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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. 12th Marines (-) (Rein).
2. 1 - 31 July 1965
3. 6 August 1965.
4. W. P. NALA, Colonel, USMC. 1 - 15 July 1965
 W. E. SHUMKEL, LtCol, USMC. 16 - 30 July 1965
 J. H. CALLENDER, Colonel, USMC. 31 July 1965
5. (AF 956759), DANANG, VIETNAM.
6. Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines Capt B. K. CONNORS Jr
 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), FMF (-) Major I. E. WILSON
 Battery B, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Capt E. F. TREMSKI
 * 3d Battalion, (-) (Rein), 11th Marines LtCol W. E. BECK
 * - 3d Battalion, 11th Marines composes 12th Marines (Rear) on Okinawa and therefor no diary is included herein for that unit.

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1 July - 12th Marines (-) (Rein) was the senior unit of Embarkation Unit Delta, 3d Marine Division (Rear). Other units comprising Embark Unit Delta were 4/12 (-), Hq Bn (-), 3d Tank Bn (-), 3d Red Bn (-), 3d Lt Bn (-), and the 9th Marines (Rear).

On 1 July Headquarters, 12th Marines embarked on the USS DANFIELD (LST 55) at White Beach, Okinawa for transportation to DANANG, RVN. See Operation Order 1-65 (Part III). Battery L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines and one platoon of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery were in position at DANANG and were attached to the 1st Bn, 12th Marines as units of the Field Artillery Group in D/S of the 3d Marines.

3 July - At 1100 H the CI of the 12th Marines plus comm/crypte guard was shifted from the USS DANFIELD to 3d Marine Division (Fwd). 12th Marines CI was established at (LST 955758).

9 July - Embarkation Unit Delta was dissolved by CO, 12th Marines.

18 July - 4th Bn, (-), (Rein), 12th Marines was detached and proceeded by air to FNU B.I, RVN. Upon arrival there at 4/12 was attached to ELP 7/4. See Op O 2-65 (Part III).

24 July - At 0800 H 3d Marine Div LPO 321A-65 became effective. Last organization of 12th Marines (-) (Rein) established as indicated in Paragraph 6 of Part I.

2. Movements Made. As indicated in para 1 above.

3. Missions Assigned.a. 12th Marines (-) (Rein)

1 - 25 July. Artillery support for 3d Marine Division.

24 - 31 July. G/3 3d Marine Division (Fwd).

b. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (L) (-), MIA

1 - 25 July. Attached Field Artillery Group (L), 3d Marine Division (Fwd); D/S MF-5.

24 - 31 July. G/3; reinforcing 4/12

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APPENDIX

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

1. ✓ 12th Air Lines Operation Order 1-65.
2. ✓ 12th Marines Operation Order 2-65.

Headquarters
 12th Marines (-) (Rein),
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 CAMP SUKIRAN, OKINAWA
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Operation Order 1-65

Ref: (a) Map, AMS Series L701, Sheet 6659 III, 1/50,000
 (b) 3d MarDiv (Rear) Embark Order 1-65
 (c) AdminO 3d MarDiv 191735Z
 (d) 3d MarDiv OpnO 321-65 (191300H May 1965), par 3.g.(2).

Time Zone: I

Task Organization: (Effective 202350Z) Embark Unit Delta

<u>12th Marines (-)</u>	Col PALA
Hq Btry (-), 12th Marines	Capt CONNORS
4th Bn (-), 12th Marines	Major BAITY
Hq Btry	
3d Tank Bn (-)	LtCol JONES
3d Medical Bn (-)	Lt PETERSON
3d SP Bn (-)	Major CONLEY
9th Marines (Rear)	Lt IATTIACE
Hq Bn (-)	

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current III MAF INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See current III MAF SITREPS.

2. MISSION. When directed by this Headquarters, Embark Unit Delta loads on designated shipping at NAHA PORT/WHITE BEACH for transportation to RVN.

3. EXECUTION. See Annex A (Embark Plan) to Operation Order 1-65.

a. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See reference (b).
- (2) Prior to debarkation, GO's will publish to all embarked troops the "return fire only" aspect of the Rules of Engagement contained in refer-

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ence (d), i.e., "in camp, magazines will not be inserted during daylight hours unless under attack. Rounds will be chambered only when enemy encounter is obvious."

