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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 November 1967 to 30 November 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Lieutenant Colonel R.C.V. HUGHES 051741 (1-30 Nov)

Quang Tri

* 1st Bn, (-) 11th Marines

A. DESIGNATION LOCATION COMMANDER

12th Marines (-)(Rein) Dong Ha Colonel E. S. SCHICK
JR. 039369 (1-30Nov)

B. SUBORDINATE UNITS LOCATION COMMANDER

HqBtry, 12th Marines Dong Ha Captain A. J. MCCARTHY
JR. 077032 (1-11Nov)
Captain J. R. HALL JR.
092106 (12-30Nov)
Lieutenant Colonel C.
H. OPFAR JR. 050409
(1-30Nov)

1stBn, 12th Marines Camp CARROLL Lieutenant Colonel R.
SCHUELER 052170 (1-30
Nov)

2ndBn, 12th Marines Dong Ha Lieutenant Colonel D.
B. BARKER 051846 (1-9
Nov)

3rdBn, 12th Marines Camp EVANS Major R. W. GREER
061366 (10-30Nov)
Major R. W. BOLVES
056052 (1-30Nov)
Major R. A. FRONCEK
057258 (1-7Nov)
Major J. W. CAMPBELL
060742 (8-30Nov)

4thBn, 12th Marines Phu Bai * SEE MARGIN
COMPOSITE ARTY BN Gio Linh

C. ATTACHED UNITS LOCATION COMMANDER

1st 8" HowBtry (SP) Cam Lo Major W. G. SMITH JR.
076271 (1-30Nov)

1st Plt, 5th 155GunBtry
(SP) Cam Lo Major N. J. BECKMAN
071421 (1-30Nov)
Lieutenant Colonel R.
B. METCALFE 039605
(1-16Nov)
Lieutenant Colonel S.
F. THOMAS 057699 (17-
30Nov)

1st 155GunBtry (SP) Phu Bai

1st Field Arty Group Phu Bai

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<u>C. ATTACHED UNITS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
1st Searchlight Btry	Dong Ha	Captain V. B. SNIDER 077353 (1-30Nov)
1stBn, 40thArty (USA)	Dong Ha	Lieutenant Colonel L. R. ROPER 070118 (1-30 Nov)
2ndBn, 94thArty (USA)	Camp CARROLL	Lieutenant Colonel R. H. KAMSTRA 109964 (1- 30Nov)
8thBn, 4thArty (USA)	Dong Ha	Lieutenant Colonel J. C. BARNES JR. 062704 (1-30Nov)
100th Arty Group (USA)	Dong Ha	Colonel D. L. JONES 076888 (1-30Nov)
Btry"C", 2ndTABArty(USA)	Dong Ha	Captain O. SWAIN JR. 103129 (1-30Nov)

D. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Colonel W. L. GORE 043637 (1-22Nov) Lieutenant Colonel R. J. RANDOLPH JR. 045904 (23-30Nov)
S-1/ADJ	1stLt M. R. RICKS 097729 (1-4Nov) 1stLt M. D. THRASHER 098070 (5-10Nov) 1stLt J. A. JOHANN 079272 (11-30Nov) 1stLt M. D. THRASHER 098070 (1-30Nov)
PersO	Major H. M. RUNKLE 056862 (1-30Nov)
S-2	Capt W. D. JONES 093217 (1-30Nov)
S-2A	1stLt J. F. ADAMS 095448 (1-30Nov)
S-2A	Lieutenant Colonel R. J. RANDOLPH JR. 045904 (1-22Nov)
S-3	Major W. H. DAVIS JR. 059029 (23-30 Nov)
*	Major J. C. DEEMER 076888 (1-22Nov)
S-3A/AO	Captain W. J. OCONNOR 082423 (1-22 Nov)
S-3A/AO	Major J. E. STANTON 077738 (1-16Nov)
S-3A/AO	Captain J. W. FRAM 084478 (1-30Nov)
S-3 COMP ARTY BN	Captain G. J. MISKE 086391 (1-30Nov)
S-4	Major F. JUNGER 073656 (1-30Nov)
RegtSupO	Major F. JUNGER 073656 (1-30Nov)
MTO	Major F. JUNGER 073656 (1-11Nov)
MTO	Captain J. R. HALL JR. 092106 (12-30Nov)
*S-3A	Major W. H. DAVIS JR. 059029 (1-22Nov)

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D. STAFF OFFICERS (Cont.)

