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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

16 APR 2012 - 15 MAY 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 Apr 2012 through 15 May 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 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- b. Executive Officer  
Major Sean Carroll  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- c. Sergeant Major  
Sergeant Major Andrew Cece  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- d. Subordinate Commanders
  - (1) India Company:  
Captain Bobby Lee Jr.  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
  - (2) Kilo Company:  
Captain Barney Blaine  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
  - (3) Lima Company:  
Captain Raymond L'Heureux  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
  - (4) H & S Company:  
Captain Owen Boyce  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
  - (5) Weapons Company:  
Major Jason Armas  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- e. Principal Staff
  - (1) Adjutant (S-1):  
First Lieutenant Drake Toney  
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- (2) Intelligence Officer (S-2):  
First Lieutenant Aubrey Giblin  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (3) Assistant Intelligence Officer (S-2A):  
First Lieutenant Patrick Kimener  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (4) Operations Officer (S-3):  
Major Stephan Karabin II  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (5) Assistant Operations Officer (S-3A):  
Captain Lowell Krusinger  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (6) Operations Chief:  
Master Gunnery Sergeant Troy Buss  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (7) Battalion Gunner:  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Raymond Browne  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (8) Fire Support Coordinator:  
First Lieutenant Jared Streeter  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (9) Air Officer:  
Captain Jeremy Groefsema  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (10) Joint Terminal Attack Controllers:  
Captain Gareth Hughes  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12  
  
Captain John Kolb  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12  
  
Staff Sergeant Jeremy Hager  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12  
  
Staff Sergeant Justin Byrd  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12  
  
Sergeant Scott Brose  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (11) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Officer:  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Felix OrtizToro  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (12) Logistics Officer (S-4):  
Captain Brian Hollier  
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- (13) Assistant Logistics Officer (S-4A):  
First Lieutenant Ryan Gulliksen  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (14) Supply Officer:  
First Lieutenant Tyler Short  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (15) Maintenance Management Officer:  
First Lieutenant Joseph Schager  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (16) Motor Transportation Officer:  
First Lieutenant Daniel Ledeen  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (17) Communications Officer (S-6):  
Captain Joshua Connors  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (18) Embedded Training Team (ETT) 1 OIC:  
Captain Lance Seiffert  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (19) Embedded Training Team (ETT) 2 OIC:  
Captain Chad Fitzgerald  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (20) Police Advisory Team (PAT) OIC:  
Vacant
- (21) Chaplain:  
Lieutenant Jerry Durham, USN  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (22) Battalion Surgeon/Medical Officer:  
Lieutenant Sean Stuart, USN  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (23) Assistant Battalion Surgeon:  
Vacant
- (24) Battalion Staff Judge Advocate:  
Captain John Sautter  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 12
- (25) Historian:  
Captain Jeremy Groefsema  
16 Apr 12 - 15 May 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	4	-1
A0090	AN/TSR-9 TGRS	0	0	
A0124	REMOTE SUBSCRIBE ACCESS MODULE	0	2	2
A0126	AN/VRC-103	0	33	33
A0129	PRC-152	201	201	
A0139	RADIO SET, AN/TRC-209	3	4	
A0153	RADIO SET, AN/MRC-142C	7	4	
A0172	DDS-R PWR MOD	3	2	
A0174	DDS-R LAN SVC MOD	3	2	-1
A0176	DDS-R LAN EXT MOD ON-704/TYC	8	8	
A0197	DDS-R DSM	1	1	
A0234	SWAN D	1	0	
A0243	SWAN D NETWORK PACKAGE	0	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	6	0	
A1260	AN/PSN-13	15	13	
A2042	AN/PRC-150	8	66	
A2068	AN/PRC-117F	30	72	
A2079	AN/PRC-119F	0	6	
A2555	AFATDS. AN/GYK-60	0	2	
A2560	TLDHS BLK II AN/PSQ-19A	0	6	
A3252	UAV DRAGON EYE	0	2	
B0008	AIRCONDITIONER, 5T, 60K	7	10	3
B0014	ECU, A/C, 36000 BTU	12	33	21
B0018	TRLR, INTEGRATED ECU	0	0	
B0027	PANEL, PWR DISTR	2	5	
B0028	PANEL, PWR DISTR	10	28	18
B0029	PANEL, PWR DISTR	6	9	3
B0030	PANEL, PWR DISTR	6	8	2
B0032	PANEL, PWR DISTR	1	1	
B0063	LOADER, SCOOP TYPE, 624K TRAM	1	1	
B0730	GEN SET, 3KW	15	20	5
B0891	MEP-803 10KW	6	13	7
B0953	GEN SET, 30KW, 60HZ, MEP-005A/B	4	7	

