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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

16 FEB 2012 - 15 MAR 2012

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SECTION I: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. UNIT DESIGNATION. Task Force 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, Regimental Combat Team 5, 1st Marine Division (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward)

- a. Reporting Unit Code: M13130
- b. Table of Organization Number: M13130

2. PERIOD COVERED AND LOCATION. 16 Feb 2012 through 15 Mar 2012: Garmser District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 11.2.

3. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

a. Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Palma
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12

b. Executive Officer
Major Sean Carroll
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12

c. Sergeant Major
Sergeant Major Andrew Cece
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12

d. Subordinate Commanders

- (1) India Company:
Captain Bobby Lee Jr.
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (2) Kilo Company:
Captain Barney Blaine
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (3) Lima Company:
Captain Raymond L'Heureux
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (4) H & S Company:
Captain Owen Boyce
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (5) Weapons Company:
Major Jason Armas
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12

e. Principal Staff

- (1) Adjutant (S-1):
First Lieutenant Drake Toney
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (2) Intelligence Officer (S-2):

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- Captain Jeffrey Brewer
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (3) Assistant Intelligence Officer (S-2A):
First Lieutenant Aubrey Giblin
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (4) Operations Officer (S-3):
Major Stephan Karabin II
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (5) Assistant Operations Officer (S-3A):
Captain Lowell Krusinger
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (6) Operations Chief:
Master Gunnery Sergeant Troy Buss
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (7) Battalion Gunner:
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Raymond Browne
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (8) Fire Support Coordinator:
First Lieutenant Jared Streeter
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (9) Air Officer:
Captain Jeremy Groefsema
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (10) Joint Terminal Attack Controllers:
Captain Gareth Hughes
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- Captain John Kolb
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- Staff Sergeant Jeremy Hager
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- Staff Sergeant Justin Byrd
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- Sergeant Scott Brose
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (11) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Officer:
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Felix OrtizToro
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (12) Logistics Officer (S-4):
Captain Brian Hollier
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (13) Assistant Logistics Officer (S-4A):

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- First Lieutenant Ryan Gulliksen
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (14) Supply Officer:
First Lieutenant Tyler Short
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (15) Maintenance Management Officer:
First Lieutenant Joseph Schager
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (16) Motor Transportation Officer:
First Lieutenant Daniel Ledeen
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (17) Communications Officer (S-6):
Captain Joshua Connors
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (18) Embedded Training Team (ETT) 1 OIC:
Captain Lance Seiffert
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (19) Embedded Training Team (ETT) 2 OIC:
Captain Charles Morris
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (20) Police Advisory Team (PAT) OIC:
Captain Jeremy Wheeler
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (21) Chaplain:
Lieutenant Jerry Durham, USN
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (22) Battalion Surgeon/Medical Officer:
Lieutenant Sean Stuart, USN
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (23) Assistant Battalion Surgeon:
Vacant
- (24) Battalion Staff Judge Advocate:
Captain John Sautter
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12
- (25) Historian:
Captain Jeremy Groefsema
16 Feb 12 - 15 Mar 12

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
Feb/Mar	61	834	3	69	64	903

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5. EQUIPMENT

Marine Corps Automated Readiness Evaluation System (MARES) Reportable
Equipment:

TAM	NOMEN	RQMT	POSS	EXCESS
A0061	MAST SECTION	5	5	0
A0090	AN/TSR-9 TGRS	1	1	
A0124	REMOTE SUBSCRIBE ACCESS MODULE	4	2	
A0126	AN/VRC-103	0	33	33
A0129	PRC-152	250	228	
A0139	RADIO SET, AN/TRC-209	4	5	1
A0153	RADIO SET, AN/MRC-142C	5	5	
A0172	DDS-R PWR MOD	7	7	
A0174	DDS-R LAN SVC MOD	3	4	1
A0176	DDS-R LAN EXT MOD ON-704/TYC	10	10	
A0197	DDS-R DSM	1	1	
A0234	SWAN D	1	0	
A0243	SWAN D NETWORK PACKAGE	1	0	
A0254	COMBAT OPS CENTER SET III	1	1	
A0255	COMBAT OPS CENTER SET IV	1	0	
A0266	RADIO SET, AN/VRC-104	3	3	
A0932	INTEL OPS WORKSTATION	1	0	
A1260	AN/PSN-13	77	50	
A2042	AN/PRC-150	70	68	
A2068	AN/PRC-117F	55	74	19
A2079	AN/PRC-119F	17	6	
A2555	AFATDS. AN/GYK-60	4	2	
A2560	TLDHS BLK II AN/PSQ-19A	6	0	
A3252	UAV DRAGON EYE	2	5	
B0008	AIRCONDITIONER, 5T, 60K	20	14	
B0014	ECU, A/C, 36000 BTU	40	43	3
B0018	TRLR, INTEGRATED ECU	3	0	
B0027	PANEL, PWR DISTR	5	3	
B0028	PANEL, PWR DISTR	25	37	12
B0029	PANEL, PWR DISTR	10	14	4
B0030	PANEL, PWR DISTR	15	20	5
B0032	PANEL, PWR DISTR	0	1	1
B0063	LOADER, SCOOP TYPE, 624K TRAM	1	0	
B0730	GEN SET, 3KW	15	20	5
B0891	MEP-803 10KW	20	24	4
B0953	GEN SET, 30KW, 60HZ, MEP-005A/B	10	10	
B0980	GEN SET, MEP 513A	1	1	
B1021	GEN SET, 60KW, MEP-006A/806B	15	15	

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B1045	GEN SET, 100KW, TQG-MEP-807A	8	5	
B1580	PUMP, FUEL MODULE	6	4	
B2085	TANK, FUEL STORAGE	12	13	1
B2086	TANK, WATER STORAGE	8	0	
B2561	FORKLIFT, EBFL	2	1	
D0003	TRK, ARM 7T CAR AMK23	7	9	2
D0004	TRK, ARM 7T CAR W/W AMK25	3	1	
D0005	TRK , ARM 7T EXT AMK27	3	1	
D0006	TRK, ARM 7T EXT W/W AMK28	2	3	
D0015	TRK, WRECKER ARM 7T AMK36	1	1	
D0023	MARP, AMB HAGA/MAXPRO	2	2	
D0025	MRAP, CAT I 4X4	40	35	
D0027	MRAP, CAT II 6X6	10	8	
D0033	M1152	2	1	
D0036	MRAP, ATV	70	48	
D0880	TRLR, WATER TANK M149A2	8	4	
E0006	IZLID	0	9	9
E0020	SCOUT SNIPER RIFLE	11	13	2
E0042	LASER RANGE FINDER	5	2	
E0055	LAUNCHER TUBE (TOW)	8	8	
E0180	AIMING CIRCLE	4	5	1
E0207	JAVELIN M98A1	8	5	
E0915	SMAW	18	3	
E0980	MACH GUN CAL 50 M2	54	28	
E0989	M240G	95	94	
E0994	MK-19	48	14	
E1048	LASER RANGE FINDER- VECTOR	25	22	
E1065	M224	9	5	
E1095	M252	8	8	
E1460	RIFLE, SNIPER 7.62	8	8	
E1475	RIFLE, SPEC OPS APL .50 CAL	4	4	
E1975	SIGHT, THERMAL	95	28	
E1976	SIGHT, THERMAL	65	13	

SECTION II: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATION, ADJUTANT/LEGAL

From 16 February to 15 March 2012, the Administration Section (S-1) undertook its tasks of personnel accountability, awards preparation, fitness report tracking, directives control, legal administration and correspondence management. The following details are provided:

1. Awards Presented to Personnel:

- a. Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals: 0

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- b. Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals: 0
- c. Combat Action Ribbons: 0
- 2. Fitness Reports Submitted:
 - a. Officer: 3
 - b. Enlisted: 2
- 3. Administrative Separations:
 - a. Approved: 0
 - b. Suspended: 0
 - c. Pending: 7
- 4. Legislation and Congressional Action: 0
- 5. Court Martial Convened: 0
 - a. General: 0
 - b. Special: 0
 - c. Summary: 0
- 6. Promotions:

The following promotions were effected:

Captain	-	0
First Lieutenant	-	0
Staff Sergeant	-	0
Sergeant	-	1
Corporal	-	15
Lance Corporal	-	2
Total	-	18

- 7. Officers Joined: 0
- 8. Officers Dropped: 0
- 9. USMC Enlisted Joined: 0 USMC Enlisted Dropped: 4
- USN Enlisted Joined: 0 USN Enlisted Dropped: 0

TRAINING AND OPERATIONS

From 16 February to 15 March 2012, the Battalion focused on developing the Afghanistan National Police Forces (ANP), as well as Afghan Local Police (ALP), in Area of Operations (AO) Garmser. The Battalion focused on increasing the numbers of local police in the Garmser District by hosting two ALP academies, these two academies were instructed and supervised by the Battalion Police Advisor Team (PAT). The Battalion continued to train and

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execute operations partnered with ANSF, and has encouraged the ANSF to begin their own independent operations in order to prepare them and the local populace for full transfer of authority.

From 17-19 February, the Battalion conducted Operation DE GHAM PAYELA. This operation incorporated the methodical clear of the Durzay area by Weapons Company while elements from Kilo Company concurrently acted in support of the ANP conducting targeted cordon and knock operations in northern Garmser. Lima Company conducted clears of Kariezak and Majitek villages as well as interdiction patrols in the eastern desert. These coordinated operations were intended to disrupt enemy operations throughout the entire AO. This was a critical time for a surge in AO wide operations because India Company had sent the majority of its forces to support 1st LAR during Operation HIGHLAND THUNDER, a subset of RCT-5 Operation TAGEER SHAMAL Phase III.

On 18 February, Lima Company transferred PB Hasanabad to ANA control, continuing the consolidation of forces throughout the AO. The transfer of positions to ANSF control is in preparation for the eventual transfer of lead security authority to ANSF and GIROA.

On 23 February, the District Governor, District Chief of Police (DCOP), Battalion Commander, and other local leaders held a Shura at COP Torbert to discuss the upcoming Government Led Eradication (GLE) operations. The District Governor warned the large landowners in the Banadar region who are growing poppy that the police would come down and eradicate their poppy crops.

On 26 February, Scout Snipers traveled to Weapons Company to conduct reconnaissance operations along the Helmand River in order to observe the pattern of life along potential ingress/egress routes from the western side of the Helmand River into the Banadar region. Currently the Scout Snipers are conducting overwatch for the GLE operations in Banadar.