OrdnanceO	WO H. C. PUGLIESE 099245 (1-30Nov)
S-5	1stLt J. F. HORAK 094279 (1-30Nov)
HqBtrySupO	2ndLt V. J. CILLI JR. 0100117 (1-30 Nov)
Ass't FSC (Dong Ha)	Lieutenant Colonel T. A. MCPHEETERS 051953 (1-30Nov)
TIO FSC (Dong Ha)	Major G. A. KUPETS 078082 (16-30Nov)
Ass't FSC (Dong Ha)	1stLt W. C. ANKENY 095269 (1-30Nov)
Ass't FSC (Phu Bai)	Major R. J. WHEELOCK 072196 (1-20Nov)
	Major F. R. ALLEN 069797 (21-30Nov)
Ass't FSC (Phu Bai)	Captain B. G. SIKES 081047 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Dong Ha)	Lt. J. C. MAXTON 520531 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Dong Ha)	Lt(jg) L. D. WALTER 682166 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Phu Bai)	Lt. A. C. HILL 651486 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Phu Bai)	Lt. A. F. MILLER 651561 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Phu Bai)	Lt. T. E. BRYAN 637714 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Dong Ha)	Lt. W. R. H. SMITH 659460 (1-30Nov)
Asst NGFO (Dong Ha)	Lt(jg) R. L. CUTCHIN 688569 (1-30Nov)
FDO (CAU VIET)	1stLt J. CHICKNEAS 094111 (1-30Nov)
CMR OFFICER	WO J. J. RYON 099299 (1-30Nov)
COMMO	Major J. P. ATHERTON 076815 (1-30Nov)
Asst COMMO	WO J. E. HUDDLESTON 098840 (1-30Nov)
SURVEY/METRO/AO	WO G. L. WHITTED 099531 (1-30Nov)
SURGEON	LT. F. P. LILLIS 717101 (1-30Nov)
CHAPLAIN	LCDR H. E. PHILLIPS 618007 (1-30Nov)
HqBtry Commandant	Captain A. J. MCCARTHY JR. 077032 (1-11 Nov)
	Captain J. R. HALL JR. 092106 (12-30Nov)

E. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH FOR HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, TWELFTH MARINES.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

010001 - 302400 November 1967

The 12th Marines (-)(Rein), consisting of its organic battalions (less units attached to Special Landing Forces), two provisional 155 Howitzer batteries, the Composite Artillery Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Group, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)(Rein), FMF, 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP), FMF, 3rd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company (LVTH-6), 1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines, "A" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (SLF "A"), 4.2" Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (SLF "A"), the 108th Artillery Group (USA), 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (USA), 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery (USA), 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery (USA), exercised tactical fire direction, provided fire support coordination and fire planning throughout Quang Tri and Thau Thien provinces of the Northern I Corps area.

The 108th Artillery Group (USA) provides logistics and administrative support for designated U. S. Army units within the northern ICTZ and will provide tactical control of designated U. S. Army units on 010001H December 1967. The integration of Battery "C", 2d Target Acquisition Battery with the 12th Marines provides a target acquisition capability that has not existed in the Marine Corps since Korea. The establishment of flash and sound bases by "C" Battery 2d TAB at CON THIEN and GIO LINH, coupled with the additional target acquisition radars, AN/MPQ-10's, AN/MPQ-4, received during November from both Army and Marine sources has increased tremendously this Regiment's capability to perform its counterbattery/mortar mission. A Counterbattery Intelligence Center, manned jointly by Marine and Army personnel has been established, contiguous with the Regimental FDC, in order to fully exploit the increased target acquisition capability acquired during November. Response time in the engagement of active artillery targets, acquired by flash and sound station and by radar, has thus been reduced and as procedures for processing target information is refined. A further reduction in response time is anticipated. The Regiment now possesses the capability to engage artillery/mortar targets with a relatively high assurance of achieving neutralization of the target.

The Regiment supported 3d Marine Division elements in Operations KENTUCKY, LANCASTER, SCOTLAND, NEOSHO, NAPOLEON, HIGHRISE, COVE, OSCEOLA, BALLISTIC ARCH, and supported the

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1st ARVN Division with direct support and reinforcing fires. The Regiment also supported the 1st Marine Regiment (OPCON 3d MarDiv) in Operation OSCEOLA.

Operation HIGHRISE was conducted concurrently with operations as listed above. Units participating in HIGHRISE were Composite Artillery Battalion, 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery and 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery including their reinforcement of a platoon of the 5th 155 Gun Battery, units of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and 90mm tanks from 3d Tank Battalion attached to Composite Artillery Battalion.

Additional supporting fires for Operations HIGHRISE, KENTUCKY, and NAPOLEON were furnished by Naval Gunfire Support ships. (See NGF list below.)

NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS WHICH SUPPORTED 12TH MAR DURING NOV

USS LEARY
USS EDWARDS
USS DUPONT
USS NEWPORT NEWS
USS GOLDSBOROUGH
USS NEW
USS ROBINSON
USS MANSFIELD
USS CAMBERRA
USS HOPEWELL
USS PERTUS
USS MC CORMICK

Highlights of the above operations, significant missions fired, and other pertinent data are included in the 12th Marines Daily Sitreps attached as TAB " ".

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

SECTION 1, OPERATIONS

A. COMMAND RELATIONS

Btry "A", 1stBn, 12th Marines and Mortar Btry, 2ndBn, 12th Marines from SLF "A" participated in operations with the Third Marine Division.

B. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

<u>UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION/LOCATION</u>
<u>12th Marine Regiment (-)(Rein)</u>	1-30Nov	Arty Support 3d MarDiv and 1st ARVN Div, 2nd Airborne Brig on request
Headquarters Battery(-)(Rein)	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Det MC 10-1 Radar	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Det MC 10-2 Radar	1-30Nov	C-2
Det MC 4-1 Radar	1-11Nov	DONG HA
	12-30Nov	CON THIEN
1st 8" HowBtry(SP) (-)(Rein)	1-30Nov	G/S CAM LO
1stPlt, 5th 155mm GunBtry(SP)	1-16Nov	CAM LO
Det 1stPlt, 5th 155 GunBtry(SP)	17-30Nov	CAM LO
1st Searchlight Btry (-)	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Det Sec 2, 1stPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry"A", 1stBn, 12thMar (SLF)	1-5Nov	QUANG TRI
	6-16Nov	C-2
	17-26Nov	CAU VIET
	27-30Nov	C-2
MortarBtry, 2ndBn, 12thMar(SLF)	1-26Nov	SLF "A"
	27-30Nov	CAM LO
108th FieldArtyGrp (USA)	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry"C", 2ndTAB, 26thArty (USA)	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Det Radar Plt, Btry"C", 2dBn, 26th Arty	1-21Nov	DONG HA
Det Flash Plt, Btry"C", 2dBn, 26th Arty	5-30Nov	DONG HA

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<u>1st Field Artillery Group</u>	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
<u>Composite Artillery Battalion</u>	1-30Nov	G/S Op. HIGHRISE
Det 5th 155mm GunBtry (SP)	17-30Nov	GIO LINH
Plt Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	1-2Nov	GIO LINH
Plt Btry "M", 4thBn, 12thMar	2-30Nov	GIO LINH
Det, 1st 8" HowBtry (SP)	1-30Nov	GIO LINH
Btry "C", 1stBn, 40thArty (USA)	1-3Nov	GIO LINH
Btry "A", 1stBn, 40thArty (USA)	3-30Nov	GIO LINH
235th FA Radar Det (USA)	1-27Nov	GIO LINH
250th FA Radar Det (USA)	27-30Nov	GIO LINH
Sec 1, 2dPlt, 1stSLT Btry	1-30Nov	GIO LINH
Det SoundPlt, 2dBn, 26thArty (USA)	1-30Nov	GIO LINH
<u>1stBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>	1-30Nov	D/S 3dMar
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "C", 1stBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "I"(-), 3dBn, 12thMar	1-8Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "I", 3dBn, 12thMar	9-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "K", 4thBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "B"(-), 1stBn, 40thArty (USA)	1-30Nov	THON SON LAM
Mortar Btry(-), 1stBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	CA LU
Det Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 12thMar	1-15Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "D", 2dBn, 12thMar	1-10Nov	CAM LO
Btry "K"(-), 4thBn, 13thMar	1-10Nov	C-2
Det MC 10-1	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Sec 2, 2dPlt, 1stSLT Btry	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
239th Radar Det (USA)	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
<u>2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>	1-30Nov	D/S 9th Marines
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry "D", 2dBn, 12thMar	10-30Nov	CAM LO
Btry "E", 2dBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	CON THIEN
Btry "F", 2dBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	C-2
Btry "K"(-), 4thBn, 13thMar	10-30Nov	C-2
Plt Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	2-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry "M"(-), 4thBn, 12thMar	2-30Nov	DONG HA
MortarBtry, 3rdBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	CON THIEN
2ndPlt, 1stArmd Amphib Co.	1-30Nov	CAU VIET
Det MortarBtry, 1stBn, 12thMar	15-30Nov	C-4
245th MCR Det (USA)	28-30Nov	C-2