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B0980	GEN SET, MEP 513A	1	1	
B1021	GEN SET, 60KW, MEP-006A/806B	4	9	5
B1045	GEN SET, 100KW, TQG-MEP-807A	4	3	-1
B1580	PUMP, FUEL MODULE	4	4	
B2085	TANK, FUEL STORAGE	4	2	-2
B2086	TANK, WATER STORAGE	0	0	
B2561	FORKLIFT, EBFL	1	1	
D0003	TRK, ARM 7T CAR AMK23	4	4	
D0004	TRK, ARM 7T CAR W/W AMK25	0	1	1
D0005	TRK , ARM 7T EXT AMK27	0	0	
D0006	TRK, ARM 7T EXT W/W AMK28	2	2	
D0015	TRK, WRECKER ARM 7T AMK36	1	1	
D0023	MARP, AMB HAGA/MAXPRO	0	0	
D0025	MRAP, CAT I 4X4	10	10	
D0027	MRAP, CAT II 6X6	7	7	
D0033	M1152	0	0	
D0036	MRAP, ATV	19	20	1
D0880	TRLR, WATER TANK M149A2	3	3	
E0006	IZLID	3	2	-1
E0020	SCOUT SNIPER RIFLE	0	0	2
E0042	LASER RANGE FINDER	1	0	-1
E0055	LAUNCHER TUBE (TOW)	0	1	1
E0180	AIMING CIRCLE	1	1	
E0207	JAVELIN M98A1	0	0	
E0915	SMAW	6	4	-2
E0980	MACH GUN CAL 50 M2	10	14	4
E0989	M240G	35	32	-3
E0994	MK-19	8	6	-2
E1048	LASER RANGE FINDER- VECTOR	6	4	-2
E1065	M224	3	2	-1
E1095	M252	4	3	-1
E1460	RIFLE, SNIPER 7.62	0	0	
E1475	RIFLE, SPEC OPS APL .50 CAL	0	0	
E1975	SIGHT, THERMAL	28	16	-12
E1976	SIGHT, THERMAL	13	11	-2

## SECTION II: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

### ADMINISTRATION, ADJUTANT/LEGAL

From 16 April to 15 May 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:

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1. Awards Presented to Personnel:

- a. Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals: 187
- b. Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals: 38
- c. Combat Action Ribbons: 0

2. Fitness Reports Submitted:

- a. Officer: 22
- b. Enlisted: 3

3. Administrative Separations:

- a. Approved: 0
- b. Suspended: 0
- c. Pending: 10

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	-	6
Corporal	-	27
Lance Corporal	-	12
Total	-	45

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 April to 15 May 2012, the Battalion concentrated on increasing the capability of the Afghan National Army and National Police in conducting



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independent operations to target the enemy in Area of Operations (AO) Garmser.

Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA continued with an aerial raid on 16 April into Lablaz on the western side of the Helmand River. The 81mm Mortar Platoon, along with soldiers from the Narcotics Interdiction Unit (NIU), searched the compounds in the village of Lablaz. As the NIU searched the compounds the Marines biometrically enrolled all the male residents.

