

HEADQUARTERS
12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, FMF
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

Encl: (1) - Headquarters, 12th Marine Regiment, JOURNAL, *KS-2 12-3*
(2) - Command Chronology, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
(3) - Command Chronology, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
(4) - Command Chronology, 3d Bn, 12th Marines
(5) - Command Chronology, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
(6) - Command Chronology, 1st 8" How Battery (SP), FMF
(7) - Command Chronology, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), FMF

1. As directed by reference (a), the following command chronology for the period 1-31 March 1966 is submitted.

a. Organizational Data

(1) Designations/Locations/Task Organization/Tactical Missions.

<u>UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION/COORD</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
12th Marine Regiment (-)(Rein)	DaNang AT 958757	G/S - 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery (-)	-do- -do-	
1st Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines	DaNang AT 957758	D/S - 3d Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "A"	-do- 939722	
Battery "A", 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 922791	
Battery "B"	-do- 921737	
107mm Mortar Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 934838	
Battery "E", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 921799	

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2d Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Mar	DaNang AT 995722	D/S - 9th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "D"	-do- BT 064680	
Battery "E"	-do- AT 986644	
Battery "F"	-do- 933666	
107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 966618	
Battery "L", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 988672	
3d Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines	PhuBai YD 877145	D/S - 4th Mar
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
Battery "I"	-do- 872139	
Battery "G", 1st Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 871140	
Battery "B", 1st Bn, 11th Mar	-do- 868136	
Mort Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Mar	-do- 881148	
Battery "M", 4th Bn, 12th Mar	-do- 880149	
4th Bn (-), 12th Marines	DaNang AT 943764	G/S
Headquarters Battery	-do- -do-	
1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), FMF	DaNang AT 964712	G/S
1st 8" How Battery (SP), FMF	DaNang AT 955775	G/S

(2) Period Covered: 1-31 March 1966

(3) Command and Staff Assignments

<u>T/O BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
CO	Col JAMES M. CALLENDER 08570	
XO	LtCol R. G. FRITCH 011910	
S-1/Adj	1stLt GLASSMEYER 087778	1-13 Mar 1966
	Capt R. V. BRENNAN 076831	14-31 Mar 1966
S-2	Maj W. R. DITTMANN 059033	
S-3	LtCol T. J. JOHNSTON Jr 026878	
Asst S-3	Maj B. N. BITTNER 064637	
Asst S-3	Capt L. R. WILLIAMS 073714	
S-4	Maj S. M. MORROW 052130	
MFO	Capt M. J. ZACHODNI 075616	
SupO	Capt T. S. MAIRS 081905	1-24 Mar 1966
	Capt N. M. LARIMER 070399	25-31 Mar 1966
OrdO	Maj H. C. SOMMERVILLE 060802	1-26 Mar 1966
	WO A. L. CLARK 082849	26-31 Mar 1966
AO	1stLt E. C. BROWN 089725	
Asst FSC	LtCol W. E. MCCAIN 023418	
Asst FSC	Maj K. G. PATTERSON 066058	
PersO	1st Lt GLASSMEYER 087778	14-31 Mar 1966

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TIO	Capt G. M. WASTILLA 083784	
CommO	Maj A. M. GRAY 056067	
Sur/Metro Off	1stLt L. G. KLEIBOECKER 087370	1-2 Mar 1966
SurO	1stLt L. G. KLEIBOECKER 087370	3-31 Mar 1966
MetroO	2dLt L. D. HOSEK 082720	3-31 Mar 1966
RadarO	1stLt J. R. BELL 087202	
NGFO	LtCndr R. C. MASON 532203 USN	
Surgeon	Lt J. M. BALDWIN 684523 USN	
Chaplain	LtCndr O. E. KINZLER 573708 USN	
Hq Commandant	Maj D. N. HARMAN 060586	

(4) Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
175	2591	13	52

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Eventsa. Personnel

(1) Joined 49 USMC officers, 536 USMC enlisted, 7 USN officers and 5 USN enlisted during the month of March. (This includes 7 officers and 142 enlisted in 1st 155mm Gun Battery and 1 officer and 15 enlisted in 1st FAG Survey/Metro Team joining ADCON of this Regiment.) 26 USMC officers, 334 USMC enlisted, 1 USN officer and 4 USN enlisted rotated to CONUS.

(2) Shortages

(a) Shortages exist in the following MOS's (with projected April losses):

0124	(2)	2531	(105)
0130	(9)	3371	(16)
0141	(11)	3531	(41)
0239	(2)	9999-1stSgt	(4)
OF 08-IT's	(29)		

b. Intelligence

(1) The assignment of five (5) more interpreters has added to the overall effectiveness of units reconnaissance and security patrols.

(2) There has been a marked increase in small arms harrassing fire in the vicinity of Alpha Battery, 1st Bn, 11th Mar (AT 9279). Echo Battery

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2/12 patrol killed one VC tax collector and confiscated the tax stamps and certificates in addition to 1200 piasters. Arty AO reports continue to indicate an increase in VC diggings in the South and Southwest portion of the TAOR and an increase in VC automatic weapons fire directed at reconnaissance aircraft. Aerial photos of all battalion and battery positions were taken and analyzed to increase the effectiveness of defenses. Precision registrations by artillery AO's were conducted for 8" Howitzer and 155mm Gun Batteries.

(3) English language classes are continuing three times a week for two hours each evening in Da Son (AT 9276). English language class held every Saturday morning Da Mon (BT 0671). Bath tub of concrete and stone was constructed with help of villagers in the village of Da Mon. St Patricks Day party given by people of Da Son for Marines.

(4) Twenty-four (24) Hometown News Releases were forwarded to the Division ISO. In addition five (5) feature articles were released to the news media.

(5) Unit intelligence training has been on the correct and timely use of intelligence spot reporting.

c. Training. During the reporting period the regiment trained all members of the Division Scout Sniper School and the entire Force Recon Company in FO procedures. Additionally the Regiment graduated eleven (11) 12th Marine students from the three week FO School conducted by 3/12 at Phu Bai. Twelve (12) students graduated from a Special Weapons course on Okinawa.

d. Communications

(1) During this reporting period continued emphasis was placed on improving and upgrading the overall regimental communication system. Construction of the new regimental communication center bunker and switch-board bunker was completed with full operation commencing on 17 Mar 1966. Completion of sandbag reinforcement is expected to be completed in early April.

(2) Due to the shifting of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines to Phu Bai and the return of the Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines to the Da Nang enclave, a realignment of the covered KW-7 circuit was accomplished between the Da Nang-Phu Bai enclaves.

(3) Staff visits were made to all artillery units in the Da Nang and Phu Bai enclaves. Extensive ground reconnaissance was continued in conjunction with selection of potential wire routes and radio relay sites to support future requirements.

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8 Apr 1966e. Fire Support

- (1) During the month the Regiment fired the following missions:

Observed Missions	1,400
Unobserved Missions	1,456
Registrations	127
H&I Missions	10,204
 Total	 13,187

- (2) The following ammunition was expended in firing these missions:

105mm High Explosive	32,613
105mm Illumination	1,164
105mm Smoke (WP)	2,244
107mm High Explosive	3,551
107mm Illumination	351
107mm Smoke (WP)	921
155mm How High Explosive	11,393
155mm How Smoke (WP)	644
155mm How Illumination	295
155mm Gun High Explosive	1,701
155mm Gun Smoke (WP)	125
8" How High Explosive	1,240
 Total	 56,242

f. Logistics. During the month of March the following happenings of significance occurred in Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines.

- (1) The battery received and constructed the following bunkers.

(a) One (1) 8 x 12 x 8 - Telephone Switchboard

(b) Four (4) 8 x 12 x 8 configured to two (2) 12 x 24 x 8
Regimental FDC - Regimental Comm Center.

(2) There has been a continued improvement in the Motor Transport deadline rate. As of 25 February the deadline rate was 8% and as of 31 March the rate has dropped to 0%. There has been continued improvement also in the number of spare parts received for motor transport.

g. Regimental Chaplain

- (1) Divine Services

(a) Services conducted - 28

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- (b) Total Attendance - 357
 - (c) Memorial Services - 2
 - (d) Catholic Services in Regiment - 23
 - (e) Attendance - 320
 - (f) Catholic Parties Leaving Area - 17
 - (g) No. in Party - 91
 - (h) Catholic Memorial Service - 1
- (2) Counseling Cases - 24
 - (3) Pastoral Calls
 - (a) Field Contacts - 992
 - (b) Hospital - 89
 - (4) Conferences
 - (a) III MAF/Division Chaplain's Conference - 5
 - (b) Staff Conference - 3
 - (5) Miscellaneous
 - (a) Bible Study classes - 5, Attendance - 15
 - (b) Civic Action - Took 14 Marines to WEC orphanage where they underwrote support of 16 orphans at \$10.00 per month per child. Also took soap and clothing to the orphanage. Regimental Chaplain attended four (4) English classes in Da Son. He met twice with the Bishop of DaNang Cao Dai Temple and discussed needs and plans for construction of an orphanage. He conferred with USOM Representative for III MAF concerning materials for this orphanage - approval of plans has to come from Saigon.
 - (c) Inspection - Regimental Chaplain was inspected by Division Chaplain's staff during CG Inspection.
 - (d) Lectures - Thirteen on "Religions of Viet Nam". Four lectures have been given by Doctor - Chaplain team on "VD Control".
 - (e) Two taped interviews by WDAY-TV, Fargo, North Dakota.

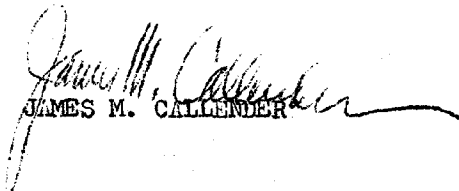
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8 Apr 1966h. Special Events

(1) On 2 March, General YU, Commandant of the Nationalist Chinese Marine Corps, visited and toured this command.

(2) On 10 March, General KONG, Commandant of the Korean Marine Corps, visited and toured this command.

(3) On 14 March, Major General W. B. KYLE visited and toured this command.



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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 28 Feb 1966 TO 1900 1 Mar 1966

TIME	FROM	JRNL
IN	TO	NO
011045H	1st Bn	J-1

MESSAGE

ACTION

Heard 1 rd fired and obs: it hit in the middle of 132 VN working in the rice paddies in the vic of 936707, patrol searched area but had neg contact.

ENCLOSURE (1)

S-2 JNL

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 1 Mar TO 1900 2 Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
020710H			1st Bn	J-1	Kilo heard S/A fire in vicinity of coord. AT9179, approximately 15 rounds. Goose Alpha(N) confirmed the same. Firing siezed at 17 020725, nothing could be observed by Goose Kilo, or Goose Alpha(N).	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 2 Mar TO 1900 3 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
030030H		1st Bn	J-1	recd 4 rds of SA fire coming from vic 937837 they believe the rds were from a carbine	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900_3_Mar TO 1900_4_Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		

Negative report

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 4 Mar TO 1900 5 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		

Negative report

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TIME		FROM	JRNL	S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 5 Mar TO 1900 6 Mar 1966	
IN	OUT	TO	NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
061840H		2nd Bn	J-2	8 Man patrol from "D" btry received 10 incoming rds. A Marine was wounded when xxxxxx he was standing behind a tree, rd penetrated tree hitting marine's shoulder, additional group of 8 marines sent out to rein force patrol and laid down a base fire so that that chopper could land for Medevac it is beleived that 2 VC were incountered also partol leader thought that one VC had a M-1 or a M-14.	G/2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 6 Mar -- T9900 7 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
062150H		8"	J-1	2140 5 rds of sa in the vic of arvn compound at 2100 heard 5 rds of SA in village of Jason	G-2/3/6
071205H		2nd Bn	J-2	Btry F patrol found wounded Vietnamese at 963722, patrol turned him over to Swain	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 7 Mar TO 1900 8 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		

Negative Report

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 8 Mar TO 1900 9 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		

