired by Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines at 1700H on small camp fires coming from two (2) caves located at coordinates YD 810040. The observer reported the caves collapsed and destroyed after a total of twenty-one (21) 155mm howitzer HE rounds were fired. Phu Loc Liaison team retracted at 1500H.

30 March 1966

There were no significant events occurring during the reporting period.

31 March 1966

At 1400H, the Provisional Battery Group reported that Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines fired on six (6) VC in the river at coordinates YD 583197. The observer reported two (2) VC killed in action as a result of firing forty-two (42) 105mm HE rounds.

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S-1 Matters

1. Personnel and Administration

This battalion is presently maintaining an operating level of 90% of authorized T/O strength. Some officer replacements were received late in the month to meet the large attrition rate of April rotatees.

2. Morale and Discipline

The state of morale remained at a high level consistant with the conditions under which the unit served. The move to Phu Bai late in the month required new liaison to be made concerning various morale boosting institutions.

No disciplinary problems encountered. Two non-judicial punishments dispensed - 1 violation of Article 113 and 1 violation of Article 92.

3. Civil Affairs

All responsibility for the MEDCAP program turned over to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines before departure from Chu Lai area. Details of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines program discussed and will be taken over.

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S-2 Matters

1. General. During the month of March very little intelligence activity was conducted due to preparations for the move to Phu Bai. Upon arrival in the Phu Bai area, the S-2 Section made liaison with local intelligence units in the Phu Bai area and accompanied a truck convoy north of Hue to observe the local population, road conditions, and to study the terrain.

2. Aerial Observation. For the first three (3) weeks of March the one (1) aerial observer with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was under the control of the 11th Marines which had at least one (1) artillery observer flying every day in conjunction with the Chu Lai AO Section.

At the time of the Battalion's arrival in Phu Bai all the original aerial observers with the unit had been lost through rotation. One other AO was transferred into the Battalion. He, along with two (2) Division AO's, had the responsibility for the entire aerial observation coverage of the Phu Bai Enclave. With aircraft support provided by the 220th Aviation Company, U. S. Army, the artillery observer flew one or two missions daily providing TAOR reconnaissance, artillery fire adjustment, and general AO support of Operation "Oregon".

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S-3 Matters

1. Summary of Significant Events. The most significant event of the month was the move of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines from Chu Lai to Hue Phu Bai. The first twenty (20) days of the month were spent in preparation of equipment and supplies for embarkation aboard Naval shipping. The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines departed Chu Lai on 23 March landing at Phu Bai on 24 March.

The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of the Artillery Battalion Group as of 251500H. The Group continued its mission of supporting Task Force "F" operations. As of 280800H, the 4th Marine Regiment relieved Task Force "F" of operational control of the Phu Bai TAOR and as a result the Group assumed the mission of supporting 4th Marine operations. The new Task Organization is listed in Tab D.

In order to effectively support Task Force "F" operations and later 4th Marines operations in the Co Bi Tan Tan Area, the Artillery Battalion Group formed a Provisional Battery Group commanded, as of 25 March, by Major H. U. CARPENTER and consisting of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and Provisional Battery Y, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. The Provisional Battery Group has been operating in the Co Bi Tan Tan Area since the 15th of March.

At 311400H, the Provisional Battery Group reported that Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines fired on six (6) VC in the river at coordinates 583197. The observer reported two (2) VC KIA's as a result of firing forty-two (42) 105mm howitzer HE rounds.

2. FSCC, The 4th Marines assumed operational control of the Hue Phu Bai Area as of 280800H. The liaison section continued its mission of coordinating three (3) supporting arms: artillery, air, and naval gun fire. Planning has commenced for Operation-"Golden Fleece" and Operation-"Virginia".

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3. Command and Control. During the period 1 through 25 March this organization was comprised of Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1500, 25 March, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was assigned operational control of the Artillery units at Hue Phu Bai with the assigned mission of supporting Task Force "F" operations within the Hue Phu Bai TAOR and any unilateral and/or coordinated operations with GVN Armed Forces beyond the area of the TAOR, as directed by Task Force "F". On 28 March 4th Marines relieved Task Force "F" as senior command in Phu Bai Enclave.

