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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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4th Bn, 12th Mar  
S&C # C-249-66

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

Subj: Command Chronology for August; submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

12th MARINES  
S&C # C-249-66  
LOCAL CONTROL  
No. 546-66

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

  
D.G. JONES

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Command Chronology 1 Aug through 31 Aug 1966

- Part I     Organizational
- Part II    Significant Events
- Part III   Chronological Summary

Part I

1. Reporting Unit - 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
2. CP - DaNang (AT 947 768)
3. Period covered - 1-31 Aug 1966
4. Date of submission - 5 Sep
5. Average monthly strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	17	0
Enlisted	290	8

6. Commanding Officer - LtCol D.G. JONES
7. Principal Staff

XO	Maj M.C. SOMMERVILLE	(1-28 Aug)
XO	Maj J.L. NORMAN	(29-31 Aug)
S-1	SgtMaj M.W. BOIRE	(1-16 Aug)
S-1	2dLt J.C. LIVINGSTON	(17-31 Aug)
S-2	GySgt R.F. PICKETT	
S-3	Capt J.H. BUTLER	
S-3A	1stLt R.W. HARVEY Jr.	
S-4	1stLt C.G. BLASI	(5-31 Aug)
SupplyO	2dLt R.P. HORNE Jr.	
CommO	2dLt H.H. SEIPEL Jr.	
MTO	WO L.C. ECKSTROM	
Survey/Metro	GySgt F.E. McEARCHERN	

8. Subordinate Units

Hq Btry	Capt R.C. GREGOR	(1-29 Aug)
	1stLt C.G. BLASI	(30-31 Aug)
K Btry	Capt J.E. SCHULKEN	
L Btry	Capt J. POWERS	

9. Attachments and Detachments

a. Attachments: None

## b. Detached

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

## 11. Mission - DaNang

## a. General support/reinforcing

Btry K - Reinforcing 1/12  
Btry L - Reinforcing 2/12

Part II

## 1. Personnel

## a. Number of replacements received:

USMC - Officers: 4  
Enlisted: 6

USN - Officers: 0  
Enlisted: 1

## b. Number of personnel rotated:

USMC - Officers: 7  
Enlisted: 34

USN - Officers: 0  
Enlisted: 0

## c. Number of personnel lost through attribution other than rotation:

- (1) WIA - 1 (evacuated)
- (2) KIA - None
- (3) 1 Marine Enlisted medically evacuated (Non-Battle)

## d. R&amp;R Trips: 23

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2. Administration

a. On hand strength of administrative personnel in this battalion is currently at 43% of T.O.

b. Awards

(1) Number processed: 1 Purple Heart Medal

(2) Number received: 1 Purple Heart Medal

c. Promotions: (by rank)

1 to GySgt

2 to SSgt

16 to LCpl

12 to PFC

d. Postal: No difficulties

e. Legal: No difficulties

3. Intelligence. On 7 August, the first of daily scheduled intelligence briefings was held at 1900. This briefing is held in the S-2 area and presented to the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Staff Section Heads, Sergeant Major, and visitors from other units.

During the month of August, three Background Investigation requests and four National Agency Check requests were processed and submitted to Naval Investigative Service Headquarters.

During this reporting period, S-2 made liaison visits to the Hill 65 complex, Hoa Vang District Headquarters, Hill 327 complex, S-2 of 3d Tank Bn, S-2 of 3d Amphibious Tractor Bn, 3d Motor Transport Bn, and G-2.

Maps were issued to the USMACV Advisory Section at Hoa Vang District Headquarters and to the Forward Observer on Hill 65.

A draft on the Battalion SOP for Security of Classified Matter was routed for staffing on 22 August.

S-2 assisted the Commanding Officer in planning for a future "County Fair" operation in the hamlet of Phong Bac (3).

4. Training Highlights. A daily requirement for 2 hours of FDC/GUN drill is being fulfilled by all batteries of the Battalion.

23 men attended familiarization school conducted by 12th Marines Regiment Communications Section for MRC-83, MRC-109, MRC-110, PRC-41, PRC-47, and PRC-25.

2 men attended KY-8 instruction conducted at 12th Marines C.P. by Division Communication Company.

7 newly joined radiomen attended 32 hours of FDC procedures. 8 hours of C.W. practice attended by four 2533 radio operators was given by 4th Bn, 12th Marines' CommO.

