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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 September; submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

12th MARINES  
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LOCAL CONTROL  
No. 660-06

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

  
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Command Chronology 1 Sep through 30 Sep 1966

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1. Reporting Unit - 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
2. CP - DaNang (AT 947 768)
3. Period covered - 1-30 Sep 1966
4. Date of submission - 5 Oct 1966
5. Average monthly strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	22	0
Enlisted	354	8

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

XO	Maj J.L. NORMAN	
Asst XO	Maj H.C. SOMMERVILLE	
SgtMaj	SgtMaj J.W. ROBEINS	
S-1	2dLt J.C. LIVINGSTON	
S-2	GySgt R.F. PICKETT	
S-3	Capt J.H. BUTLER	(1-21 Sep)
	Capt J. POWERS	(22-30 Sep)
S-3A	2dLt R.D. HAWKINS	(26-30 Sep)
S-4	Capt C.G. BLASI	
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 C.G. BLASI	(1-20 Sep)
	Capt O.J. CREWS	(21-30 Sep)
K Btry	Capt J.E. SCHULKEN	(1-28 Sep)
	Capt J.H. BUTLER	(29-30 Sep)
L Btry	Capt J. POWERS	(1-21 Sep)
	Capt K.L. AMMONS	(22-30 Sep)
8 <sup>th</sup> Btry	Capt H.N. MEANS	
Mortar Btry	Capt R.O. MERRITT	

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## 9. Attachments and Detachments

## a. Attachments:

- (1) 1st 8" How Btry (SP) (-) (rein) (27-30 Sep)  
 (2) Mortar Btry, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (28-30 Sep)

## b. Detached:

- (1) 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  
 8" Btry, 4/12 (AT 964712) Az fire 4600  
 Mortar Btry, 4/12 (AT 92147886) Az fire 5200  
 Composite Btry, 4/12 (AT 878577) (1-M55, 1-M53, 2-M109) Az fire 4900,  
 5500, 4400 respectively.  
 8" Plt ("C"), 4/12 (AT 965618) (1-M55, 1-M53) Az fire 2600, 3200  
 respectively.

## 11. Mission - DaNang

## a. General support/reinforcing

- Btry K - Reinforcing 1/12  
 Btry L - Reinforcing 2/12  
 8" Btry - Reinforcing 1/12, 2/12  
 Mortar Btry - Reinforcing 1/12

Part II

## 1. Personnel

## a. Number of replacements received:

USMC - Officers: 5  
 Enlisted: 30

USN - Officers: 0  
 Enlisted: 1

## b. Number of personnel rotated:

USMC - Officers: 4  
 Enlisted: 29

USN - Officers: 0  
 Enlisted: 1

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

- (1) WIA - None  
 (2) KIA - None  
 (3) EVACUATED - None

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d. R&R Trips: 27

## 2. Administration

a. On hand strength of administrative personnel in this battalion is currently at 60% of T.O.

## b. Awards

(1) Number processed: 2 Good Conduct Medals, 1 Bronze Star and 1 Purple Heart.

(2) Number received: 2 Good Conduct Medals and 1 Purple Heart.

## c. Promotions: (by rank)

1 Lt to Capt

2 LCpl to Cpl

2 SSgt to GySgt

3 PFC's to LCpl

3 Sgt to SSgt

4 PVT's to PFC

6 Cpl to Sgt

d. Postal: No difficulties.

e. Legal: 2 Special Court Martials.

3. Intelligence. The S-2 continued to conduct the daily 1900H Intelligence Briefing for the Commanding Officer, Staff Section Heads, Sergeant Major, and visitors from other units, during September.

Commencing on 19 September, an Intelligence Briefing was given to the enlisted personnel of Headquarters Battery. This briefing is being conducted at 0800H every Monday.

Liaison visits were made to the Hill 65 complex, Hoa Vang District Headquarters, Batteries "K" and "L", S-2 12th Marines and G-2, 3d MarDiv, during the reported period.

Processing of security clearances and granting of same continued during the month. Map needs were satisfied throughout the Battalion, to include the newly joined Mortar Battery, 2d Bn, 12th Mar and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery.

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

Headquarters Battery conducted familiarization firing with the M-14 rifle and M1911A1 pistol for all hands.

Three hours of NBC school was conducted by 12th Marines for all the Batteries in the Battalion. The classes covered decontamination methods, with an hour of practical application. One hour was devoted to chemical agents.

First 8" How Battery conducted (18) hours of classes on the following subjects:

- a. Operation and functioning of the M-14 rifle, M-60 and M2 machine gun.
- b. M76 Grenade Launcher.
- c. Squad Tactics to include Scouting and Patrolling.
- d. Employment of Claymore Mines.
- e. VC trail signs.
- f. Arm and hand signals.

