

New 3/26 CO

PHU BAI—Lieutenant Colonel Kurt K. Hoch assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Regiment, 3rd Marine Division during ceremonies Jan. 17.

The unit is participating in Operation Chinook 20 miles north of here.

Hoch relieved Lieutenant Colonel Garland T. Beyerle who has been reassigned to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division for duty.