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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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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 Mar 2012 through 15 Apr 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 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- b. Executive Officer  
Major Sean Carroll  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- c. Sergeant Major  
Sergeant Major Andrew Cece  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- d. Subordinate Commanders
  - (1) India Company:  
Captain Bobby Lee Jr.  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
  - (2) Kilo Company:  
Captain Barney Blaine  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
  - (3) Lima Company:  
Captain Raymond L'Heureux  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
  - (4) H & S Company:  
Captain Owen Boyce  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
  - (5) Weapons Company:  
Major Jason Armas  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- e. Principal Staff
  - (1) Adjutant (S-1):  
First Lieutenant Drake Toney  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12

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- (2) Intelligence Officer (S-2):  
Captain Jeffrey Brewer  
16 Mar 12 - 25 Mar 12  
  
Intelligence Officer (S-2):  
First Lieutenant Aubrey Giblin  
26 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (3) Assistant Intelligence Officer (S-2A):  
First Lieutenant Aubrey Giblin  
16 Mar 12 - 25 Mar 12  
  
Assistant Intelligence Officer (S-2A):  
First Lieutenant Patrick Kimener  
26 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (4) Operations Officer (S-3):  
Major Stephan Karabin II  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (5) Assistant Operations Officer (S-3A):  
Captain Lowell Krusinger  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (6) Operations Chief:  
Master Gunnery Sergeant Troy Buss  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (7) Battalion Gunner:  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Raymond Browne  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (8) Fire Support Coordinator:  
First Lieutenant Jared Streeter  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (9) Air Officer:  
Captain Jeremy Groefsema  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (10) Joint Terminal Attack Controllers:  
Captain Gareth Hughes  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12  
  
Captain John Kolb  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12  
  
Staff Sergeant Jeremy Hager  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12  
  
Staff Sergeant Justin Byrd  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12  
  
Sergeant Scott Brose  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12

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- (11) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Officer:  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Felix OrtizToro  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (12) Logistics Officer (S-4):  
Captain Brian Hollier  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (13) Assistant Logistics Officer (S-4A):  
First Lieutenant Ryan Gulliksen  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (14) Supply Officer:  
First Lieutenant Tyler Short  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (15) Maintenance Management Officer:  
First Lieutenant Joseph Schager  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (16) Motor Transportation Officer:  
First Lieutenant Daniel Ledeen  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (17) Communications Officer (S-6):  
Captain Joshua Connors  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (18) Embedded Training Team (ETT) 1 OIC:  
Captain Lance Seiffert  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (19) Embedded Training Team (ETT) 2 OIC:  
Captain Chad Fitzgerald  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (20) Police Advisory Team (PAT) OIC:  
First Lieutenant Jeremy Wheeler  
16 Mar 12 - 25 Mar 12  
  
Police Advisory Team (PAT) OIC:  
Vacant  
26 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (21) Chaplain:  
Lieutenant Jerry Durham, USN  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (22) Battalion Surgeon/Medical Officer:  
Lieutenant Sean Stuart, USN  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12
- (23) Assistant Battalion Surgeon:  
Vacant

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(24) Battalion Staff Judge Advocate:  
Captain John Sautter  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12

(25) Historian:  
Captain Jeremy Groefsema  
16 Mar 12 - 15 Apr 12

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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

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	4	
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	36	
A2042	AN/PRC-150	70	61	
A2068	AN/PRC-117F	55	50	
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

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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	
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	7	
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	30	
D0027	MRAP, CAT II 6X6	10	8	
D0033	M1152	2	1	
D0036	MRAP, ATV	70	21	
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	4	
E0980	MACH GUN CAL 50 M2	54	19	
E0989	M240G	95	84	
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	

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E1975	SIGHT, THERMAL	95	28	
E1976	SIGHT, THERMAL	65	13	

SECTION II: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATION, ADJUTANT/LEGAL

From 16 March to 15 April 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
  - 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	-	3
Corporal	-	7
Lance Corporal	-	10
Total	-	20



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- 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 15 March 2012 to 16 April 2012, the Battalion concentrated on pursuing the enemy in Area of Operations (AO) Garmser. The Battalion began Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA, which was designed to disrupt and interdict the enemy throughout the AO. In addition to conducting increased operations, the Battalion continued to develop the two Afghan National Army (ANA) Kandaks in zone in order to prepare them for the upcoming transfer of lead security authority (TLSA). The Battalion completed its consolidation during this time frame, redeploying one Company back to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

From 17-23 March the Battalion conducted Operation DAWN OF HOPE. These platoon-level aerial assaults were very effective in disrupting enemy operations in the Safar and Durzay areas. The Battalion conducted four different aerial assaults resulting in several detainments and a lot of intelligence that was used for further operations in zone.