3rd Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control and administrative control of the Artillery Battalion Group with units assigned missions as follows: Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, and Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and Battery W, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines in general support.

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and a provisional battery comprised of four (4) 155mm howitzers (towed) and two (2) 155mm howitzers (towed) from RVN Artillery units were assigned the mission of direct support of Task Force "F" (F) units of Operation-"Oregon" which concluded on 23 March. After the conclusion of Operation-"Oregon", the Provisional Battery Group remained in support of Task Force "F" and as of 28 March 4th Marine operations in the Co Bi TanTan Area.

4. Training. The Training Syllabus for the 4th Quarter FY 66 was published on 29 March 1966. During the 3rd Quarter FY 66, the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was committed to the support of Task Force Delta and 4th Marine operations for the majority of the period. Due to the requirements of this mission, the Battalion was unable to complete the training requirements of the 3rd Quarter Training Syllabus. The experience gained by Marines of this command through these operations greatly increased the proficiency and

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professionalism of this Battalion in successfully accomplishing its mission. During the last week in March the Group established a training program whereby revolving training of firing batteries in RSOP's and service practice techniques was conducted daily.

5. Local Security. There were no unusual or significant occurrences regarding local security during the month of March.

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3rd Battalion, 12th Marines

FROM (Date and hour)

TO (Date and hour):

250100 H/Mar66

252400 H/Mar66

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| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS | ACTION TAKEN | | |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|--------------|---------|---------|
| IN | OUT | | | | M-Maps | T-Troop | S-Staff |
| 0900 | | 1 | 250900H | CRATER ANALYSIS: Position H-2/1 (898147) #5 definite hand grenade holes and 1 hole uncertain (had been disturbed) All holes between troop position and wire and in hand grenade range of foxholes. | | | |
| 1235 | 2 | | | Assigned conc. #'s CC100 to CC900 to 3d Bn, 4th Mar. | | | |
| 1335 | 3 | | | 3/12 assumes control of Artillery Group at Phu Bai at 251500H/Mar 66. Artillery Group consists of following units. LtCol PAGE Commanding: Hq Btry, 3/12 Capt DEWAN I, 3/12 Capt CHAMELES 8724 1387 B, 1/11 Capt CARR 8682 1358 C, 1/12 Capt OHLINGER 8890 1410 W, 1/12 Capt DREW 8708 1388 M, 4/12 Capt FIEND 8796 1488 Y, (Prov) 3/12 Capt KATESKY 8760 1444 | | | |
| 2220 | | | | Received messages DTG 252145H and 252152H and 252130H. Mags No 1, 2, & 3. | | | |
| 2225 | | | | Sent msg DTG 252221H Msg # 4. | | | |
| 2235 | | | | TFF6 appraised of situation at Payable Yankee. He feels that at this time there is no need to move any reinforcements, as a support force can be moved immediately at anytime from this area and there is a support force in the vicinity of Payable Yankee. | | | |
| 2330 | | | | Sent to TFF24 oprn summary for units- south | | | |