Negative Report

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 9 Mar TO 1900 10 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PERD 1900_10_Mar TO 1900_11_Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PND 1900_11 Mar TO 1900_12 Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 12 Mar TO 1900 13 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
121915H		2nd Bn	J-1	India 3/3 received at 1900H eight (8) rounds 60mm mortar fire sustained one (1) WIA. FM coor 953593 sixteen (16) HE surv "Rounds on Target"	G-2/3/6
122240H		1st Bn	J-2	Outpost received one (1) grenade, exploded five (5) meters from empty gun pit. No damage.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 13 Mar TO 1900 14 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
140910		1st Bn	J-1	Goose Brave has received fairly reliable information that there will be a demonstration sometime today in AP-LA coords AT9274, interpeter is checking on it more	G-2/3/6
141340			J-2	Hamlet chief died long ago. Just a dispute between 2 barber and laundry shops. During dispute one group brought up that other shop built over old grave. No verification that it was over grave, villagers know nothing about incident. Believe settled---there will be no demonstration. CI on scene also	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900_14_Mar TO 1900_15_Mar 66

TIME IN	TIME OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
142020		2nd Bn	J-1	HQ Btry reported 3-5 rounds S/A fire incoming.	G-2/3/6
142400		2nd Bn		Rounds landed in Hq Btry area, no suspected VC, rounds came from vicinity of ASP (due west).	G-2/3/6
151600H		G-2		Parchment CO requests no military action at coord. AT878505 between 150700H and 172000H. La-Tain religious sect is holding meetings on opening new church. Lanterns lighting area at night. Message will follow.	S-3

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 15 Mar 1968 16 Mar ---

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
161123H		1st Bn	J-1	One (1) round of small arms fire into K-4-12 position from the north. Believed to be ARVN forces.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 16 Mar TO 1900 17 Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report

TIME		FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	OUT	TO	NO		
172030H		2nd Bn	J-1	Wiskey Btry received S/A fire.	G-2/3/6
180830H		1st Bn.	J-2	M-26's turned into A (N) by local VN. This is the second time that VN locals turned gear in. A total of 3 M-26's and 6 M-79 rds.	G-2/3/6
181330H		1st Bn.	J-3	Wire team received 4 rounds S/A fire believed to be bolt-action rifle, while trouble shooting lines at coordinates AT956765. Returned 6 rounds and checked area--negative results.	G-2/3/6

TIME		FROM	JRNL	S-E JOURNAL FOR PND	TO	ACTION
IN	OUT	TO	NO	1900 18 Mar	1900 19 Mar 66	
				MESSAGE		
182320H		1st Bn.	J-1	Delta Btry observed two (2) unidentified persons laying approximately 100 meters SW of Btry perimeter, illuminated by spotlight, taken under fire by frag grenade, two (2) persons observed leaving.		G-2/3/6
191342H		2nd Bn.	J-2	A PFC (FO) reported that according to villagers there were at least 100 VC in this area (Grid Sq AT 9660) last night. They reported that the VC carried off at least 20 KIA due to the firing by 2nd Battalion, and that there is still VC in the area.		G-2/3/6
191430H		2nd Bn.		Following of Spot Report 191342H-30 KIA instead of 20 and 200 VC in area instead of 100 as well as many more VC wounded. F/2/9 patrol found 10 VC KIA this morning Whiskey Btry, Echo, And Lima fired on suspected VC mortar positions. Patrol in that area today found steel casings frags of 60mm and remnants of mortar tubs. Infantry Co Cmdr saw artillery rounds land in area of mortar flashes.		G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 19 Mar TO 1900 20 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
201210H	1st Bn.	J-1	Mr Nguyen TOAN, ID card #361836, a detective from Quang Nam reported there is one (1) VC by the name of Nguyen Van HAI in the hamlet of Khanh Son, coord. AT952768. 1/12 passed to 3rd Mar, 3rd Mar will handle.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 20 Mar TO 1900 21 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
202130H	2nd Bn.	J-1	D/2/12 fired 4 S/A rounds at 4 VCS who were crawling toward D/2/12 position from the SouthWest. D/2/12 took VCS under fire appronimately 100-150 meters from Btry All 4 VCS fled and fired no rounds. Area illuninated before firing.	G-2/3/6
219115H	1st Bn.	J-2	K-4-12 attached to 1-12 was probed by one (1) VCS from the east of the Btry position Area was illuninated and VCS taken under fire about ten (10) meters from wire by M-60. Nine (9) rounds were fired and VCS was believed to be wounded.	G-2/3/6
211445H	2nd Bn.	J-3	E-2-12 Squad patrol searching Yen-Ne village found no villagers except for one (1) child and an old woman in hut. The patrol started to search nearby shelters and entered from both ends of shelter, Marines observed one (1) crouched VC. The VC threw grenade, marines returned one (1) grenade, killing two (2) VC. The patrol later found a firing point maker pointing toe bunker #3 Maker at 984669. At 211115H the patrol recieved SA fire from 6VC, believed they returned to pick up bodies. Patrol followed VC toward AMTRAC patrol. Broke contact. 1120 one(1) VN child MEDEVAC to 2/9BAS	

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 21 Mar TO 1900 22 Mar 66

IN	TIME	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 22 Mar TO 1900 23 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
231920H		2nd Bn.	J-1	"E" received one (1) round of S/A fire directly into the position from DUONG SON (3) coords.(9967).	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 23 Mar TO 1900 24 Mar 66

IN	TIME OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
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Negative Report.

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 24 Mar TO 1900 25 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
241012H		1st Bn.	J-1	Goose Whiskey vehicle hit a land mine at acords AT940825. 1 WIA-medevac. Vehicle was from FLSG as was WIA 1/12 Passed cor rected information at approx 1115.	G-2/3/6
241900H		1st Bn.	J-2	A K-4-12 patrol caught 2 young men (Vietnamese) in the vicinity of a buried mortar round (possibly 60mm). Additional info from 1/12 at 2045-- interrogated by 12th Marines interpreter the 2 VCS stated they had found round and were examining it when apprehended by K-4-12 patrol. Nguyen DO and Tran TIEU both claimed to be farmers and 55 years old. Both had ID cards but DO's ID card stated he was 59. Both sent to 3rd IPT.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 25 Mar TO 1900 26 Mar 66

TIME IN	TIME OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
242315H		8" How	J-1	NE of 8" How of highway #1 a sentry stated that a vehicle driving north on route #1 was fired upon by what sounded to be an automatic weapon. The automatic weapon fired approx 20 rounds. Vehicle appeared to be heading toward 7th Engr.	G-2/3/6
251830H		1st Bn.	J-2	A 12 man patrol received 1 S/A found approx 300 meters East of Delta position. Patrol did not return fire. Btry outpost fired 1 round.	G-2/3/6
261855H		4th Bn.	J-3	Wire team received 3 rounds S/A fire approximately 400 meters SW of their position--at coords. AT910813. Eight rounds S/A fire was returned. Results unknown.	

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PND 1900 26 Mar TO 1900 27 Mar 66

TIME IN	TIME OUT	FROM TO	JRNAL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
262035H		2nd Bn.	J-1	Delta Btry received S/A fire and several grenades from 3 to 4 VC on right flank (west flank). Also several VC positioned to rear of Btry position. Gun #1 prepared to fire direct fire if S/A fire is continued.	G-2/3/6
270755H		1st Bn	J-2	K-1-12 patrol received one (1) round S/A fire at above coords. (AT917793), Did not return fire, no injuries. Request thru 3rd Marines to 1st Bn 3rd Marines for a platoon size sweep of that area.	G-2/3/6
271730H		1st Bn.	J-3	K-1-12 patrol handed message in French by Vietnamese. Message stated: Village at AT915794 has many VC in Village. Village approximately 900meters SW of Kilo Btry. position. G-3 2 reinforced squad patrol moving in to area at 1900. History of a previous incident similar. Lines to Kilo cut for last 5-6 nights. 1/12 requests infantry patrols to check out. 272220H--Received call from S-2 1/12 stating 3rd Marines sent two squads into area with negative results.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PERD 1900 27 Mar TO 1900 28 Mar 66

TIME	FROM	JRNL	MESSAGE	ACTION
IN	TO	NO		
280915H	1st Bn.	J-1	At 0900 Kilo patrol passed through the hamlet of Van Duong W/O incident, when they were approximately 400 meters west of that hamlet at coords 908798 they heard 2 rounds of S/A fire from coords 915794. Not sure rounds were directed at them. Request interpreter for 1500 patrol at Kilo.	G-2/3/6
281030H	3rd ITT	J-2	Two VN males apprehended by K/1/12 patrol (241900H) in vicinity of buried mortar round were turned over to 3rd ITT. Interrogation revealed that they were going to move round off their land & tried to report it to the Marines. 3rd ITT turned them over to ARVN group HQ.	G-2/3/6
281105H	8"	J-3	Found 2 Punji traps coords AT872765. Size 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ '. Traps destroyed by grenades. Found 1 dud (872790).	G-2/3/6
291635H	1st. Bn.	J-4	Kilo patrol went with interpreter to the village of Ap Huong Phuac coords AT914795 and talked to a 14 year old boy who said that there are many VC in the area. No further action. No other contacts made.	G-2/3/6

S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 28 Mar TO 1900 29 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
282045H		2nd Bn.	J-1	2 VC sighted SW of Btry position, VC ran into treeline when illuminated (hand type) was fired. Tossed three frag grenades and fired several magazines of M-14 ammunition into treeline.	G-2/3/6
282200H		1st Bn.	J-2	Relay point at AT944749 received 1 round incoming S/A fire at 2210. 1/12 radio site.	G-2/3/6
291045H		1st Bn.	J-3	One of the villagers in the hamlet of Da Son AT963766 reported that there is a Marine deserter living in the hamlet. He has been there about 10 days and goes by the name of "Jim". He has civilian clothing and never lives in the same house for very long. It is felt the natives will give this man every bit of protection because they like him and do not wish to see him hurt by being sent to Chu Lai.	G-2/3/6

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S-2 JOURNAL FOR PRD 1900 29 Mar TO 1900 30 Mar 66

TIME IN	OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
291930H		1st Bn.	J-1	Kilo Btry found small cave 1 mile E. of position. Cave has not been used recently. Will investigate on morning patrol. Getting dark when cave was discovered.	G-2/3/6
301215H		1st Bn.	J-2	(Jim) the Marine deserter left Da Son AT963766 about 1730 yesterday for Khanh Son AT953768 and from there headed towards mountains to the north. Goose 2 comment--Believed to be headed for the hamlet at AT926772.	G-2/3/6 PMO

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	FROM TO	JRNL NO	MESSAGE	ACTION
302245H		2nd Bn.	J-1	Two VC approached Delta Btry position from the southwest, Sentries threw one frag grenade, fired 50 rounds S/A.	G-2/3/6
302350H		2nd Bn.	J-2	OP Marksman reports harrasing S/A fire 200 meters east and movement around their position (078710). 100% alert.	G-2/3/6
311000H		155 Guns	J-3	Patrol approaching village heard drums in building. Drums progressed to other buildings along river. 10-15 minutes later a fire fight was heard across the river. Members of patrol entered buildings-seen nothing unusal.	G-2/3/6
311045H		1st Bn.	J-4	A Whiskey Btry wire team at 933794 picked up a young Vietnamese male with no ID card, on way to village chief a shot was fired over their heads at AT935796. Village chief said boy was o.k.	G-2/3/6
311815H		1st Bn.	J-5	Security Agent in Da Son AT963766 reported that the reason VC are giving little activity in BURK TAOR is they are using the mountains just north of Song CA DE as OP to count the road traffic and ships. C-3	G-2/3/6

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ORGANIZATION	TIME	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
HQ 12TH MAR	1520	280600 FEB 66	010600 FEB 66	Informed by Div FSCC that Rough Rider South would go at 010500H MAR.	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
	1530			Directed 1/12 to provide liaison team to THANG BINH	3/11, I Corps Notified 1/12
	1745			1/12 reports liaison officer has departed by helicopter for THANG BINH	
	1800			1800 watch officer 2/12 reports liaison officer in position at HOI AN; has checked in by radio.	