Operation BARAN consisted of three separate Afghan Police led cordon and knock missions in the northern Garmser AO. These operations were designed to increase the ANP's proficiency with developing intelligence, planning, and conducting independent operations. In addition to this, on 19-21 March the Battalion conducted Operation GRIDLOCK in support of Regimental Combat Team 5's (RCT-5) Operation HARVEST MOON. The ANSF led the checkpoints throughout the AO in order to disrupt the transport of warfighting materials and narcotics. The ANP, with support from the Police Mentoring Company, began marking the shops in the Hazar Joft Bazaar. Part of the marking operation was the biometric enrollment of all shopkeepers, in order to create a bazaar registration system. This operation was ongoing throughout the month and was nearly completed on 15 April.

Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA, a Battalion Level 1 CONOP approved for 28 March to 5 May, has allowed a much more aggressive pursuit of the enemy. On 2 April the operation began with an aerial assault on a compound associated with known insurgents. The compounds were searched with the assistance of the Narcotics Interdiction Unit, an Afghan unit designed to conduct counter-narcotics missions. The Battalion conducted a platoon-size clear of an area in Hazar Joft, having the platoon clear an area that has not seen a lot of kinetic activity, but which is known to smuggle weapons and narcotics. On 4 April the Battalion conducted another aerial raid on a known insurgent compound, while a CAAT Platoon moved into the eastern desert in northern Garmser to conduct interdiction operations for three days. On 5 April, the ANP conducted a cordon and search in the Darvishan area after receiving intelligence about a cache site in a compound previously searched by one of the raid forces. On 7 April the Battalion conducted an aerial interdiction mission in the eastern desert searching several vehicles as they transitted the eastern desert. On 10 April, after hunting a known insurgent and tracking him throughout the AO, another aerial assault was conducted in the attempt to capture him in the Loya Darvishan area. From 12-14 April the CAAT

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Platoon was again employed in the eastern desert in southern Garmser, east of Safar, in order to interdict insurgents and narcotics moving through the Safar area of Garmser. The mobile ground element served as a quick reaction force (QRF) for the aerial interdiction mission on 13 April, which again checked targeted vehicles moving through the eastern desert. On 16 April an aerial raid targeted the village of Lablaz on the western side of the Helmand River after reporting suggested it was being used as a staging area by the Taliban. All of these operations successfully disrupted the enemy during the month, and allowed the Battalion to consolidate forces and retrograde gear in preparation for the relief in place (RIP) with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines.

#### HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE (H&S) COMPANY

Between 16 March 2012 and 15 April 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 patrols to the District Government Center (DGC). A majority of these patrols had enablers attached: the District Stabilization Team (DST), Civil Affairs (CA) 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 deployment mandated task of Regimental reset training. The monthly reset training consisted of BZO, electronic counter-measure (ECM) procedures, IED Detection Dog (IDD) training, professional military education (PME), counter improvised explosive device (CIED) classes, weapons handling, operational security (OPSEC) and combat lifesaving. H&S Company has consolidated their deployed accounts into a single entity in order to facilitate the turnover with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines.

H&S Company continued partnering with the Staff Officers of the ANA and AUP. The H&S Company Commander continues to mentor the ANA Headquarters and Service Company Commander and 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 has refocused their efforts on conducting Local Security Patrols (LSPs) around FOB Delhi and in the vicinity of the District Government Center. This is due to retrograde operations, the downsizing of the Area of Operations (AO) and Kilo Company taking over the Hazar Joft battlespace. All Guard Patrols are still focused on the Primary Information Requirements (PIRs)/Specific Information Requirements (SIRs)/Specific Operational Requirements (SORs), which are published via the Intelligence Section (S-2). Increased partnership with the Embedded Training Team (ETT) Marines has lead to more self sustained ANA and ANP led patrols to the Hazar Joft Bazaar and District Center.

H&S Company maintained their role of mentorship and integration of the ANA Soldiers. The Battalion Aid Station conducted additional courses for 11 ANA and six ANP in order to mentor and train them on Combat Lifesaving (CLS)

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techniques, battlefield stress under fire and medical procedures to increase their combat efficiency.

The Guard Force Platoon conducted four partnered missions with the Afghanistan National Army and Afghanistan Uniformed Police and six local security patrols in the vicinity of Forward Operating Base Delhi. They supported the Battalion Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA, where the Hazaar Joft quarry was cleared in order to locate suspected Taliban insurgents. These sustained combat operations resulted in 150 kilometers of patrolling in which the Guard Force engaged local elders, religious leaders, females, and the general population. Additionally, the Guard Force Platoon was tasked with two Battalion-level Quick Reaction Force (QRF) missions. From these missions, the Guard Force successfully conducted security for the controlled detonations of two improvised explosive devices (IED) and assisted in the removal of 15 lbs of HME from a directional firing charge (DFC) at Combat Outpost Sharp.

Within the last month, the Guard Force Platoon has conducted three Operation GRIDLOCK missions which resulted in 127 vehicles, 27 trucks, 17 vans, 231 motorcycles and 651 local nationals being searched. These missions also enrolled 25 local nationals in the BAT/HIIDE systems.