On 17 April, the District Council member elections were held at the Hazar Joft Agriculture College. The Afghan National Police, Afghan National Army, as well as the National Directorate of Security all participated in the security for the elections. The Battalion only played a supporting role with a reaction force in place in case the Afghan National Security Forces needed additional support. The security plan was effective and led to a successful event.

On 21 April, the Battalion conducted a partnered operation in the village of Chankori. The Marines and ANA conducted searches of reported insurgent bed-down locations. Following the searches of compounds in Chankori, the Battalion conducted a helicopter inserted desert interdiction in the eastern desert, named Operation ROSHAN SKY. Immediately following the desert interdiction, the Battalion conducted a platoon sized heliborne raid for Operation BAAZ on 25 April. The raid targeted the village of Shishingi, where the platoon detained individuals working in the poppy fields on the western side of Helmand River. On 28 April, the Battalion supported an ANA search of a Madrassa in the Safar area, where an IED had been found in the past. Another IED was discovered by the ANA during the search of the Madrassa, and was disposed of by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (EOD).

On the night of 2 May, the Afghan National Police conducted a raid on the bed-down location of known insurgents. The area was close to COP Sharp, but nothing was found. Also, later in the morning of 2 May, the 81mm Mortar Platoon with soldiers from the 2d Kandak conducted an aerial interdiction mission in the eastern desert. They searched numerous vehicles and biometrically enrolled all males. On 3 May, the 2d Kandak conducted a clearing operation of the area around Patrol Base Kupak. They were conducting this clear in response to a recent small arms fire attack on one of their ANA positions.

On 4 May, the ANP conducted a targeted raid of three compounds in the Lakari region. This operation was coordinated with the final aerial raid conducted on 5 May. The raid on 5 May into Kartaka yielded a significant drug find and a number of individuals were detained in association with the narcotics. These different missions all concluded Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA.

On 4 May, the Marines from Kilo Company 3d Battalion, 8th Marines arrived in the Garmser AO, and began conducting the relief in place. The Battalion conducted the left seat portion of the relief in place from 4-10 May, during which time the 3/3 Marines familiarized the incoming 3/8 Marines with the routes, terrain, and their ANSF partners in order to build relationships as they partner at the Tolai level. The 3/8 left seat portion began on 10 May and ended on 14 May with the signing of the certificate of relief and a final ceremony symbolizing the transfer of lead security authority to the ANSF. The Transfer of Authority between 3/3 and 3/8 occurred on 15 May.

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HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE (H&S) COMPANY

Between 16 April 2012 and 15 May 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 the consolidation of their deployed accounts into a single entity (YDELHI) in order to facilitate the turnover with 3d Battalion, 8th Marines. All serialized gear and equipment associated with this account were verified and signed for by 3d Battalion, 8th Marines. Additionally, to facilitate turnover, all CCI and SF-153s were turned over to the Company Commander of Kilo Company, 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. They 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 focused 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 Priority Information Requirements (PIRs)/Specific Information Requirements (SIRs)/Specific Operational Requirements (SORs), which are published via the Intelligence Section (S-2). Additionally, the Guard Force Platoon has begun their turnover with the Guard Force Platoon of 3d Battalion, 8th Marines.

H&S Company maintained their role of mentorship and integration of the ANA Soldiers. 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. The Battalion Aid Station conducted additional courses for 10 ANA and five ANP in order to mentor and train them on Combat Lifesaving (CLS) techniques, battlefield stress under fire and medical procedures to increase their combat efficiency.

The Guard Force Platoon conducted two 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 mission of District Support, where various civilian and military entities conducted an assessment of the Government Center and surrounding areas. These sustained combat operations resulted in 75 kilometers of patrolling in which the Guard Force engaged local elders, religious leaders, females, and the general population.

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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 and established the new Battalion Combat Operations Center (COC) in their section workspace. Both the Motor Pool and Engineer Class IV Lot have completed their retrogrades in order to facilitate the turnover timeline.

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, for the remainder of the deployment, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines will facilitate the turnover and transition of battlespace ownership to 3d Battalion, 8th Marines in order to enable them to conduct sustained combat operations.