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ORGANIZATION	TIME	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD
HQ 12TH MAR	IN	010600 MAR 66	020600 MAR 66	PHACE DANANG RVN
	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
	TIME DATED			
0950	281451Z	CG 3D MarDiv - OpCon CHU LAI arty units (less Hq Btry, 3/12) chop to 11th		
		Marines.		
1752		Rovd call from 1/12 watch officer stating that W/1/12 has returned to its		
		battery position but is not laid.		
2113		FSOC reported "D" Btry was firing at (BF 039720) & 045726) on A/W fire.		
		ARVN FO adjusting.		
2202		FSOC reported "D" Btry firing illum msn (AF 085615) on suspected enemy psn.		
		FO is "D"4.		
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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR) 020600 MAR	TO (DATE & HOUR) 030600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1202		D-164 secured, MP convoy returned.	
2100		Rcvd call from Div G-3 stating that the KMG officers being escorted by 12th Marines were to be returned to G-3 by 031200H.	Notified watch officer 2/12

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD PLACED ANANG RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1240		Btry C departed primary psn to Air Freight on way to Phu Bai	
2008		Rcvd call from watch officer 2/12 with following spot report: A - E/2/12.	
		B - 031815. C - E Btry Position.D - At 031715H an E Btry fire team patrol	
		apprehended one VCS vic Dong Song (3) (AT 991671). VCS turned over to 2/9	
		for interrogation. Interrogation revealed that suspect was VCC operating	
		with group of other VC. Suspect attempted to avoid apprehension and later	
		stated that 3 other VC were in immediate area. They were armed with auto-	
		matic wpns and 3 rifled. Info was passed to 2/9 and a squad made a sweep	
		of the area with negative results. VCC stated that he had been working	
		with the VC for 2 1/2 months and when apprehended was carrying various types	
		of local medicines. Patrol will continue tomorrow in that area.	
2010		Rcvd call from 3d Mar FSCG: In spt of HS 63 "Pie in Sky" effective from	
		031600 to 081000H. Restructured air operations to 10,000 ft from 902820 to	

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	030600	TO (DATE & HOUR)	040600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN		
2010 (cont)				801885 to 188886 to 155878 to 169811. FCL is east grid line 82 west FCL			
				XMAS fires controlled by Alpha recon. East of FCL normal channels approved			
				all the way.			

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	050600MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0715			Rough Rider underway		
1657			F300 (Div) reports Rough Rider is in.		
0105		CG 041212Z	0730 to 1200, 5 Mar ARVN troops will be conducting jump training, (AT 965783). 8" & 1/12 notified		
0115		CG 040842Z	Suspension from issue & use of following ammo lots: A. C445 CTG EE 105mm M1 Lots KN-35-3XA and KN-35-3X. B. M412 Fuse VT M513 (T226E2) Lot SAA- 6264-HA-55.		

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	050600	TO (DATE & HOUR)	060600	MAR 66	IN THE FIELD
TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				PLACEDANANG RMN
2030				Div FSCC & 1/12 rpt: 1/3 said they rcvd explosions (believed to be arty)				ACTION TAKEN
				500 meter from psn (AT 829782). Check by this Hq reveals no arty was firing within 3000M of above coords. Recheck with 3d Mar FSCC stated arty not blamed, checking Mort.				
2206				3d Mar FSCC stated that 3d Marines determined the above explosions were from their 81 Mortars firing H&I's.				Notified FSCC Notified CO
2249				3d Mar requested via 1/12 that Conc HZ 402 (AT 845603) be fired ASAP. Passed to 1st 8". One rd fired at 2255H.				
0031				Rcvd RED NAME report from FSCC: Suspected VC damp fires (AT 204624 & 204558). Cleared with 3d Mar. Assigned to 1st 8", 2 rds each tgt w/155 Gun Fuze VT, Conc HZ 407 & 408. Had FSCC clear w/DASC for max clearance. safe to fire.				

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD PLACED AWAY RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1130			Rcvd call from the watch officer 2/12 stating that a convoy with W/3/12 would leave from the 1st Bn motor pool tomorrow at 0800H for Hill 55.		
1855			Rcvd call from the watch officer 2/12 stating that a marine on a "D" Btry patrol had been wounded by being shot through the shoulder. Incident occurred at coord (BF 069680) at about 1825H.		

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ORGANIZATION Hq. 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 070600 Mar66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 080600 Mar66	PLACE Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1941		CG 3d Mar Div 070822Z	Honor Guard Ceremonics for LGen Walt	
0040			DivFscs relayed request from Capt Rhinehart-Hoi An RVN	
			Request Btry(1) on BT 034 626 and Btry(1) on BT 030622	2/12
			S/A fire from both targets. Targets cleared by Div FSCC	
0046			WE"(5) on BT 034626	FSCC
0048			WE"(6) on BT 030622	FSCC Requested Surveillance

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq. 12th Mar	080600 Mar 66	090600 Mar 66	Dãnh RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0825		K(X-ray) back to pri position	Not. F3CC
0845		Received call from 1st 8" How Btry stating that recon patrol in elephant valley has been retracted and requested permission to return 8" platoon to battery position. Permission granted.	Not. F3CC
1132	CG 3D Mar Div 071458Z	Rough Rider North (for 1/1)-Execute NLT 090900H	
1132	CG 3D Mar Div 080213Z	Rough Rider North-Change execute to NLT 100900H	
1533		Passed following msg to 1st 8" How Btry - Activate D-147 at 100600H.	
		Be prepared to answer calls for fire from Permission Alpha South 4 in support of Operation Rough Rider North.	
1535	12th Marines 080730Z	To 1st 8" How Btry-Support Recon patrols HS-64, HS-67, and HS-70 w/1 How & 1 gun vic B Btry pos. Co D, 3D Recon Bn op order 18-66 sent by courier.	
Late 1030		8" How Btry reports platoon at Lely back in primary position.	Not. F3CC

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACED
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1710	CG 3DMarDiv 080104Z	080600 Mar66	090600 Mar66	None.
1710	CG 3DMarDiv 080054Z	Rpt. of Casualties 65-66		None
1725	CG 3DMarDiv 081125H	Red Ball System		None
2045		To 1/12-Clarification on authority to fire for Recon patrol.		None
2123		Div F3CC called-Rough Rider canceled meeting, 0900 at I Corps postponed until 1015.		None
2250		CMR reports "B" Set is up.		None
0055		1st Guns reported he relaid 2 Guns on Az 4300 in order to fire his		None
		MSI's Relaid and ready at 2250 hrs.		
		1/12 reported #2 piece in Kilo (a M109) was out of action due to bent		
		follower. No estimate on time for repair since will require contact team.		

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ORGANIZATION Hq. 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 090600 Mar 66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 100600 Mar 66	PLACED Danang RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENT'S, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1000		8" Btry spt. Recon requested spt fire as they could not reach target		
		1st Guns assigned mission.		
1300		8" rpt 8" How in Btry B pos. down. Directed them to return How to pri pos without replacement. 1st Guns will take over mission in that area of fire.		
1430		Received call from DivF300 stating that a Special Forces Camp at Ak Haa (YC 5084) has been under seige by VC since 090300H. It is being defended by 300 Nungs with 2-4.2" mortars and 3-81mm mortars. They are running low on ammo. TF "P" (2/1) has been alerted as have two Nung companies at Thu Bai and Marble Mountain.		
1617	CC 308 Mar Div 090130Z	Rough Rider North cancelled		
1708		8" rpts. Guns 365 out of action getting ready to board ship.		

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TIME IN	TIME DATED	ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACED
					Danang RVN
1640	-Late Entry-		Phoncon 1st 8" How displace 1 Plt to vic B Btry AZ 4100 & 4000-Prepare	100600 Mar 66	
1820	CC 3DMarDiv 090915Z		Plat 155 Guns for boarding ship 100700. Confirmed by 12th Mar 091140Z		
1846			Change to 3DMarDiv OFO 343-66 for mission to 3D SF Bn		
1848			ES 64 has returned		
			IVTH-6 Plat Phoncon: to be in position 10 Mar & anticipated reg. by noon.		
1901			ES 66 has returned		
1937	CC 3DMarDiv 090540Z		Requirement to submit CF locations by 091800H		
2210			1/12 tpts Btry E received small arms fire-med evac by infantry forward of position.		Spot rpt to Div.
0210			F300 rts 9th Mar receiving mortar fire at 9963.		
0214			2/12 fired on suspect mortar position at 971632. Rds on tgt.		
0510			3D Mar F300 request that 1st 155 Gun Btry fire on VC CF (82536031) at 100600H. Conc FX116		

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ORGANIZATION HQ	TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
					100600	110600 MAR 66		IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
	0800			CG 090255Z <i>34 Mar 66</i>	Cancel OP PLAN 379-66 & downgrade to confidential			FILE
	1242				Recd call from Div FSCC stating that a Rough Rider North would be executed tomorrow.			Not. METRO
			1404		Passed following msg to 1st 8" How Btry - Activate D-147 at 110600H.			
					Be prepared to answer calls for fire from Permission Alpha South 4 in support of operation Rough Rider North. Clearance for mission considered automatic when transmitted by FO.			
	1532			CG 100608Z <i>34 Mar 66</i>	Rough Rider North Execute MLT 110700H			
	1700				Ivan reported 155mm Guns departed CP.			
	1720				Div. FSCC Reg. fire mission 945574 & 951571 mortars firing FFE. To 2/12 & 1st 155 Guns. Surveillance to follow.			
	0050				FIRREP from 2/12: Alpha BD 168; Brovo 075608; Charlie, VC Mortar & Small Arms Fire; Delta, 6HE; Echo, None; Foxtrot, FO Delta 2; Golf, 0015H; Hotel, Did not fire for effect.			

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	110600	TO (DATE & HOUR)	120600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD PLACED DURING RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN	
1200			3d Mar reports HS-70 extracted 111155H MAR				
1410			4th Div FSCC: Rough Rider arrived Phu Bai				
2125			4th Bn, 12th Mar msg 111200Z regarding retention of personnel				
2240			CTF 67 msg 110242Z on Air support & rifle transit support in RVN was sighted.				
2355			FSCC reported that the Danang garrison had reported that a VN vessel had been fired on by USMC mortars in the 9588 grid square. Investigation revealed that the vessel hadn't identified itself. Our mortars were firing H&I's (AT 955891 & 949891) in our own TAOR.				None except 1/12 & 2/12 say w btry not firing H&Is tonight
0005			CG 3d MarDiv msg 110720Z relates to Precautions due to relief CG 1 CTZ.				
0005			CG 3d MarDiv msg relates to LtGen THI removal				
0230			Rcvd request for H&I's from 3d Recon via 1/12 in spt of HS-71 at (AT 95614, hillside; 642611, hillside; 939606, stream; 837603, stream; 837598, hillside) ASAP-NLT 0600, Cleared by 3d Mar, Assigned to 155 Guns				Assigned to Guns

0235 (2 rds HEW Fz Delay on each Conc HZ 510-514)

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
TIME				DANANG RVN
IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0920			3rd Mar rpts that Rough Rider departed Pha Bai 0815 for return trip	
1236			3rd Mar rpt Rough Rider is back.	
1900			Div F500 rpts that hill #55 received mortar rds (coord-9661) notified	
			CMR to scan AZ 3580.	
2040			1st Guns rpts enemy action around perim of EP more detail later.	F500
2240			Alpha South had one enemy grenade explode near outpost and within 5 meters of empty gun pit. Alpha North has one gun prepared to fire illum. No damage or casualties.	