From 1-8 March, Kilo Company conducted Operation HES KALA, an ANP planned and executed operation. The ANP conducted five targeted cordon and knock operations using intelligence they had gathered on compounds of interest in northern Garmser. These cordon and knocks were followed by detailed searches for narcotics and IED components. These actions successfully disrupted enemy activity in the northern portion of Garmser District.

Throughout the first two weeks of March, several positions were closed or transferred in accordance with guidance from higher headquarters regarding TSLA. On 3 March, Kilo Company transferred PB Achmed to ANP control. As the Marines based at PB Achmed withdrew, they were dispersed over the remaining Kilo Company positions throughout northern Garmser. On 6 March, Weapons Company transferred PB 00 to ANA control, and transported their Marines and all gear to COP Torbert. On 8 March, Lima Company transferred PB Tuffan to ANA control, and began retrograding all gear and equipment to Dwyer. On 11 March, PB Masood was transferred to ANA control, and the Marines were transported to Camp Dwyer. On 13 March, PB Gorgak was transferred to ANA control. These position transfers are enabling the Battalion to consolidate combat power to use in future operations that are designed to harass the enemy and deny them the initiative to act in AO Garmser.

On 8 March, ETT 1 traveled up to the ANCOP Garrison and biometrically enrolled all the local Afghan security personnel that protect the facility and contractors.

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From 11-14 March, India Company conducted OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE Part 1 and 2. India Company conducted heliborne insertions in the early morning of 11 March, and conducted targeted cordon and knock operations on compounds of interest. After the initial cordon and knocks, the inserted forces conducted dwell operations for 48-72 hours in zone. These heliborne operations enabled India Company to capture four detainees, who were questioned and exploited for intelligence. These operations are shaping the AO for future Battalion operations.

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE (H&S) COMPANY

Between 16 February 2012 and 15 March 2012, Headquarters and Service (H&S) Company supported Battalion operations and conducted security operations in and around Forward Operating Base (FOB) Delhi. H&S Company focused security operations primarily within the Hazar Joft Bazaar and supported numerous patrols to the District Government Center (DGC). A majority of these patrols had enablers attached: the District Stabilization Team, Civil Affairs Detachment, Female Engagement Team (FET), Rule of Law (RoL), and Military Information Support Operations (MISO). These enablers worked directly with the District Government officials in order to facilitate the legitimacy of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) Officials in the eyes of the Afghan people. Furthermore, these efforts ensured that the District Government, Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP) can begin the lead for transition.

During this period, H&S Company completed their Regimental mandated reset training which consisted of BZO, ECM procedures, IED Detection Dog (IDD) training, rabies professional military education (PME), counter improvised explosive device (CIED) classes, weapons handling, operational security (OPSEC) and combat lifesaving. Additionally, H&S Company completed all United States Marine Corps annual and education training requirements contained in MCBUL 1500.

H&S Company continued partnering with the Staff Officers of the ANA and AUP. The H&S Company Commander mentored the ANA Headquarters and Service Company Commander, whom recently arrived at FOB Delhi. Primary Staff members from H&S Company routinely conduct weekly intelligence, security, and logistical meetings to discuss Current Operations (COPS) and Future Operations (FOPS).

H&S Company's Guard Force Platoon conducted an average of one partnered patrol each week. This has been largely due to a lack of ANA Soldiers within the 2d Battalion, 1st Brigade, 215th Corps (2/1/215) H&S Company. However, increased partnership with the Embedded Training Team (ETT) Marines will eventually lead to self sustainment and conduct of their own patrols. All Guard Patrols are focused on the Primary Information Requirements (PIRs)/Specific Information Requirements (SIRs)/Specific Operational Requirements (SORs), which are published via the Intelligence Section (S-2).

H&S Company maintained their role of mentorship and integration of the ANA Soldiers. The Guard Force Platoon conducted and integrated a BZO range with nine ANA Soldiers, training them on the tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) of the M16A2 service rifle. The H&S Company Marines continued their focus on conducting PME classes regarding CIED TTPs, vehicle and personnel search procedures, and small unit patrolling TTPs in order to facilitate the Battalion Commander's intent. The Battalion Aid Station conducted a three week course for 18 ANA Soldiers in order to mentor and train them on Combat

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Lifesaving (CLS) techniques, battlefield stress under fire and medical procedures to increase their combat efficiency.

The Guard Force Platoon conducted security patrols throughout the H&S battlespace. During this period the platoon conducted a total of 42 security patrols, of which eight were mounted and 34 dismounted. This resulted in 156 kilometers of patrolling in which they engaged local elders, religious leaders, females, and the general population. During the last month, the Guard Force was tasked with three Battalion-level Quick Reaction Force (QRF) missions. From these missions, the Guard Force successfully conducted security for the controlled detonations of one 107mm Rocket and one unexploded ordnance.

Within the last month, the Guard Force has enrolled 18 local nationals in the BAT/HIIDE systems. Through their constant security presence and support for multiple iterations of Battalion directed OPERATION GRIDLOCK, the Guard Force has successfully completed searches of 200 local nationals, 24 stores located in the Bazaar, 118 vehicles and 133 motorcycles.

H&S Company has seen improvements in the areas of FOB Delhi. In accordance with retrograde operations, the Communications Section has initiated the consolidation and retrograde of communications equipment in order to make room for the set up of the new Battalion Combat Operations Center (COC). Both the motor pool and engineer lot have begun retrograding their equipment and serialized gear to facilitate the Battalion draw down. Additionally, the shower tent has been reconstructed in order to provide better hygiene areas for the personnel aboard the FOB.

For the remainder of the deployment, H&S Company will continue to develop the ANA and ANP throughout the H&S battlespace and continue to support the District Stabilization Team. Additionally, in accordance with RCT-5 and Battalion directives, H&S Company will support the demilitarization of checkpoints, PBs and COPs throughout the AO.

Embedded Training Teams (ETT)

The ETT's primary focus during this period has been facilitating the transfer of partnered positions to ANA control while Lima Company has consolidated positions and subsequently prepared to depart the battlespace. The 2/1/215 has been left largely unpartnered and independent in the north of AO Garmser. Coupled with this, all soldiers that are on hand and present for duty have been enrolled in the Biometrics Automated Toolset, as well as printing BATs enrollment cards for all soldiers.

The 2/1 has participated in numerous partnered operations throughout the AO, and they continue to build battle tracking capabilities, reporting, and coordination through the OCC-D. The ANA now have permanent watch standers assigned to the OCC-D in order to enable a coordinated response with the ANP to any security threat within the AO.

During this period, a live fire practical application course was completed, which included a portion of the ANA Machine Gunner course at the eastern desert range, east of PB Shamshad. The range went extremely well; unfortunately, due to poor weather, the range was ended early and the M2 .50 cal heavy machinegun was unable to be fired. An ANA Staff officer pistol range was also conducted, which included classes covering various topics including engagement of targets with the pistol, maintenance, and safety.

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This was concluded with the conduct of a live fire pistol range aboard FOB Delhi. There was much to learn during this evolution as only one shooter had fired a pistol before, all pistols were new, and the added friction of hearing protection and translation of range commands during the excitement of fire nearly overcame the well intentioned rehearsals.

The ETT continued to conduct Quick Reaction Force missions, intelligence-based operations, and partnering operations. The Kandak continued to respond well to all short-fuse operational requirements and demonstrated solid TTPs.

INDIA COMPANY

The middle of February provided a new set of challenges for Company I in its pursuit of continued partnership with the Afghan National Army. The desired end state is that Coalition Forces within Garmser will successfully transfer lead security responsibility (TLSR) to the 6th Kandak, who arrived in mid-February to COP Rankel to establish its Kandak Headquarters. During this time, the bulk of Company I were in 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion's (LAR) AO supporting them during OPERATION HIGHLAND THUNDER.

On 16 February, the Battalion Operations Officer established a battalion forward COC for OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA at COP Rankel. OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA was a battalion intelligence driven operation intended to disrupt enemy operations throughout Task Force 3/3's AO. The operation was conducted from 17-19 February with Company I Marines supporting the clear of a village, north of the Safar Bazaar.

The 6th Kandak made their presence known in southern Garmser when their Tolai, or companies, arrived at their designated patrol bases (PB). They conducted several un-partnered mounted and dismounted night patrols which led to several successful detainments throughout the AO.

On 20 February, the ANA investigated a possible improvised explosive device (IED), based on a local national tip. The IED was confirmed, removed from the ground and transported to PB Hernandez. On 22 February, Company I's mobile unit escorted the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team to PB Hernandez to reduce the IED. The ANA at PB Hernandez were the last ANA from the 2d Kandak in the southern portion of TF 3/3's AO, and communication difficulties were readily apparent when passing information due to the 2d Kandak moving their forces north into Company L's AO. The ANA also detained three local nationals who they released on 21 February.

The first and second wave of the 6th Kandak arrived at COP Rankel from Marjah which resulted in a swell of overall personnel to approximately 277 ANA at the COP. Task Force 3/3's Embedded Training Team 2 arrived in the second wave to assist in the Kandak in moving to COP Rankel. Several improvements were completed at COP Rankel during the past month in preparation for the arrival of the 6th Kandak. These projects included the expansion of the motor pool, the movement of the fuel bladder and the construction of the ANA motor pool for their vehicles.

On 19 February, while Company I supported 1st LAR during OPERATION HIGHLAND THUNDER, a Marine patrol was involved in an IED strike. Three Company I Marines were wounded in action and sent to Camp Dwyer where they were medically treated. One Marine was sent back to the United States due to his extensive injuries, and the other two Marines returned to duty aboard COP

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Rankel. On 28 February, Company I's main body returned to TF 3/3's AO at COP Rankel to continue operations.

March began with Company I's execution of OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE, a series of helicopter inserts throughout the AO, combined with foot patrols, in order to disrupt insurgent operations. The helicopter inserts were used to gain surprise in several villages and hamlets in the area and were overall effective in their purpose. On 6 March, PB Gorgak was transferred to the newly arrived 6th Kandak, continuing the mission of TLSR to the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

KILO/POLICE MENTORING COMPANY

As February drew to a close, Kilo Company Marines established vehicle checkpoints and observation posts throughout the Area of Operations (AO) in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines' OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA. During this operation the Marines of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines cleared villages with their police counterparts along both sides of the Helmand River. The Marines of Kilo Company conducted overwatch and support missions with the newly trained Afghan Local Police (ALP), as well as more veteran Afghan National Police (ANP) who executed the cordon and clear operations.