#### Embedded Training Team One (ETT-1)

Embedded Training Team-One'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. As a part of this focus, the team followed and supported the ANA of 1st Tolai on an ambush patrol in the vicinity of the Karietzack ferry crossing. Although no significant actions came of it, it was indicative of the capabilities of the Tolai. In addition to this ambush patrol, a company sized clear of the Kupak area was also planned and executed. This mission came as a response to a sustained small arms engagement of the ANP CP at Kupak. The clear was 100% planned and executed by the ANA with ANP and NDS in support. The ETT maintained overwatch and follow and support tasks. The clear was executed professionally and successfully but, again, nothing significant was turned up.

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 as well as conduct significant battle tracking and reporting. Ultimately, they do not perform these functions as Marines do, but rather they do it the Afghan way which seems to work for them. As Coalition Forces continue to retrograde, we must rely more on ANSF actions instead of trying to force them to operate the way we do.

As the reporting period came to a close, the ADVON for the 2/1/215 Advisor Team from 3d Marines has arrived and a turnover of all the supply and communications accounts has been executed. We have begun introductions of their staff to the ANA Kandak staff, as well as including them in operational planning so they can see how it is done, and begun AO familiarization. This process will continue until RIP/TOA in order to facilitate a good turnover and safe retrograde of all personnel to Camp Dwyer.

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

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

During this reporting period, ETT-2 welcomed the return of the 6th Kandak Commanding Officer, Haji Mohammed, from leave. His return has strengthened the resolve of his Kandak by his strong command presence and oratory skills.

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One the first actions he took was developing his own security shura with Lieutenant Dawood and Sher Walli, the local Safar Mayor. By doing so, he has continued to establish his relationship with the local elders and cemented his bond with the community. This period has also marked the return of many other primary officers and staff which will lead to a smooth turnover with the oncoming Advisor team.

The success of the Advanced Leadership course spawned the development of an Advanced Patrolling and Counter IED course. This class was the result of input given by the ANA on what skills they felt were most beneficial to the success of their combat operations. This course will be the final one that the ETT-2 will be conducting with the 6th Kandak. The groundwork which has been laid by this team will allow the oncoming ETT to take the training of the 6/1/215 to the next level.

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 continues supporting Operation GRIDLOCK by implementing VCPs in several locations throughout the AO, resulting from intelligence reports of possible suicide bomber attacks on the District Government Center.

ETT-2 is preparing for the arrival of the ETT from 3d LAR, as well as continuing to conduct partnered operations throughout its area of operations.

#### INDIA COMPANY

Throughout mid-April to early May, Company I began focusing on preparing Combat Outpost Rankel for the arrival of 2d Platoon, Kilo 3/8. On 20 April, 1st & 3d Platoons conducted Operation CHANKORI and RASOUL in support of Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA. 1st & 3d Platoons' mission was to assist the Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan National Police (ANP) in the cordon and search of the villages of Chankori & Haji Rasoul in order to deny the enemy safe havens within the battlespace.

On 22 April, 3d Platoon assisted the ANA in conducting cordon and searches on specific compounds in Nadir Jan Kalay. Simultaneously, 1st Platoon was to set a cordon around a Madrassa in the Ahkmed Khan Se Kalay. However, as the intel developed, the Madrassa operation was rescheduled to 26 April. During the Madrassa cordon and search, an Improvised Explosive Device was found in an abandoned compound next to the Madrassa which required the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team from COP Rankel to reduce it.

On 24 April, 3d Platoon conducted Operation ROSHAN SKY, a helicopter borne insert into the Eastern Desert to set up a vehicle checkpoint on a known route travelled by many local nationals from the Eastern Desert to the Safar Bazaar.