14 personnel attended a Battalion drivers school for one week.

10 personnel attended a driver's school for the M-109 Howitzer.

One man attended NCO leadership school in Okinawa.

2 enlisted personnel and one officer attended the Nuclear Warhead Assembly Course in Okinawa.

5. Special Operations.

a. On 15 August, one platoon from Battery "L" displaced to Hill 55 (AT 965618) in support of 2d Bn, 12th Mar. This platoon returned to Battery "L's" primary position on 25 August.

b. On 18 August, one platoon from Battery "K" displaced to Hill 41 (AT 934665) reinforcing fires of 1st Bn, 12th Mar. Subsequently on 24 August, this platoon displaced to Hill 65 (AT 878 577) in the same role.

6. Command and Control. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines has decentralized the technical fire direction control of Battery K and L.

7. Communications and Electronics. Wire and radio communications encountered no significant problems during the month.

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

9. Medical and Dental

a. Medical Statistics

(1) Total battle casualties - 0

(2) Total non-battle casualties/illness - 199

(3) Total immunizations given this month - 560

(4) Total evacuated from RVN - one

10. Logistics

a. Supply - Operational spares on hand are at about 80% of operating level. Major items of equipment on requisition include two (2) PU-482/M generators, one (1) PU-348 generator, one (1) TD-15 tractor, and one (1) truck, M-35. A M-62 5T Wrecker was received during this reporting period.

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b. Maintenance - Overall maintenance is satisfactory. Shortage of certain ordnance repair parts results in the deadlining of weapons. This is particularly true for the Firing Mech., Assy M-1 FSN 1025-557-0485 for the M-114 155MM How towed, and Roller Shaft FSN 1025-856-9873 for the 155 MM How (SP) M-109. All items are on valid requisition with appropriate tracer action taken where required.

c. Food Services. "A" rations were served for 98% of the month. Food is sufficient.

d. Cantonement. Cantonement is satisfactory. Bunker program is stalled. Battalion Headquarters has 3-12'X24' and 3-8'X8' bunkers approved, and will be drawn when available. CO Ltr 4/CDC/cdc over 11000dtd 26 Aug requested Strong backs, Bunkers and Class IV materials for the provisional Battery on Hill 65. These items will be erected when approved and become available.

e. Water - Headquarters, Kilo, and Lima batteries all truck water into their positions. Water points are 1/2 to 5 miles from positions.

f. Motor Transport - Deadline rate for Motor Transport remains at approximately 18%. This is due primarily to a continuing shortage of repair parts which are on requisition.

g. Embarkation - Embarkation is satisfactory.

h. Hospitalization & Evacuation - Facilities provided by "C" Med are available to this command. This Bn has no doctor, but makes use of the facilities of the 9th Mar (Rear) CP.

# 11. Civil Affairs

a. During the month of August, 1,249 Vietnamese Nationals were medically treated.

b. All of the batteries provided the Vietnamese with garbage to feed their pigs on a daily basis.

c. The following items were distributed during the month: 45 lbs of clothing and approximately 155 lbs of soap.

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Part IIIChronological Summary of Significant Events

20 Aug - Battery L fired an observed mission on VC fleeing area vicinity of 9650 5462. Excellent effect on target. 5 KIA's, one secondary explosion.

22 Aug - Battery L fired an observed mission on 8 VC in village (9952 6172). Rounds were on target. Hasty movement observed in village.

25 Aug - Battery K fired on a sniper at (8867 7112). One secondary explosion observed.

26 Aug - Battery K fired on a mine field at (8974 6985). Good coverage reported.

27 Aug - One platoon, Battery K, (Hill 65), fired an observed mission at (2015553) on VC supply dump. 20% destruction reported.

28 Aug - Battery L fired on 5 VC in the vicinity of (975 604). Good effect on target. Estimated 3 WIA.

30 Aug - Battery L fired on suspected 100 VC observed by infantry (002 624). Excellent coverage of target area.

Recapitulation of fire missions

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>H&amp;I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
45	10	5	1,979	2,039

Ammunition Expenditures

HE	2994
WP	107
ILL	98
Total	3199

Recapitulation of Battery Patrols

<u>Hq</u>	<u>"K"</u>	<u>"L"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
13	47	19	79

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