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
		12TH MAR 130600	140600 MAR 66	DANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0910			HS 68 & 69 is back	
1140			Recon requested fire on manned VC OP. 1st Gun fired (831601) No sur.	
1330			Recon H-S 73 departing for field.	
1848			Received call from Div G-2 that reports fr 3d MAF Center I Corps rq no military action be taken at (AF 878505) between 150700 & 172000. The LA -TAIN religious sect is holding meeting honoring establishment of new church, lanterns will light area at nite, Div F50C rpts Coast Guard cutter believes he was fired on by single mortar round vic AF 9588. CMR(N) directed to search on AZ 5900.	
2230				

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0700		Received fire mission form Recon for 1st Guns, 2 VC troops. Sur: 2 KIA		
0940		8" Btry rpts local demonstration planned vic platoon Btry B(1/12)		Notified, G-2,
		position in sympathy with death of nearby village chief allegedly		En S-2
		attributable to noise of cannon fire.		
1020	CG 3DMarDiv 131432Z	Identified 1st Prov Amphib How Plat as subject of his 120749Z-Confirms		
		LWTH-6 Plat being OpCon 12th Mars when delivering indirect fire.		
1315		PhonCon-to 1st 8" How CO. Displace one plat 8" How to hill 41 immed.		
		Support Recon patrols HS-74. Answer calls for fire directly from		
		patrol as cleared by Recon LNO representing 3D Mar. Freq. 51.0(D-255)		
		AZ 4600.		
1325		Informed CO's of 1st 8" How Btry and 1st 155mm Gun Btry that one T/O		
		and T/E How/Gun section would be exchanged between batteries ASAP.		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE DANANG RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1423		8", 1st 155 Guns, K, L, E, Mortar Btry, fired TOT at 1400 on program of counter flak targets. Duration 15 min. Tgt developed by Div FSOC.	150600 MAR 66	
		Excellent effect on tgt. Program #4.		
1600	141100 12th Mar	Confirmed phonecom 141315H		
1630		Refired TOT minus 8". Sur by FO for both TOT; 26 houses destroyed & one AA pos.		
1645		1st 8" reports that the 155 Guns they received in place of one of their 8" is in position & ready to fire. Coor 954779 AZ 3900		
1655		1st 8" reports that the two 8" that went to hill 41 are in position & ready to fire. Coor 934664 AZ 4600		
1730		1st 155G reports that the 8" they received in place of one of their 155G is in position & ready to fire. Coor 988722 AZ 2700		

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 140600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 150600 MAR 66	PLACE DeNang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	2015		Called CO 1st 8" How Btry and directed him to return the 2 8" How at	
			B Btry position to home position and lay on AZ 6100 NLF 150800H	
2035			2/12 rpts 3-5 rds small arms directed forward apparently toward ammo dump. Rpted to 9th Mar. 142020	Informed S-2
	2040		Phoncon to 1st 8" How Btry. Relay 155 Gun on 4600. Come up on D-218	
2345		CG 3DMarDiv 140610Z	Cited msg Re: 3d Recon Bn OP plan 11-66 Directing Activation TE 8GHO	Msg on S-3 board
			FER planning and execution NLF 19 Mar 1966	
0054			1/12 advised cease fire "C" & "D" areas.	Notified 1st 8", 1st 155G
0200			1/12 advised cease fire "C" & "D" areas lifted.	Notified 8", 155 Guns

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	150600 MAR	TO (DATE & HOUR)	160600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD
TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN		
1830				From 1/12: Fire Support Ship USS JENKINS DD447 firing for OP Pretext 26C and DONG DEN fired 185 rds HE with excellent coverage on tgts			
2025				Report from Div TIO: Intelligence reveals VC Company w/Mort vic BF 008704 and strong possibility DaNang & DaNang East to be mortared. Div desires fires be planned from BF 000705 to BF 032726).			
							ALERTED CO 2/12. Reoriented CMRS on (N) 3250 & (S) 0050. Assigned LVTH-6 Plt msy of reinforcing 2/12
2055				Div FSCC rpts two HU-LE gunships to be on station 0001-0400H.			

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	160600	TO (DATE & HOUR)	170600 MAR 66	PLACEDANANG RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS				ACTION TAKEN
1737			"K" Xray is in position at Le My. Laid AZ 5100 and prepared to support recon patrols.				
2005			Received call from Div FSCC stating that an ARVN Rough Rider (North) was to be executed tomorrow morning and that an Fo team was requested to report to the CO 11th Transportation Bn Hq ARVN by 170630H. This headquarte s is located 100 meters north of III MAF Hq on route #1.				Notified CO, Fo team to be pro- vided from Hq 12th Mar
	2145		Called wathhho officer 1/12 and informed him that Fo team with ARVN convoy would use D-151 (1st Bn FD net) as a secondary conduct of fire net. Call sign-Muster Sierra. Primary conduct of fire net D-164 netting only with 12th Mar FDC.				sign-M
2315			FSCC passed request fm ARVN for fire spt. outpost being overrun coords (947584) directed 2/12 to fire the mission.				Notified CO

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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACED/DANANG RVN
TIME	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
2345		Received call from 2/12 stating I/5/3 under attack (Hill 55) and requested 155G Illum.	170600 MAR 66	Directed 1st
2350		Directed 1st 8" How Btry to relay howitzer at Hill 41 on AZ 2700.		Guns Btry to provide.

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ORGANIZATION HQ	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD PLACE
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0622		<p>Received call from FO Team assigned to ARVN convoy stating that they had arrived at the 11th Transportation Bn and that the convoy would leave 0700H.</p>	IN THE FIELD PLACE DANANG RVN
0711		<p>ARVN convoy with FO team from 12th Mar departed for Phu Bai from Danang.</p>	
	1015	<p>Advised 1/12(S-3) by phoncon that our msg 160325Z(Subj: Arty Spt for Recon Ops) was modified with respect to displacing two 155mm Hows to Hill 41. Specifically allowed 1/12 to displace immediately after road was swept of mines (Approx 0830) rather than NLT 200800H as msg reads. Advised 8" Btry of same modification with respect to displacement of 155mm Gun. FSCG rpts total 80 MIA & 23 KIA. (AT 934526) 57 MIA BVAC & 19 KIA buried. (AT 968544), 23 MIA & 4 KIA evacuated. Results of fires in defense of ARVN outpost lastnight.</p>	
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ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD PLACE DAVANG RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
1800		ARVN convoy with 12th Mar FO team returned from PHU BAI.		
1955		Rcvd call from DivAir0 stating that C-130 transportation had been arranged for W/1/12 to Phu Bai tomorrow at 1400H. Unit to stage at 1300H.		
2029		Rcvd call from 2/12 Op Chief stating that W/3/12 had received a few small arms rds into psn. No fire returned, no casualties.		
2115		Rcvd call from XO /1/12 who requested that 3 air delivery pers be attached W/1/12 for the pending operation. A similar arrangement as the one used in Double Eagle was requested.		Passed request to Div G-5
0150		2/12, 1st 8", 1st Guns given program Shirt Timer, TOT 0200. 8" Btry rptd		
0200		8" How on Hill 41 out with burnt out check pad, called 8" Btry out of program		
		Watch Officer 1st 8" Btry informed 12th Mar Watch Officer that the one 8" burnt out check pad will be out of action indefinitely until new pad can be obtained. Only four 8" Hows remain in action.		Directed 8" on Hill 41 be placed in action with chec

pad from 8" psn

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TIME	ORGANIZATION	HQ 12TH MARCOS (DATE & HOUR)	180600 MAR	TO (DATE & HOUR)	190600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, BANANG RIN PLACE
IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
0910			1/12 rptd HS-73 has returned.			
1200			Directed 8" Btry to displace one 155Gun to Hill 41 to replace 8" how casualty. Lay on 4600, displace after return HS-72, approx 1300H.			
1225			Rcvd call from S-3 2/12 stating that POW#4 (L/Cpl MCNALLY) had been wounded with fragments in the leg and a severed artery in the arm. He was about to shoot a fire mission at (AT 961648), was wounded by apparent mine. Comm is lost and no further info is available.			Notified CO
1252			Rcvd call from S-3 2/12 stating that POW#4 had been wounded by a mine firing device and was now in "C" MED			Notified CO
1450			1st 8" How Btry rpts HS-72 in at Recon CP. Gave permission to displace No. 2 (155Gun)			
1555			8" rpts 2-8" Hows & one 155Gun displacing to Hill 41.			
1725			8" rpts Gun #1 & #3 laid on az 3000, Gun #2 laid on az 4600. All wpns located on Hill 41.			

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

TIME IN	TIME OUT	ORGANIZATION	DATE & HOUR	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE IN THE FIELD, DANANG
		HQ 12TH MAR BTRY	180600 MAR	190600 MAR 66	
			HEADQUARTERS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
1850			Rcvd call from CO 2/12 stating that an FO team from "E" Btry had two of its members wounded by small arms fire near Ha Dong Bridge (AT 990642).		
			Both Marines were MEDEVACED to "C" MED. Marines names are: Cpl BARNES(FO)		
			PFC ALLEN (Radio Op).		
0200			FSCC advised following: One helicopter shot down in "F" Co/2/9 CP area.		
			A unit was chasing VC down road, evidently went into trap. 25-30 wounded and having trouble getting MEDEVAC - everytime chopper goes in they take a lot of fire. 2/12 providing support. 0650-0645 prep fires planned (BT 010593) after which 9th Mar going in after people.		
0210			No request for reinforcing fires at this time		
0235		CG 3d Mar Div 00181155Z	Msg cited on Amphib Lift Requirements for 4th Mar & reinf units		
			On S-3 board		

ACTION TAKEN

Notified CO

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	ORGANIZATION	HQ	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	200600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
							ACTION TAKEN
0740						FSCC rpts 1/12 prep fires completed 0715 and first waves of infantry on ground vic (BF 001593).	
1250						Recon Bn rpts Op Order 11-66 cancelled.	Informed 1/12 & 8"
1430						Revd call from S-3 2/12 that an M109 Plt of "L" Btry is displacing to "E" Btry position to support Op BING.	
1510						FSCC relayed request from ARVN for arty spt on VC in cane field. Man assigned to 2/12, Mortar Btry fired (AT 954569), SUR: One WIA, rest scattered.	
1530						PSCC rpts further sur on Mort Btry mission at 1510. ARVN rpt'd two confirmed KIA's.	
1728						Revd call from S-3 2/12 stating that the platoon from "L" Btry in psn.	
2150						2/12 rpts Btry K has one M109 out of action, sending to FLSG (Operating handle retaining pin broken).	
2225						OG 3d MarDiv 190902Z Msg cancels 3d Recon Bn Op Order 11-66.	Instructed Msg Center to bring copy to FDC early tomorrow morning

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	HQ	DATE & HOUR	TC (DATE & HOUR)	200600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	CUT	TIME DATED	TRANSMISSIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
0559			2/12 rpts Btry "I" # 3 How out of action, engine trouble, Mortar Btry one 107mm down, broken sight.		

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
1200	200600	210600 MAR 66	In field, Da nang RVN
	INFORMING, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
	To 1st 8" Btry: Recon patrol HS-76 is in Fld. 8" platoon at Hill 41 should operate on nets D-218 and D-255. D-164 (Arty C/F net) with FO accompanying initial elements of Recon Op 11-66 has been discontinued due to possible fire support coordination problems between patrols in same area. Replaced with D-255 (Recon Co. Tac Net). Patrol HS-74 has returned.		
1222	Firep: 2/12 A-HE308, B-014586, G-VC in trenchline D-34HS VT, 2WP, E-Excellent effect on target. F-FO-E-1, G-1125H.		
1227	Requested Div G-3 (Ops) to schedule a Rough Rider North to take the rear echelon of C-1-12 to Phubai. S-3 1/12 requested the movement be made either 23 or 24 Mar.		
1230	Rec'd call from S-3 2/12 that B Btry had fired one short round at 1150H during a btry 3 volleys. Round landed 50 meters from troops at BT 010586. Tgt was located at BT 015586, No Casualties; investigation being done.		

ACTION TAKEN

Secured 12th Mar station on D-164

Notified CO, S-3

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Notified S-4, MTO, S-3

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G-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	200600	210600 MAR 66	In field, Danang RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	MESSAGE, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1340		Fired 2/12: A-BB 309, B-015585, C- VC in open, D- 4HEQ, E- No Sur; F-FO-F-1 G-1300, H- Sparrow Hawk was called into area. Mission had to be ceased.	
1341		1/12 reports that A (S) is turning in one of their float guns to FLSG for 6 Months maint, and that they are getting Gun #1 back which they turned in yesterday.	
1513		1/12 reports that A (S) has Gun #1 back and is in position and ready to fire.	
1625		Fire report from 2/12: Fired Btry D- 24 rds HE & Q on Hwy Auto Wpns firing pt (BT 077606) located by FO D/4 at 201605H. Rds on tgt, patrol going into tgt area. BD 179.	
1845		Directed 8" to relay one gun on Hill 41 to relay on 4900.	
1840		2/12 rpts firerep: A-BD 181, B-075614, C-5VC in house with MG. D- 17 HEQ btry D fired, E- Rds on tgt, troops moving in. F-D 4A,	

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION IN	TIME PERIOD	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
	1922	200600	210600 MAR 66	In field, Denag RVN
	1940	<p>Both 2/12 direct wire lines are out. Directed 2/12 to activate D-147 until wire is back in.</p> <p>2/12 rpts PFC CHRISTLOW with FO team D-4 wounded by Mortar frags (201600) Minor wounds not evacuated.</p>		
	1945	<p>FSCC (DIV) reports 9th Mar unit under mortar attack (003695). More details to follow.</p>		
	2020	<p>Div FSCC rpts mortar attack rpt 1945 was ARVN firing see practice msgs. Notified CO.</p>		
	2050	<p>Received request from ARVN to fire 13 H & I suspected VC positions. Gave 8 H & I to 2/12 and turned down 5 H & I'S because of proximity of 5 H & I's to the other 8 H & I's.</p>		
	2103	<p>Fired 2/12 A-BW 24, B-010617, C- Sniper firing D-2 Ill Ti E- none F-FC-E-2, G- 2015-2040, H-EOM</p>		
	2138	<p>AE 2130H, D/2/12 fired 40 S/A rounds at 4 VC's who were crawling toward D/2/12 position from the southwest. D/2/12 took VC's under</p>		

ACTION TAKEN

Notified S-3 & Comm Off.