During the months of February and March, Kilo Company initiated three Afghan Local Police (ALP) Academies, a three-week course to train basic ALP patrolmen. The first Academy was held at Patrol Base (PB) Amir and graduated 42 patrolmen in late February. The second police academy is currently being held at the District Police Headquarters (DPHQ) and is being attended by 49 police candidates. The third academy is currently being held at PB Amir and has 37 police candidates. ALP candidates are trained in professional conduct, physical fitness, tactics, and weapons. Kilo Company and the ALP Police Advisory Team have been instructing the courses with the aid of Afghan interpreters and civilian police contractors.

As of 15 March 2012, Kilo Company's mission to transfer lead security responsibility to local Afghan National Security Forces has progressed with the transfer of seven positions. With the removal of Coalition Forces at these positions, Afghan National Police have assumed a higher level of autonomy and independent operational schedules. Kilo Company is currently spread across the five police precinct positions. The most recent transfer was Patrol Base Achmed, which was turned over to full Afghan Police control, occurred on 3 March 2012.

LIMA COMPANY

Lima Company's main focus has been on the transition of major patrol bases to the Afghan National Army (ANA). The ANA of the 2/1/215 Weapons, 1st, 2d and 4th Tolais have eagerly risen to the occasion of assuming more responsibility for the security of Garmser. They now operate independently from Patrol Bases Tuffan, Masood, Hassanabad and COP Koshtay. PB Hassanabad was transitioned on 21 February, PB Tuffan on 9 March, and PB Masood on 12 March. Upon permanent transition of these positions, Lima Company began retrograding gear and personnel to Camp Dwyer in order to stage for redeployment to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Fourth Platoon still remains operational in Garmser, located at PB Sharp and partnered with ANA from 2d Tolai. Fourth Platoon has been leaning forward in preparing PB Sharp for turnover to Kilo Company 3/8, who are scheduled to

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arrive for relief in place in May. As the Marines at PB Sharp begin to take a step back and urge the ANSF to take control of all situations, the partnership between ANA and Afghan National Police (ANP) has greatly improved. Their working relationship is beginning to come together, and responsibilities and expectations between the two forces are continually discussed in order to improve security for the local national Afghans. Key leaders from both forces conduct weekly shuras, during which time they discuss the future of the region.

Significant events at the hands of the enemy remain relatively low, and the Marines from Lima Company continue to keep the pressure on them as they provide overwatch of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). On 11 March, 2d Platoon conducted extended dwell operations from recently transitioned positions PB Hassanabad and Barcha. For 72 hours, they traveled to the newly un-partnered locations to operate from and evaluate the ANA. During this operation they re-visited the Afghan local national key leaders, and heavily patrolled areas of interest.

WEAPONS COMPANY

Weapons Company continued operations in the Banadar region of Garmser District, focusing on facilitating a smooth transfer of lead security authority to ANSF/GIRoA. The company conducted two named operations during this time period and multiple significant events occurred.

On 17 February, Weapons Company successfully conducted OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA, during which the company skillfully cleared the Durzay and Safar areas of southern Garmser. During this operation, the company cleared four historically Taliban-affiliated villages which the Taliban were using as bed down locations and sources of support. The area was known to contain key lines of communication and supply routes for the insurgents, which OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA effectively disrupted.

On 20 February, CAAT 2 took medium machine gun fire from approximately four enemy fighters. The Marines and Afghan Border Police (ABP) were able to establish positive identification and returned fire as the company dispatched a quick reaction force to clear the area, however the enemy fighters had fled. On 27 February, a Marine from CAAT 1 saw lamp cord sticking out from the sand and proceeded to interrogate the area with a sickle. Upon doing so, he discovered a twelve inch pressure plate. EOD was dispatched and confirmed the presence of an improvised explosive device (IED). Upon exploitation, the IED was determined to be a legacy IED, likely emplaced over a year ago and partially uncovered by recent rain and winds.

On 1 March, the company conducted OPERATION JUNGLE CLEAR AND BURN, partnering with Afghan National Army (ANA) Soldiers who burned down the jungle area near Patrol Base 00 to deny the Taliban freedom of movement. The reaction from the locals in the area to the jungle burn was very positive. On 7 March, an ABP soldier at Patrol Base Pay Banadar had a negligent discharge and shot himself below his left shoulder, this resulted in an urgent medevac for the soldier and he has since recovered from his wounds. On 9 March, an ABP soldier from COP Torbert acted on a local national tip and found an IED in the vicinity of Patrol Base 00 on a heavily traveled route. The ABP brought the IED to COP Torbert where it was kept safely outside of the wire until it was exploited by EOD. The ABP's great relationship with the locals paid off with this legitimate IED tip.

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During this time period, Scout Sniper Platoon supported both 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Teams 1 and 3 conducted continuous operations in Taghaz, supporting LAR by engaging and killing two IED emplacements, ultimately disrupting the IED cell in the area. Teams 2 and 4 conducted week-long surveillance on a decoy tower in the vicinity of Shishangi, supported OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA and spent March conducting area reconnaissance in support of the company.

The District Governor spoke with over 150 local nationals at COP Torbert towards the end of February, repeating his message that poppy was illegal and that government led eradication was coming. He called out, by name, certain prominent poppy growing elders and promised that poppy would be eradicated in the coming months. Although many at the time doubted that this would happen, in early March the government kept its promise and began eradicating poppy fields using tractors in Banadar. The Marines have been supporting the eradication only in extremis, but are actively working on keeping the ground lines of communication open to enable the tractors to transit the area.

The company conducted a total of five indirect fire illumination missions during this period, with two consisting of IR illumination and the other three of regular illumination. Six ranges were conducted, and the company trained on and fired weapons systems to include small arms, machine guns, demolitions, and 60mm mortars. Cross training was provided to the Afghan Security Forces, who were able to fire both US and Afghan weapon systems.

In accordance with the base realignment and closure plan, on 5 March the company transferred Patrol Base 00 to the Afghan National Army. The transfer was coordinated and executed without any problems, and patrols were surged post-transfer to ensure the security of the area. The remaining positions in Weapons Company's area of operations are gradually being transferred to the Afghan Border Police in a way that will minimize the impact to security for the local nationals.

As the company begins to retrograde, focus has shifted to projects that will set up the Afghan National Security Forces for success in our absence. Construction at PB Pay Banadar is almost complete, with only minor issues remaining to be taken care of. A well for the ABP at COP Torbert has begun construction which when finished will reduce the logistical burden on the ABP. A tent was given to the Afghan Local Police for a temporary checkpoint, until a more permanent structure can be built on site. These projects, along with the training that the Marines and ANSF have done together, will set our Afghan partners up for success when we leave.

AIR SHOP

During this reporting period, a total of 132 Assault Support Request (ASR) flights were facilitated by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Additionally, 45 Close Air Support (CAS) sorties were controlled.

FIRES/EFFECTS

The Fires and Effects Section for 3d Battalion, 3d Marines prepared for the displacement of 1st Platoon, Tango Battery, 5th Battalion, 11th Marines from FOB Payne to Camp Dwyer. The shift in High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) support reduced coverage within Garmser District and required a realignment of 81mm mortars. The realignment of mortars throughout the area of operations also shaped the fire support plan for a single company

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construct in preparation for transfer of authority. Over the past month, the Battalion conducted 23 indirect fire mortar illumination missions in support of maneuver units throughout the AO. The Effects Section focused its efforts on promoting the strength of GIROA and Afghan National Security Forces as the Battalion transferred eight positions during the past month. The promotions included messages broadcast over the radio station, handbills, and relationship building items. The Effects Section also increased the effectiveness of the radio station by adding call in show hours and conducting more live shows. These efforts have greatly increased the reception from local nationals and instilled pride in their radio station. The Fires and Effects Section has shaped its efforts on preparing the District for success as Coalition Forces presence is reduced.

INTELLIGENCE

The Intelligence Section (S-2) continued conducting intelligence operations in Garmser District, with all efforts aimed at reducing the Commanding Officer, his subordinate commanders, and Battalion Staff's collective uncertainty about the District. In mid-February, the S-2 developed and distributed IPBs for multiple named operations, including a three day battalion-level clearing operation of nine villages in northern and southern Garmser District. Additionally, the S-2 Officer and Assistant S-2 Officer, with input from the Battalion Commander and the Operations Officer, deactivated five Priority Information Requirements (PIRs) for collection to ensure collectors more specifically focused on active PIRs. Focus shifted to the developments of the spring poppy crop in southern Garmser and how better to support government led eradication. Additionally, we continued to address gaps in knowledge with regard to the Battalion's ongoing transition of Garmser to control of GIROA and ANSF; it is expected that Garmser will be named a "Tranche 3" district, ready to be transitioned to GIROA/ANSF control by May 2012.

During this period, S-2 continued to support enduring battalion operations, with collections Marines controlling and directing unmanned aerial ISR platforms for a total of 379 hours, and First Lieutenant Patrick Kimener continuing to support Weapons and India Companies with intelligence support in concert with company CLIC Team Leaders. During this time Lance Corporal Jose Ortiz-Santiago supported both India and Weapons Companies with CLIC augmentation in each of the respective AOs. Lance Corporal Aaron Halford, the Battalion's Intelligence Operations Center (IOC) clerk, spearheaded the production of three specific map types, including a new AO map and an infrastructure map that pulled mosques/clinics/schools/bridges/projects, etc. from MarineLink. At the Battalion Headquarters, the staff continued supporting company and battalion operations, conducting multiple combat patrols in the District Center bazaar, and supporting detainee operations at the temporary holding facility. On multiple occasions in late February and the first half of March, Captain Brewer accompanied the Battalion Commander on battlefield circulations in northern and southern Garmser, respectively. First Lieutenant Giblin worked with the Battalion Air Officer and Assistant Operations Officer to develop several aerial interdiction force (AIF) missions, to be executed in late March and April. Besides ISR control and map production, the S-2 shop at FOB Delhi completed briefs and special products in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines' battle rhythm, including daily intelligence summaries, weekly targeting products, and weekly bazaar roll ups, as well as intelligence update slides for the weekly Command and Staff Briefs and Operations/Intelligence synchronization meetings. Collectively, the S-2 published 31 Daily Intelligence Summaries surveying

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each day's events and analyzing any changes in the Battalion's intelligence picture, produced six intelligence updates for the Battalion Operations/Intelligence synchronization meetings, and produced five intelligence updates for Command and Staff briefs. The Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) analyst supported the C-IED working group with four C-IED working group briefs. Overall, the S-2 completed 30 Requests for Information (RFIs) supporting company and battalion operations, uploaded 17 significant events to Marine Link and successfully nominated two individuals to the Joint Priority Effects List (JPEL) in the last month. At the conclusion of this period, Captain Brewer is preparing to depart for MCBH with the Battalion's curtailment flight in order to execute Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to Dam Neck, VA. First Lieutenant Giblin will assume the duties of Battalion Intelligence Officer.

