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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

3d Battalion, 12th Marines (-) Rein.
3d Marine Division (Rein)

LtCol D. B. BARKER
051486/0802
1-8 Nov 67
Major ROGER W. GREER
061366/0802
9-30 Nov 67

Subordinate Units

Battery "G" 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt S. B. GRIMES
082336/0802
1-30 Nov 67

Battery "H" 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt A. C. CONLON
082857/0802
1-30 Nov 67

Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt N. D. HAMILTON
091615/0802
1-30 Nov 67

1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)

Capt J. TAYLOR
087666/0802
1-30 Nov 67

2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)

Capt R. J. LUCAS
083878/0802
1-30 Nov 67

Battery "W" 1st Battalion
13th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt E. M. ASANOVICH
080660/0802
1-9 Nov 67

3d Platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

SSgt D. M. BRANTLEY
159513/0811
1-30 Nov 67

2. Location

1-30 November 67 Headquarters (Fwd) YD 539318 Thua Thien
Province, Republic of Vietnam

Capt S. B. GRIMES
082336/0802

1-30 November 67 Headquarters (Rear) YD 885127 Phu Bai Base Camp

Capt A. C. CONLON
082857/0802
1-30 Nov 67

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12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

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3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)

Capt R. J. LUCAS
083878/0802
1-30 Nov 67

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- a. Executive Officer
Major R. W. GREER
061366/0802
1-8 Nov 67
Major G. E. ELLIOTT
074987/0802
9-30 Nov 67
- b. S-1 Adjutant/Legal Officer
1st Lt L. D. HUNT
093945/0802
1-25 Nov 67
Capt S. J. HAYES
093169/0802
26-30 Nov 67
- c. Personnel Officer
W. O. F. P. DURBINO
098602/0130
1-30 Nov 67
- d. S-2 Officer
1st Lt C. P. JAMESON
092878/0802
1-30 Nov 67
- e. S-3 Officer
Major G. E. ELLIOTT
074987/0802
1-18 Nov 67
Major D. E. VOWELL
076105/0802
19-30 Nov 67
- f. S-3A
1st Lt A. A. FINLEY
094691/0802
1-30 Nov 67
1st Lt W. K. LAW
092636/0802
19-30 Nov 67
- g. S-4
Capt A. D. NASTRI
082249/0802
1-30 Nov 67
- h. Communications Officer
Capt G. E. CADMAN
091721/2520
1-30 Nov 67
- i. Motor Transport Officer
2nd Lt L. LUDWIG JR.
0101245/3502
1-30 Nov 67

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j. Supply Officer

2nd Lt J. D. BLEVINS
095582/3002
1-30 Nov 67

k. Survey Officer

1st Lt A. A. FINLEY
094691/0802
1-30 Nov 67

l. Liaison Officer

Capt P. D. WINER
082307/0802
1-30 Nov 67

m. Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt (JG) J. B. GODLEY
687739/1105
1-30 Nov 67

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
34	541	2	7	0	0

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PART II

During November, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment. The 4th Marines maintained security for hill 674, hill 51, and Camp Evans, while continuing to interdict enemy supply and communications.

Operation NEOSHO started on 1 November and continued throughout the month. Operation GRANITE, which was run in conjunction with 1st ARVN Division forces around hill 674 and the VC/NVA Base area 114, terminated on 6 November.

Captain D. DAVIS arrived at Camp Evans on 5 November to give formal schooling on the M-18, Gun Direction Computer (FADAC). The school lasted five days during which two operators were trained.

Command of the Battalion changed hands during a ceremony held on 9 November. LtCol D. B. BARKER was relieved by Major Roger W. GREER, former Battalion Executive Officer. Major G. E. ELLIOTT was assigned as Executive Officer while he continued to function as the Battalion S-3.

The M-16 rifle was issued to the personnel of this Battalion on 14 November. An extensive training program was established to provide each individual with instruction on care, cleaning, and functioning of the M-16. In addition, familiarization firing was conducted, utilizing 400 rounds per man, to ensure each man was familiar with and had zeroed his weapon.

The third major operation for the month, Operation Cove, commenced on 17 November in the canopy to the southeast of Phu Loc (ZD 083004). Battery "G" was displaced to grid ZD 129011 to support the operation. The displacement was made in two phases; a motor march to Phu Bai (YD 885148) on 17 November followed by a helilift to ZD 129011 on 18 November. Command Group "B", headed by Major G. E. ELLIOTT displaced on 17 November to hill 132 (ZD 108009) to control and coordinate artillery and naval gunfire support for Phase I and Phase II of the operation. Phase I was completed on 21 November. However, Phase II was cancelled in its entirety. Battery "G" came under mortar attack during operation Cove, receiving forty 82mm rounds in the battery position. Counter-mortar fire was delivered, silencing the mortars. No personnel casualties were sustained and minor damage to one radio antenna was the only material damage.