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 Class IV Lot have begun retrograding their equipment and serialized gear to facilitate the Battalion draw down. All Guard Posts have been rebuilt in order to facilitate the arrival of 3/8 in May. Additionally, the FOB Delhi serpentine and the Entry Control Points for both the Marines and ANA have been rebuilt by the Engineers in an effort to control local national personnel and vehicle traffic more effectively.

For the remainder of the deployment, H&S Company will continue to develop the ANA and ANP throughout the Battalion Security Area 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 Team One (ETT-1)

Embedded Training Team-1's primary focus during this period has been engaging the ANA to conduct more concerted operations in order to maintain pressure on the enemy in zone. To this end the ANSF planned and executed a company reinforced size clear in zone of the Lablaz area, west of the Helmand River. This operation was coordinated between the ANA and the ANP, with ETT following and supporting. While the operation did not turn up anything significant, it did validate the ANA's ability to conduct deliberate unpartnered operations.

Through continued mentoring and partnering we have been able to see first-hand the 2/1/215's ability to conduct independent operations. While they do not have a significant intelligence cell, the company commanders at all Tolais conduct their own intelligence gathering and develop patrol plans. They also conduct significant battle tracking and reporting. Ultimately, they do not conduct these functions as Marines do, but rather they do it the Afghan way which seems to work for them. As Coalition Forces continue to

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retrograde, we need to rely more on ANSF actions instead of trying to force them to operate the way we do.

During this reporting period, two pistol courses were conducted for the ANA staff with mixed results. Some of the more senior officers did quite well with the pistols as they are more familiar with the weapons, but as stated, they are unfamiliar with western style weapons (M-16's, M-9's, etc) so these ranges were a way for them to gain familiarity. Some officers were noted as being less proficient even in just operating and handling the pistol, despite the fact that they carry it everyday. These officers required extra attention to ensure the ranges were conducted safely.

ETT-1 continued to conduct Quick Reaction Force missions, intelligence-based operations, and partnered operations. The Kandak continued to respond well to all short-fuse operational requirements and demonstrated solid TTPs.

#### Embedded Training Team Two (ETT-2)

ETT-2's primary focus during this period was the training of the ANA NCO corps. During the month of April there have been two courses conducted with the Afghanistan National Army 6/1/215. The first, Advance Leadership Course, focuses on the "train the trainer concept" in which the senior NCOs from each Tolai travelled to COP Rankel for a two-week Period of Instruction. The course consisted of weapons handling, weapons malfunction immediate action drills, basic vehicle maintenance, combat life saver, and Counter-IED training. The end of each week concluded with a live fire range which consisted of a M16 BZO, 240B and M2 .50 cal shoot.

The second class was a three-week Mortar man course, during which the ANA were taught the 82mm Mortar system. This encompassed basic employment, sight manipulation, ammunition handling, and misfire procedures. The course also covered the various types of patrolling; mounted, dismounted, and defensive. This course concluded with the six ANA soldiers demonstrating their new skill set with a live fire shoot at the COP Rankel range.

The 6/1 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. The ANA and ANP have agreed to have an ANP radio watch in the ANA COC on COP Rankel.

The 6th Kandak began Operation GRIDLOCK implementing VCPs in several locations throughout the AO, due to intelligence reports of possible suicide bomber attacks on the District Government Center.

#### INDIA COMPANY

Company I has continued to conduct successful partnered platoon and company operations throughout the area of operations. The 6th Kandak soldiers have improved their situational awareness of their battlespace, as well as the human terrain that falls within, since arriving in February.

Operation DAWN OF HOPE continued through the month of March. Company I conducted (2) helicopter borne inserts into the kalay of Abdul Baki on 18 March, and the village of Shishangi on 23 March. The mission on 23 March marked the completion of Operation DAWN OF HOPE. Operation DAWN OF HOPE was

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successful due to the aggressive intel-driven cordon & knocks, VCPs, and the surprise inserts utilizing aviation assets. Several males with connections to the Taliban were detained and sent for processing in the Afghan court system.

On 18 March the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police partnered together to provide security for a school shura. The shura was held at the Safar School, near patrol base Bury, with over 150 children and 40 local elders in attendance. The Afghan Deputy District Governor, School Headmaster, the Garmser Deputy Education Director, Capt Lee, and LtCol Palma were also in attendance. In support of the initiative, over a tri-wall container's worth of school supplies were donated to the school. The school shura was used to raise awareness throughout Garmser District and highlight its accomplishments.

In continuing to transfer lead security authority to the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, Company I continued to transfer partnered positions to our Afghan counterparts. On 22 March, patrol base Karma was transferred as a Tolai (Company) headquarters, observation post KT-4 was transferred on 25 March, and on 26 March Patrol Base Durzay was transferred. With patrol base Durzay transferred to ANSF forces, Company I now occupies (1) position, Combat Outpost Rankel. The ongoing transfers and closing of (13) positions began in November 2011 for Company I, but the company AO is now ready for transfer with (1) position.