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See references (b) and (c).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. See reference (b).
 - b. Command Posts.
 - (1) Ashore - GO, 12th Marines - Tel 3-6184.
 - (2) Afloat - TBA.

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ANNEXES:

- ✓A-Embarkation Plan
- ✓B-Distribution

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Annex A (Embarkation Plan) to Operation Order 1-65

- Ref: (a) AdminO 3d Mar Div msg 202350Z June 65
 (b) AdminO 3d Mar Div msg 191735Z June 65
 (c) FMFM 4-2
 (d) 3d Mar Div Order Pl4600.1

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1. ORGANIZATION FOR EMBARKATION

- a. General. In accordance with reference (a) the following Embarkation Teams will be formed as a part of Embarkation Unit Delta:

<u>Embarkation Team</u>	<u>Responsible Unit</u>
Delta 1	12th Marines
Delta 2	3d Tank Bn.
Delta 3	3d Shore Party Bn.
Delta 4	12th Marines

- b. Assignment of Shipping. Embarkation Team Commanders and Team Embarkation Officers.

USS Windhan County (LST-1170)	1. Major R.B. BAITEY Embarkation Team Commander and CO of Troops.
USS Washtenaw County (LST-1166)	2. Lt Col S.R. JONES USMC Embarkation Team Commander and CO of Troops.
USS Tortuga (LST-26)	3. Major J.J. CONNOLLY USMC Embarkation Team Commander and CO of Troops.
USS BAYFIELD (APA-33)	4. Lt Col W.E. STUENKEL USMC Embarkation Team Commander and CO of Troops.

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2. MATERIEL TO BE EMBARKED**a. Types:**

- (1) See reference (b).

b. Amounts:

- (1) See reference (b).

c. Preparation for Embarkation:

- (1) Vehicles are to be preloaded to maximum permissible capacity.
- (2) All cargo not preloaded will be pallitized to the maximum extent possible.
- (3) All vehicles will be equipped with fording kits and chocks.
- (4) Water cans and water trailers will be filled to capacity.
- (5) Fuel, Lubrication, circulation, ignition systems, and tire pressure will be checked by units before embarkation.
- (6) Packing, marking, and crating will be in accordance with references ~~((a))~~ and ~~((d))~~.
- (7) Vehicle gasoline tanks are to be filled to 3/4 capacity prior to embarking.
- (8) Gas cans will be carried 3/4 full on each vehicle as follows:
 - (a) 1/4 ton vehicles--one can
 - (b) All other vehicles -two cans.
- (9) Tracked vehicles to be embarked at Naha Port will be provided with sufficient dunnage for all black top crossings. In addition, dunnage will be used on board ship between tracks and ship's decks.
- (10) Embarkation Officers will ensure that shipping can supply sufficient dogging materials.

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d. Movement

- (1) Vehicles will be positioned in Base Camp Areas as designated by the Embark Team Commanders.
- (2) Movement of supplies and equipment to POE's and staging at White Beach and Nana Port will be executed upon order from the Embarkation Unit Commander. Embarkation Team Commanders will be informed of the arrival time of respective ships and are responsible for co-ordinating arrangements to support expeditious loading.
- (3) Requirements for MHE for use in the Base Camp will be submitted to the Embarkation Unit Commander (12th Marines S-4, Telephone Sukiran 541140)
- (4) Additional personnel transportation requirements will be arranged for by the Embarkation Unit Commander. Requirements to be submitted to the 12th Marines S-4.

3. PERSONNEL

a. Uniform, equipment and baggage

- (1) Utilities, normal arms, field marching pack, steel helmet w/camouflage cover (green side out)
- (2) Baggage
 - (a) Officers and SNCO'S- One sea bag and one footlocker or Val Pak.
 - (b) Enlisted-One sea bag with minimum issue of clothing to include two sets of summer service. Winter service uniforms will be left behind in storage.

b. Advance details

- (1) Embarkation Team Commanders shall ensure that each berthing/beaching area is prepared for the arrival of assigned ship.
- (2) Embarkation Team Commanders shall provide ship's platoons adequate to load assigned ship.