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During the month the Battalion had six men attend Nuclear Weapons Assembly School; three men attended NCO Leadership School; and one man attended Embarkation School.

5. Special Operations.

a. On 6 September, one platoon from Battery "L" displaced to Hill 55 (AT 965 618) in support of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. The platoon returned to the Battery C.P. on 14 September.

b. The Battalion currently has an 8" How Platoon displaced to Hill 55 (AT 965 618). The unit consists of one M55 and one M53 with the mission of reinforcing the fires of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

c. A Composite Battery consisting of (2) M109's, one M55 and one M53 is still displaced to Hill 65 (AT 878 577) in support of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

6. Command and Control. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines has decentralized the technical fire direction control of all firing Batteries.

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 - 187
- (3) Total immunizations given this month - 281

10. Logistics

a. Supply - Operational Spares on hand are at about 85% 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, one (1) Truck, M-35, and two (2) Trucks 3/4 T M37A1.

b. Maintenance - Overall maintenance is satisfactory. Shortages of certain ordnance repair parts results in the deadlining of weapons. This is particularly true for Firing Mech., Assy M-1 FSN 1025-557-0485 for the M-114 155mm How. Towed, and Carrier Housing FSN 1025-856-7589 for the 155mm 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 the entire month of September. Food is sufficient.

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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 11000 dtd 26 Aug 66 requested Strong backs, Bunkers and Class IV materials for the provisional Battery on Hill 65. These items are being procured from 1st 8" How Btry and will be erected as time permits.

e. Water - Hq, K, and L batteries all truck water into their positions. Water points are  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 miles from positions.

f. Motor Transport - Deadline rate for Motor Transport is 15%.

g. Embarkation - Embarkation is satisfactory.

h. Hospitalization & Evacuation - Facilities provided by "C" Med are adequate. This Battalion has no doctor, but makes use of the facilities of the 9th Marine BAS (Rear).

#### 11. Civil Affairs

a. During the month of September, 1,875 Vietnamese Nationals were medically treated.

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

c. Troops of Battery "L" contributed \$147.00 toward a Christmas party given at La Bong school; 1300-1500 on 29 Sep 1966.

d. Battery "L" is supporting a Vietnamese girl, Lee, to attend classes in the Da Nang area. To date the Battery has contributed \$51.00 for tuition.

e. Contributions to the Vietnamese Nationals in the area amounted to:

1. 200lbs Clothes
2. 70 lbs Toys
3. 200 lbs School gear
4. Various materials and tools to build La Bong School.

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5 Sep - Battery L fired an observed mission at VC with automatic weapons (AT 9813 6025). The F.O. reported outstanding target coverage and credited the Battery with 13 KIA's and 8 WIA's.

12 Sep - Battery K (fwd) fired an observed mission on 10 VC in the open at (AT 8102 5472). The Platoon was given credit for 2 KIA's and 1 WIA.

15 Sep - Battery K (fwd) fired on 8 VC in the open at (AT 8178 5614). The F.O. reported 1 KIA with the VC fleeing the area.

18 Sep - Battery L fired on heavy VC sniper fire in a tree line at (AT 8775 8935). The Battery expended 38 HE rounds on the target, the sniper fire ceased; one secondary explosion was noted by the F.O.

20 Sep - Battery L fired on VC supply barges between (AT 0441 5480 and 0377 5364). The Battery expended 96 rounds in sinking the barges. The F.O. noted 10 secondary explosions with flames leaping 30 to 40 feet in the air.

22 Sep - Battery L fired on VC in trenches at (AT 985 607). Excellent target coverage was reported, and one secondary explosion noted.

27 Sep - At 0800 this date, 1st 8" How Battery (SP) was attached to 4/12. The unit consists of (3) M53's and (3) M55's. The assigned mission will be general support of the Da Nang TAOR.

27 Sep - The Composite Battery on Hill 65 fired on a VC platoon at (AT 8430 5671) with two M109's and one M55. The target area was set afire and the Battery was credited with 15 KIA's by III MAF (G-2).

28 Sep - Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines was attached to 4/12 as of 1800 this date. The unit will man (4) M114A1 Howitzers while maintaining the (6) M107 Mortar capability. The Battery has been assigned the mission of General support/Reinforcing 1/12.

30 Sep - The Composite Battery on Hill 65 fired on 100 VC in the open with an M53 at (AT 964522, 960524, 960521). The F.O. reported rounds on target with a probable 10 KIA's and 10 WIA's.

Recapitulation of fire missions

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>H&amp;I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
118	29	7	2526	2680

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	<u>HOW</u>	<u>GUN</u>	<u>8"</u>
HE	3475	505	538
WP	211	28	
ILL	268	4	
Total	3954	537	538

Recapitulation of Battery Patrols

<u>HQ</u>	<u>"K"</u>	<u>"L"</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
13	60	12	15	100

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