Kilo Company, 3/8's advanced party arrived at COP Rankel at the end of April. Several key leader engagements and battlefield circulations were conducted to familiarize K/3/8 on the terrain and disposition of the battlespace. On 5 May, 66 pax from Company I departed COP Rankel for Camp Dwyer, while K/3/8's mainbody arrived. On 7 May, K/3/8 at COP Rankel assumed the left seat and

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the remaining Company I Marines prepared to retrograde out of the battlespace.

#### KILO/POLICE MENTORING COMPANY

As of 22 April 2012, Kilo Company 3/3 has removed all Marines and associated equipment from three additional patrol bases: Patrol Bases Bury, Jugroom, and Amir Agha. These three positions, equidistant north to south in Garmser District, were the final platoon-level Marine partnered positions to be transferred by Task Force 3/3. With the removal of Coalition Forces at these positions, the District's Afghan National Police (ANP) will assume a higher level of operational and tactical autonomy. The transfers have facilitated near complete assumption of community security responsibilities to the District's ANP.

At the District Police Headquarters (DPHQ), Company K witnessed increased growth and effectiveness of the District Operational Coordination Center (OCC-D). The OCC-D is now consistently manned twenty-four hours a day by representatives from the National Directorate of Security, Afghan National Army second and sixth kandaks, Afghan Local Police, and Afghan Uniformed Police. As a result of this increased manpower, intra-service battle tracking and inter-service tactical de-confliction have both witnessed measurable improvements. To provide a venue for the increased manning and activity, the OCC-D was moved into Company K's former Company Operations Center. As Kilo Company 3/8 Marines conduct a relief-in-place (RIP) with Task Force 3/3, they will establish a communications center co-located with the OCC-D. This center will provide further opportunities for Marines to mentor effective combat operations center (COC) procedures to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), and facilitate oversight of battlespace tracking and de-confliction between Marine and ANSF units.

As Task Force 3/3 transitions out of Garmser, Company K has readied all gear, equipment and vehicles for assumption by Kilo 3/8 Marines. As the structure of the 3/8 Police Advisor Team will differ from that of Kilo 3/3, the company staff has distributed and reallocated equipment in a way that capitalizes on the different structure and facilitates an efficacious transfer. Kilo 3/3 has also created both hard copy turnover binders and digital turnover folders to facilitate the RIP scheduled which occurred on 14 May 2012. The incoming Police Advisor Team is specifically structured to target increased competence within ANP staff functions and as the turnover progresses. It can only be assumed that the operational foundation established by Kilo 3/3 over the last six months will permit continued improvement and success for Garmser's burgeoning police forces.

#### LIMA COMPANY

Lima Company has completely retrograded from Garmser District, Afghanistan, and is conducting post-deployment briefs as well as leave blocks in preparation for future operations and the impending work-up for the next deployment.

#### WEAPONS COMPANY

During this time period, Marines from CAAT 1 and Headquarters Platoon transitioned Weapons Company's last position, Combat Outpost Torbert, to the Soldiers of the Afghan Border Patrol's 2d Kandak, 1st Tolai, 2d Zone. Marines from CAAT 1 conducted a retrograde of personnel to Camp Dwyer and

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conducted RSO&I for 3d Battalion, 8th Marines ADVON as well as Company K, 3d Battalion, 8th Marines main body. Scout Snipers, CAAT 2, and 81's platoons continued operations in general support of the Battalion through the end of April and early May.

CAAT 2 supported 81's Alpha Section on one Aerial Interdiction Force mission and supported Company I and 81's Alpha Section on three Aerial Raid Force missions. 81's Alpha Section conducted a single Aerial Interdiction Force mission, and two Aerial Raid Force missions. Scout Snipers provided overwatch for Company K during Garmser's DCC elections, and supported Company I on a mission during the end of April.

On 8 May, Weapons Company retrograded all personnel to Camp Dwyer in preparation for redeployment to MCBH Kaneohe Bay.

#### AIR SHOP

During this reporting period, over 100 Assault Support Request (ASR) flights were facilitated by 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. Additionally, 22 Close Air Support (CAS) sorties were controlled for greater than 30 hours of CAS.