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Det Radar Plt, Btry "C", 2dBn	22-30Nov	CAM LO
26th Arty (USA)		
Det Sec 1, 3rdPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	CON THIEN
Det Sec 2, 3rdPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	C-2
Det Sec 3, 2ndPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	C-2
Det Sec 1, 3rdPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	CAU VIET
Det Sec 3, 2ndPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	C-2
Det Sound Plt, 2dBn, 26thArty (USA)	1-30Nov	CON THIEN
<u>3rdBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>	1-30Nov	D/S 4th Marines
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	CAMP EVANS
Btry "G", 3rdBn, 12thMar	1-17Nov	CAMP EVANS
	18-22Nov	PHU LOC
	22-30Nov	CAMP EVANS
Btry "H", 3rdBn, 12thMar	1-8Nov	CAMP EVANS
	8-11Nov	THON THOUNG
	11-30Nov	CAMP EVANS
1stProv 155 HowBtry(-)	1-30Nov	CAMP EVANS
2ndProv 155 HowBtry(-)	1-8Nov	CAMP EVANS
	8-11Nov	THON THOUNG
	11-30Nov	CAMP EVANS
MortarBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	1-9Nov	CAMP EVANS
<u>4thBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>	1-30Nov	G/S PHU BAI
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	TAOR
Det, HqBtry, 12thMar	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
Btry "B", 1stBn, 13thMar	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
Btry "L", 4thBn, 12thMar	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
1st 155 GunBtry (SP)	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
Det Sec 3, 3rdPlt, 1stSLTBtry	1-30Nov	PHU BAI
<u>1stBn (-), 11th Marines</u>	1-30Nov	D/S 1st Marines
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	QUANG TRI
Btry "A", 1stBn, 11thMar	1-30Nov	QUANG TRI
Btry "B", 1stBn, 11thMar	1-30Nov	QUANG TRI
Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 11thMar	1-30Nov	QUANG TRI
<u>1stBn (-)(Rein), 40th Arty (USA)</u>	1-30Nov	G/S 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Service Btry	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry "A", 1stBn, 40thArty	1-2Nov	DONG HA
Det Btry "A", 1stBn, 40thArty	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Plt Btry "B", 1stBn, 40thArty	1-30Nov	DONG HA

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Btry"C", 1stBn, 40thArty	3-16Nov	DONG HA
Btry"C"(-), 1stBn, 40thArty	17-30Nov	C-1
Plt Btry"C", 1stBn, 40thArty	1-30Nov	DONG HA
235th CMR Det (USA)	27-30Nov	DONG HA
238th CMR Det (USA)	28-30Nov	DONG HA
239th CMR Det (USA)	25-29Nov	DONG HA
240th CMR Det (USA)	25-30Nov	DONG HA
245th CMR Det (USA)	22-27Nov	DONG HA
250th CMR Det (USA)	22-26Nov	DONG HA

<u>2ndBn, 94th Arty(-)(Rein)(USA)</u>	1-30Nov	G/S 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Service Battery	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry"A", 2dBn, 94th Arty	1-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry"B"(-), 2dBn, 94th Arty	1-24Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry"B", 2dBn, 94th Arty	24-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Plt Btry"B", 2dBn, 94th Arty	1-24Nov	THON SON LAM
Btry"C", 2dBn, 94th Arty	1-24Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Btry"C"(-), 2dBn, 94th Arty	24-30Nov	CAMP CARROLL
Plt Btry"C", 2dBn, 94th Arty	24-30Nov	THON SON LAM

<u>8thBn, 4th Artillery(-)(USA)</u>	1-30Nov	G/S 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Service Btry	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry"A", 8thBn, 4th Arty	1-30Nov	DONG HA
Btry"C", 8thBn, 4th Arty	1-30Nov	DONG HA

Artillery Units OPCON 26th Marines

1stBn(-), 13thMar	1-30Nov	KHE SANH
Btry"A", 1stBn, 13thMar	1-30Nov	KHE SANH
Btry"C", 1stBn, 13thMar	1-30Nov	KHE SANH
MortarBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	9-30Nov	KHE SANH
Det MortarBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	1-8Nov	KHE SANH
Det Btry"I", 3rdBn, 12thMar	1-9Nov	KHE SANH
Det 1st Prov 155 HowBtry	1-30Nov	KHE SANH
Det 2nd Prov 155 HowBtry	1-30Nov	KHE SANH

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C. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

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| (1) 1-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) conducted Operation HIGHRISE (Artillery fire into the DMZ and NVN).

Ref: CG III MAF 241450Z
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| (2) 1-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for 3d Recon Bn operations.

