

HEADQUARTERS
12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, 96601

3d MARDIV (FWD)
S+C # 1674-65

3/PNE/rjh
3480
Ser: 040-65
11 Sep 1965

CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (SG-3)

Subj: Command Diary

Ref: (a) Div(Fwd)O 3100.1

Encl: ✓(1) Subject Report

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a).
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) this document is downgraded to unclassified.

J. J. Snyder
J. J. SNYDER
By direction

12th Marines

COPY 1 OF 4 COPIES

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

Aug 1965

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 12th Marines (-) (Rein) | |
| 2. | 1-31 Aug 65 | |
| 3. | 6 Sep 1965 | |
| 4. | J. M. CALLENDER, Colonel, USMC | |
| 5. | (AF 958757), DANANG, VIETNAM | |
| 6. | Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines | Capt B. K. CONNOR, Jr. |
| | *1/12 (-) | LtCol W. E. MC CAIN |
| | *2/12 (-) | LtCol J. K. KNOCKE |
| | *3/12 (-) (Rein) | LtCol L. L. PAGE |
| | *4/12 (-) (Rein) | LtCol C. M. RUDZIS |
| | *3/11 (-) (Rein) | LtCol W. H. PECK |
| | 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (-), FMF | Major P. E. WILSON |
| | Battery L, 4/12 | Capt E. F. TRENSKI |
| | #Battery F, 2/12 | 1stLt S. M. SCHACHT(17-31 Aug) |

* - Indicates attachment or OPCON of supported unit. Reports for these units included in those of the unit to which attached/OPCON.

- REPORTED OPCON 12th Marines at 170800 H.

3/PNE/rlh
3480

CONFIDENTIAL

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Unit Activities

- 1 Aug - The 8" Howitzer Battery displaced to (AT 962709) and its mission, plus that of L-4-12, was changed to reinforcing 1/12 for the 3d Marines operation "BLAST OUT I".
- 3 Aug - The mission of one platoon of Battery L was changed to reinforcing 2/12 to provide medium artillery support to that battalion during a 2/9 operation in their TAOR.
- 4 Aug - At 0500 the 3d Marines terminated Operation "BLAST OUT I" and the mission of the two Lima Battery platoons assigned to 1/12 and of the 8" battery reverted to their normal assignments. The 8" battery displaced to (AT 985746).
- 5 Aug - One 8" Howitzer displaced to (AT 955755). Two platoons of battery L displaced to (AT 983749).
- 6 Aug - The remaining operational 8" howitzer displaced to (AT 955755). The L battery platoon reinforcing 2/12 reverted to its normal mission of GS, reinforcing 2/12, and the platoon displaced to join the battery at (AT 983749).
- 7 Aug - The 8" battery Headquarters displaced to (AT 955755) and the battery is now established at that location as its permanent position.
- 10 Aug - Battery L placed the 155mm Howitzer, M109 in an operational status. One platoon of these guns was displaced to (AT 900805) to provide support for a 1/3 operation in the northern portion of their TAOR. The platoon returned to its normal position later the same night.
- 11 Aug - The 8" howitzer displaced to (AT 962709) and the batteries' mission changed to reinforcing 1/12 for a 1/3 operation. One platoon of battery L was also assigned to reinforcing 1/12 for that same operation.
- 13 Aug - The 8" batteries' mission reverted to GS and the howitzer at (AT 962709) displaced to its normal position at (AT 955755).
- 15 Aug - The Regiment commenced an extensive training program to better qualify all forward observers. The L battery platoon reinforcing 1/12 reverted to its normal mission of GS, reinforcing 2/12.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

2

Enclosure (1)
CONFIDENTIAL

3/PNE/rlh
3480

CONFIDENTIAL

- 17 Aug - F-2-12 landed in the Republic of Viet Nam as part of BLT 3/9; reported OPCON 12th Marines at 0800; was assigned a mission of GS; and occupied position at (AT 964712).
- 23 Aug - One 8" howitzer displaced to (AT 963709) and its mission was changed to reinforcing 1/12.
- 24 Aug - A platoon of L Battery's M109's displaced to (AT 965710) with a mission of reinforcing 2/12.
- 25 Aug - The 8" howitzer at (AT 963709) reverted to its normal mission and position.
- 26 Aug - The Lima platoon reinforcing 2/12 reverted to its normal mission and position at 0815. At 1600 another L Battery platoon was assigned to reinforce 2/12 from its normal position.

2. Missions Assigned

- a. 12th Marines (-) (Rein). GS, 3d Marine Division, DANANG TAOR
- b. 1st Battalion (-), 12th Marines. DS 3d Marines, OPCON 3d Marines (DANANG).
- c. 2nd Battalion (-), 12th Marines. DS 9th Marines, OPCON 9th Marines (DANANG).
- d. 3d Battalion (Rein), 12th Marines. Attached to RLT - 4 (CHU LAI).
- e. 4th Battalion (-) (Rein), 12th Marines. Attached to BLT 3/4 (PHU BAI).
- f. 3d Battalion (-) (Rein), 12th Marines. Attached to RLT - 7 (OKI & CHU LAI).
- g. 1st 8" How Battery (SP) (-). GS (DANANG).
- h. Battery L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. GS, reinforcing 2/12 (DANANG).
- i. Battery F, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. (17-31 Aug) GS (DANANG).

3. Results Accomplished. A breakdown of artillery support rendered to the combat units located within the DANANG enclave shows the following:

a. Missions Fired

Battery "F"	145
Battery "L"	399
1st 8" Howitzer Battery	363
Total	907

Enclosure (1)
CONFIDENTIAL

3/PNE/rlh
3480

CONFIDENTIAL

b. Rounds Expended

105mm	765
155mm	1405
8"	<u>842</u>
Total	3012

Enclosure (1)
CONFIDENTIAL