#### FIRES/EFFECTS

During this reporting period, the Fires and Effects Section focused its efforts on supporting company operations and Aerial Raid Force missions in support of Battalion Operation ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA. The support included the employment of Military Information Support Operations Personnel through handbill distribution and message broadcasting. The Fires and Effects Section distributed over 2,000 radios and 3,000 handbills. A recent success has been the Garmser Radio Station Call-in Show which has increased District pride from the local nationals.

The Fires and Effects Section has retrograded all gear in accordance with the R4 process. The arrival of 3/8 allowed for an extensive turnover and fires rehearsals in order to ensure they are prepared to assume the battlespace as 3/3 redeploys. Kilo Company 3/8 has also taken ownership of all RIAB equipment and has begun to integrate its capabilities into their battalion mission.

#### 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-April, the S-2 completed the consolidation of a comprehensive Garmser IPB in preparation for turnover with Kilo 3/8. Additionally, the S-2 Officer and Assistant S-2 Officer created a comprehensive intelligence overview, Red Cell brief, White Cell brief, and a (Counter IED) C-IED brief for Kilo 3/8. Our intelligence focus centered on targeting high value individuals for aerial operations, disrupting those suicide bombers and key facilitators actively planning suicide attacks in zone, and shaping the battlespace for successful Tranche 3 transition.

During this period, First Lieutenant Patrick Kimener turned over the S2's accountable items to Kilo 3/8, facilitated the destruction of over 100 classified hard drives, and began preparations to return all necessary classified material to 3/3's home station. Additionally, Lance Corporal Jose

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Ortiz-Santiago supported both CAAT and 81s Platoon with custom intelligence products, raid smart-packs in support of ongoing aerial operations, and created the official turnover map for 3/8's assumed boundaries and positions. Lance Corporal Aaron Halford, the Battalion's Intelligence Operations Center (IOC) clerk, departed Garmser on the cargo flight to escort the section's production suite to Hawaii. 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 April and the first part of May, 1st Lieutenant Kimener and 1st Lieutenant Aubrey Giblin accompanied the Battalion Commander on battlefield circulations in northern and southern Garmser. 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 31 Daily Intelligence Summaries by surveying each day's events and performing an analysis of 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 100 Requests for Information (RFIs) supporting company and battalion operations.

#### LOGISTICS

From 16 April 2012 to 15 May 2012, the Logistics Section (S-4) powered its way towards the end of our deployment. During this period, the S-4 took the lead on all base transfers and focused on re-deployment and retrograde (R2) in support of the reset and reconstitution (R4) of all excess gear in the battlespace. In addition to supporting Battalion operations, resupplying combat outposts, and retrograding equipment and Marines, the S-4 prepared the turnover CMRs for 3/8 and ensured all equipment was properly accounted for in order to facilitate RIP/TOA. The section continued to improve the policies and directives set forth with regard to tracking the movement of assets, and overall logistics command and control, while ensuring timelines were met and combat effectiveness remained strong throughout the Battalion's AO.

The S-4 facilitated the redeployment of over 750 Marines out of the Battalion's battlespace during this period. Due to the limited supply of air assets, the Motor Transportation Section was tasked with transporting over 200 Marines from FOB Dehli to Camp Dwyer via ground transportation in order to facilitate the redeployment of the Battalion. At the same time, the Motor Transportation Section also transported over 150 3/8 Marines from Camp Dwyer to FOB Dehli in order to bring 3/8 into the battlespace.

Combat logistics patrols continued to run 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.

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All internal logistics sections continued to remain in a high state of readiness as the Motor Transportation Section began to decrease its footprint aboard FOB Delhi. Contact teams continued to support all positions throughout the AO while enabling the Battalion's R4 effort and the S-4 assisted each company 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 Kilo Company, 3d Battalion, 8th Marines. The Platoon conducted a walk-through of the YDELHI Consolidated Memorandum Receipt (CMR) with the Kilo Company Commanding Officer to ensure he understood what his equipment was and the capabilities it provided him, as well as retrograde and turnover 1500 items from the YCOMMR CMR, including 758 Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI), to the RCT-5 Electronic Key Management System (EKMS) Manager.