On 12 April tragedy struck the local nationals of Garmser when at 0915, the 6th Kandak reported to COP Rankel that an explosion was heard near Patrol Base Hernandez. Patrol Base Bury posts corroborated these reports that they saw a blast approximately 500 - 550 meters southwest of their position. At 0923, the 6th Kandak reported that several civilians casualties resulted from an IED strike. The locals were treated at COP Rankel and (4) were evacuated by helicopter to higher echelon care. The IED strike took place in Abdul Samad Kalay, and 1st platoon India Company conducted a battle damage assessment of the site.

Company I is making preparations for the arrival of 3d Battalion, 8th Marines, as well as continuing to conduct partnered operations throughout its area of operations.

#### KILO/POLICE MENTORING COMPANY

As of 15 April 2012, Kilo Company has transferred a majority of its previously occupied partnered positions and currently only retains two. Kilo Company continues to work hand-in-hand with the Afghan National Police to ensure a ready and capable force prior to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines' retrograde from the battlespace. Aligning with this overarching goal, Kilo Company continues to maintain a significant, yet expeditionary posture at three additional police check points - Bury, Amir Agha, and Jugroom. With the continued draw down of Marines at these positions, the Afghan National Police have naturally assumed a higher level of un-partnered operations.

Throughout March and April the advancement of the Afghan Local Police was pushed heavily. Kilo graduated two classes of nearly 100 total Afghan Local Police. Natural attrition and unwillingness to continue service initially proved troublesome for the final pending Afghan Ministry of Interior in-processing. These concerns were overcome by an excellent effort and the persistent efforts of the Marines of Kilo Company who were able to ensure

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that the Afghan Local Police attended the important in-processing. Achieving 100% tashkiel for the Afghan Local Police was finally achieved on the last day of in-processing. This achievement ensured that basic training and enrollment will not be necessary for future forces in Garmser. The success of achieving a full 300 in-processed Afghan Local Police from the initial starting point of zero is a tribute to the dedication and continued involvement of the Marines.

In an effort to dissuade the enemy from attacking recently un-partnered checkpoints, Kilo Company began a significant duration patrolling effort. The Marines of Kilo 1, 2 and 3 all participated in multiple day operations where they would embed within police checkpoints and reinforce their defensive posture. Three to four day missions were supported by battalion assets and are credited with reducing the enemy's willingness to attack police checkpoints.

#### LIMA COMPANY

During this reporting period, Lima Company has focused on transitioning remaining patrol bases to the Afghan National Army (ANA) and retrograding in accordance with guidance from higher echelon commander's intent. 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, and on 18 March COP Koshtay was officially transferred. The bulk of Lima Company returned to MCBH Kaneohe Bay to enjoy much deserved post-deployment leave and provide a liaison for the preparations of the upcoming pre-deployment work up.

Fourth Platoon still remained 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 and, in the interim, elements of Kilo Company 3/3. Relief from K/3/8 is scheduled to take place in May and the ANSF are being urged to take control of all situations as they arrive. The partnership between ANA and Afghan National Police (ANP) has greatly improved during this time and the working relationship between those two organizations is beginning to come together. 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 to discuss the future of the region.

On 12 April, all elements of Lima Company officially completed their deployment and retrograded to MCBH Kaneohe Bay from Afghanistan leaving better trained and equipped ANSF partners to continue the fight.

#### WEAPONS COMPANY

During this time period, enemy activity and significant events increased in Banadar as Weapons Company continued operations in the region, focusing on facilitating ANSF led patrols, and Government Led Eradication. 81's Alpha Section and CAAT 2 also began conducting operations in general support of the Battalion.

The evening of 18 March, a CAAT 2 patrol identified suspicious activity while conducting an observation post in the eastern desert area. As they moved to investigate they received multiple bursts of AK-47 fire. The Marines were able to establish positive identification and returned fire in the direction of the muzzle flashes while the company dispatched CAAT 1 to a blocking

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position north of the enemy action on Route Washington. CAAT 2 sent out a mobile QRF from PB Pay Banadar to reinforce the Marines but by this time the enemy personnel fled to the southwest, leaving only motorcycle tracks. A search was conducted later and nothing significant was found.

On 21 March, CAAT 1 moved its Alpha Section to FOB Payne in order to stage as a QRF for India Company during Operation DAWN OF HOPE. Although CAAT 1 did not get orders to respond in support of India Company, they were able to accomplish a substantial amount of vehicle maintenance while at FOB Payne until March 23.

The RCT-5 and TF 3/3 Battalion command teams visited the Weapons Company Area of Operations (AO) on 22 March. They received a brief on the status of poppy growth, and the current progress of Government Led Eradication in Banadar since its start on 8 March. CAAT 2 escorted the RCT 5 and TF 3/3 Commanders on a security patrol in Pay Banadar to survey the results of poppy eradication first hand. The visit was beneficial in building situational awareness for the regiment and battalion on the effectiveness of Government Led Eradication in Garmser's largest area of poppy concentration.

The learning center at COP Torbert was closed on 20 March until the 24th in observance of the Afghan New Year. When it reopened on the 24 March, there was a high attendance of over 30 students, including one local national girl. While it was unusual to see a female attend class with the boys, it was a sign of the progress which has been made in Banadar and the need for schools in the remote area. The little girl has attended class on a regular basis ever since.