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On 19 November, Major D. E. VOWELL joined the Battalion as S-3 Officer and 1st Lt W. K. LAW joined as the assistant S-3 Officer.

A Liaison team was placed with the ARVN battery at Hai Lang (YD 415479) on 24 November to provide for additional artillery support of the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines operating in the My Chanh area (YD 460369).

The Battalion published its second newsletter during November and plans were made for a special Christmas-New Year issue.

Throughout the month, the 3d Battalion continued to provide artillery support for convoys along National Route #1. In addition, counter-mortar fires were planned and delivered in support of ARVN forces at Phong Dien (YD 528345) and PK-17 (YD 647282).

As the month of November closed, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued in its direct support role of the 4th Marine Regiment on Operation NEOSHO.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

1. Combat missions assigned.
 - a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of 4th Marine Regiment.
2. Significant Operations Conducted.
 - a. Operation GRANITE
 - b. Operation NEOSHO
 - c. Operation COVE
3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.
 - a. KIA (C) 25
 - b. KIA (P) 41
4. Casualties sustained
 - a. KIA 0
 - b. WIA 0
 - c. Died (NBC) 0
5. Equipment. Only 9% of the Battalion's motor transports prime movers are on deadline. Six of the vehicles are down for 3d and 4th echelon maintenance. One 155mm Howitzer is deadlined awaiting a new recoil system, tube and jack parts. The maintenance situation for other types of equipment remains good.
6. Logistics. The overall Logistics situation remains good although some authorized allowance shortages of major items of equipment still exist. During the reporting period this battalion commenced issuing M-16 rifles and recovering M-14 rifles. Total issue and recovery has not yet been completed. Seventeen (17) GP tents were received during the month. A sufficient amount of bunker material was received to build a new Battalion FDC bunker. 1070 bags of cement are still on order to improve gun positions. A total of 32 AN/PRC-25 Radio Sets are inoperable because of lack of handsets.

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a. Food Services. The Battalion served 60% "A" rations, 30% "B" rations and 10% "C" rations during the month.

b. Medical. There were 323 outpatients treated by the Battalion Aid Station during the month. The Battalion had no KIA's, WIA's or personnel hospitalized during the reporting period.

7. Administration

a. Morale has maintained its high level due to 100% participation in R&R opportunities. Also several out of country stand-by quotas were utilized. Training of new administration personnel is being carried out in compliance with the training schedule.

b. A total of 3 Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial punishments were held during the month for the following violations:

(1) Article 92 UCMJ - 1

(2) Article 134 UCMJ - 2

There were no summary, special, or general courts-martial during this period.

c. Administrative procedures are being accomplished in an efficient manner. The respective batteries are coordinating their administrative work with that of the battalion and the results are quite effective.

8. Personnel. The average strength for the month was 85% of the authorized manning level. The Battalion is currently operating at 83% of the manning level. The battalion joined 5 Marine Officers, 68 Marine enlisted, and one Navy enlisted. Four Marine Officers, 35 Marine enlisted, and 2 Navy enlisted were transferred or rotated.

9. Intelligence

a. Enemy Activity. The activity has centered around the Cobi Than Tan Valley and "The Street Without Joy". The enemy forces seemed to be moving toward the more populated areas.

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The Viet Cong forces have also tried to come in under the cover of darkness to mortar Phong Dien district headquarters on three separate occasions.

b. Enemy Intentions. The enemy seems to want to move toward the more populated areas for the winter months in order to get enough food to eat, to have a warm dry place to rest, and to reassert their hold on the people.

c. Administration. The revised counter-mortar/rocket plan was finished.

10. Communications-Electronics

a. During November the communication section continued to support the Battalion located at Camp Evans.

b. Comm provided two liaison teams for Operation Neosho, one at Phong Dien, the other at Hai Lang.

c. Communication for Operation Neosho has been very good.

d. Operation Cove proved to be a challenge for the comm section. The battalion had to provide assets for two FDC's and three FSCC's. The final result was excellent communications in an area covering over fifty miles.

e. The Communication section rewired the Battalion FDC.

f. Radio Central was relocated in FDC and the RC-292's were resited in close proximity to the FDC.

g. A bunker was built around the switchboard and operators area to provide better protection in case of attack.

h. A preventive maintenance program of painting and water proofing communication equipment has been initiated in preparation for the monsoons.