The Wire Section submitted Telephone Service Requests (TSRs) to Regimental Combat Team (RCT) 5 to update and rename all the phones in the Kilo Company COC. The section also went through FOB Delhi to pull up all CX-4566 (26 pair cable) not in use, along with removing all CAT 5E cable that is no longer in use. Additionally, they retrograded any remaining items that were no longer used when the Battalion COC switched to a Company COC construct.

The EKMS Section ensured the accountability of all CCI that are distributed throughout the Battalion Area of Operations (AO). The Communications Officer and the EKMS Custodian conducted a final monthly Automated Information System (AIS) review of the Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI) with all items accounted for so that the AIS can be transferred to the 3/8 Communications Platoon Radio Chief.

The Maintenance Marines reviewed all EROs that were open in Marine Corps Integrated Maintenance Management System (MIMMS) and in maintenance either at Leatherneck or Camp Dwyer. They ensured that all the equipment that was in the maintenance cycle was either closed out or transferred to RCT-5. They also ensured that all WIR paperwork for equipment that was sent to DRMO was run in the system and all the equipment was taken off of whatever CMR it was on.

The Radio Section uninstalled all the remotes and radios out of the Bn COC and worked to get the radios in the Kilo 3/8 COC up and running. They also moved the AN/VRC-110 for the Air Officer into the Kilo 3/8 COC as the air shop is short staffed. Once all the remotes and radios were uninstalled, they removed all the WD-1 and RF cables that were set up on the roof of the Bn COC. The Comm Marines retrograded excess equipment and kept necessary items. The Radio Section sent all excess gear to Dwyer for turn-in.

The Data Section successfully submitted and completed three Network Change Requests (NCR) for the teardown and transition of COP Torbert to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) and the set-up of a redundant Wireless-Point To Point Link from COP Sharp to COP Rankel. With the setup of this transmission link, it will enable Kilo 3/8 to have redundant and tertiary links throughout the AO. The Data Shop successfully moved over 50 user exchange mailboxes from the FOB Delhi servers to FOB Geronimo servers and retrograded over 300 individual pieces of gear to Camp Dwyer. They then completed a Network Change Request with the decommissioning of all of the



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servers aboard FOB Delhi. Finally, they successfully transferred all turnover documents from each network to locations where 3/3 and 3/8 can continue to work on turnover and successfully complete the relief in place on time.

#### BATTALION AID STATION (BAS)

From 16 April through 15 May, the Battalion Aid Station (BAS) successfully prepared to turnover medical readiness responsibilities to the incoming unit, Kilo 3/8. During this time there were several key events that did occur to include a mass casualty situation near Lakari on 19 April. The targets were ANSF working and living in the Lakari police station and resulted in multiple injuries. With poor weather, aerial medevac was not possible, but the patients were eventually transported to FOB Dehli via ground and treated at the Battalion Aid Station. Following triage, the six most severely injured were transported via air to higher echelon care.

In addition to providing care and continuing to prepare for turnover, 3/3 BAS conducted a Medic course for the ANSF graduating their final ANA and ANP medics on 9 May. These courses are instrumental to the success of the ANSF as coalition partners withdraw and medics will be in short supply. As the reporting period draws to a close, 3/3 BAS continues to hand over responsibility to K/3/8 and prepare for retrograde in order to close another successful deployment.

#### CHAPLAIN

From 16 April - 15 May, Lieutenant Durham, the Battalion Chaplain, conducted 20 Warrior Transition classes in order to prepare the Marines and Sailors of 3/3 for their return home. He conducted one last battlespace circulation passing through PB Sharp and COB Rankel. 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. Chaplain Ben Garrett from RC(SW) provided Catholic mass at COB Rankel, PB Sharp and FOB Delhi.