On 27 March, the ABP at COP Torbert reported that there had been an engagement between ALP returning from Safar, and three Taliban fighters. They said that it occurred in the late morning near the Baluch village of Khaliqdod Kalay. The ALP had killed one of the Taliban fighters, and were assisted by ANP from Durzay in taking the body and weapon of the individual to the District Police HQ at which time the dead fighter was biometrically enrolled. The ABP reported later that one ALP had sustained a minor wound in the engagement but was in good health. The location and size of the attack suggests that this was a chance contact with Taliban forces set up in an illegal checkpoint vice a deliberate ambush by ANSF.

On 28 March, an 81's patrol out of COP Torbert received small arms and medium machine gun fire while in a static position taking pictures of a ferry crossing point. The Marines saw two individuals dressed in black engaging them from the west side of the Helmand River, once positive identification was established the Marines returned fire on the enemy personnel. The individuals fled to the west and coordination was made with 1st LAR to attempt to detain the individuals. The company JTAC, controlling Alamo 13 (a single Harrier), was able to get a visual on two individuals who matched the description reported from the Marines on patrol. A four hour chase ensued as dismounted and motorized Marine units from 1st LAR tried to locate and capture the fleeing individuals. Alamo 13 checked off station, and Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (UAS) picked up the tracking of the suspects who were seen running intermittently and possibly stashing their weapons. The suspects got into a vehicle and were driven into Divilak where they evaded CF detainment. Once the Marines from 1st LAR showed up at the last known location of the suspects, they had fled the area and were unable to be located.

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On 29 March, Weapons Company transitioned PB Pay Banadar to an ANSF-led position with Marine Border Advisor Team 2. CAAT 2 executed a retrograde of Marines to FOB Delhi, with a final destination of Combat Outpost (COP) Sharp in order to begin their operations in general support of the Battalion. While in general support of the Battalion, CAAT 2 has provided motorized ground support for three Aerial Raid Force and three Aerial Interdiction Force (AIF) missions in conjunction with 81's Alpha Section as the Battalion's Air Assault Element. The 81's Alpha Section, partnered with the Afghan Narcotics Interdiction Unit (NIU), has participated in all of these aerial missions. During these missions the aerial force has detained four local nationals associated with the Taliban. Both CAAT 2 and 81's Alpha Section will continue these operations while in general support of the Battalion.

On 31 March, Banadar elders and DCC Haji Mahboob Khan travelled to COP Torbert with their ALP to receive ammunition distributed with the help of the ABP. Banadar ALP previously had a single magazine of ammunition, and now retain a combat load of 3 magazines. The ALP who were engaged on 27 March used most of their ammunition in their fire fight with the Taliban. There are 50 ALP in Banadar and are integral in maintaining local security in their villages. They were happy to receive the ammunition and are now confident in having enough to fight the Taliban in the future.

On 2 April, the Weapons Company Commander spoke with Noorzai elder Haji Sharif Khan, the topic of discussion was the upcoming District Community Council (DCC) elections and the possibility of him running for a second seat opening in the Banadar region. Sharif Khan was encouraged by the company commander's words and placed himself in a position to run for DCC of Banadar. The following day Banadar was approved for two DCC seats in the upcoming elections and Sharif Khan is expected to work side by side with current Banadar DCC, Haji Mahboob Khan. While Haji Mahboob Khan is a politically connected individual, he has shown corruption in skimming district allocated support for himself and who he chooses to support in the area. Haji Sharif Khan is a young and educated man who has been exceedingly vocal about the plight of Banadar and the need for tangible support from Hazar Joft. Sharif Khan would help secure Banadar's ties to GIROA and ensure the support provided by DG Fahim makes it to Banadar.

On 4 April, CAAT 1 found a pressure plate IED emplaced on Route Washington to the east of ANA position PB 00, this location is in a place which the ANA consistently use as a checkpoint. Weapons Company Marines spoke with ANA leadership regarding the patterns they were setting and patrolling at night to catch IED emplacers on Route Washington in the future.

On 7 April, Scout Snipers began operations in support of Weapons Company targeting Taliban fighters crossing the Helmand River from Divilak and Wazirabad in to Banadar. With snipers inserted, conditions were set in order to draw the enemy into an established engagement area. The enemy did not commit with the large ANSF/CF presence in the area as GLE continued in Banadar. On 11 April, Scout Snipers were extracted and inserted on another location targeting IED emplacers on Route Washington.

As the company completes its transition out of the area, Weapons Company has focused on projects that will set up the Afghan National Security Forces for success in the future. The improvements at Patrol Base Pay Banadar are almost complete, with only minor issues remaining to be taken care of. The well for the ABP at COP Torbert continues construction. Once finished this



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well will reduce the logistical burden on the ABP. Two Afghan tents were given to the Afghan Local Police for use as a temporary checkpoint until a more permanent structure can be built. 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 131 Assault Support Request (ASR) flights were facilitated by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Additionally, 29 Close Air Support (CAS) sorties were controlled.