Notified CO.

Notified CO.

Notified CO.

Notified CO.

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3-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	200600	210600 MAR 66	In field, Danang RVN
TIME IN	INCIDENTAL MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
2138 cont.	fire approx. 100-150 meters from Btry. All 4 VC's fled and fired no rounds. 1 VC was possibly wounded. Area was illuminated before firing. Reported by 2/12 watch officer.		Notified CO.
2145	1st 8" How Btry reported one gun on Hill 41 out of action because of broken sight (slipping scalars defective). This weapon can fire by azimuth indicator in emergency. Other 8" ordered to be laid on AZ 4900 WILL.		
0118	At 0115H K-4-12 attached to 1/12 was probed by one VC from the east of the btry position. Area was illuminated and VC's taken under fire a about 10 meters from the wire by M-60. 9 rds were fired and the VC's was believed to be wounded. Reported by the 1/12 watch officer.		
0317	1st 8" Btry rpts H & I delivered at AF 198557 was reported as too close by Recon. Recon requests tgt not be fired again. Rds fired 210305H, Cong no; HZ 626.		Examined other planned H & I's in area to ascertain if any danger exists

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2-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	200600	210600 MAR 66	Danang, RVN
TYPE IN	MESSAGE NO. ORDERS		
OUT TIME DATED	ACTION TAKEN		
CG 3DMARDIV entry 201516Z	Mag deleted 107mm Mort Btry 1/11 from prep for amphib lift from Phu-Pai to Chulai.		
0307	Call to 3d Mar FSC reveals confusion on what rounds landed close to troops. Coordinates reported by 8" Btry apparently erroneous or patrol info erroneous. Requested all H & I tgts not fired in 3d Mar area be re-cleared.		
0330	Phoncon to 1/12 rpts only weapon able to fire in area of threatened patrol is 155 how at A(S) which hasn't been fired all evening. 3 Mar 3d Mar cleared all H&I tgts for 2d time.		
0410	Phoncon with 8" Btry watch officer rpts fires delivered in vicinity of threatened patrol are by request and under control of FO with patrol. Fires delivered from Hill 41. HZ 626 was not in error but wrongly accused. No erratic rounds or gunnery error in evidence.		
0445	H&I firing resumed in routine manner.		
	Informed CO.		

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8-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION TIME IN	FROM (DATE & HOUR) 200600 TO (DATE & HOUR) 210600 MAR 66 MEDIUM MESSAGES, ORDERS	PLACE Danang, RVN ACTION TAKEN
	Summary: G/2 arty continues to support Recon Bn patrols from positions	
	on Hill 41 and 1/12(K) from LeMay report of "close round" by FO with	
	Redon Patrol SW sector TAOR, proved erroneous. Active support Opn	
	Kings by FO's 2/12 against small gps VC armed with autowpns & mortars.	
	One enlisted mbr FO-D-4 slightly wounded by mortar-not evacuated	
	from fld. Short round by E-1-12, no casualties, probably due to	
	defective projectile. Two VC probes during night (D-2-12 & K-1-12)	
	repelled by SAFire. No casualties. Communications between FIC-12th	
	Mar & 2/12. Both FD lines out plus one admin line. Radio comm	
	activated. Reg'l Comm O notified and will take action daylight.	
	Lines still out 210600. Rough Rider for C-1-12 rear echelon to Phu-	
	Bei requested fm Div for 23 or 24 Mar. No confirmation to date.	

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD, DANANG RVN PLACE
		MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
	0825	210600 MAR	220600 MAR	Notified S-3 4th Bn, S-3 1st Bn, MTO, S-4
		Called Div G-3 and requested that the Rough Rider North be scheduled to coincide with the return of 4th Bn, 12th Marines to this enclave.		
		Informed Div G-3 that this Hq would make new Rough Rider request when movement is desired.		
	0928	Notified 2/12 that they can secure from D-147, but if wire communications go out to activate the net immediately.		
	1035	2/12 rpts: Btry A(S) sending one How to FLSG for six months maint		
	1145	Rcvd call from S-3 2/12 stating at 0920H a squad patrol from E/2/12 to YEN NE village. VC attacked Marines and 2 VC were KIA, no Marine cas. After leaving village, 6 VC took patrol under fire at 1115H. Fire returned and VC pursued. No further details at this time.		
	1205	Phoncon from 3d Mar FSOC requesting arty spt for rescue/salvage of downed helo vic 890965. Directed displacement of one 8" How from btry psm to Le My (AT 901819), sz 6300, Freq 42.1 ASAP		
		Notified CO, S-3, 1/12, & 3d Mar FSOC, Div FSOC		

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	220600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INFORMER, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
1500			8" How in psn at LE MY 211500H.			
1625			1st Bn rpts: D/1/1 on two hour alert. Request from 3d Mar for FO tm (FO A(S)4 Lt RODGERS). Request approved by 1/12, tm dispatched.			
1802			3d Mar LnO reports HS-76 & 78 are complete.			
1845			Recon Bn putting out patrols in rice paddies between 2100 & 0200 South & Southeast of Regt CP. Rptd by Hq Bn.			Notified Regt OOD
1850			1st Guns rpt 4 guns & one 8" How up.			
2300			Op Order 334-66 received.			1/12 notified, copy to XO
0040			Op Order 334-66 cancelled.			1/12 notified, copy to XO
147			Rcvd stfnote from S-3 4/12 stating that Btry C had departed CP at 210640H for Opn OREGON. Now in position at YD 526387. Btry I ashore and occupying old Btry C position. How and truck sunk during ship to shore movement recovered and both believed serviceable.			

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COMBAT UNIT	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD, LOCATION, RVN PLACE
TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
IN	OUT	ACTION TAKEN	
0200	210600	220600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN
	Rev'd call from Div FSOC stating that the ARVN at Hoi An had been mortared and that they requested reinforcing H&I fire on 9 suspected mortar psns in general area of Grid Sq 1659.		Passed tgts to 1st Guns Notified S-3 & CO
0330	Rev'd call from 1st Guns stating that weapon to be used on ARVN H&I's did not have accurate VE and the current net message only goes to line 8 while line 9 is required for some of the H&I's.		Notified CO, S-3, Div FSOC. Cancelled H&I's
0446	OpChief 1/12 reports two 105mm Hows at Btry A/1/12 with broken trigger shafts, estimate weapons will be back in action in morning.		
	--SUMMARY--		
	Arty action for period limited. Wire communication between FDC 2/12 & 12th Mar FDC reestablished. Patrol from E/2/12 killed 2 VC vic YEN ME village 21154H. No USMC cas. One 8" How displaced to Le My and in psn ready to support helicopter recovery opns north of IVAN pass at 211500H. 4/12 reports Btry C supporting Op OREGON. India Btry in psn of Btry C. Btry I howitzer & prime mover recovered from water and believed to be serviceable. Hoi An mortared.		
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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
TIME IN	OUT	OTHER DATED	ACTION TAKEN
1045			Da Nang
			Div FSCC relayed fare request ARVN AO VC in trench (945554). Mission assigned to 1st Guns. Mission aborted after four rounds, aircraft low on fuel.
1225			Activation of Task Force Delta
1400			Watch Officer 1/12 reported Kilo(Fwd) with one 155mm towed down due obturator spindle plug. Contact team called.
1553			Received call from CO 2/12 stating that he had decided to position Btry "F" on hill 41 as a semi-permanent position. CO requested that 3d Marines clearance be obtained to occupy Hill 41
1742			Monitored call from Hoi An Marine Ln 0 to Div AO stating that Hoi AN was under mortar attack from the south
1744			Called to Op Chief of 1st Guns and instructed him to lay recently registered gun on Az 2400 and to compute GFT setting for Met check point (BT 146563)

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ORGANIZATION		FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
TIME IN	TIME DATED	OPERATIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
1745			220600	PHASE Da Nang
		Watch Officer From IVAN Lt CAVANAUGH reported That at 1645 there was shooting by the sand pits. Sent patrol out to investigate, found a drunk Marine from "B" Co 7th EngBn. Unit notified and personnel are coming to pick him up.		NOTION TAKEN Notified S-3 & CO
1847		1st 155mm Guns rpts Wpn in primary psn laid on A# 2400 as instructed 1742H		
1950		At direction of CO 12th Mar, passed to CO 1/12 and CO 2/12, Charge 6 will be used for all H&I's when firing M109 (155mmHow SP). Charge 7 will be authorized for live targets only. This order effective immediately. Message to follow		
	2047	Notified watch officers of 1st 8" and 1st 155mm Gun Btry that effective immediately the 155mm Gun will average no more than five rounds per tube per day		
2156	2200	FSCC reports PUMA can be reached by going SHOVE-PARCHMENT-MUTINY-PUMA. Normal circuit to PUMA out for 24-28 Hours		Notified S3 & CO

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
	220600	230600	Da Nang
			ACTION TAKEN
2156	FSCC reports G-3 approved moving DAO into FSCC at 2155		Notified S3 & O
2205	FSCC reports that G-3A got AO report of 1930 Hours which says Boats normally docked at (BF 0272) are not there tonight. Last time airfield was mortared same thing happened. G-3A provided following Coord as possible Mort Psn BF 020715, 024715, 026718, 023719, 026723, 028722		Notified S3 & O
	032724, 034727, 034730.		
2230	Notified CMR to lay on Az 2750 and and 2600 to cover possible Mortar position		
2235	CG 3e MarDiv 220710Z Changes call sign of CG Task Force Delta to SPARBOARD		
2245	FSCC states lines to PUMA & DANANG GARRISON are in.		Notified S-3
2350	FSCC reported FCL for ARVN Opn on morning of 23 Mar is along Grid Line 12 N, West from ocean, south to 60 grid line and west to normal FOL		
0455	CG 3d MarDiv 220208Z Refers to Task Organization BLT 3/4		

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--SUMMARY--

Light arty action in DaNang TAOR. Registrations accomplished by 2/12 and 1st 155mm Gun Btry. Plans formulated for movement (within next 4 or 5 days for 2/12 to move F Btry to Hill 41, L Btry to position adjacent E Btry. 1st 155mm Guns will be moved to old Btry F position. To extend life of weapons, M109's restricted to Charge 6 on H&I fires and 155mm Guns to daily average of 5 rounds per tube. Div Air Obs Net established in FSOC of Division. Alerted for possible attack on DaNang airfield. This alert was passed by G-3 at 2205. 2/12 passed defensive concentrations, CMR oriented. Op's alerted.

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TIME IN	TIME DATED	ORGANIZATION HQ 12TH MAR DIV (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	230600 MAR 66	240600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, PLACE DANANG, RVN
0940						ACTION TAKEN
1039						
1040						
1315						
1420						
1530						
1716						

INSTRUCTIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

Hill 41 cleared for occupancy by Btry F. Permission received from 3d Mar XO. 2/12 notified. Occupation to be completed by 27 Mar 66. Call from 1/1 FSCC rptng salvage patrol has returned from ops north of

Hai Von Pass.

Directed 1st 8" Btry to displace one how from Le My (vic AT 902819) back to btry pen. Az 6000.

8" rpts 8" How back from Le My, laid ready to fire Az 6000.

Div FSCC confirmed Rough Rider North leaving 240700H. 9th Mar assigned responsibility.

2/12 directed to furnish FO tm & Ln party. 1/12 to provide fire spt

Instructed S-3 2/12 that the conduct of fire frequency for Rough Rider

Notified Div FSCC, S-3 4/12

North tomorrow will be D-164 vice D-147

Directed 1st 8" Btry to activate D-164 at 240630H and answer calls for fire from 2/12 FO with Rough Rider North convoy.