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| IN | OUT | | | | M-Maps S-Staff | T-Troops F-File |
| 0145 | | | | Oprn Summary fr XRay#5. | | |
| | 0200 | | | Sent to TFF24 Oprn Summary for units enorth. | | |
| 0800 | | | | Rec Mustang Report fr PX: D-169, G-73, O-1, P-11, & Q-49 for the period 250600-260600H. | File | |
| 0830 | | | | Rec msg fr PX concerning water cans & water trlrs & req. password list. | File, S-2 | |
| 0905 | | | | Req for Helio fr PX. | File, FDO | |
| 0920 | | | | Rec msg fr CG to the effect that condition- "yellow" is still in effect. Strict adherence is mandatory. | File, #5, MTO | |
| 1050 | | | | Advised PayableXRay in regards to Op con Arty Btry Grp & rad frequencies. | PX6 | |
| 1050 | | | | Rec req for resup of wire & other sup fr PayXRay. | FDO, S-4, & File | |
| 1100 | | | | Notified PayXRay of the availability of Helio & of resup mun. | S-3 & PayXRay | |
| 1100 | | | | Rec Exec's report fr "I" Btry. | File | |
| 1120 | | | | Fr Shave-42 mortar will return to Da Nang on or about 27 or 28Mar66. | Lo 3dM | |
| 1520 | | | | Relayed to PayXRay msg regarding recon of new site. W-1-12 placed on 50% alert for deployment to Da Nang. Veh & equip are to be ready for air eva. | FDO & PX | |
| 1540 | | | | Rec info msg fr 4th Mar to 1/4: plans are to make proposed move tomorrow. However, initial LZ has been changed. Attempting to set-up new recon for this operation. Will notify you of new time for pick-up of 1/46. | File & S-3 | |
| 1635 | | | | Msg to PayXRay concerning recon of new site. | PX & File | |
| 1650 | | | | Msg sent to PayXRay stating that recon will be leaving in 15 min & will pick-up Btry CO at approx 1730. | PX & File | |
| 1655 | | | | Rec msg fr PayXRay at 261440H stating that PX will keep 1 PRC25 & will send Pay 3 PRC9's also 1 PRC25. | FDO | |
| 1725 | | | | At 261645H, W-1-12 CSMO for move on 27Mar66 to Da Nang. | | |
| 1750 | | | | Sitrep fr PayableXRay. | #6 | |
| 1800 | | | | Msg to PayableXRay concerning sitrep times. | #7 | |
| 1730 (Late) | | | | TF "F" proposes that 4-155's & 2-105's remain north. The other 4-105's return to this position. | | |
| 1930 | | | | Req ammo resup fr PayableXRay msg#8. | | |
| 1945 | | | | S A ammo req fr PayableXRay Msg#9. | S-4 | |
| 2027 | | | | Req fr Purger24 on mission fired at coord 9004. Msg#10. | | |

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| 0100 | | | | Fr CLICK3 D147 is net for ROUGH RIDER on 28Mar66 | | |
| 0550 | 47 | | | MustangRpt fr XRAY | | |
| 0555 | | | | MustangRpt to CLICK | | |
| 0630 | 48 | | | FIRREP fr XRAY | | File |
| 0945 | | | | Notified 12thMar that Krulack recon team is in position | | 12thMar & S-3 |
| 0950 | 49 | | | Msg to 4thMar regarding 3/12 Survey sections operating areas for 28Mar66. | | File & 4thMar |
| 1045 | 50 | | | Msg sent to PAYXRAY regarding LSA float gun serial number, quantity of suspended lot of ammo | | |
| 1050 | 51 | | | Rec 3 msgs fr PAYXRAY: 1 answer referring to ammo msg of 27Mar, 2 Req "ROUGH RIDER" bring maps, & 3 regarding new frag o | | |
| 1100 | | | | We have radio contact with Krulack recon party who in turn has contact w/ROUGH RIDER fr DaNang | | |
| 1130 | 52 | | | Rec msg fr PAYXRAY6 regarding frag o 9-66 | | File & S-3 |
| 1135 | 53 | | | Rec msg fr PAYXRAY req 155mm(towed) How | | File, S-3, & S-4 |
| 1150 | 54 | | | Rec msg fr PAYXRAY regarding remaining in present position | | File & S-3 |
| 1155 | | | | Sent msg to PAYXRAY instructing them to execute move | | File & PAYXRAY |
| 1310 | | | | BRAVO out of action RSOP | | |
| 1340 | 55 | | | Rec msg fr BtryI 3/12 stating that I6 & Base pieces now leaving position | | File & FDO |
| 1345 | 56 | | | Fire cap from "B" | | File & FDO |
| 1520 | 57 | | | Rec Exec's rpt fr I 3/12 fwd | | File & FDO |
| 1340 | Late | #58 | | Msg to XRAY regarding BB451's | | File |
| 1545 | 59 | Late | | Msg to XRAY regarding PAYABLE BRAVO 10 | | File |
| 1545 | 60 | | | Fr MORGAGE BAILEY on def conc | | File |
| 1545 | 61 | | | Def conc fr PI-14. | | File |
| 1700 | 62 | | | Fire cap fr XRAY | | File |
| 1945 | 63 | | | Msg to XRAY concerning W. personnel | | File |
| 2040 | 64 | | | Msg fr PAYABLEXRAY concerning "ROUGH RIDER" for 29Mar66. | | File & S-3 |
| 2130 | 65 | | | Msg to XRAY regarding rpts | | File |
| 2225 | 66 | | | SITREP fr XRAY | | File |
| 2230 | 67 | | | MustangRpt fr XRAY | | File |
| 2300 | | | | SitRep to 4thMar | | |