#### FIRES/EFFECTS

During this reporting period, the Fires and Effects Section has focused its efforts on supporting the aerial interdiction and aerial raid missions conducted by the 81mm Mortar Platoon. Over the past month, six aerial raid missions and four aerial interdiction missions have been conducted which required the de-confliction and coordination of organic mortars and High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems with the ground scheme of maneuver. Concurrently, information operations utilized the Army Military Information Support Operations (MISO) team to broadcast messages to the local populace during these missions. These messages proved to be critical in controlling the populace and ensuring they were informed on the actions and reasons for the operation. Through radio-in-a-box messaging, the section has informed the local populace of the successes of the Afghan National Army and National Interdiction Unit during these missions in order to portray their commitment and capabilities for enduring security in Garmser District.

Over the past month, information operations and MISO have distributed over 3,000 radios, 4,000 handbills, and 2,500 emergency hot line cards. These products have enhanced the local national opinion regarding the capabilities of Afghan National Security Forces and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan which will ultimately ensure a stable and legitimate government as Coalition Forces retrograde. In order to prepare the battlespace for a single company construct, the section has trained two additional linguists as disc jockeys for the radio stations at COP Sharp and COP Rankel. This increased capability will enable follow on units to provide rapid information dissemination and receive immediate assessments from local nationals through the call-in shows, despite having limited Coalition Force presence.

#### 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 AO. In mid-March, the S-2 began the development and consolidation of a comprehensive Garmser IPB in preparation for turnover with Kilo 3/8. Additionally, the S-2 Officer and Assistant S-2 Officer, with input from the Battalion Commander and the Executive Officer, created a comprehensive Garmser Spring Assessment, which encapsulates the major events in Garmser from late winter until mid-spring. Our intelligence focus shifted to identifying compounds of interest associated with high value individuals for targeted aerial operations, and shaping the battlespace for successful Tranche 3 transition.

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During this period, the S-2, Captain Jeff Brewer, departed the battlespace with ADVON to conduct a PCS move and the Assistant Intelligence Officer, First Lieutenant Aubrey Giblin, assumed the billet of Battalion Intelligence Officer. First Lieutenant Patrick Kimener departed COP Rankel and assumed the billet of Assistant Intelligence Officer, operating from FOB Delhi. During this time, Lance Corporal Jose Ortiz-Santiago supported both CAAT and 81s Platoon with custom intelligence products and an IPB of Northern Garmser in support of ongoing aerial operations. Lance Corporal Aaron Halford, the Battalion's Intelligence Operations Center (IOC) clerk, spearheaded the production of the official Kilo 3/8 Transition Map. 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 March and the first half of April, 1st Lieutenant Kimener accompanied the Battalion Commander on battlefield circulations in northern and southern Garmser, and First Lieutenant Giblin developed and briefed three tailored VIP briefs to various visiting dignitaries. Besides ISR control and map production, the S-2 Section at FOB Delhi produced briefs and special products in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines' battle rhythm. These included daily intelligence summaries, weekly targeting products, and intelligence update slides for the weekly Command and Staff Briefs. Collectively, the S-2 published 30 Daily Intelligence Summaries surveying each day's events and analyzing any changes in the Battalion's intelligence picture, and produced six intelligence updates for the Battalion Command and Staff meetings. First Lieutenant Andrew Loomis, Electronic Warfare Officer, supported the C-IED working group with four C-IED briefs as well as tailored C-IED products to new maneuver elements arriving in the AO. Overall, the S-2 completed 75 Requests for Information (RFIs) supporting company and battalion operations, and successfully nominated one individual to the Joint Priority Effects List (JPEL) in the last month. The S-2 also began to retrograde all gear not identified on the EDL to Camp Dwyer.

#### LOGISTICS

From 16 March 2012 to 15 April 2012, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Logistics Section powered their way towards the end of our deployment, taking the lead on all base transfers and focusing on re-deployment and retrograde (R2) in support of the reset and reconstitution (R4) of all excess gear in the battlespace. The Logistics Section successfully provided direct combat service support to all positions, and supported the transfer of eleven bases to the ANA, ANP, and ABP. They continued to improve the policies and directives set forth with regard to tracking, movement of assets, and overall logistic command and control, and ensured timelines were met while maintaining combat effectiveness throughout the Battalion's AO.

Logistical convoys ran unrestricted throughout the AO with minimal complications, ensuring all positions maintained the required level of supplies. Due to the limited amount of ISR assets, and the new requirement to maintain newly repaired Main Supply Routes (MSRs), the Motor Transportation Section regularly utilized eastern desert routes to maximize trafficability and speed of movement. The Motor Transportation Section supported multiple 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. The Motor Transportation Section began to decrease its footprint aboard FOB Delhi. Contact teams continued to support all positions

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throughout the AO while enabling the Battalion's R4 effort. The sections assisted the companies with setting up Garmser enduring positions and supply accounts, as well as with the removal of excess gear from the battlespace.