LOGISTICS

From 16 February 2012 to 15 March 2012, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Logistics Section powered their way through the middle of the deployment, taking the lead on all base transfers and focusing on the Retrograde and Redeployment (R2) of all excess gear in the battlespace. The Logistics Section successfully provided direct combat service support to all positions, and supported the transfer of seven bases to the ANA and ANP. Third Battalion, 3d Marines continued to improve the policies and directives set forth with regard to tracking, movement of assets, and overall logistic command and control. The Logistics Section continued to support R2 timelines ensuring timelines were met while maintaining combat effectiveness throughout the Battalion's AO.

Third Battalion, 3d Marines logistical convoys ran unhindered throughout the AO with minimal complications, ensuring all positions maintained the required level of supplies. Due to the minimization of ISR assets, caused by the transfer of USMC positions, the Motor Transportation Section regularly utilized eastern desert routes to maximize trafficability and speed of movement. The Motor Transportation Section supported many company sized operations providing not only transportation of personnel, but enabling the delivery of supplies to various positions.

All internal logistical sections continued to remain in a high state of readiness. A shower tent and two new water bags were emplaced at FOB Delhi. Contact teams continued to support all positions throughout the AO while enabling the Battalion's R2 effort. The sections assisted the companies with setting up Garmser enduring positions, as well as with the removal of excess gear from the battlespace.

Communications

During this period, the Communications Platoon received and retrograded 17 tri-walls of equipment from all of the company positions. Additionally, a Tactical Elevated Antenna Mast System (TEAMS) antenna was installed at Forward Operating Base Delhi to aid in the communications from the Battalion to the remaining company and platoon positions as the AO consolidates to three positions. The installation of the TEAMS antenna has improved the distance and quality of the Very High Frequency (VHF) radio nets that the BN COC monitors. The Communications Platoon began the transition of the communications shop into the new Company COC for K/3/8 while at the same time the radio and maintenance sections assisted Motor Transportation with the retrograde of 28 company vehicles, ensuring all the vehicles had the required

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radio and Blue Force Tracker (BFT) equipment. In addition to improving existing facilities and assisting with retrograde, annual refresh training was conducted to include requisite online classes, as directed by Headquarters and Service Company. The Communications Platoon cleaned, inventoried, and prepared over 1500 record jackets for the equipment that needs to be retrograded to Regimental Combat Team 5 (RCT-5). In addition to these tasks, Gunnery Sergeant Sandor has continued to conduct Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) training for 64 Marines in 10 different courses.

The Wire Section conducted site surveys and installed over 25 telephone and data lines throughout FOB Delhi. The Wire Section also submitted Telephone Service Requests (TSRs) to RCT-5 to update the phones on FOB Delhi and throughout the Battalion AO. The Wire Section has received, and inventoried three SPAWAR suites and all three suites have been retrograded back to Dwyer.

The Electronic Key Management System (EKMS) Section ensured the accountability of all 1064 Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) that are distributed throughout the Battalion AO. During this period, the EKMS Custodian received the majority of Lima Company's CCI gear, preparing this gear for retrograde and turn-in to RCT-5. The Communications Officer and the EKMS Custodian conducted a monthly Automated Information System (AIS) review of the CCI equipment with all items accounted for. The EKMS Custodian continued training a Marine Sergeant on the policies and procedures of being the EKMS Custodian.

The Maintenance Section was occupied with maintaining and retrograding all broken gear sent up from the Network Enhancement Training (NET) Team, the different companies, and sections. The Maintenance Section conducted Limited Technical Inspections (LTIs) on over 145 pieces of communications equipment, as well as Electronic Counter Measures (ECMs) and vehicles for retrograde. Maintenance Marines accepted and inducted over 56 pieces of communications equipment into the maintenance cycle. The Maintenance Section op-checked over 35 different radio systems, BFTs, and vehicle ECMs for the companies that were taken to the Communications Shop when the companies came up to FOB Delhi. The Maintenance Marines also received classes on Marine Corps Integrated Maintenance Management System (MIMMS) and spectrum analyzer maintenance and configurations.

The Radio Section industriously created record jackets for the 17 tri-walls of gear that has been retrograded, and for the gear that still remains in the Battalion AO. The Radio Section op-checked and setup Kilo Company's AN/PRC-117G network at PBs Jugroom and Amir Agha. The Radio Section has removed the antennas off the roof of the Communications shop that were replaced with the antennas that were set up on the TEAMS antenna that was installed. The Radio Section, along with the NET Team, collapsed the TEAMS antenna from PB Amir and moved it to COP Sharp for installation. They then added a bench mounted AN/VRC-110 radio system to the Company Combat Outpost (COP) Sharp which provided the retransmission of the BN's TAC 1 net. The NET Team traveled to 13 various different Patrol Bases (PBs) and Combat Outposts (COPs) to help troubleshoot the communications networks and assets throughout the AO. The NET Team assisted the Data Section with the movement of the network stacks and transmission equipment at COP Rankel. This enabled India Company to turn their COP into a Joint COP with the Afghanistan National Army (ANA) by consolidating India Company office spaces and communications equipment and thereby opening a room for the ANA to work out of.

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The Data Section successfully submitted two Network Change Requests (NCR's) for the teardown and transition of three positions over to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), including PB Gorgak, COP Koshtay and PB Karma. Data Marines also conducted an inventory of all classified material in the S-6 Classified Material Control Center (CMCC) inventory, which totals over 120 classified hard drives throughout the Area of Operations (AO). The Data Section supplemented one Marine to assist with the setup of the AN/PRC-117G network at PB Jugroom and PB Amir Agha. The Data Section assisted with the reconfiguration of key Secure Internet Protocol Routing Network (SIPRNet) switches at company locations to ensure the companies had access to the SIPRNet. The Data Shop prepared for a high priority NCR in the establishment of a tertiary transmission link to connect to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Geronimo utilizing AN/MRC-142C equipment. The Data Section successfully retrograded and inventoried the components to five Wireless Point to Point Link suites in preparation for retrograde to RCT-5's Data Shop. The Data Section also successfully resolved nine Removable Media User Agreements (RMUA) with RCT-5 and 1st Marine Division Forward, ensuring users can backup all their important files on external Hard Disk Drives and prepare for redeployment back to the Continental United States.

BATTALION AID STATION (BAS)

From 16 February through 15 March, the Battalion Aid Station (BAS) successfully covered all positions and assisted in all medical evolutions throughout the area of operations (AO). The BAS remained busy, evaluating and treating over 120 Marines and Sailors. During this time, the Senior Medical Department Representative (SMDR) conducted battlefield circulation in order to conduct Fleet Marine Force Warfare testing and boarding of sailors supporting 3/3. 100 percent of all deployed Navy personnel have qualified as Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialists. In addition to this support, three Corpsmen were sent to animal eradication training provided at FOB Dwyer by RCT-5 and extra medical equipment and supplies have been sent to Medical Logistics at Leatherneck and Dwyer, in support of the continuing retrograde.

Throughout this period site evaluations were conducted at a local hospital and medical clinics outside of FOB Dehli, with the assistance of Kilo Company Marines, these evaluations included logistics and medical capabilities within the Battalion's AO. In addition to these visits, the BAS also conducted division-approved medical training for 18 ANA soldiers to become qualified medics. 100 percent of these ANA soldiers completed the training and have become certified medics to assist the ANSF.

Regarding medical reports, the weekly Disease Non-Battle Injury (DNBI) and Blast Exposure and Concussion Incident Report (BECIR) continues to be forwarded to Regimental Combat Team 5, and the animal bite medical protocol is updated and forwarded to division for tracking.

CHAPLAIN

From 16 February - 15 March, Lieutenant Durham, the Battalion Chaplain, travelled through the AO and provided religious ministry services to Weapons Company. He conducted four worship services at COP Torbert, PB 00 and PB Pay Banadar for the Marines there as well as providing counseling assistance to several Marines within the company. Upon return to FOB Dehli, Chaplain Durham continued to provide religious ministry services to several Marines and Sailors within H&S and Kilo companies, these services included personal, spiritual, and relationship counseling and guidance.

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SECTION III: ATTACHMENTS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

1. Personnel Information

- a. Human Intelligence Exploitation Team OIC:
Warrant Officer Damon A. Mathews
16 Jan 12 - 15 Feb 12
- b. Combat Engineer Platoon Commander:
First Lieutenant Stafford A. Buchanan
16 Jan 12 - 15 Feb 12
- c. Civil Affairs Detachment OIC:
Captain Christopher S. Clark
16 Jan 12 - 15 Feb 12

2. Narrative Summary

HUMAN INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION TEAM TWO (HET 2)

From 1 to 29 February 2012, HET 2 continued operations in direct support to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with a focus on Battalion, RCT, MARDIV and RC-SW collection requirements. HET 2 continued to conduct Counterintelligence (CI) and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) support throughout Garmser District. They focused their operations on countering IEDs of various types, small arms fire, and planned suicide attacks, as well as capturing High Valued Targets (HVT). Products produced during this period included (52) Intelligence Information Reports (IIR), (1) Counterintelligence Information Reports (CIIR), (5) Tactical Interrogation Reports (TIR) and produced (8) SPOT reports of immediate tactical value. In addition to these products, HET 2 interrogated (5) detainees taken throughout Task Force 3/3's battlespace and participated in company level operations conducting (13) dismounted patrols in order to engage the local populace and conduct operations. In support of the Battalion retrograde and consolidation, (2) Vacated Command Post Inspections (VCPI) and (2) CI Screenings were conducted. Approximately (140) internal and external Requests For Information (RFI) were answered and (16) analytical products were produced as well as completing (28) S-1, S-4 and S-6 requests during the month of February. HET 2 operations resulted in multiple IED finds and the disruption of enemy activity throughout Garmser.