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| 0544 | | | 3/0544H | MustangRpt to CLICK FDC | S-4 | |
| 0840 | 1 | | | Msg fr Survey 3/12 regarding restrictions of traffic in & around Hue. Survey will stay in PAYXRAY's position until restriction is lifted | M, I, B, W, FDC, S-1, & MT | |
| 0845 | | | | Lt J. G. TOWNE is on OP CROW as an FO | FDO | |
| 0900 | | | | "B" departing for FP2 | FDO | |
| 0903 | 2 | | | Req for ROUGH RIDER Op O sent to 12th Mar | F | |
| 0930 | | | | Rec fire cap fr "B" A-"B", B-FP#2, C-3300 | FDO | |
| 0940 | | | | Btry "B" CSMO fr FP#2 & displaced to FP#10 | FDO | |
| 1015 | | | | Rec fire cap fr B A-"B", B-F. P#10, C-3200 | | |
| 1100 | | | | Lost comm w/Btry I. BnCommChief notified. Comm re-established w/ Btry | FDO | |
| 1130 | | | | "I" over admin line. Hot line to exec pt is still out | FDO | |
| 1150 | | | | "B" departing FP10 for primary position | FDO | |
| 1200 | | | | Rec rpt RVN en epr at coor 705 148 to 730 200 to 770 148 to 757 145 fr 120031Mar to indefinite period | FDO | |
| 1230 | | | | "B" rpt back in primary pos | FDO & S-3 | |
| 1300 | | | | Rec msg for PAYABLE fr PAYABLE CROW req mail to be sent on resup | FDO, OpChief, & File | |
| 1348 | | | | "C" Btry rpt 2 VC's KIA | FDO | |
| 1440 | | | | Rec fire rep#1,2,3,&4 fr PAYXRAY | File & S-3 | |
| 1555 | | | | Rec Cadillac rpt fr "M" Btry | FDO | |
| 1558 | | | | Rec CadRep fr W Btry | FDO | |
| 1600 | | | | Rec CadRep fr I Btry | FDO | |
| 1645 | | | | Rec CadRep fr B Btry | FDO | |
| 1750 | | | | PAYABLEXRAY fire rep # 5 | | |
| 1805 | | | | Rec met msg | | |
| 1745 | | | | PAYABLEXRAY req 2 operation spendles fr "M" | | |
| 1838 | | | | XRAY req ROUGH RIDE depart Apr as soon as possible. Running low on water | | |
| 1845 | | | | Rec permission to fire H&I's | | |
| 1935 | | | | 2 H&I targets rec fr 4thMar fwd to XRAY | | |
| 2200 | | | | PXRAY sit Rep 2400 | | |

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| 3d Battalion, 12th Marines | |
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING JOURNAL

1. Heading:

- a. Unit or Section:
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 - (2) Enter designation of section if this is a section journal maintained by a general staff section.
- b. Place: Enter coordinates or name of locality.
- c. From: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is opened.
- d. To: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is closed.

2. Body:

a. Time In:

- (1) Unit Journal. Enter time information is received within unit. In most instances this would be TOR at unit communication center.
- (2) Section Journal. Enter time information is received within section.

b. Time Out:

- (1) Unit Journal. Enter time outgoing information is delivered to addressee. In most instances this would be TOD by unit communication center.

- (2) Section Journal. Enter time outgoing message is delivered to originator's communication center for transmittal, or time information is transmitted by releasing section.

c. Serial No.: Number each entry consecutively as information is received by keeper of journal.

d. DTG: Enter date/time group of radio message.

e. Incidents, Messages, Orders:

- (1) Important incidents, messages and orders are recorded as they are made known.