### Communications

During this period, the Communications Platoon continued with the transition of the Communications Shop into the new Company Combat Operations Center (COC) for K/3/8. The Platoon also separated the gear that was to be left behind on the YDELHI Consolidated Memorandum Receipt (CMR) and conducted a walk-through of all the gear with the Headquarters and Service Company Executive Officer. The Radio and Maintenance Sections assisted Motor Transportation with the retrograde of company vehicles, ensuring all the vehicles had the required radio and Blue Force Tracker (BFT) equipment. The Platoon sent one Staff Non-Commissioned Officer and three Marines to Camp Dwyer to take on the task of turning in all gear received from Forward Operating Base (FOB) Delhi for retrograde. 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 Wire Section conducted site surveys and installed over 12 telephone and data lines throughout FOB Delhi. The Wire Section also submitted Telephone Service Requests (TSRs) to Regimental Combat Team (RCT) 5 to update the phones on FOB Delhi and throughout the Battalion Area of Operations (AO). Wire Marines installed five TA-312 Telephones from the Police Headquarters guard post to the Operational Coordination Center-District (OCC-D). The section also went through FOB Delhi to pull up all CX-4566 (26 pair cable) not in use. The Wire Section sent out three Marines to Combat Outpost (COP) Sharp to install Armed Forces Network (AFN) for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Wire Marines also troubleshot three different Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) and AFN suites throughout the AO. The Wire Section has received and inventoried four SPAWAR suites, and all four suites have been retrograded back to Dwyer.

The Electronic Key Management System (EKMS) Section ensured the accountability of all Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) that are distributed throughout the Battalion AO. During this period, the EKMS Custodian received CCI gear from Company L, Company I, and some from Weapons Company, and prepared the 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 and the different companies and sections. The Maintenance Section conducted Limited Technical Inspections (LTIs) on over 170 pieces of communications equipment, as well as Electronic Counter Measures (ECMs) and vehicles for retrograde. Maintenance Marines accepted and inducted over 38 pieces of communications equipment into the maintenance cycle. The Maintenance Section op-checked over 45 different radio systems, BFTs, and vehicle ECMs for the companies that were taken to the Communications Shop when the companies visited FOB Delhi. The Maintenance Marines also received classes on Marine Corps Integrated Maintenance Management System (MIMMS) and attended an Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety stand-down provided by the

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Battalion S-4. The section fixed our Daily Progress Report status utilizing the discrepancy report and maintained a 100 percent Marine Corps automated readiness evaluation system (MARES) reportable readiness.

The Radio Section industriously created record jackets for the 11 tri-walls and one quad-con of gear that has been retrograded to Camp Dwyer. The section also set up a AN/MRC-142 Multichannel Radio shot to FOB Geronimo so that the Data Section could work on passing data to 2d Battalion, 6th Marines. With this equipment up and running it will provide 3d Battalion, 8th Marines with a means to communicate with their Company on FOB Delhi. The Radio Section also sent a Non-Commissioned Officer to Patrol Base Torbert to supervise the teardown of the AN/MRC-142 Multichannel Radio equipment that was providing them data services. Radio Marines also sent a radio operator with the 81s Platoon for an Aerial Interdiction Force mission. The section also separated all the gear that was staying at FOB Delhi from all the gear that was going to Camp Dwyer for retrograde.

The Data Section successfully submitted and completed three Network Change Requests (NCR) for the teardown and transition of two positions over to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and the set-up of a redundant Wireless-Point To Point Link from COP Sharp to COP Rankel. The Data Marines also conducted an inventory of all Classified Material Control Center (CMCC) which totals over 120 classified hard drives throughout the AO. They supervised the destruction of over 100 hard drives in preparation for turnover with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines. The Data Shop submitted a high priority NCR in the establishment of a tertiary transmission link utilizing AN/MRC-142C Multichannel Radio to connect FOB Delhi to FOB Geronimo. The Data Section successfully reconciled a Consolidated Memorandum Report in lieu of conducting a retrograde of all gear and turning over gear with the fast approaching arrival of 3d Battalion, 8th Marines.

#### BATTALION AID STATION (BAS)

From 16 March through 15 April, the Battalion Aid Station (BAS) successfully covered multiple positions and assisted in all medical evolutions throughout the area of operations (AO). The BAS remained busy, evaluating and treating over 160 Marines and Sailors as well as the Battalion Surgeon conducting a battlefield circulation to ensure a proper and timely turnover with the pending incoming unit.

The training conducted included a Division-approved medical training course provided for 11 ANA soldiers and 6 ANP to certify as medics. The graduation is scheduled for 9 May 2012. Additionally, BAS personnel provide overwatch of the Afghan Health System supporting 2 ANP Medevacs and 3 civilian Medevacs. This training proved critical when on 12 April, 3/3 BAS successfully treated a Mass Casualty situation which developed at COP Rankel. This involved six local national patients and resulted in 5 Medevacs.

