

HEADQUARTERS
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division, FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines
Subj: Command Diary for July, Submission of.
Ref: (a) Your Verbal Order of 7 October 1965.
Encl: (1) Organizational Data
 (2) Diary of Significant Events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), and (2) are submitted.


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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit: 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d MarDiv (fwd) FMF
2. Period Covered by Report: 1 - 31 Jul 1965.
3. Date of Submission of Report: 18 October 1965.
4. Location of Units:

HQ Btry	(YD 876145)
I Btry	(YD 88891410)
M Btry	(YD 87601445)
107mm Howtar Btry	(YD 880148)

5. Names of Commanders and Special Staff:a. Battalion Staff

CO	Maj. R. B. BAITY
XO	Capt. K. G. PATTERSON, 1-30 July
	Maj. C. A. WEBSTER, 30,31 July
S-3	Capt. K. G. PATTERSON
S-1	1/Lt L. TANKSLEY
S-2	1/Lt J. B. THREATT
S-4	1/Lt J. PARKER
CommO	1/Lt G. M. MCGILL
SuppO	1/Lt B. E. EDWARDS
MTO	1/Lt JARLOWSKI

b. Battery Commanders

I Btry	Capt. D. N. HARMAN
M Btry	Capt. J. A. ROACH
107mm Howtar Btry	1/Lt R. J. KUCHINSKAS
HQ Btry	1/Lt G. M. MCGILL

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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1 July

HQ and M Batteries, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, are afloat enroute to VIET NAM. HQ Battery is embarked aboard the LST USS WASTINAW, and M Battery is aboard the APA USS CLYMER and LSD USS COLONIAL.

6 July

HQ Battery arrived at DaNang and disembarked at China Beach. The battery went into a staging area and awaited instructions for deployment.

7 July

HQ Battery staged in the vicinity of L Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines in DaNang TAOR.

8 July

M Battery disembarked at China Beach. M Battery and HQ Battery established and occupied a CP at (YD 883748). Current plans for the battalion emphasize preparation for movement to a permanent position, Maintenance of materiel, and local security.

13 July

OP Order 2-65 Ser. # 001265 was received from 12th Marines, designating 4th Battalion, 12th Marines to be composed of HQ and M Batteries, 4th Battalion; I Battery, 3d Battalion; and 107mm Howtar Battery, 2d Battalion. The order assigned the 4th Battalion the mission of direct support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at the PHU BAI TAOR, approximately 50 miles north of DaNang, and ten miles south of HUE.

16 July

At 1200 H, an advance party composed of the Battalion XO, Capt. K. G. PATTERSON, and Sgt. R. C. SMITH, departed DaNang for PHU BAI.

17 July

At 1000 H, the Howtar Battery commenced an air movement to PHU BAI. The movement was completed at 1430 H, at which time M Battery commenced air movement.

18 July

M Battery completed their air movement at 1930 H. At 1430 H, HQ Battery commenced air embarkation. ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ The entire battalion had completed its movement. M Battery went into a firing position at (YD 8830 1340), and the Howtar Battery established a position at (YD 880148). I Battery, which had formerly been attached to BLT 3/4, remained in their position at (YD 88891410). HQ Battery established a CP at (YD 876145).

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19 July

The S-3, HQ, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines took control of technical and tactical fire direction from Battery I. FDC personnel from I Battery continue to run the Battalion FDC.

The battalion's plans for the immediate future emphasize improvement of the battery positions, local security, and expansion of existing survey in the PHU BAI area.

24 July

M Battery displaced to a permanent firing position at (YD 87601145).

27 July

The Howtar Battery displaced to (YD 882133) at 0730 H, for a service practice sheet.

30 July

At 0700 H, I Battery displaced one gun to FP #1 (YD 875122) and M Battery displaced one gun to FP #6 (YD 877123) for a service practice sheet. Both guns were back in permanent positions by 1055 H.

The Howtar Battery displaced to a forward position at (YD 883134) for a service practice sheet.

LtCol E. M. RUDZIS arrived and took command of the 4th Battalion from Maj. R. B. BAITY. Maj. C. A. WEBSTER relieved Capt. K. G. PATTERSON as XO.

SUMMARY

From 20 July until 30 July, the battalion fired 1690 rounds in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. 621 rounds were expended on 338 H & I missions, 1003 rounds expended on 118 area missions, and 66 rounds expended on three registrations.

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