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAF	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	240600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, PLACE DANANG, RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	TRAINING, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
1719			Directed 1st 155 Guns to return 8" Howitzer to 1st 8" Howitzer Btry the morning of the 24th.			
1812			CMR reports that set Alpha will be down till around 2030.			
1835			Sitrep from Div FSCC: 1. No cas in Danang TAOR. 2. No NGF in Danang TAOR. 3. (Any changes in Code named ops) 30 arty mens & over 5000 rds fired in Op TEKAS. 4. (Items affecting any change in Danang TAOR)			
			No change.			
1930			CMR reports that set Alpha will be down till around 2200 instead of 2030 - they are trying to get some parts for it.			
1951			Watch officer 2/12 reports LVTH-6 has 2 guns in 2/12 Mort Btry psn laid on Az 3200.			Notified S-3
2011			CMR reports that Set Alpha is back up.			
2145			9th Mar FSCC reported 1 round (105mm or larger) had landed at (AF 947587) at approximately 2100 which was approximately 50 meters from friendly			Notified CO & S-3

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ORGANIZATION	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & TIME)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	IN THE FIELD, DAMANG, RVN PLEASE
			230600	ACUION TAKEN
		URGENT MESSAGES, ORDERS		
2145 (cont)		infantry - no casualties. Inquired if 1st 155 Btry had been firing.		
		Three check rds fired at 2105, 2140, and 2115 at coordinates 935554.		
		928539, & 943579 with closed stick.		
2153		Informed 9th Mar FSCC of time and coordinates of 1st 155 Btry firing. Notified CO & S-3		
		9th Mar stated another round landed approximately 2140 at (AT 947587).		
		no casualties.		
2155		1st 155 Gun Btry stated double check showed no rds fired after 2115. Informed 9th Mar		
2220		8" stated they had fired no rds this evening.		
2225		9th Mar informed 12th Mar FDC that ARVN had been called and had not fired.		
2305		Div FSCC informed 12th Mar FDC that No naval Gun Fire had been fired.		
2325		1st 155 Gun Btry notified that no rds would be fired from tube that had fired check rds at approximately 2105-2115 until given permission from 12th Mar S-3.		

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ORGANIZATION	HQ	12TH MAR	REFRON (DATE & TIME)	230600	TO (DATE & HOUR)	240600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD	
TIME IN	TIME DATED	TIME DATED	INFORMERS	MESSAGERS	ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN		
2340			Div FSCC called for H&I fires for ARVN at coordinates 043634, 042644.				Notified S-3	
			033627 & 019637. VC company at these coordinates.					
2347			9th Mar cleared above fires except 019637.					
2350			2/12 given cleared H&I's to fire.					
			--SUMMARY--					
			12th Marines arty action limited to 5 observed missions by 8" How Btry in support Recon patrols plus a few H&I fires by rest of regiment. Arrangements made with 3d Mar relative to placing F/2/12 on Hill 41. Safety clearance procedures concerning Hill 41 under study. 8" How supporting rescue ops north Hai Van pass returned to primary position. Rough Rider(N) scheduled for 24 Mar. Btry "C" rear echelon gear will be transported to Phu Bai. CMR (Alpha) down with mechanical difficulties from 1612 to 2011. Investigation conducted by S-3 Watch Officer concerning possible short rounds from 1st 155 Guns. No positive results. No casualties. Gun secured until further notice.					
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B-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	240600	250600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0940		Watch officer 1/12 rpts K(FWD) gun out of action due to operating spindle plug is causing primer to split. Contact team is coming.	
1020		Relayed call from 1/12 to div FSOC for med evac from W/1/12. No details available. Vehicle apparently hit mine with one injured.	Notified CO.
1025		2/12 Firerrep A BW29 B 979597, VC sniper fire, D 34HE 40030VT E Good effect on tgt. F.FO D 3 G. 0945.	
1012		1/12 rpt vehicle hit mine. One man injured (940825). Med evacuated 1036. No more details at this time.	Notified CO.
1056		Btry E at 1047 fired at VC sniper for FO-D-3 with exc eff on tgt, exp 20HE, 2Q, 18VT.	
1116		Rec'd call from watch officer 1/12 stating that the truck that hit a mine belonged to FSOC. One man from FLSG was injured. Incident occurred 1500 meter SSE of "W" Btry posit.	Notified CO, S-2.
1120		2/12 Firerrep A. BW 30, B. 970602, C. VC snipers. D. Ex eff on tgt.	

F. FO-D-3 G. 1055 H. Ptl moving onto area.

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ORGANIZATION	TIME IN	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & TIME)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
			240660	250600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
			INSTRUCTIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
130			Div FSCC rpts Rough Rider will return tomorrow (25 Mar) rather than today.		Notified 2/12
1417			Rec'd from Div FSCC GYSSBY Goldsmith rpts Rough Rider staying at Phu Bai and will return 250730. Rough Rider departed 0730 Arrived Phu Bai 1150.		
1545			1/12 rpt K(fwd) towed 155H back in action.		
2045	2057	242057	Received mission from Div FSCC via Hoi An, Mission cleared; requested fire at VC in open. Assigned mission to 2/12, E Btry fired 3 volleys zone fire. 1 C apart at coord 014575, expended 54 rds of HE quick, end of mission, no surveillance.		Notified CO.
0214			Cease fire E & F areas of H & I's from Div FSCC		2/12 & 155G
0215			Request for reinforcing fires on AT 953578, Sus VC withdrawal area from 9th Mar FSCC. 155G assigned(4).		Notified S-3, CO, 155G.
0238			Cease fire "D" area from 1/12		Div FSCC, 8" & 155G

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	240600	250600 MAR 66	In Field Danang RVN
TIME IN	SUMMARY, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
2435	2/12 rpts 1 mortar fire and scattered S/A fire received general vic Hill 55, No casualties from fire. 2/12 has fired 26 missions in support of Hill 55 today.		
	ACTION TAKEN		
	Div FSCC		
	Summary: Artillery support in TAOR was heavy in ZA 9th Marines centered in area of Opn Kings. 2/12 reports over 40 missions with expenditure of over 1000 rds. between 0030 and 0600. Active support by 2/12 continues as of the closing of this period of the journal.		
	Elsewhere in TAOR, artillery support scattered and very light. Opn Rough Rider (N) arrived Phu Bai 241150 with no reported incidents.		
	Will depart Phu Bai 250700. Investigation of short round by 1st 155 Guns at 232105H revealed FDC gunning error.		
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E-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	250600	260600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
30	Div FSCC relayed fire request fm ARVN. VC in treeline. 2/12 assigned mission Btry E fired 47HE Q. No sur at this time, pbl moving into area (005575).		
0900	Div VSOC relayed fire request fm ARVN. VC firing SA (010587). 2/12 assigned. Mission aborted by ARVN before a rd was fired.		
1055	At 1045H. 80 12th Mar rec info fm CO 2/12 that during rep fire by W(8) (Hill 55) at 0945-0950, on coords (957581), (2) WP landed (957586), 500 meters North of intended point of impact. FDS data produced by W(S) FDC. Two marines appear to be injured. Investigation by CO 2/12 in progress. Info passed fm XO, 12th Mar to S-3, 12th Mar method of fire Btry (1) WP and (1) HE.		
1057	2/12 OP chief reported: 250135 - 250540 Btry's E, W, L fired in support of CO "E", 9th Mar, VC troops/mortars attacking. FO E 1, FO D 3 obs. Fired 36 mms expended 942 HE, 100 ILL, 38WP. Sur: 3/3 reported 4lbodies, 12 wpns in area where arty fired.		

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ORGANIZATION	TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
					250600	260600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
					INFORMERS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
					Informed 1st 8" btry relay #3 at Hill 41 en AZ 4500 and to displace back to previous pos in accordance with frag order 250315Z, At 1400		
					To come up on Div AO net between 1130 and 1330		
1145					RR returned. Informed by Div FSCC.		
1147					No flights for AO. Advised 1st 8" btry to secure from Div AO net.		
				12th Mar 250345Z	To 155 Gun btry. Spt recon ops from present pos.		
				12th Mar 250315Z	To 1st 8". Return to pri pos 251400H.		
1150					Div FSCC relayed fire request fm ARVN AO. VC Co. in tree line (996557), 8" assigned mission. 13rds HB, fz Q & VT exp. Mission fired fm 1030 to 1120, Sur; trps dispersed. No obs cas.		
					Fm S-3B, 2/12: E-2-9 Patrol rpt on are of arty fire in ZA E-2-9 morning 25 Mar 66, mort pos (961597). (Base plate imprint & port of post, 2 mort pos (957504), with 17 empty ammo canisters. Both areas very cratered by arty fire. Total body count to date, 43 KIA with		
					40 more KIA pos based on parts of bodies (arms, legs etc.)		

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ORGANIZATION	TIME IN	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar			250600	260600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
			UNASSIGNED MESSAGES, ORDERS		
		1345	TOT by 2-8" How's + 1-155Gun fm Hill 41 on coords(830617, 836613, 837618, 825604, Pz, VT & Q. Tgts include, harborsite, Op's and rest area. Con (657660) resp. Fired at 1345 & 1352. AO observed rounds hitting vicinities of all tgts.		
		1400	8" platoon + 1-155Gun displacing fm Hill 41 to parent units.		
1500			FSC Div reports Rough Rider(N) terminated 1117H.		
1510			S-3 2/12 requested release of M 109's from Ch6 restriction for use in LZ prep tomorrow morning. Also requested use of Ladyship. Permission granted.		
1630			8" rpts the 2 8" hows & 1 155G back in CP fm Hill 41. Directed them to lay as follows: one 8" AZ 4600, one 8" AZ 4000 & 155G AZ 5000.		
1647			8" rpts all guns in pri pos, laid ready to fire.		
			S-3A 2/12 rpts Btry E CSMO at 1615 moving 4 guns to Hill 55.		

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ORGANIZATION	TIME	FROM (DATE & TIME)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
IN	OUT	INFORMS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		In field
				Denang RVN
		251500 3/12 assumed mission of 4/12. Ref: 3/12 msg 250840Z.	260600 MAR 66	ACTION TAKEN
00		2/12 rpts that "D" Btry fired on Coor (067625), 10 VC w/Auto wpass.		CO & XO
43		D-2-12 exp 25 rds WP & 2 rds HE Q. They fired from 1910 to 1934. Tgt		
		was reported by D2A FO. Sur: Going into tgt area to check out.		
1955		Secured D 197 & D 164.		
2057		Watch officer 2/12 rpts at 2045 Btry E & Mort Btry fired on VC Co's		
		for ARVN. Each Btry exp 10 rds HE. No sur.		
2200		Directed Sgt Sims with radio operator to accompany 11th ARVN trans-		
		portation Bn as FO on convoy to Quang Ngai. Call sign-Muster Sierra.		
		Frequency - D-164. Activate net at 250630H.		
2230		Fm 4/12. Control Phu Bai Army passed 3/12 at 251500H. Hq Btry 4/12		
		ready to return Denang.		
0029		Directed 2/12 to activate D-164 at 0630H tomorrow and answer calls		
		for fire from Muster Sierra (FO with ARVN convoy travelling to Quang		
		Ngai).		

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ORGANIZATION	TIME IN	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
			250600	260600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
			MESSAGES, ORDERS		
	0032		Requested OpChief 11th Mar activate D-164 at 261000H and answer calls for fire from FO with ARVN convoy travelling to Quang Ngai.		
	0500		CG 3d Mar Div msg 251200Z, request to Class V suspension.		
		0600	FO team to support ARVN convoy departed 12th Mar CP.		
			Summary: Arty action in ZA 3d Mar negligible. Moderate action ZA 9th Mar in support of Opn WINGS and ARVN. Battle field surveillance of arty support of E-2-9 during period 250100-250430, indicates 43 VC KIA by body count with possible 40 more KIA and 12 wpns received.		
			At 1345 TPT by 8" and 1-155G at Hill 41 on VC OP and rest area.		
			Rough Rider (N) departed Phu Bai 0700, returned Danang 1117. Arty Hill 41 departed that ops and ready to fire from parent ops (1st 8" How Btry) at 1500H. At 1647H Btry E moved 4-105 How's to Hill 55.		
			At 1500H, 2/12 relieved 4/12 of arty mission at Phu Bai. One FO team from Hq Btry 12th Mar departed CP to support ARVN convoy to		

Quang Ngai at 0600.