- (2) Although brief, entries must include all vital elements of information, such as what, where, when, how, and who.

- (3) Original entries should not be altered, but should be supplemented or corrected by later entries when necessary.

- (4) A synopsis of written or oral messages is entered in the journal, leaving the full account for the journal file and other supporting documents.

- (5) Oral messages are reduced to writing and processed like written messages.

- f. Action Taken: This column is used to indicate administrative action taken, such as, routing to cognizant unit staff officer(s), dissemination of pertinent information and/or filing of message. Some of the more common symbols used to indicate action taken are: "M", posted on situation map; "S", circulated to unit staff; "T", information disseminated to troops or subordinate units; "F", filed in journal file.

3. Ending:

- a. Summary: A brief summary of major activities, with reasons underlying decisions, is entered in the journal at the close of each day. This is written in narrative form under the column entitled "Incidents, Messages, Orders."

- b. Closing: Journals are closed daily or at the end of periods or phases prescribed by higher authority.

4. Journal File:

- Journal file is considered a part of the journal. It contains messages, orders, records of conversation, and other documents supporting journal entries.

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Ammunition Expended and Missions Breakdown for March 1966

| <u>Ammo Expenditures</u> | <u>3/12</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 105mm - HE | 1006 |
| ILL | 134 |
| WP | 5 |
| Total | <u>1145</u> |
| 155mm - HE | 875 |
| ILL | 58 |
| WP | 9 |
| Total | <u>942</u> |
| Grand Total | <u>2087</u> |

Missions Fired:

Unobserved Missions

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| H&I Fires: | 520 |
| F.F.E. Missions: | 4 |
| Total Unobs. Missions | <u>524</u> |

Observed Missions:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Tgts of Oppr: | 35 |
| Registrations/ChkRds: | 7 |
| Fired in Def. Conc: | 7 |
| Total Obs. Missions: | <u>49</u> |

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|-------------|------------|
| Grand Total | <u>573</u> |
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Enclosure (5) TAB-B

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Movement Chronology

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>MEANS OF LIFT</u> | <u>LANDING MEANS</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>DIS (KM)</u> | <u>TO</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 23-24Mar | Hq-3/12 | APA | LCMs & LCU | Chu Lai | 168 | Phu Bai |
| 26Mar | I/3/12 | Convoy | --- | 871134 | 1 | 872139 |
| 27Mar | Y-4/12 | Convoy | --- | 526366 | 14 | 640275 |
| | C-1/12 | Convoy | --- | 524364 | 13 | 629275 |
| | W-1/12 | Air | --- | Phu Bai | 84 | Da Nang |
| 28Mar | Y-4/12 | Convoy | --- | 640275 | 2 | 638250 |
| | C-1/12 | Convoy | --- | 629275 | 3 | 638248 |

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Task Organization

New Task Organization for the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines as of 25 March 1966.

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>CO</u> |
|---|-----------------|
| Hq Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines | Capt DEWAN |
| I Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines | Capt CHAMBLES |
| B Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines | Capt CARR |
| C Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines | Capt OBLINGER |
| M Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines | Capt FIEND |
| Provisional Battery Group, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines | Maj CARPENTER |
| 107mm Mortar Battery (Towed), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines | 1stLt CARPENTER |

Battery Positions

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| Hq Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines | YD 877145 |
| I Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines | YD 872139 |
| B Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines | YD 868136 |
| M Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines | YD 880149 |
| Provisional Battery Group | YD 525365 |
| W Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines | YD 881148 |

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ENCLOSURE (5) TAB B

LOGISTICS SUMMARY

1. Logistics

a. Supply. There has been a slight increase in percent of fills of requisitions in the last month. Operating spares have increased to about 80% of operating level. A 5% increase has been experienced during the month. Exception to the above occurs with the availability of M-109 SP, 155mm Howitzer spare parts.

