

HEADQUARTERS
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO 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 July; submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

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


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4/12

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Command Chronology 1 July through 31 July 1966

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

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	20	0
Enlisted	320	7

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

XC	Maj R.W. HEESCH	(1-9 July)
XC	Maj H.C. SOMERVILLE	(10-31 July)
S-1	SgtMaj H.W. DOIRE	
S-2	GySgt R.F. PICKETT	
S-3	Capt J.H. BUTLER	
S-3A	1stLt R.W. HARVEY Jr.	(4-31 July)
S-4	Capt H.H. BROOKS	(1-21 July)
S-4	Capt D.H. OBLINGER	(22-31 July)
SupplyO	2dLt R.P. HORNE Jr.	(1-31 July)
CommO	2dLt H.H. SEIPEL Jr.	
MTO	1stLt L.D. MATHEWS	(1-6 July)
MTO	WO L.C. ECKSTROM	(7-31 July)
Survey/Metric	GySgt F.E. McEARCHERN	

8. Subordinate Units

Hq Btry	Capt R.C. GREGOR
K Btry	Capt J.E. SCHULKEN
L Btry	Capt J. POWERS

9. Attachments and Detachments

- a. Attachments: None

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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: *6
 Enlisted: 52

*Includes two persons appointed to 2dLt (temp)

USN - Officers: 0
 Enlisted: 0

b. Number of personnel rotated:

USMC: Officers: *8
 Enlisted: 79

*Includes two persons transferred subsequent to being appointed 2dLt (temp)

USN: Officers: 0
 Enlisted: 1

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

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

d. R&R Trips: 31

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2. Administration

a. On hand strength of administrative personnel in this battalion is currently at 33% of T.O.

b. Awards

(1) Number processed: 2 Bronze Star Medals
2 Purple Heart Medals
2 Navy Commendation Medals

(2) Number received: 2 Bronze Star Medals
1 Purple Heart Medal
2 Navy Commendation Medals

c. Promotions: (by rank)

2 Appointments to 2dLt (temp)

1 to GySgt 2 to SSgt
6 to Cpl 18 to LCpl

d. Postal: No difficulties

e. Legal: 5 Special Court Martials completed.

3. Intelligence. Normal monthly reporting to the 12th Marines was accomplished. On 7 July, the S-2 moved its location from (AT 947768) to (AT 997726). During the month, S-2 submitted to Btry "K" and "L" the enemy locations within their area. Information extracted from the INTSUM's of the 3d MarDiv, 3d Marines and 9th Marines, was disseminated and also plotted on situation maps. Liaison visits were maintained with the 3d Tank Bn, 9th Marines (Rear), 2d Bn 12th Marines, 12th Marines, and 3d MarDiv (G-2). S-2, with additional duty as the Battalion's psychological warfare officer, visited 3d MarDiv PsyWarO during July.

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

5. Special Operations.

a. On 5 July one platoon from Battery L displaced to Hill 55 (AT 965618) in support of operation MACON.

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b. On 13 July, Battery L (-) (reinf) consisting of six (6) 155mm Howitzers (towed), (2 from Battery L, 2 from Battery K, and 2 from Hq Battery) displaced to Dong Ha (YD 240609) in support of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines for Operation Hastings. Cannoneers for Battery L (-) (reinf) were provided from Battery L, Battery K, and Hq Battery. Battery L (rear) (AT 988672) remained in position with six(6) 155mm Howitzers (SP) to reinforce 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

c. On 24 July, four (4) 155mm Howitzers (towed), without crews, were displaced to Dong Ha in support of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines for Operation Hastings. Cannoneers for these weapons were supplied from Hq Btry, 12th Marines, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, and 2d Battalion, 12th Marines under command of Capt. A.P. Barry, Hq Btry, 12th Marines.

6. Command and Control. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines had 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 - 3
- (2) Total non-battle casualties/illness - 196
- (3) Total immunizations given this month - 329
- (4) Total evacuated from RVN - None

10. Logistics

a. Supply - Operational spares on hand are at about 60% of operating level. Major items of equipment on requisition include two (2) PU-487 generators, one (1) PU-348 generator, one (1) TR-15 tractor, one (1) M-43 tractor, and two (2) trucks 3/4 ton M 37.

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b. Maintenance - Overall maintenance is satisfactory. A shortage of repair parts constantly exists, as a result of this, an average of 25% of the M109 155mm How S.P. and 25% of the M114A1 155mm How (towed) are classified as combat deadlined.

c. Food Services - "A" rations were procured for the entire month.

d. Cantonment - Cantonment is satisfactory.

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 - The motor transport is sufficient to meet operational requirements assigned to this battalion. The deadline rate averages 18% due to a shortage of repair parts. The required repair parts are on order. Improvements to the access road in Battery K have been completed.

g. Embarkation - Embarkation data has been completely updated.

h. Hospitalization & Evacuation - Facilities provided by "C" Med are available to this command.

11. Civil Affairs

a. On 1 July, Headquarters Battery distributed scrap lumber to the people of Khanh Son hamlet.

b. On 2 July, Battery L held sick call for 180 people and distributed 64 lbs. of clothing and 130 lbs. of soap to the hamlet of Yen Me.

c. On 6 July, Headquarters Battery provided employment for several of the men of the hamlet of Khanh Son.

d. Recapitulation

(1) MEDCAP

(a) During the month of July, 1,849 Vietnamese Nationals were medically treated.

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

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(c) Headquarters Battery has provided entertainment for ARVN troops and their dependents each night by making it possible for them to see the daily movie.

(d) Headquarters Battery displaced this month and has been assigned a new hamlet to support in the Civil Affairs program. Initial contact has been made with the hamlet Chief and the Headquarters Battery CA program is expected to be fully underway shortly.

(e) The following items were distributed during the month: 64 lbs. of clothing, 206 lbs. of soap, and 5 truck loads of scrap lumber.

Part IIIChronological Summary of Significant Events

5 July - Battery L fired an observed mission on 15 VC at (AT 903523).
Surveillance - 1 KIA, 3 WIA.

5-18 July - Battery L displaced one platoon to Hill 55 at (AT 965618) for support of operation MACON. During the operation the platoon fired 565 rounds, (529 HE, 33 WP, and 3 ILL) in 163 missions (22 observed and 143 H&I's). The platoon was credited with 25 KIA's and 4 WIA's.

8 July - Battery L fired an observed mission on VC automatic weapons at (AT 908537). Surveillance - 3 KIA's.

10 July - Battery L fired an observed mission on 20 VC at (BT 035595).
Surveillance - 3 KIA's.

13 July - Battery L (-) (reinf) consisting of six (6) 155mm How (Towed) (2 from Btry K, 2 from Hq Btry) displaced to Dong Ha (YD 290069) in support of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in Operation HASTINGS.

14 July - Battery L (Fwd) fired an observed mission on 100 VC in village at (AT 987480). Surveillance - 18 KIA's.

16 July - Battery K fired an observed mission on three (3) huts at (AT 856777). Surveillance - three (3) huts destroyed.

25 July - Battery L fired an observed mission on VC over running C.P. at (BT 040635). Good effect, VC dispersed.

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<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>H&I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
33	50	8	1,563	1,654

Ammunition Expenditure

HE	3128
WP	121
ILL	55
Total	3304

Recapitulation of Battery Patrols

<u>Hq</u>	<u>"K"</u>	<u>"L"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2	52	27	81

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