ENGINEERS

The Combat Engineer Platoon continued to provide 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with mobility, counter-mobility, survivability and engineer reconnaissance support. Engineers in direct support of India Company served as lead CIED sweepers and found seven IEDs while participating in OPERATION HIGHLAND THUNDER in LAR's AO. The General Support Section finished the expansion internal work at COP Rankel, conducted a route reconnaissance from COP Sharp to the Eastern Desert, conducted one demolitions range, and conducted base safety inspections in accordance with Division FragO 026-12. The Engineer Squad in direct support of Lima Company was tasked by 3d CEB to support 1/8 for two weeks and is currently in their AO conducting combat patrols with Georgian soldiers. The squads in direct support of India Company and Weapons Company continue to provide limited general engineering support in order to improve the quality of life on the smaller patrol bases.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS GROUP (CAG)

Political/Governance:

This month saw the conduct of a Shura in reaction to religious material desecration. The desecration of the religious material at Bagram was not raised by any member during the DCC shura. After the meeting there was discussion with one member who expressed his concern about the matter but understood that it was the action of individuals, not an action condoned by ISAF. The District Governor held a shura in Benadar with approximately 150 elders. The topic did not come up at that gathering. Five mullahs went to Lakari to inform the Marines that they would be holding a demonstration at the Lakari Bazaar. The demonstration in the Lakari Bazaar ended peacefully. The DG, DCC Chairman, DCoP, and NDS Director travelled to Lakari to meet with elders the day of the demonstration and should get credit for keeping the peace.

This month also saw the unfortunate Kandahar shooting incident. There has been no public reaction or demonstrations in Garmser District in response to the Kandahar shooting incident. The DG said that while it was a tragic event, the reaction would be less than what occurred in response to the recent burning of the religious materials. DCC Security Sub-committee Chairman said that the people are angry about the incident but they understand that it was the act of a single individual, and not an indictment of all Americans. The District Reintegration Officer, said that there would be little or no reaction to the incident because people know of all the good work that the Marines and Americans have done. At the DCC shura, the incident was mentioned by DCC Chairman during his opening comments, calling it a crime that cannot be repeated without losing the support of the people.

The DG was flown to COP Torbert for a shura with approximately 150 elders in Banadar to discuss GLE. The DG spoke eloquently about the need for peace and security while stressing the importance of the elders to promote the Reintegration Program. Linking security with employment, he promoted the ALP. On the topic of opium poppy, the DG made all the usual points about poppy being against the law and against Islam. When the DG called out by name elders whose poppy would be eradicated, there was laughter from many in attendance. Banadar DCC member said there is "little poppy" being grown in the area then asked for GIROA's forgiveness for farmers who grew poppy this year and then committed to "no poppy being grown next year." At the DG's request, the Helmand HAVA Director, attended the meeting to address the elders' major topic of concern: water. The HAVA Director pledged to raise their concerns at the Provincial level and to "do his best to fix the canals." Also in attendance at the shura were the DCoP, NDS Director, and the 6th Kandak Commander who recently assumed responsibility for security in the Benadar area. All spoke on security, ALP, and poppy eradication.

Six of ten Tractors assigned to the district for GLE have been active. The DG reports that an estimated 250 Jeribs have been eradicated consisting primarily of land belonging to key elders, though this is likely to be an over estimate with closer to 150 Jeribs being eradicated. Initial reports show that two key leaders have been the principle targets of the eradication, though how thorough remains to be seen. The main method of disruption used by the poppy growers in the south has been to flood the fields in order to hinder the tractors.

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It is understood that the effort will continue in the following areas - Warziabad, Durzay, Shashingy, and Dimika, after which the DG is expecting the GLE tractors to be reassigned into the neighboring district of Khaneshin to assist in their eradication efforts. This relocation of the tractors is due to the PG noting large amounts of poppy in Khaneshin opposed to very limited poppy being grown in Garmser. It is estimated that eradication of the four key areas listed previously will take a further 20 days, after which the tractors are likely to be ordered to move.

NDS Chief complained to the DG that he was not being included in the GLE efforts but instead the DCA was being used. The DG stated that he had been asked to contribute staff to the effort 3 days prior but had failed to provide support. NDS have since made an allegation against the DCA for corruption, which was investigated internally. The allegation was for a very limited amount of funds (4000 Rupees), and the investigation has reported that there was no exchange of money.

After months of delays, the contract with the District Reintegration Officer was signed on 12 March 2012. The notice to proceed is pending process through RCC. The DST and CA Team will be working with Rasool to hire staff and establish an office at the DGC. The DG has agreed to provide office space in the government center for the DRAT.

Rule of Law:

A new Rule of Law Advisor arrived this month. He met with the Saranwal and the Huquq. The Saranwal agreed to meet with the Rule of Law Advisor at the jail/ALP Police Headquarters to review detainees 2-3 times a week. Both agreed to record weekly or bi-weekly radio programs on ROL topics.

The Saranwal made corruption allegations (collecting bribes not to perform GLE on certain properties) against DG, his media advisor, and ANP Commander. The Rule of Law Advisor believed his claims to be unsubstantiated and lacked credibility due to his inability or unwillingness to provide details.

The Rule of Law Advisor met with the Huquq and two elders at District Government Center to discuss the GIROA justice system and what improvements they thought were needed. Many issues were discussed, including police resolving issues on their own without referring issues to justice actors and the need for police and justice actors to work together to benefit the GIROA justice system.

The Huquq recorded a weekly ROL message for outreach that is significant to the public, the district and the justice system. The live radio show was recorded so that it can be re-played to increase awareness and access to justice. The topics were women's rights and human rights.

Reconstruction and Development:

The CA Team 4 perennial fruit tree distribution was completed this week with an estimated 600 farmers receiving training, and receiving 100 fruit tree saplings/vines and fertilizer. The contractor, Green Afghanistan Agricultural Livestock Organization (GAALO), did an excellent job of working with DAIL representatives to formulate the beneficiary lists and to manage the distribution. There was one reported case of a DCC member trying to benefit from the distribution by wanting to collect all the saplings for the farmers in his village, then to distribute half and sell half. However, as

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the requirement of the contract with GAALO was that all farmers had to personally present a tashkera to receive their saplings, this problem was averted.

The DED has reported a second female teacher working out of Upper Shamalan School, representing a further positive step for the education sector in Garmser. However, the teachers to be registered in the two official schools in Banadar are not going to be registered until the next school term, starting in September.

Discussions are ongoing about the opening of the 12 (plus Lakari) schools. There is a desire to have the students start to occupy the building as soon as possible, and depending on the likelihood of rains, the advice is to delay the painting of the outside of the schools until after the rainy season. One proposal is to paint the inside as soon as the plaster is dry (which for at least 8 schools is already the case) and then wait until the next school holiday in May to paint the outside of the building.

The DED has expressed his readiness to start the reduced interaction with the DST as we move further into transition. As previously noted it is the opinion of the DST that excluding the ongoing construction project, the DED is able to manage the day to day issues of his department which already holds regular head teacher coordination meetings and is held to account by the DCC.

A concern was raised regarding the DDP budgeted DED vehicle. The DED has received a letter from the PG authorizing the purchase, however the Mustufiat is unable to release funds stating they do not have the available cash or budget for this DDP purchase.

Four schools were visited to include, two DISTAF, one CERP funded, and a legacy CERP funded school of Lakari. PRT Education, along with the CA Det OIC from RC (SW), met the DED and PED Engineer on three of the sites. All nine DISTAF schools are currently complete, with the exception of painting and one school latrine remaining unfinished.

The recent HAVA/PRT funded canal cleaning/dredging from Saraban to Jugroom has resulted in the mud from the canal being left on the road and obstructing the passage of vehicles. The DG had detained the contractor who claimed the removal of the mud from the road was not part of his contract; however, pressure from Provincial HAVA and PGO resulted in the contractor being released and he has now left the district to be paid for a completed project, leaving tons of mud along the road.

3000 trees sent from the PGO have been planted along the canals in the northern area of the district. The return of these trees after 30 years of war in which the previous trees had been destroyed demonstrates the advantage of stability with the trees once again taking root and providing shade and shelter to the people of Garmser.

SECTION IV: SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

February 16 - March 15

17-19 Feb	OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA
18 Feb	TRANSFER OF PB HASANABAD
21 Feb	MEF COMMANDING GENERAL VISIT

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23 Feb	OPERATION WEDDING FEAST - BANADAR
26 Feb	SNIPERS OPERATING WITH WEAPONS COMPANY
1-8 Mar	OPERATION HES KALA
3 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB ACHMED
6 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB 00
8 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB TUFFAN
9-12 Mar	NCO C-IED SYMPOSIUM
11 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB MASOOD
11-12 Mar	OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE PART 1
13 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB GORAK
13-14 Mar	OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE PART 2

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This was concluded with the conduct of a live fire pistol range aboard FOB Delhi. There was much to learn during this evolution as only one shooter had fired a pistol before, all pistols were new, and the added friction of hearing protection and translation of range commands during the excitement of fire nearly overcame the well intentioned rehearsals.

The ETT continued to conduct Quick Reaction Force missions, intelligence-based operations, and partnering operations. The Kandak continued to respond well to all short-fuse operational requirements and demonstrated solid TTPs.

INDIA COMPANY

The middle of February provided a new set of challenges for Company I in its pursuit of continued partnership with the Afghan National Army. The desired end state is that Coalition Forces within Garmser will successfully transfer lead security responsibility (TLSR) to the 6th Kandak, who arrived in mid-February to COP Rankel to establish its Kandak Headquarters. During this time, the bulk of Company I were in 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion's (LAR) AO supporting them during OPERATION HIGHLAND THUNDER.

On 16 February, the Battalion Operations Officer established a battalion forward COC for OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA at COP Rankel. OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA was a battalion intelligence driven operation intended to disrupt enemy operations throughout Task Force 3/3's AO. The operation was conducted from 17-19 February with Company I Marines supporting the clear of a village, north of the Safar Bazaar.

The 6th Kandak made their presence known in southern Garmser when their Tolai, or companies, arrived at their designated patrol bases (PB). They conducted several un-partnered mounted and dismounted night patrols which led to several successful detainments throughout the AO.

On 20 February, the ANA investigated a possible improvised explosive device (IED), based on a local national tip. The IED was confirmed, removed from the ground and transported to PB Hernandez. On 22 February, Company I's mobile unit escorted the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team to PB Hernandez to reduce the IED. The ANA at PB Hernandez were the last ANA from the 2d Kandak in the southern portion of TF 3/3's AO, and communication difficulties were readily apparent when passing information due to the 2d Kandak moving their forces north into Company L's AO. The ANA also detained three local nationals who they released on 21 February.