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & TIME)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCLOSURES, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0902	Hq 12th Mar	260600	270600 MAR 66
0950		1/12 OPChief reports K(fwd) one 155mm How out of action due to mechanism safety lock plunger is broken. Contact team notified.	
1110		8" OPChief reports one 155Gun out of action due to steering, and one 8" out of action for 2 hrs replacing replenisher.	
1430		8" OPChief reports 155Gun back in action and 8".	
1537		1/12 OPChief reports K(fwd) 155 How back in action.	
1735		155Guns fired on AA site. 3rds HE Q. tgt reported by TIO.	
1800		2/12 rpts 1600 Btry F moved three guns to new posn (Hill 41). Expect to move other three tomorrow.	
1855		Informed S-3 4/12 that 3/12 would provide arty Ln0, to Phu Loc for Rough Rider North 281100H. CoF net for ops to be D-164. Directed S-3 4/12 to inform 3/12.	
1913		CMR rpts "B" Set down for approx 30 min. for minor repair.	
		DIV FSCC rpts 3rd Mar receiving mortars rds in grid sq 9471-called	

CMR and told them to lay on AZ 4350.

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE IN FIELD
TIME IN	TIME DATED	MESSAGE, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1920		1/12 rpt at 1830 K Btry wire tm received 3 rds SA fire vic AT 910813 fm approx 400 mi SW. No injuries, no one observed, returned 8 rds.	PLACE IN field Danang RVN
1950		Received call from Div Air0 that W/1/12 air lift from Phu Bai was confirmed and the W/1/12 should stage at 270730H at Air Freight.	Notified Watch Officer 1/12
2022		Sent following msg to 3/12 on Reg Cmd Net: DNG 262015H. Fm Muster 3A to Payable 3, request you stage permission "W" at Phu Bai Air Freight for airlift to Danang tomorrow by (270730H).	
2105		1/21 rpts Btry K observing large fire north of Esso refinery. No further details.	
2325	CG 3dMarDiv 261410Z	Rough Rider North goes 281100H from Nam-Q Egg. Returns 290800H. No further action req now.	
2350		Received msg fm 3d Force Ser Regt. Pri OZ Regn to MCSC Barstow for direct delivery to RVC 21270. Msg fm FMSG. Request furnish direct to 3d FSR auth or Disp of EM being replaced.	

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	ACTION TAKEN
Hq 12th Mar	260600	270600 MAR 66	PEACE In field Danang RVN
0025	CG 3d Mar Div 261239Z (readdressed)		ACTION TAKEN
0048			
0215			

TRANSMISSIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

1/12 rpt Kilo Btry #5 out with cracked variable recoil housing.

Condition Yellow must be enforced. Gen Walt sends. No immed action required.

"Permission Whiskey (W/1/12) staged as requested notified the EWD about 270730H. 13 personell WILL assigned Primrose F.O. School

also remaining on flight if space available, otherwise Rough Rider. Summary: Moderate arty action in TAOR. Action continues to center

in ZA 9th Mar in support of Opn Kings. 2/12 missions in support of Kings include: 1 Pup Fire of LZ, and 7 observed missions. 1/12

fired 1 observed mission. Some VC night harassment of Kilo and Delta Btry's. No VC killed-no US casualties. FO team firm HQ Btry

12th Mar furnished 11th ARVN transportation Bn departing Danang approx 260700 and arrival Quang Ngai 261625. Communication inform-

ation and arrangements for arty support this convoy completely un-

satisfactory and will be corrected with I Corps advisers. W-1-12

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & TIME)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	260600	270600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME DATED	EVENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
	departing Phu Bai 270730 for return Danang relative to Operation Orange.		
	2/12 moved 3-105 Hows from F Btry to new position Hill 41.		
	Movement will be completed 27Mar. Regt'l Survey Team (12th Mar) completed survey of new moving gun position at coords (902721). 4/12		
	HQ Btry scheduled return Danang by Rough Rider, 291100H.		

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TIME IN	TIME DATED	FROM (NAME & JOBR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
0807		FROM (NAME & JOBR) 270600	280600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
		TELEPHONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
		2/12 rpts that "P" Btry fired on 8-10V6 in tree line at Comr (9606 5657). Fired from 0720 - 0742 and exp 18 rds HE. Tgt was reported by F2 FO. Sur: rds on tgt, further sury will follow after sweep of area.		
0830	Third Mar 261730Z	Frag Ord 10-66 for Rough Rider to go 28 Mar.		
	To Foxtrot 260700Z	TG Foxtrot summary of EN activity.		
0930		HS 79 & HS 80 returned. Rptd by 3d Mar FSOC.		
0900		FO team for ARVN convoy to Quang Gnai returned. Stated they convoy left him at Tam Ky at 1600. Spent night Tam Ky, returned Danang via C123 this morning.		
1000		Directed 1st Guns to displace 3 guns to new position at former Btry F, 2/12. Az of wpns remaining in old psn: 4300 and 5100.		
		Az to lay wpns in new psn: 2700, 4300 and 5100.		
1100		155 Gun Btry rpts three Guns departed CP to Btry F psn.		
				CO & S-3

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE IN FIELD
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INSTRUCTIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTIONS TAKEN
1230		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 270600 155G btry rpts the three guns displaced to Btry F psn are laid ready to fire. Az 5100, 4300 and 3500.	280600 MAR 66 CO
1410		2/12 rpts Btry F completed move to Hill 41, all guns laid ready to fire.	CO
1550		1st 155 Guns CP moving to Foxtrot psn.	CO
1605		1/12 rpts W/1/12 rejoined bn at 1120 frm Phu Bai.	CO
1617		1st 155 Guns in Foxtrot psn.	CO
1715		W/1/12 laid & ready to fire. Rpt by 1/12.	CO
1745		1st Guns CO rpts 1 gun on 5100, two on 4300 & one on 3500, and one on 2700. Due limitation of battery psn he cannot place two guns on 5100 as requested by regt FDC until protective wire from former psn occupants can be moved.	
1910		Received call from Div FSCC stating that D-Day for Operation Orange is 1 April.	

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3-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	TIME IN	TIME DATED	FROM (NAME & NUMBER)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
			270600	280600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
			UNASSIGNED, REBUSES, ORDERS		
2118			Received call from FSCC requesting reinforcing fire on approx 25VC reported by ARVN. while notifying 2/12. they already had the mission via Mort Btry.		
2155			Directed 1st 8" How to activate D-147 at 280930H and answer calls for fire from permission Alpha 2 South the FO with Rough Rider North.		
2214			Informed all units that there will be no net tonight due to equipment failure.		
2220			Btry D 2/12 fired on 8 VC in open (06096241) at 2215 FO D 4 obs exp 8 rds HE, VT. Exc eff on tgt.		
2312			FSCC rptd ARVN requests to fire at VC (908553, 909558, 906560). req 4 volley. assigned to 2/12.		
2317			Btry D 2/12 fired on 5 VC in rice paddy (062619) at 2302. FO D 4 obs exp 6 rds HE, VT. Rds on tgt.		
0100			Informed watch officer 3/17 that the conduct of fire net would be		

ACTION TAKEN

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8-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE IN FIELD
TIME IN	270600	280600 MAR 66	PLACE IN FIELD DANANG RVN
OUT	INSTRUCTIONS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAVNA
	D-147 for the fough Rider North today and that 3/12 should be alert for the FO call sign of Permission Alpha 2 South. Requested that		
	InO going to Phu Lail receive this info also.		
	Summary: Light Arty action throughout TAOR. W-1-12 returned from Phu Bai by airlift for Opn Orange. 2/12 completed move of Btry F to Hill 41 at 271410H. 1st 155 Guns completed move to old Btry F psn at 271617.		
	All arrangements pertaining to arty support of Rough Rider (N) scheduled for 280000H completed. 12th Mar RAWIN out of action due to mechanical failure. FO team assigned ARVN convoy to Quang Ngai returned 270900 stating that they had lost the convoy at Tam Ky 261600. Opn Orders for Orange and Virginia received.		

S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq. Btry. 12th Mar.	28 0600 MAR	29 0600 MAR	Da Nang in the field
TYPE IN	OUT	MESSAGE, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0909		2/12 North Btry. fired on 30 VC in woodline (950 633) FO F4 0bs, Rda on tgt. Exp 20 HE, 16 WP, FZ 0 & VT. FO'D'4 going into target area for better surveillance.	Notified S-3
0945		Rcvd call from watch officer 3/12 who stated that the LNO for Rough Rider was now positioned at Phu Loc.	
1020		S-3 directed 1st 8" Btry to displace one how plt(rein) with one 155mm gun to vic 1st 8" How Btry psn (AF 874761) for a period of about 24 hours. Az one how & gun 5300, Az one how 4300. Purpose: deep H&I's	Notified CO, FSCG, 3dMar
1130		8" Btry reports at 1105 plt departed CP for fwd psn (AF 874761). Directed 1st 8" Btry to lay 3 pieces at psn Juliet (AF 874871) on 4300 to accomplish TOT on H&I tgts GS (AF 1964, 1965, 1966).	
1350		Op Chief from 1st 8" Btry reported 3 pieces in Juliet psn laid.	
1405		HS-81 completed.	Notified 1st Guns
1445		Watch officer 1st Guns rpts 1 gun down due to Nitrogen leak.	

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	TO (DATE & HOUR)	290600	290600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG RVN PLACE	ACTION TAKEN
	1550				of Chief 1st 8" Btry rpts Gun # 5, Juliet psn, down.					
	1610				Btry E(fwd) returning to primary psn.					Notified S-3
	1630				2/12 reports further sur on mission fired 0830 this morning (AT 950633)					Notified XO
	1700				Three confirmed KIA's and six possible WIA's.					
	1800				1st 8" Btry rpts #1 & #5 on sz 5300, # 5 back up.					
					1/12 rpts Btry K Gun # 4(TD) down. Loose sight mount, sent to ELSG for part. Expect to be back within 2 hrs.					Notified XO
	1858				Revd fire mission from Div FSCC. SPAR report places tgt at (AT 908600) and Div FSCC requested a TOT with all available.					Assigned to 2/12
	1910				Revd call from watch officer 2/12 stating that 36 HE, Q 105mm How & 15 HE, Q, 155mm How, had been fired at coord (AT 908600)					Notified Div FSCC
	2018				Revd call from Div FSCC stating that on the trail located between (AT 850668 to 845673) there has recently been a lot of VC movement and it was requested that H&I fires be planned over this trail during the next few weeks					

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ORGANIZATION HQ	12TH MAP FROM (DATE & HOUR)	2806000	TO (DATE & HOUR)	290600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DANANG, RVN PLACE
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENT, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
2205		10 H&I's from 39th ARVN Rangers passed to 2/12			CO & S-3 notified
2220		1/12 reports that E/2/3 is sending a patrol out w/FO in GS 9060; may need reinforcing fires.			Div FSOC watch officer
2355		Rcvd from 1/12, 4 on call conc from 290700H for indefinite period, to support E/2/3 if necessary. Assigned all four conc to 2/12. Btry 1 rd, Sh HE, Fz Q - AA132 - 901608, AA133 - 904601, AA 134 - 913597 & AA135 - 917609.			Notified 2/12
0055		1/12 Op Chief called to cancel four on call conc listed in 2355H entry.			Notified 2/12
		New on call fires will be called to Regt FDC as soon as they are worked up.			
0115		Rcvd call from 1/12, ten on call conc for E/2/3 from 290700H for indef period. Btry 1 rd, Sh HE, Fz Q - AA128-926607, AA133-904617, AA134-901609, AA135-904601, AA136-903597, AA137-908596, AA138-913598, AA139-914604, AA140-912607, AA141-906606. Calls for these fires will be			Notified 2/12

relayed via 1/12 thru this FDC to 2/12

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2-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	TIME	IN	OUT	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE	ACTION TAKEN
					FROM (DATE & HOUR) 280600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 290600 MAR 66	IN THE FIELD, DAN ANG, RVN	
					INCLUDING MESSAGES, ORDERS			
					Transcribed from log entries: 2332 - 3d MarDiv msg 281412Z revd - Op			
					ORANGE change. 3d MarDiv msg 281310Z revd - Op VIRGINIA.			
					2337 - Div FSCC rpts JAAM unit 5-600M from Div OP revd "some" grenades.			Alerted Sgt of Gd
					this evening.			
					0018 - 1st 8" Btry # 6 at psn Juliet down with indented gas check pad.			
					Directed relay # 5 on 4300mils to fire remaining H&I's.			
					Fire mission from Div FSCC. 39th Rangers requested illumination at			CO & S-3 notified.
					(AF 983584).			Assigned to 2/12.
					to 2/12: Spt recon Ops HS-85 eff 291700H, Freq 51.0, fires must be			
					cleared by 3d Marines.			
					1st 8" Btry rpts # 5 laid on 4300 at 0200.			
					1st 8" Btry rpts that 3d Mar requested any H&I's in GS's 8671 & 8771 be			
					cancelled. Worksheet indicates none planned by this hq.			