In keeping with requirements for reporting, the weekly Disease Non-Battle Injury (DNBI) and Blast Exposure and Concussion Incident Report (BECIR) continue to be forwarded to Regimental Combat Team 5, as well as keeping the Animal Bite Medical Protocol submissions updated via timely submissions. Finally, throughout the reporting period, in preparation for retrograde and TOA, medical equipment and supplies have continued to be sent to the Medical Logistics center at Camp Leatherneck and FOB Dwyer.

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### CHAPLAIN

From 16 March - 15 April, Lieutenant Durham, the Battalion Chaplain, travelled through the AO and provided religious ministry services to India Company. He conducted four worship services at COP Rankel, PB Sharp, and PB Amir for the Marines there as well as provided counseling assistance to several Marines within the company. Upon return to FOB Delhi, 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.

On 2 April, Chaplain Durham provided Warrior Transition and Return and Reunion briefs to Lima Company and 3/3 ADVON.

### SECTION III: ATTACHMENTS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

#### 1. Personnel Information

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

#### 2. Narrative Summary

##### HUMAN INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION TEAM TWO (HET 02)

From 15 March to 16 April 2012, HET 02 continued operations in direct support to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Throughout this period, focus was on battalion, RCT, MARDIV and RC-SW collection requirements. HET 02 continued the conduct of Counterintelligence (CI) and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) operations in support of Garmser District with deliberate emphasis on countering IEDs of various types, small arms fire, planned suicide attacks and capturing High Valued Targets (HVT). HET 02 authored (60) Intelligence Information Reports (IIR), (1) Counterintelligence Information Reports (CIIR), (9) Tactical Interrogation Reports (TIR) and (7) SPOT reports of immediate tactical value. Throughout Task Force 3/3's battlespace, (9) detainees were interrogated by HET 02 personnel while participating in multiple Company level operations. Collectors participated in (18) dismounted patrols engaging with the local populace and gathering intelligence. HET 02 remained busy throughout March and April by conducted (7) Vacated Command Post Inspections (VCPI), (3) CI Screenings and (6) CI Operations, in addition to fulfilling (158) internal and external Requests For Information (RFI) and producing (12) analytical products. HET 02 operations resulted in multiple IED finds, the disruption of enemy activity and the capture of numerous HVIs in support of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines throughout Garmser District.

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### ENGINEERS

The Combat Engineer Platoon continued to provide 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with mobility, counter-mobility, survivability and engineer reconnaissance support. Engineers that were supporting the Georgian Battalion in 1/8's AO participated in OP JAWS III and explosively reduced (2) EN Observation Posts. The General Support Section constructed a compound for DST, replaced FOB Delhi guard posts 1 and 2, redesigned and constructed the FOB Delhi ECP, and made improvements to the guard posts at COP Sharp. The Engineers in direct support of Weapons Company continued to support operations within their AO. Platoon Headquarters has begun retrograde of tools and equipment.

### CIVIL AFFAIRS GROUP (CAG)

During this period Civil Affairs Team 4 continued to support 3d Battalion, 3d Marines within the Garmser District by ensuring all Commander Emergency Response Projects (CERP) continue with a high fidelity of quality, and remain on a very tight timetable. The team began preparations for the transfer from 11th Marines Civil Affairs Group to 3rd Civil Affairs Group in the month of April.

Key events during this period were a reduction from 100,000 USD to 50,000 USD in CERP bulk funds used for quick impact projects. A change in contractors for the Lower Shamalan School was conducted in order to facilitate a better end product for the children of that area. Two schools opened during this period they were the Upper Shamalan School and the Hazar Joft boys school. These schools were transferred to Government Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) Provincial Education Deputy (PED). The Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) completed the construction of eight schools within the Garmser District. The construction of six school walls were contracted to be built around six of the eight PRT schools. This was previously obligated by 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Civil Affairs Team. The walls are required in order for the PED to accept the schools. The Afghanistan Reintegration Program (ARP) was contracted to Ghulam Rasool and his office was established in the District Government Center.

### SECTION IV: SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

#### March 16 - April 15

17-23 Mar	OPERATION DAWN OF HOPE
18-19 Mar	Safar School Shura
18-22 Mar	OPERATION BARAN
19-21 Mar	OPERATION GRIDLOCK
22 Mar	PB Karma Transfer
25 Mar	OP KT-4 Transfer
26 Mar	Transfer of PB Durzay
28 Mar	OPERATION ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA
29 Mar	Transfer of PB Pay Banadar
30 Mar-7 Apr	DCC Election Registration
2 Apr	Aerial Raid
3 Apr	Transfer PB Amir
4 Apr	Aerial Raid
4-7 Apr	Ground Interdiction in Eastern Desert
5 Apr	OPERATION CLEANER
6 Apr	Transfer of PB Bury

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7 Apr	Aerial Interdiction Mission
10 Apr	Aerial Raid
12 Apr	1st Marine Division Commanding General visit
12 Apr	Transfer PB Jugroom & PB Amir Agha
12-14 Apr	Ground desert interdiction mission
13 Apr	Aerial Interdiction Mission