The first and second wave of the 6th Kandak arrived at COP Rankel from Marjah which resulted in a swell of overall personnel to approximately 277 ANA at the COP. Task Force 3/3's Embedded Training Team 2 arrived in the second wave to assist in the Kandak in moving to COP Rankel. Several improvements were completed at COP Rankel during the past month in preparation for the arrival of the 6th Kandak. These projects included the expansion of the motor pool, the movement of the fuel bladder and the construction of the ANA motor pool for their vehicles.

On 19 February, while Company I supported 1st LAR during OPERATION HIGHLAND THUNDER, a Marine patrol was involved in an IED strike. Three Company I Marines were wounded in action and sent to Camp Dwyer where they were medically treated. One Marine was sent back to the United States due to his extensive injuries, and the other two Marines returned to duty aboard COP

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Rankel. On 28 February, Company I's main body returned to TF 3/3's AO at COP Rankel to continue operations.

March began with Company I's execution of OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE, a series of helicopter inserts throughout the AO, combined with foot patrols, in order to disrupt insurgent operations. The helicopter inserts were used to gain surprise in several villages and hamlets in the area and were overall effective in their purpose. On 6 March, PB Gorgak was transferred to the newly arrived 6th Kandak, continuing the mission of TLSR to the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).

KILO/POLICE MENTORING COMPANY

As February drew to a close, Kilo Company Marines established vehicle checkpoints and observation posts throughout the Area of Operations (AO) in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines' OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA. During this operation the Marines of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines cleared villages with their police counterparts along both sides of the Helmand River. The Marines of Kilo Company conducted overwatch and support missions with the newly trained Afghan Local Police (ALP), as well as more veteran Afghan National Police (ANP) who executed the cordon and clear operations.

During the months of February and March, Kilo Company initiated three Afghan Local Police (ALP) Academies, a three-week course to train basic ALP patrolmen. The first Academy was held at Patrol Base (PB) Amir and graduated 42 patrolmen in late February. The second police academy is currently being held at the District Police Headquarters (DPHQ) and is being attended by 49 police candidates. The third academy is currently being held at PB Amir and has 37 police candidates. ALP candidates are trained in professional conduct, physical fitness, tactics, and weapons. Kilo Company and the ALP Police Advisory Team have been instructing the courses with the aid of Afghan interpreters and civilian police contractors.

As of 15 March 2012, Kilo Company's mission to transfer lead security responsibility to local Afghan National Security Forces has progressed with the transfer of seven positions. With the removal of Coalition Forces at these positions, Afghan National Police have assumed a higher level of autonomy and independent operational schedules. Kilo Company is currently spread across the five police precinct positions. The most recent transfer was Patrol Base Achmed, which was turned over to full Afghan Police control, occurred on 3 March 2012.

LIMA COMPANY

Lima Company's main focus has been on the transition of major patrol bases to the Afghan National Army (ANA). The ANA of the 2/1/215 Weapons, 1st, 2d and 4th Tolais have eagerly risen to the occasion of assuming more responsibility for the security of Garmser. They now operate independently from Patrol Bases Tuffan, Masood, Hassanabad and COP Koshtay. PB Hassanabad was transitioned on 21 February, PB Tuffan on 9 March, and PB Masood on 12 March. Upon permanent transition of these positions, Lima Company began retrograding gear and personnel to Camp Dwyer in order to stage for redeployment to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Fourth Platoon still remains operational in Garmser, located at PB Sharp and partnered with ANA from 2d Tolai. Fourth Platoon has been leaning forward in preparing PB Sharp for turnover to Kilo Company 3/8, who are scheduled to

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arrive for relief in place in May. As the Marines at PB Sharp begin to take a step back and urge the ANSF to take control of all situations, the partnership between ANA and Afghan National Police (ANP) has greatly improved. Their working relationship is beginning to come together, and responsibilities and expectations between the two forces are continually discussed in order to improve security for the local national Afghans. Key leaders from both forces conduct weekly shuras, during which time they discuss the future of the region.

Significant events at the hands of the enemy remain relatively low, and the Marines from Lima Company continue to keep the pressure on them as they provide overwatch of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). On 11 March, 2d Platoon conducted extended dwell operations from recently transitioned positions PB Hassanabad and Barcha. For 72 hours, they traveled to the newly un-partnered locations to operate from and evaluate the ANA. During this operation they re-visited the Afghan local national key leaders, and heavily patrolled areas of interest.

WEAPONS COMPANY

Weapons Company continued operations in the Banadar region of Garmser District, focusing on facilitating a smooth transfer of lead security authority to ANSF/GIRoA. The company conducted two named operations during this time period and multiple significant events occurred.

On 17 February, Weapons Company successfully conducted OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA, during which the company skillfully cleared the Durzay and Safar areas of southern Garmser. During this operation, the company cleared four historically Taliban-affiliated villages which the Taliban were using as bed down locations and sources of support. The area was known to contain key lines of communication and supply routes for the insurgents, which OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA effectively disrupted.

On 20 February, CAAT 2 took medium machine gun fire from approximately four enemy fighters. The Marines and Afghan Border Police (ABP) were able to establish positive identification and returned fire as the company dispatched a quick reaction force to clear the area, however the enemy fighters had fled. On 27 February, a Marine from CAAT 1 saw lamp cord sticking out from the sand and proceeded to interrogate the area with a sickle. Upon doing so, he discovered a twelve inch pressure plate. EOD was dispatched and confirmed the presence of an improvised explosive device (IED). Upon exploitation, the IED was determined to be a legacy IED, likely emplaced over a year ago and partially uncovered by recent rain and winds.

On 1 March, the company conducted OPERATION JUNGLE CLEAR AND BURN, partnering with Afghan National Army (ANA) Soldiers who burned down the jungle area near Patrol Base 00 to deny the Taliban freedom of movement. The reaction from the locals in the area to the jungle burn was very positive. On 7 March, an ABP soldier at Patrol Base Pay Banadar had a negligent discharge and shot himself below his left shoulder, this resulted in an urgent medevac for the soldier and he has since recovered from his wounds. On 9 March, an ABP soldier from COP Torbert acted on a local national tip and found an IED in the vicinity of Patrol Base 00 on a heavily traveled route. The ABP brought the IED to COP Torbert where it was kept safely outside of the wire until it was exploited by EOD. The ABP's great relationship with the locals paid off with this legitimate IED tip.

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During this time period, Scout Sniper Platoon supported both 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Teams 1 and 3 conducted continuous operations in Taghaz, supporting LAR by engaging and killing two IED emplacements, ultimately disrupting the IED cell in the area. Teams 2 and 4 conducted week-long surveillance on a decoy tower in the vicinity of Shishangi, supported OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA and spent March conducting area reconnaissance in support of the company.

The District Governor spoke with over 150 local nationals at COP Torbert towards the end of February, repeating his message that poppy was illegal and that government led eradication was coming. He called out, by name, certain prominent poppy growing elders and promised that poppy would be eradicated in the coming months. Although many at the time doubted that this would happen, in early March the government kept its promise and began eradicating poppy fields using tractors in Banadar. The Marines have been supporting the eradication only in extremis, but are actively working on keeping the ground lines of communication open to enable the tractors to transit the area.

The company conducted a total of five indirect fire illumination missions during this period, with two consisting of IR illumination and the other three of regular illumination. Six ranges were conducted, and the company trained on and fired weapons systems to include small arms, machine guns, demolitions, and 60mm mortars. Cross training was provided to the Afghan Security Forces, who were able to fire both US and Afghan weapon systems.

In accordance with the base realignment and closure plan, on 5 March the company transferred Patrol Base 00 to the Afghan National Army. The transfer was coordinated and executed without any problems, and patrols were surged post-transfer to ensure the security of the area. The remaining positions in Weapons Company's area of operations are gradually being transferred to the Afghan Border Police in a way that will minimize the impact to security for the local nationals.

As the company begins to retrograde, focus has shifted to projects that will set up the Afghan National Security Forces for success in our absence. Construction at PB Pay Banadar is almost complete, with only minor issues remaining to be taken care of. A well for the ABP at COP Torbert has begun construction which when finished will reduce the logistical burden on the ABP. A tent was given to the Afghan Local Police for a temporary checkpoint, until a more permanent structure can be built on site. These projects, along with the training that the Marines and ANSF have done together, will set our Afghan partners up for success when we leave.

AIR SHOP

During this reporting period, a total of 132 Assault Support Request (ASR) flights were facilitated by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Additionally, 45 Close Air Support (CAS) sorties were controlled.

FIRES/EFFECTS

The Fires and Effects Section for 3d Battalion, 3d Marines prepared for the displacement of 1st Platoon, Tango Battery, 5th Battalion, 11th Marines from FOB Payne to Camp Dwyer. The shift in High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) support reduced coverage within Garmser District and required a realignment of 81mm mortars. The realignment of mortars throughout the area of operations also shaped the fire support plan for a single company

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construct in preparation for transfer of authority. Over the past month, the Battalion conducted 23 indirect fire mortar illumination missions in support of maneuver units throughout the AO. The Effects Section focused its efforts on promoting the strength of GIROA and Afghan National Security Forces as the Battalion transferred eight positions during the past month. The promotions included messages broadcast over the radio station, handbills, and relationship building items. The Effects Section also increased the effectiveness of the radio station by adding call in show hours and conducting more live shows. These efforts have greatly increased the reception from local nationals and instilled pride in their radio station. The Fires and Effects Section has shaped its efforts on preparing the District for success as Coalition Forces presence is reduced.

INTELLIGENCE

The Intelligence Section (S-2) continued conducting intelligence operations in Garmser District, with all efforts aimed at reducing the Commanding Officer, his subordinate commanders, and Battalion Staff's collective uncertainty about the District. In mid-February, the S-2 developed and distributed IPBs for multiple named operations, including a three day battalion-level clearing operation of nine villages in northern and southern Garmser District. Additionally, the S-2 Officer and Assistant S-2 Officer, with input from the Battalion Commander and the Operations Officer, deactivated five Priority Information Requirements (PIRs) for collection to ensure collectors more specifically focused on active PIRs. Focus shifted to the developments of the spring poppy crop in southern Garmser and how better to support government led eradication. Additionally, we continued to address gaps in knowledge with regard to the Battalion's ongoing transition of Garmser to control of GIROA and ANSF; it is expected that Garmser will be named a "Tranche 3" district, ready to be transitioned to GIROA/ANSF control by May 2012.