#### SECTION III: ATTACHMENTS IN DIRECT SUPPORT

##### 1. Personnel Information

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

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## 2. Narrative Summary

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

From 16 April to 15 May 2012, HET 02 continued operations in direct support to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. During April to May, HET 02 focused on battalion, RCT, MARDIV and RC(SW) collection requirements by conducting Counterintelligence (CI) and Human Intelligence (HUMINT) support throughout Garmser District. HET 02 focused operations on countering IEDs of various types, small arms fire, and planned suicide attacks as well as capturing High Valued Targets (HVT). Documents authored and distributed included: (91) Intelligence Information Reports (IIR), (2) Tactical Interrogation Reports (TIR) and (35) SPOT reports of immediate tactical value. In addition to disseminating these products, (9) Detainees taken throughout Task Force 3/3's battlespace and were interrogated by HET 02. The team also participated in multiple Company level operations conducting (7) dismounted patrols in order to engage the local populace and conduct operations. HET 02 conducted (5) Vacated Command Post Inspections (VCPI), (13) CI Screenings, (5) CI Operations, (173) internal and external Requests For Information (RFI) and produced (14) analytical products. HET 02 completed a total of (29) S-1, S-4 and S-6 requests during the month of February. The fruits of these labors resulted in multiple IED finds, the disruption of enemy activity and the capture of numerous HVIs in Garmser District.

### ENGINEERS

The Combat Engineer Platoon continued to provide 3d Battalion, 3d Marines with mobility, counter-mobility, survivability and engineer reconnaissance support. The General Support Section conducted a route reconnaissance of Route Cowboys and Route Redskins. The platoon began retrograding gear to Camp Dwyer for CMR turn-in with 1st CEB and focusing on turnover 3/8 Engineers. Turnover was completed on 7 May 2012.

### CIVIL AFFAIRS GROUP (CAG)

During this period Civil Affairs Team 3 completed RIP/TOA with 11th Marines Civil Affairs Team 4, assuming management of 11 ongoing deliberate projects within the Garmser District. The team paid a total of \$56,891 USD to project contractors based on work completed, as well as completing the Kharako School project by reconciling with disbursing and initiating for closure in the CIDNE system.

Concurrently, Civil Affairs Team 3 continued to collect civil atmospheric data at multiple locations throughout the AO. This data includes local economics, security, freedom of movement and other civil issues is collected and reported to higher on a regular basis. The typical venue to gather information is through the attendance of Shuras with district leadership, and conduct of key leader engagements with community elders throughout Garmser.

Upon assuming responsibility of Garmser District, Civil Affairs Team 3 will continue to support Kilo Company 3/8 throughout their deployment. Projects will continue to be monitored and a pulse will be kept on the atmospheric data of the District, ultimately supporting transition of authority to GIROA and eventual complete autonomy.

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SECTION IV: SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

March 16 - April 15

16 Apr	Aerial Raid - Lablaz
17 Apr	District Council Member Elections
18 Apr	COP Torbert Transferred to ABP
21 Apr	Operation CHANKORI - Clear of Chankori village
23 Apr	Aerial Interdiction Mission
24 Apr	Operation ROSHAN SKY
24 Apr	3/8 ADVON arrived in Garmser
25-27 Apr	Operation BAAZ - aerial raid to Shishingi
26 Apr	District Transition Assessment
28 Apr	Operation CHALCOSH - Safar Madrassa Clear
30 Apr	3/8 ADVON departed Garmser
02 May	ANP raid - Cordon and Knock
02 May	Aerial Interdiction Mission
04 May	ANP Raid - Cordon and Knock
04 May	Kilo Co 3/8 Main Body arrived in Garmser
05 May	Aerial Raid - Kartaka
05 May	OPERATION ZEMA PA SAR MA TERA ends
06 May	Relief in Place begins
07 May	RCT-5 RIP/TOA Confirmation Brief
14 May	Certificate of Relief Signed
14 May	Ceremony with ANSF
15 May	Transfer of Authority