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c. Movement of the Personnel

- (1) To be executed upon direction of the Embarkation Team Commander after staging at POE!
- (2) Troops should be embarked as near the completion of loading as possible.

d. Embarkation rosters

- (1) Prepared in accordance with paragraph 110 of DivO P5000.3D

4. EMBARKATION AREASa. SHIP

	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>BERTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>
(1)	USS Windham County (LST-1170)	NAHA PORT WHITE BEACH	24 June
(2)	USS Washtenaw County (IST-1166)	NAHA PORT WHITE BEACH	24 June
(3)	USS Tortuga (LSD-26)	WHITE BEACH	28 June
(4)	USS Bayfield (APA-33)	WHITE BEACH	28 June

b. Materials Handling Equipment:

- (1) To be controlled by the Shore Party Battalion at White Beach. Requirements to be submitted to Embarkation Unit Commander (Attn S-4) for fork lifts required in camps.

c. Security:

- (1) Organizational Commanders provide own security on all supplies and equipment.

5. EMBARKATION SCHEDULES

- a. See paragraph 4. a.

6. CONTROLa. Traffic circulation and control.

- (1) Convoys comply with reference (d).

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- (2) Traffic circulation within POE as directed by Shore Party Commander.
- (3) Speed Limit for White Beach and Naha Port-15mph
- (4) Embarkation Team Commanders provide own TQPSir et
- (5) Embarkation Team Commanders are authorized direct liaison with PMO for request of military police escorts when required.

b. Embarkation Control Offices:

- (1) Embarkation Team Commanders establish an embarkation control office upon commencement of staging. Control Officers are authorized direct liaison with the Division Embarkation Representative. Embarkation Offices: will be manned 24 hours daily by each embark team, until team concerned has completed embarkation.

c. Communications

- (1) Communications to White Beach made through Camp McTureous Switch board. Dial McTureous Operator 80 and ask for MAG line to White Beach.
- (2) Commercial phone to White Beach: 9303 in Tower and 8204 at Pier Bravo.
- (3) Embarkation Team Commanders provide own organic communication to control embarkation as desired.
- (4) Ship-to-Shore communications at White Beach provided by division embarkation.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Loading Plans.

- (1) Embarkation Team Commanders will prepare sufficient loading plans to provide Division Embarkation Officer with 6 copies; C.O. of Ship with one copy; one corrected copy to Division Embarkation Officer after loading, and adequate copies to assist the embarkation team commander in the loading.

b. Feeding

- (1) Embarkation Team Commanders will arrange the feeding of their own working parties at Naha Port.

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- (2) Meals at White Beach for Working parties will be arranged by Div Embarkation.

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Annex B (Distribution) to Operation Order 1-65

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1. Distribution of Operation Order 1-65 will be as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COPIES</u>
Hq Btry, 12th Marines	5
4th Bn, 12th Marines	5
3d Tank Bn (-)	5
3d Medical Bn (-)	5
3d SP Bn (-)	5
9th Marines (R _{ear})	5
Hq Bn (-)	10
CG, 3d MarDiv (Rear)	5
CG, 3d MarDiv	5
CG, III MAF	5

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Operation Order 2-65

- Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Series L701, Sheets 6659 III, and IV, 6559 I, IV,
 6560 II, III and IV, 1:50,000
 (b) 3d MarDiv OpnO 321A-65
 (c) 3d MarDiv COI (to be published)
 (d) 12th Mar RegtO 3000.1_ (SCP, Operations and Gunnery)
 (e) NWIP 10-1 (A), SUPP

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Task Organization: (Effective on order)

4th Battalion (-), (Rein), 12th Marines

4th Battalion (-), 12th Marines
 Headquarters Battery
 L Battery
 107mm Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines
 I Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
 CTR Team, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

1. SITUATION.
 - a. Enemy Forces. See current III MAF INTSUMS.
 - b. Friendly Forces. See current III MAF SITREPS.
2. MISSION. When directed, 4th Battalion (-), (Rein), 12th Marines proceeds by air to PHU BAI, RVN. Upon arrival thereat, direct support BMT 3/4.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) 4th Battalion prepare embarkation plan.
 - (2) Attached units (Less I Battery 3-12) submit embarkation data to Headquarters 4-12.
 - (3) Operations in accordance with reference (b) and (d).
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Reference (b).

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

- a. Reference (c).
- b. 4th Battalion (-), (Rein), Submit movement reports in accordance with reference (e).
- c. Command Posts. Report when established.

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