b. Maintenance. Overall maintenance is satisfactory. Motor transport deadline is presently 13% with an anticipated reduction in the next 10 day period. Shortage of M-109 SP, 155mm Howitzer repair parts continues to remain critical. Non-availability of Leaf Springs (FSN 1025-861-1479), Breech Block (FSN 1025-907-7537), Roller Shaft Assemblies (FSN 1025-802-2573) and Knob (FSN 1025-856-9874).

c. This Battalion has been able to serve over 75% of meals with "A" rations. There has been a slight increase of fresh greens and meat; however, much remains desired in menu variation.

d. Contonement. With the addition of two new firing batteries to this enclave, additional cantonement construction is necessary. Desired additions have been submitted to Division for planning purposes. Bunker construction remains unchanged. No bunkers have been received by this Battalion under the bunker program promulgated by Division.

e. N/A

f. N/A

g. Water. This command obtains potable water from 8th RRU. However, a well is being drilled in the FLSU #2 area. It is anticipated this well will be completed in the next 10 day period; and plans are presently being made to pipe water to the Headquarters Battery location.

h. Motor Transport. The recent replacement of M422's by M422A1's has greatly enhanced the transportation capabilities of Headquarters Battery. In addition, good weather and firm roads have reduced the strain on organic motor vehicles. Deadline rate has remained essentially the same (from 10 to 13% deadlined).

i. Embarkation. Embarkation data for each battery was compiled and is being held on battalion level. Encampment garrison material has been included in present embarkation data.

j. Hospitalization and Evacuation. There were 196 patients treated at the Battalion Aid Station. Five Dental problems were referred to "A" Company, 3d Medical Battalion. The battalion has good health and few medical problems of a serious nature. However, there is a shortage of lime and liquid detergent within the battalion.

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Communication - Electronics

1. General. Activities during March 1966 were highlighted by a Command Post displacement, a change of Communication Officers and a revision of the task organization and command relationships.

The old Command Post at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, was closed at 231600H and reestablished at 251500H at Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam.

Capt R. A. BECKER replaced 1st Lt R. P. ROWE as the Battalion Communications Officer, effective 21 March.

As of 280800H, this Headquarters came under the OpCon of the 4th Marine Regiment.

2. Radio. Communications guard for 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was shifted from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines to 4th Marine Regiment, effective 280800H/March. Radio communications were effective and reliable for both AM and FM equipments. The FDC presently operates three (3) conduct of fire nets and a Command net. The section maintained radio contact with Payable XRay (Artillery Group firing in support of Operation "Oregon" and subsequent operations conducted by 1st Battalion, 4th Marines) on two (2) separate nets: a direct shot using HF equipment, and a relay shot using FM equipment. SSB voice communications with Da Nang have been reliable during daylight hours but there were frequent outages during night operations. There is only one (1) frequency available (3676 kcs) for this shot; arrangements were made to use an additional frequency (in the 2000 kc range) for night operations.

The covered RATT circuit with Da Nang has suffered unacceptable outages since its activation on 25 March. The primary reason for outage time has been equipment failure which includes radio, teletype, and KW-7 failures. Weather and atmospheric disturbances have not materially effected operations.

3. Wire. Installation of the wire systems was greatly facilitated by expanding the wire system installed by 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Additional trunk lines and locals have been added; remaining requirements should be completed within another seven (7) to ten (10) days.

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Wire is the primary means of communication with units who are subscribers to the area wire system. The only difficulty encountered to date has been maintaining lines that are routed through remote areas. One incident of wire vandalism occurred on 29 March when approximately one (1) mile of wire was cut and removed from the area.

4. Maintenance. The battalion has pooled the technicians from the separate firing batteries and operating a single maintenance shop. First and second echelon repairs are maintaining most equipments in an operative status. The following items are deadlined for 3rd echelon repairs: two (2) AN/MRC-83's and one (1) AN/MRC-37. These radio vehicles were downed for motor transport repairs, not for electronic repairs.

5. Communication - Electronic Supply. Supply functions have proceeded smoothly. FLSU#2 has rendered outstanding support. A few minor items (l. e. electrical tape) are non-existent and have remained so. High usage items (that is wire, dry cell batteries, etc.) have been readily available.

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