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4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for May; submission of

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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

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1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


PAUL E. WILSON

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Command Chronology 1 May through 31 May 1966

Part I Organizational

Part II Significant Events

Part III Chronological Summary

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Part I

1. Reporting Unit - 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
2. CP - DaNang (AT 947768)
3. Period covered - 1-31 May 1966
4. Date of submission - 4 June 1966
5. Average monthly strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	26	0
Enlisted	477	10

6. Commanding Officer - Major Paul E. WILSON
7. Principal Staff

XO	Maj R. W. HEESCH	
S-1	SgtMaj M. W. BOIRE	
S-2	1stLt D. R. FRANK	(1-19 May)
S-2	GySgt R. F. PICKETT	(20-31 May)
S-3	Capt J. POWERS	
S-3A	Capt R. C. GREGOR	
S-4	Capt J. P. SMITH	(1-18 May)
S-4	Capt H. H. BROOKS	(19-31 May)
SupplyO	Capt B. E. EDWARDS	
Asst SupplyO	2dLt R. P. HORNE, JR	(21-31 May)
CommO	1stLt J. J. CONWAY	
Asst CommO	2dLt H. H. SEIPEL, JR	(28-31 May)
MTO	1stLt L. D. MATHEWS	
Survey/Metro	GySgt F. E. McEARCHERN	

8. Subordinate Units

Hq Btry	Capt J. J. JAMES	
Btry K	Capt J. E. SCHULKEN	
Btry L	Capt J. H. BUTLER	
1st 155 Guns	Capt H. H. BROOKS III	(1-18 May)
	Capt N. M. LARIMER	(19-31 May)

9. Attachments and Detachments

a. Attachments

1st 155 Gun Battery

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Btry M to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

10. Location of Units

Btry K, 4/12	(AT 92147886)	Az fire 5200	
Btry L, 4/12	(AT 98786717)	Az fire 5800	
	(AT 96486178)	Az fire 3900	(1-12 May)
155 Guns	(AT 96367114)	Az fire 4300	
	(AT 96387108)	Az fire 3400	
	(AT 96477100)	Az fire 2600	
	(AT 92147886)	Az fire 5000	(10-31 May)

11. Mission - DaNang**a. General support/reinforcing**

Btry K	- Reinforcing 1/12
Btry L	- Reinforcing 2/12
1st 155 Gun Btry	- General Support

Part II**1. Personnel****a. Number of replacements received:**

USMC - Officers: 7	USN - Enlisted: 1
Enlisted: 41	

b. Number of personnel rotated:

USMC - Officers: 4	USN - Enlisted: 1
Enlisted: 20	

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

(1) WIA - None

(2) KIA - None

(3) 1 Enlisted medically evacuated (Non-Battle)

d. R&R Trips: 46**2. Administration**

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a. Personnel Accounting. Critical shortage of personnel in Occupational Fields "01" and "33" will be experienced during next two months. No replacements on hand.

b. Awards

(1) Number Processed: 2 Bronze Star Medals

(2) Number Received: None

c. Promotions: (by rank)

5 to Cpl; 12 to LCpl; 8 to PFC

d. Postal: No difficulties

e. Legal: 4 Special Courts-Martial completed
 1 Summary Court-Martial completed
 3 Commanding Officer's Punishment (Office Hours)
 4 Special Courts-Martial pending
 1 Summary Court-Martial pending

3. Intelligence

a. On 18 May, the S-2 Chief, represented the Battalion in attending the 3d Marine Division Psychological Warfare Seminar at the 3d Marine Division Headquarters.

b. On 22 May, Enlisted members of the 3d CIT visited with this S-2 on matters regarding security of classified material and the results of an apprehended RVN deserter picked up by Battery K.

4. Training Highlights. Training during the month of May was limited due to security commitments and the construction of the 4th Battalion, 12 Marines Command Post in the DaNang TAOR. In addition, maximum effort was given to the construction of security measures which necessitated a reduction in the number of classes held in the Battalion. However, a daily requirement for 2 hours of FDC/Gun Drill is being fulfilled by all batteries of the Battalion. In addition, classes were conducted on field fortification and religions of VietNam. Headquarters Battery Officers and Staff NCO's attended a class on the capabilities and employment of the M-109 Howitzer (SP).

5. Special Operations. On 10 May, two (2) 155 Guns (SP) were displaced to (AT 92147886), Battery K position, to provide direct support for the 3d Recon Battalion patrols operating deep in the Northwest portion of the TAOR. The Recon patrols had very few VC contacts which resulted in the Guns being used primarily to provide H&I support.

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6. Command and Control. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines has decentralized the technical fire direction control of Battery K and L. 1st 155 Guns, however, is under the centralized technical and tactical fire direction control of the Battalion.

7. Communications and Electronics. Wire and radio communications encountered no significant problems during the month. The detachment of the Radio Relay unit on 31 May has hampered communication between Battalion and Battery L.

8. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination. No significant problems were encountered during the month.

9. Medical and Dental

a. Medic 1 Statistics

- (1) Total battle casualties - 0
- (2) Total non-battle casualties/illness - 418
- (3) Total immunizations given this month - 407
- (4) Total evacuated from RVN - 1

10. Logistics

a. Supply. Operational spares remain at about 90% of operating level. Major items of equipment on requisition include two (2) PU 482 Generators, one (1) PU 348 Generator and one (1) TD-15 Tractor.

b. Maintenance. Overall maintenance is satisfactory. Shortage of certain repair parts results in the deadlining of motor transport and ordnance. Requisitions are still outstanding for roller shaft assembly (FSN 1025-802-2573) for the M-109 (SP), 155mm Howitzer.

c. Food Service. "A" rations were in short supply for several days during the month due to the civil strife in the DaNang area. Food service during the month consisted of approximately 85% "A" rations, and 15% "B" rations. Messing facilities for Headquarters Battery consists of an open GP Tent with a temporary wooden deck.

d. Cantonement. Completion of cantonement of 14 strong backs, shower, galley, pot shack and garbage area should begin on or about 15 June 1966. FDC bunker and Comm bunker are 90% complete. Battalion Headquarters medical bunker has been approved but not ready for issue at the present time.

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e. Water. Batteries K, L and Headquarters, truck all water into their positions. Water points are 1/2 to 5 miles from positions. 1st 155 Gun Battery has a water point in their position.

f. Motor Transport. Deadline rate is about 16%. Access roads in Headquarters and Battery K areas are being improved.

g. Embarkation. Embarkation data is being updated.

h. Hospitalization-Evacuation. Facilities provided by "C" Med are adequate. The Battalion has no doctor.

11. Civil Affairs

a. On 3 May, 1st 155mm Gun Battery held sick call for 9 persons and distributed the following items: 675 lbs of rice, 120 lbs of clothing, 300 bars of soap, 7 school kits, 2 boxes of games and toys, 1 box of soap, 1 box of sewing material and 3 boxes of candy. In addition, Battery K also distributed the following items: 225 lbs of rice, 40 lbs of clothing, 100 bars of soap, 4 school kits, 1 box of toys, 4 textile kits, 3 boxes of candy and 1 box of soap.

b. On 18 May, Headquarters Battery assisted 21 families of the Khanh Son Hamlet in the preparation of crop claims.

c. On 24 May, 1st 155mm Gun Battery held sick call for 7 people and distributed the following items: 75 lbs of clothing, 100 bars of soap, and 1 box of toys and games.

d. Recapitulation**(1) MEDCAP**

(a) There were 186 Vietnamese Nationals medically treated during the month. 1st 155mm Gun Battery provided the bulk of this assistance.

(b) The following items were distributed: 900 lbs of rice, 500 bars of soap, 235 lbs of clothing, 2 boxes of soap, 11 school kits, 4 boxes of toys, and games, 6 boxes of candy, 1 box of sewing material and 4 textile kits.

Part III**Chronological Summary of Significant Events**

3 May - At 0820, Battery L fired for Recon Patrol (Schroeder) at (AT 868627) on a suspected VC observation post. Excellent target coverage was achieved with two secondary explosions noted.

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4 May - At 2135, Battery K, L and L (Forward) participated in a Regimental TOT (Gray) on a village at (AT 872702). 52 rounds were expended but no surveillance was available.

10 May - By 0850, Guns 4 and 6 from the 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP) had displaced from (AT 98686707) to (AT 92147986) in support of the 3d Recon Battalion patrol operating in the Northwest sector of the TAOR.

12 May - Operation Georgia was secured, the Provisional Battery disbanded, with the weapons displacing to their assigned CP area. During the last twelve days of the Operation the following recap of missions and rounds expended were noted.

	Registration	Observed	Unobserved	H&I
155H	1 - 10 HE	3 20-HE 16-WP	2 16-HE 6-WP	69 227-HE
155G	0	0	1 5-HE	152 152-HE

At 1435, Battery L participated in combined artillery and air attacks on 200 VC in a tree line at (AT 92325455). The following day a surveillance was received of 125 VC KIA's.

30 May - At 1650, Battery K fired on three (3) VC in open at (AT 825866) for Recon patrol (Barracuda). The target was well covered with estimated 3 VC KIA's.

Recapitulation of fire missions

	Observed	Unobserved	Registrations	Destruction	H&I	Total
155H	58	6	4	0	884	952
155G	4	14	4	0	321	343

Ammunition Expenditure

	155H	155G	Total
HE	2370	494	2864
WP	292	5	297
ILL	63	0	63
Total	2725	499	3224

Recapitulation of Battery Patrols

Hq	"K"	"L"	1st Guns	Total
38	41	35	56	170

Headquarters Battery sent out 4 Regimental Patrols and posted 22 Regimental Listening Posts.

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