280600 to 290600 MAR 1966

--SUMMARY--

Artillery missions for period: mainly daylight and night H&I's, defensive concentrations and illumination for both USMC and ARVN, 2-TOF's and suspected VC positions (including one SPAR mission), and one observed mission by W/2/12 resulting in 3 confirmed VC KIA. Roving platoon consisting of 2-8" Hows and 1-155mm Gun positioned coords (AT 084761) at 281350H and will be retracted approx 291400. Fire plans include coordination lines and fires for Opn ALABAMA (elements of 3/9 for period 290700H to 011800H) and for 39th ARVN Ranger Bn in old KING's area. Rough Rider(N) departed 281100H - no problems of coordination with 3/12 - will return 290700H with elements of H₂ Btry 4/12. . . At 280700 in VAN DUCNG, K Btry patrol reported at 280700H, boy gave info that "many VC" were in area. A 1/12 radio site was fired on (1 rd S/A) at 282210H. D/2/12 pursued two VC near position with grenades and S/A at 282045H - no observed results.

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S-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
0820	Hq 12th Mar 1/12 Op Chief reported 3d Mar Rough Rider departed from Phu Bai at 0806H.	290600	field Danang RVN
0830	Directed 1st 8" How Btry to activate D-147 and answer calls for fire from Rough Rider North FO.		
0850	2/12 Btry D fired on 10 VC in open, FO D 4 obs, exp 26 HE, VT. Rds on tgt, FO D 4 going into area for further surveillance.		
0910	1/12 rpts K(fwd) out of action. 155 How(twd) down with broken safety latch. Contact team called.		5 & S-3 notified
1020	1/12 rpts Btry K obs one M109 down. Contact team notified requested.		S-3 notified
1215	Advised 3d Mar of intention to return 8" platoon (Rein) from Juliet at 291400. Req permission to occupy psn Brooks (90217215) at 300900 until 311500.		S-3 & CO Notified
1230	Relieved req from Div A0 to fire practice msns by USAF FAC'S in Bravo area between 1300 and 1400.		Set up with 1/12.

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S-3 JOURNAL (4)

ORGANIZATION	TIME DATED	BACK (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
1240	12th Mar	290600	300600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
	TIME DATED	JUNIOR MESSAGERS, OFFICERS		ACTION TAKEN
1246		3d Mar approved displacements in 1215 entry. Limited security spt available.		
1320		8" Btry rpt TOT's complete on tgts reported by Recon & AC. (190645, 193647, 197655 & 195660). Fired three fired at 1230, last one at 1245.		
1320		2/12 rpts Btry S (fwd) M109's returning fm Btry E psn to Pri psn. Directed 8" plt in fwd psn to displace to pri psn.		
1420		Div FSCC rpts G/2/9 sustained one casualty from Marine arty approx 1400H at BT 011633. 9th Mar FSCC conducting investigation.		S-3 informed
1430		Div FSCC rpts incident entry 1420 occurred 1100H fm rds fired by W/2/12 in support of 2/9. Fires called in close to troops resulted in slight injury to one man not requiring evac. No evidence of arty error as this time.		
1500		8" plt back fm Juliet psn laid ready to fire.		

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3-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	290600	300600 MAR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	IMMEDIATE MESSAGES, ORDERS		
1501	"L" fwd back in pri psn, laid ready to fire.		
1510	Div FSCC rpt Rough Rider back at 1425.		
1635	2/12 rpt 200 of error fired by "E" w/one how firing in defensive		
	cong. Error made on gun. Rd impacted 016618. No injuries & no		
	damage.		
1800	Informed 1st 8" How Btry to displace to psn Brooks in accord with plans		
	outlined in 1215H entry. AZ 4000.		
2023	2/12 Op Chief rpts Btry D fired at 5 or more VC, FO D 1A obs (079592)		
	time 1905. Sur: 3 KIA confirmed by 9th Mar FSCC.		
300200	1st 155 Guns called have 1 gun out of action, Gun laid on AZ 4300,		
	getting a lot of back blast. They think it is a gas check pad.		
	Summary: Arty msns consisted mainly of H & I's fires in support of		
	Recon FO. School and a few obs msns in 5A 9th Mar. D Btry fired on		
	5 VC resulting in 5 VC confirmed KIA. Continuing to employ roving		

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3-3 JOURNAL (1)

ORGANIZATION Hq 12th Mar	FROM (DATE & HOUR) 290600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 300600 MAR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	IMMEDIATE MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
	gun concept utilizing a platoon of 8" Hows. 4/12 (Hq Btry) returned Danang TAOR 1425H. Two gunning errors by 2/12. One infantryman slightly injured but not evacuated from field. 1-155 Gun out of action indefinitely with base ^{breach block} malfunction.		

S-3 JOURNAL (1)

TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	ORGANIZATION/Hq	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
			INCLOSURES, MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
0930			Hq 12th Mar	300600	310600 MAR 66	Danang RVN
0920		Late Entry			8" Btry rpts Guns #2 & 4 (8WH) displacing to psn Brooks (902721). Co 2/12 advised by S-3 to be prepared to furnish one howitzer howitzer btry for additional spt for Op Orange.	
0910					Match Officer 8" rpts two 8" in Brooks psn Maid.	
1200					Fired program of Fires #2. This consisted of 15 conc on VC psns & installations spt by Recon & Div T10. 8" & 155G fired this program	
1312					Op Chief 1st 155 rpts Gun #3 out of action due to breech.	
1315					Advised 3d Mar FSCC of intentions to bring arty home from Le My and Brooks 31 Mar. Req permission to emplace 2 8" Hows & one 155mm Gun at Le My on same date.	
1520					3d Mar (FSCC) approved displacements in 1315H entry.	
1700					Refired Program 66 Fires #2 - Completed 1710.	
1730					Directed 1st Guns to relay another piece on 4390 .	
1740		3d Mar 300230Z			Received Op Orange - Op Ord 334-66.	

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ORGANIZATION	TIME IN	TIME DATED	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	310600 MARR66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
	OUT		INFORMAL MESSAGES, ORDERS			ACTION TAKEN
			Div FSCC relayed fire mission request fm ARVN 39th Rangers, VC squad, Btry E fired, (978576). Sur: Rds on tgt. Will send ptl into area in the morning for more info on damage.			CO & S-3
2250		302200	2/12 FDO rptd L/2/12 firing msn for F-4 on lone 13X125 fired B(1) wp in FFE. 1 rd WP landed on GTline at (964659). Replot conc EX125 is 96326510. Lima XO gave to rear of Piece fall in after discovering short rd. Checked Settings, ^{POWDER} PAI Bags & Quad Elev all checked out. No casualties. This was Ch 5 GB msn.			S-3 & EC, FSCC.
			Summary: Program of fires on VC harbor site vicinity 8062, fired twice during period 301200 - 301700 and again as night H&I's. FO School by 12th Mar for Force Recon Co. ended 301630 after four afternoons afternoons of firing from OP vicinity Le Ma. Short rd by L 2 12 at 302200. 800 meters short. No casualties. Error undetermined. Investigation will continue. One 155 gun out of action 1st			

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ORGANIZATION Hq 12thMar	FROM (DATE & HOUR) 300600	TO (DATE & HOUR) 310600 MAR 66	PLACE	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	OUT	TIME DATED	INCLOSURES, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			155 Gun Btry psn. Roving gun psn "Brooks" occupied by plt 1st 8"	
			How Btry 0910 for long range H&I's. RAWIN set back in action for	
			301400 meter. Plans for Opn Orange continue. CO 2/12 alerted to	
			be prepared to reinforce opn Orange with btry Howtar's. Btry F fire	
			coordination AZ 3200A passed to FSCC officer 3d Mar 302030.	

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ENCLOSURE (1)

TIME IN	TIME DATED	ORGANIZATION Hq	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
		Hq 12th Mar	310600 MAR 66	010600 APR 66	In field Danang RVN
			INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
0840			1/21 Op Chief rpts 11584 is secured.		S-3A
0848			1/12 Op Chief rpts that "K" fsd (AT Le My) has displaced and is moving back to pri psm.		S-3 & 5
0854			1/12 Op Chief rpts HS85 is in.		
0914			1/12 Op Chief rpts HS 82 is in.		
0915			8" Btry rpts one plt 8" Hows & 1 155G departed CP to FP LeMy.		CO & S-3 Notified
1035			Plt of 8" & 155G in psn at Le My, laid ready to fire, AZ 5000.		S-3 & 5
	12th Mar 310255Z		Chop Btrys M & L to 4/12. 4/12 msn: GS. Wire between 1st & 2d Bn & GS Btrys to remain intact.		
			Btry E started displacement AT 0930 Coor (986644)		Exec notified.
1215			1/22 rpt Btry K(fwd) displaced back to CP all of Btry K is now in one psn. (921799)		S-3 & CO notified.
Late Entry	1200-		Directed CMRO to recon area in vic of E Btry (AT 988672) for CMR site. Set B is to be displaced on 1 April.		

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ORGANIZATION	FROM (DATE & HOUR)	TO (DATE & HOUR)	PLACE
Hq 12th Mar	310600 MAR 66	010600 APR 66	In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
00	2/12 rpts Btry E completed displacement of guns at 1230. Laid ready to fire, AZ 2800.		CO & S-3 notified
1320	1/22 rpts 2 105mm Hows displaced from A(h) Btry to Hill 41 in anticipation of Op Orange.		CO & S-3 notified
1330	2-8" & 1-155 Gunerelaid on 5200 fr Lemy		
1330	Directed 8" plat at Brooks to return to homeplate.		
1443	8" Op Chief rpts that the 8" plt at Brooks has returned to the CP.		CO notified
1500	Red msg 310306Z. Rough Rider North rlt 041100H.		
1515	8" rpts Gun #2 in psn ready to fire AZ 6000 #4 having same maint work done expects to be in action in about one hr.		CO & S-3 notified
2245	2d Bn rpts that at 2230 Whiskey Btry firing H&I. Fired one rd 3200 meters out. Fire was directed 996593. Rd rpt to have landed		
	93266414L Checked with 3d Mar. 3d Mar stated that they had two ambushes set up in the vic where the rd landed but they had rd no		
	adverse rpts. 2d Bn rpts that the error was made between the Exec		

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C. GANIZATION Hq 12th Mar		FROM (DATE & HOUR) 310600 MAR 66	TO (DATE & HOUR) 010600 APR 66	PLACE In field Danang RVN
TIME IN	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		
		pit and the gun. A written report is forthcoming fr the 2d BN.		
0545		Granted permission to CMR to assume stand-by status 0600-1800 1 APR.		
0545	1st BN 3d Mar 311515Z	Freq change for tacp on Op Orange.		
	CG, MAR 311320Z	Op necessity req for mil vehs in Danang.		
		Summary: No significant arty msns in TAOR. Long range H&I's delivered fr roving gun psns LeMy and Brooks by 8" Hows and 155G.		
		Btrys L & K chopped to 4/12 311200H. 4/12 assigned msn G/S.		
		E-2-12 completed displacement, new psn Ha Dang bridge 311230H. CMR (N) directed to recon psn move old E psn and dis place ASAP. W-2-12 fire H&I 3200H out at 312230H. CO 2/12 rptd 010600H that Exec gave fire command in wrong 800H sector. No casualties rptd to date.		
		ACTION TAKEN		