During this period, S-2 continued to support enduring battalion operations, with collections Marines controlling and directing unmanned aerial ISR platforms for a total of 379 hours, and First Lieutenant Patrick Kimener continuing to support Weapons and India Companies with intelligence support in concert with company CLIC Team Leaders. During this time Lance Corporal Jose Ortiz-Santiago supported both India and Weapons Companies with CLIC augmentation in each of the respective AOs. Lance Corporal Aaron Halford, the Battalion's Intelligence Operations Center (IOC) clerk, spearheaded the production of three specific map types, including a new AO map and an infrastructure map that pulled mosques/clinics/schools/bridges/projects, etc. from MarineLink. At the Battalion Headquarters, the staff continued supporting company and battalion operations, conducting multiple combat patrols in the District Center bazaar, and supporting detainee operations at the temporary holding facility. On multiple occasions in late February and the first half of March, Captain Brewer accompanied the Battalion Commander on battlefield circulations in northern and southern Garmser, respectively. First Lieutenant Giblin worked with the Battalion Air Officer and Assistant Operations Officer to develop several aerial interdiction force (AIF) missions, to be executed in late March and April. Besides ISR control and map production, the S-2 shop at FOB Delhi completed briefs and special products in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines' battle rhythm, including daily intelligence summaries, weekly targeting products, and weekly bazaar roll ups, as well as intelligence update slides for the weekly Command and Staff Briefs and Operations/Intelligence synchronization meetings. Collectively, the S-2 published 31 Daily Intelligence Summaries surveying

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each day's events and analyzing any changes in the Battalion's intelligence picture, produced six intelligence updates for the Battalion Operations/Intelligence synchronization meetings, and produced five intelligence updates for Command and Staff briefs. The Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) analyst supported the C-IED working group with four C-IED working group briefs. Overall, the S-2 completed 30 Requests for Information (RFIs) supporting company and battalion operations, uploaded 17 significant events to Marine Link and successfully nominated two individuals to the Joint Priority Effects List (JPEL) in the last month. At the conclusion of this period, Captain Brewer is preparing to depart for MCBH with the Battalion's curtailment flight in order to execute Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to Dam Neck, VA. First Lieutenant Giblin will assume the duties of Battalion Intelligence Officer.

LOGISTICS

From 16 February 2012 to 15 March 2012, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Logistics Section powered their way through the middle of the deployment, taking the lead on all base transfers and focusing on the Retrograde and Redeployment (R2) of all excess gear in the battlespace. The Logistics Section successfully provided direct combat service support to all positions, and supported the transfer of seven bases to the ANA and ANP. Third Battalion, 3d Marines continued to improve the policies and directives set forth with regard to tracking, movement of assets, and overall logistic command and control. The Logistics Section continued to support R2 timelines ensuring timelines were met while maintaining combat effectiveness throughout the Battalion's AO.

Third Battalion, 3d Marines logistical convoys ran unhindered throughout the AO with minimal complications, ensuring all positions maintained the required level of supplies. Due to the minimization of ISR assets, caused by the transfer of USMC positions, the Motor Transportation Section regularly utilized eastern desert routes to maximize trafficability and speed of movement. The Motor Transportation Section supported many company sized operations providing not only transportation of personnel, but enabling the delivery of supplies to various positions.

All internal logistical sections continued to remain in a high state of readiness. A shower tent and two new water bags were emplaced at FOB Delhi. Contact teams continued to support all positions throughout the AO while enabling the Battalion's R2 effort. The sections assisted the companies with setting up Garmser enduring positions, as well as with the removal of excess gear from the battlespace.

Communications

During this period, the Communications Platoon received and retrograded 17 tri-walls of equipment from all of the company positions. Additionally, a Tactical Elevated Antenna Mast System (TEAMS) antenna was installed at Forward Operating Base Delhi to aid in the communications from the Battalion to the remaining company and platoon positions as the AO consolidates to three positions. The installation of the TEAMS antenna has improved the distance and quality of the Very High Frequency (VHF) radio nets that the BN COC monitors. The Communications Platoon began the transition of the communications shop into the new Company COC for K/3/8 while at the same time the radio and maintenance sections assisted Motor Transportation with the retrograde of 28 company vehicles, ensuring all the vehicles had the required

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radio and Blue Force Tracker (BFT) equipment. In addition to improving existing facilities and assisting with retrograde, annual refresh training was conducted to include requisite online classes, as directed by Headquarters and Service Company. The Communications Platoon cleaned, inventoried, and prepared over 1500 record jackets for the equipment that needs to be retrograded to Regimental Combat Team 5 (RCT-5). In addition to these tasks, Gunnery Sergeant Sandor has continued to conduct Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) training for 64 Marines in 10 different courses.

The Wire Section conducted site surveys and installed over 25 telephone and data lines throughout FOB Delhi. The Wire Section also submitted Telephone Service Requests (TSRs) to RCT-5 to update the phones on FOB Delhi and throughout the Battalion AO. The Wire Section has received, and inventoried three SPAWAR suites and all three suites have been retrograded back to Dwyer.

The Electronic Key Management System (EKMS) Section ensured the accountability of all 1064 Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) that are distributed throughout the Battalion AO. During this period, the EKMS Custodian received the majority of Lima Company's CCI gear, preparing this gear for retrograde and turn-in to RCT-5. The Communications Officer and the EKMS Custodian conducted a monthly Automated Information System (AIS) review of the CCI equipment with all items accounted for. The EKMS Custodian continued training a Marine Sergeant on the policies and procedures of being the EKMS Custodian.

The Maintenance Section was occupied with maintaining and retrograding all broken gear sent up from the Network Enhancement Training (NET) Team, the different companies, and sections. The Maintenance Section conducted Limited Technical Inspections (LTIs) on over 145 pieces of communications equipment, as well as Electronic Counter Measures (ECMs) and vehicles for retrograde. Maintenance Marines accepted and inducted over 56 pieces of communications equipment into the maintenance cycle. The Maintenance Section op-checked over 35 different radio systems, BFTs, and vehicle ECMs for the companies that were taken to the Communications Shop when the companies came up to FOB Delhi. The Maintenance Marines also received classes on Marine Corps Integrated Maintenance Management System (MIMMS) and spectrum analyzer maintenance and configurations.

The Radio Section industriously created record jackets for the 17 tri-walls of gear that has been retrograded, and for the gear that still remains in the Battalion AO. The Radio Section op-checked and setup Kilo Company's AN/PRC-117G network at PBs Jugroom and Amir Agha. The Radio Section has removed the antennas off the roof of the Communications shop that were replaced with the antennas that were set up on the TEAMS antenna that was installed. The Radio Section, along with the NET Team, collapsed the TEAMS antenna from PB Amir and moved it to COP Sharp for installation. They then added a bench mounted AN/VRC-110 radio system to the Company Combat Outpost (COP) Sharp which provided the retransmission of the BN's TAC 1 net. The NET Team traveled to 13 various different Patrol Bases (PBs) and Combat Outposts (COPs) to help troubleshoot the communications networks and assets throughout the AO. The NET Team assisted the Data Section with the movement of the network stacks and transmission equipment at COP Rankel. This enabled India Company to turn their COP into a Joint COP with the Afghanistan National Army (ANA) by consolidating India Company office spaces and communications equipment and thereby opening a room for the ANA to work out of.

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The Data Section successfully submitted two Network Change Requests (NCR's) for the teardown and transition of three positions over to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), including PB Gorgak, COP Koshtay and PB Karma. Data Marines also conducted an inventory of all classified material in the S-6 Classified Material Control Center (CMCC) inventory, which totals over 120 classified hard drives throughout the Area of Operations (AO). The Data Section supplemented one Marine to assist with the setup of the AN/PRC-117G network at PB Jugroom and PB Amir Agha. The Data Section assisted with the reconfiguration of key Secure Internet Protocol Routing Network (SIPRNet) switches at company locations to ensure the companies had access to the SIPRNet. The Data Shop prepared for a high priority NCR in the establishment of a tertiary transmission link to connect to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Geronimo utilizing AN/MRC-142C equipment. The Data Section successfully retrograded and inventoried the components to five Wireless Point to Point Link suites in preparation for retrograde to RCT-5's Data Shop. The Data Section also successfully resolved nine Removable Media User Agreements (RMUA) with RCT-5 and 1st Marine Division Forward, ensuring users can backup all their important files on external Hard Disk Drives and prepare for redeployment back to the Continental United States.

BATTALION AID STATION (BAS)

From 16 February through 15 March, the Battalion Aid Station (BAS) successfully covered all positions and assisted in all medical evolutions throughout the area of operations (AO). The BAS remained busy, evaluating and treating over 120 Marines and Sailors. During this time, the Senior Medical Department Representative (SMDR) conducted battlefield circulation in order to conduct Fleet Marine Force Warfare testing and boarding of sailors supporting 3/3. 100 percent of all deployed Navy personnel have qualified as Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialists. In addition to this support, three Corpsmen were sent to animal eradication training provided at FOB Dwyer by RCT-5 and extra medical equipment and supplies have been sent to Medical Logistics at Leatherneck and Dwyer, in support of the continuing retrograde.

Throughout this period site evaluations were conducted at a local hospital and medical clinics outside of FOB Dehli, with the assistance of Kilo Company Marines, these evaluations included logistics and medical capabilities within the Battalion's AO. In addition to these visits, the BAS also conducted division-approved medical training for 18 ANA soldiers to become qualified medics. 100 percent of these ANA soldiers completed the training and have become certified medics to assist the ANSF.

Regarding medical reports, the weekly Disease Non-Battle Injury (DNBI) and Blast Exposure and Concussion Incident Report (BECIR) continues to be forwarded to Regimental Combat Team 5, and the animal bite medical protocol is updated and forwarded to division for tracking.

CHAPLAIN

From 16 February - 15 March, Lieutenant Durham, the Battalion Chaplain, travelled through the AO and provided religious ministry services to Weapons Company. He conducted four worship services at COP Torbert, PB 00 and PB Pay Banadar for the Marines there as well as providing counseling assistance to several Marines within the company. Upon return to FOB Dehli, Chaplain Durham continued to provide religious ministry services to several Marines and Sailors within H&S and Kilo companies, these services included personal, spiritual, and relationship counseling and guidance.

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SECTION III: ATTACHMENTS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

1. Personnel Information

- a. Human Intelligence Exploitation Team OIC:
Warrant Officer Damon A. Mathews
16 Jan 12 - 15 Feb 12
- b. Combat Engineer Platoon Commander:
First Lieutenant Stafford A. Buchanan
16 Jan 12 - 15 Feb 12
- c. Civil Affairs Detachment OIC:
Captain Christopher S. Clark
16 Jan 12 - 15 Feb 12

2. Narrative Summary

HUMAN INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION TEAM TWO (HET 2)

From 1 to 29 February 2012, HET 2 continued operations in direct support to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with a focus on Battalion, RCT, MARDIV and RC-SW collection requirements. HET 2 continued to conduct Counterintelligence (CI) and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) support throughout Garmser District. They focused their operations on countering IEDs of various types, small arms fire, and planned suicide attacks, as well as capturing High Valued Targets (HVT). Products produced during this period included (52) Intelligence Information Reports (IIR), (1) Counterintelligence Information Reports (CIIR), (5) Tactical Interrogation Reports (TIR) and produced (8) SPOT reports of immediate tactical value. In addition to these products, HET 2 interrogated (5) detainees taken throughout Task Force 3/3's battlespace and participated in company level operations conducting (13) dismounted patrols in order to engage the local populace and conduct operations. In support of the Battalion retrograde and consolidation, (2) Vacated Command Post Inspections (VCPI) and (2) CI Screenings were conducted. Approximately (140) internal and external Requests For Information (RFI) were answered and (16) analytical products were produced as well as completing (28) S-1, S-4 and S-6 requests during the month of February. HET 2 operations resulted in multiple IED finds and the disruption of enemy activity throughout Garmser.

ENGINEERS

The Combat Engineer Platoon continued to provide 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with mobility, counter-mobility, survivability and engineer reconnaissance support. Engineers in direct support of India Company served as lead CIED sweepers and found seven IEDs while participating in OPERATION HIGHLAND THUNDER in LAR's AO. The General Support Section finished the expansion internal work at COP Rankel, conducted a route reconnaissance from COP Sharp to the Eastern Desert, conducted one demolitions range, and conducted base safety inspections in accordance with Division FragO 026-12. The Engineer Squad in direct support of Lima Company was tasked by 3d CEB to support 1/8 for two weeks and is currently in their AO conducting combat patrols with Georgian soldiers. The squads in direct support of India Company and Weapons Company continue to provide limited general engineering support in order to improve the quality of life on the smaller patrol bases.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS GROUP (CAG)

Political/Governance:

This month saw the conduct of a Shura in reaction to religious material desecration. The desecration of the religious material at Bagram was not raised by any member during the DCC shura. After the meeting there was discussion with one member who expressed his concern about the matter but understood that it was the action of individuals, not an action condoned by ISAF. The District Governor held a shura in Benadar with approximately 150 elders. The topic did not come up at that gathering. Five mullahs went to Lakari to inform the Marines that they would be holding a demonstration at the Lakari Bazaar. The demonstration in the Lakari Bazaar ended peacefully. The DG, DCC Chairman, DCoP, and NDS Director travelled to Lakari to meet with elders the day of the demonstration and should get credit for keeping the peace.

This month also saw the unfortunate Kandahar shooting incident. There has been no public reaction or demonstrations in Garmser District in response to the Kandahar shooting incident. The DG said that while it was a tragic event, the reaction would be less than what occurred in response to the recent burning of the religious materials. DCC Security Sub-committee Chairman said that the people are angry about the incident but they understand that it was the act of a single individual, and not an indictment of all Americans. The District Reintegration Officer, said that there would be little or no reaction to the incident because people know of all the good work that the Marines and Americans have done. At the DCC shura, the incident was mentioned by DCC Chairman during his opening comments, calling it a crime that cannot be repeated without losing the support of the people.

The DG was flown to COP Torbert for a shura with approximately 150 elders in Banadar to discuss GLE. The DG spoke eloquently about the need for peace and security while stressing the importance of the elders to promote the Reintegration Program. Linking security with employment, he promoted the ALP. On the topic of opium poppy, the DG made all the usual points about poppy being against the law and against Islam. When the DG called out by name elders whose poppy would be eradicated, there was laughter from many in attendance. Banadar DCC member said there is "little poppy" being grown in the area then asked for GIROA's forgiveness for farmers who grew poppy this year and then committed to "no poppy being grown next year." At the DG's request, the Helmand HAVA Director, attended the meeting to address the elders' major topic of concern: water. The HAVA Director pledged to raise their concerns at the Provincial level and to "do his best to fix the canals." Also in attendance at the shura were the DCoP, NDS Director, and the 6th Kandak Commander who recently assumed responsibility for security in the Benadar area. All spoke on security, ALP, and poppy eradication.

Six of ten Tractors assigned to the district for GLE have been active. The DG reports that an estimated 250 Jeribs have been eradicated consisting primarily of land belonging to key elders, though this is likely to be an over estimate with closer to 150 Jeribs being eradicated. Initial reports show that two key leaders have been the principle targets of the eradication, though how thorough remains to be seen. The main method of disruption used by the poppy growers in the south has been to flood the fields in order to hinder the tractors.

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It is understood that the effort will continue in the following areas - Warziabad, Durzay, Shashingy, and Dimika, after which the DG is expecting the GLE tractors to be reassigned into the neighboring district of Khaneshin to assist in their eradication efforts. This relocation of the tractors is due to the PG noting large amounts of poppy in Khaneshin opposed to very limited poppy being grown in Garmser. It is estimated that eradication of the four key areas listed previously will take a further 20 days, after which the tractors are likely to be ordered to move.

NDS Chief complained to the DG that he was not being included in the GLE efforts but instead the DCA was being used. The DG stated that he had been asked to contribute staff to the effort 3 days prior but had failed to provide support. NDS have since made an allegation against the DCA for corruption, which was investigated internally. The allegation was for a very limited amount of funds (4000 Rupees), and the investigation has reported that there was no exchange of money.

After months of delays, the contract with the District Reintegration Officer was signed on 12 March 2012. The notice to proceed is pending process through RCC. The DST and CA Team will be working with Rasool to hire staff and establish an office at the DGC. The DG has agreed to provide office space in the government center for the DRAT.

Rule of Law:

A new Rule of Law Advisor arrived this month. He met with the Saranwal and the Huquq. The Saranwal agreed to meet with the Rule of Law Advisor at the jail/ALP Police Headquarters to review detainees 2-3 times a week. Both agreed to record weekly or bi-weekly radio programs on ROL topics.

The Saranwal made corruption allegations (collecting bribes not to perform GLE on certain properties) against DG, his media advisor, and ANP Commander. The Rule of Law Advisor believed his claims to be unsubstantiated and lacked credibility due to his inability or unwillingness to provide details.

The Rule of Law Advisor met with the Huquq and two elders at District Government Center to discuss the GIROA justice system and what improvements they thought were needed. Many issues were discussed, including police resolving issues on their own without referring issues to justice actors and the need for police and justice actors to work together to benefit the GIROA justice system.

The Huquq recorded a weekly ROL message for outreach that is significant to the public, the district and the justice system. The live radio show was recorded so that it can be re-played to increase awareness and access to justice. The topics were women's rights and human rights.

Reconstruction and Development:

The CA Team 4 perennial fruit tree distribution was completed this week with an estimated 600 farmers receiving training, and receiving 100 fruit tree saplings/vines and fertilizer. The contractor, Green Afghanistan Agricultural Livestock Organization (GAALO), did an excellent job of working with DAIL representatives to formulate the beneficiary lists and to manage the distribution. There was one reported case of a DCC member trying to benefit from the distribution by wanting to collect all the saplings for the farmers in his village, then to distribute half and sell half. However, as

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the requirement of the contract with GAALO was that all farmers had to personally present a tashkera to receive their saplings, this problem was averted.

The DED has reported a second female teacher working out of Upper Shamalan School, representing a further positive step for the education sector in Garmser. However, the teachers to be registered in the two official schools in Banadar are not going to be registered until the next school term, starting in September.

Discussions are ongoing about the opening of the 12 (plus Lakari) schools. There is a desire to have the students start to occupy the building as soon as possible, and depending on the likelihood of rains, the advice is to delay the painting of the outside of the schools until after the rainy season. One proposal is to paint the inside as soon as the plaster is dry (which for at least 8 schools is already the case) and then wait until the next school holiday in May to paint the outside of the building.

The DED has expressed his readiness to start the reduced interaction with the DST as we move further into transition. As previously noted it is the opinion of the DST that excluding the ongoing construction project, the DED is able to manage the day to day issues of his department which already holds regular head teacher coordination meetings and is held to account by the DCC.

A concern was raised regarding the DDP budgeted DED vehicle. The DED has received a letter from the PG authorizing the purchase, however the Mustufiat is unable to release funds stating they do not have the available cash or budget for this DDP purchase.

Four schools were visited to include, two DISTAF, one CERP funded, and a legacy CERP funded school of Lakari. PRT Education, along with the CA Det OIC from RC (SW), met the DED and PED Engineer on three of the sites. All nine DISTAF schools are currently complete, with the exception of painting and one school latrine remaining unfinished.

The recent HAVA/PRT funded canal cleaning/dredging from Saraban to Jugroom has resulted in the mud from the canal being left on the road and obstructing the passage of vehicles. The DG had detained the contractor who claimed the removal of the mud from the road was not part of his contract; however, pressure from Provincial HAVA and PGO resulted in the contractor being released and he has now left the district to be paid for a completed project, leaving tons of mud along the road.

3000 trees sent from the PGO have been planted along the canals in the northern area of the district. The return of these trees after 30 years of war in which the previous trees had been destroyed demonstrates the advantage of stability with the trees once again taking root and providing shade and shelter to the people of Garmser.

SECTION IV: SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

February 16 - March 15

17-19 Feb	OPERATION DE GHAM PAYELA
18 Feb	TRANSFER OF PB HASANABAD
21 Feb	MEF COMMANDING GENERAL VISIT

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23 Feb	OPERATION WEDDING FEAST - BANADAR
26 Feb	SNIPERS OPERATING WITH WEAPONS COMPANY
1-8 Mar	OPERATION HES KALA
3 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB ACHMED
6 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB 00
8 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB TUFFAN
9-12 Mar	NCO C-IED SYMPOSIUM
11 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB MASOOD
11-12 Mar	OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE PART 1
13 Mar	TRANSFER OF PB GORAK
13-14 Mar	OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE PART 2