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 377-67 |
| (3) 1-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation KENTUCKY.

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 59-67 |
| (4) 1-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation SCOTLAND

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 49-67 |
| (5) 1-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation NEOSHO

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 50-67 |
| (6) 1-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation LANCASTER

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 58-67 |
| (7) 5-30 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation NAPOLEON

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 60-67 |
| (8) 18-21 November 1967 | 12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation COVE

Ref: 4thMar OpO 55-67 |

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(9) 1-30 November 1967

12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation OSCEOLA

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 57-67

(10) 24-27 November 1967

12th Marines(-)(Rein) provided artillery support for Operation BALLISTIC ARCH

Ref: CTG 76.4 315-68

(11) 1-30 November 1967

1stBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar provided artillery support for Operation HIGHRISE.

Ref: CG III MAF 241450Z
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(12) 1-30 November 1967

1stBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar provided artillery support for Operation LANCASTER

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 58-67

(13) 1-30 November 1967

2ndBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar provided artillery support for Operation HIGHRISE

Ref: CG III MAF 241450Z
Feb 67

(14) 1-30 November 1967

2ndBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar provided artillery support for Operation KENTUCKY

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 59-67

(15) 1-30 November 1967

3dBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar provided artillery support for Operation NEOSHO

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 50-67

(16) 18-21 November 1967

3dBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar provided artillery support for Operation COVE

Ref: 4thMar OpO 55-67

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(17) 1-30 November 1967

1st Battalion(-), 11thMar
provided artillery support
for Operation OSCEOLA

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 57-67

(18) 18-21 November 1967

4thBn(-)(Rein), 12thMar
provided artillery support
for Operation COVE.

Ref: 4thMar OpO 55-67

(19) See 12th Marines daily SITREPS (TAB A) for highlights
of operations and significant missions.

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(PART III, SECTION I)

D. FIRE SUPPORT

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

Observed Missions	3,327
Unobserved Missions	5,072
Registrations	76
H&I Missions	<u>8,917</u>
Total	17,392

(2) The following ammunition was expended:

175mm Gun High Explosive	13,732
105mm High Explosive	110,285
107mm High Explosive	6,608
155mm High Explosive	16,409
155mm Gun High Explosive	1,530
8" Howitzer High Explosive	3,518
90mm High Explosive	690
105mm Illumination	1,978
155mm Illumination	1,213
107mm Illumination	155
107mm Smoke WP	720
105mm Smoke WP	5,159
155mm Smoke WP	786
155mm Gun Smoke WP	<u>1,530</u>
Total	164,313

E. AIR SUPPORT. Air support consisted of O1G, O1C and O2 type aircraft for aerial observation. 12th Marines flew 97 missions for a total of 238.0 hours during November. AO's adjusted artillery and Naval Gunfire missions, assisted with airstrikes, and performed daily reconnaissance and convoy cover throughout the northern portion of the ICTZ.

F. TRAINING. The following significant training was conducted during November.

(1) School quotas filled:

- (a) Special Weapons Training Course-2
- (b) NCO Leadership-7
- (c) Personnel Response Course-2
- (d) Staff NCO-3

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(2) School quotas requested for third quarter, FY 68:

- (a) Basic Ammo Tech
- (b) NCO Leadership
- (c) Embarkation (Officer and Enlisted)
- (d) Com/Sec Crypto
- (e) Motion Picture Operator
- (f) Registered Publications
- (g) Vietnamese Language
- (h) Military Justice
- (i) Infantry Weapons Repair

(3) On the job training, MOS training, and formal classes were conducted daily at all levels. Training Highlights consisted of:

(a) Preventative maintenance instruction was held for all drivers and Motor Transport personnel.

(b) Classes on Field Sanitation and Personal Hygiene, Religions of Vietnam and Vietnamese Customs held in connection with the Troop Indoctrination Program.

(c) Patrol leaders three day course was conducted by 3rd Force Reconnaissance Battalion for personnel of Dong Ha Combat Base. Five Marines from 12th Marines successfully completed the course.

(d) Classes and FAM firing were conducted for all personnel drawing M-16's.

PART III. SECTION 2. INTELLIGENCE**A. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY**

<u>KIA</u>		<u>KIA</u>	
<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>PROBABLE</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>PROBABLE</u>
53	124	5	2

B. INTELLIGENCE

(1) Enemy Action. During November the enemy has continued to maintain pressure on forces in the DMZ area. There was a decrease in actual enemy contact, and in the number of artillery rounds fired at outposts and Combat Bases in the Northern Quang Tri Province. The enemy pressure was characterized by sporadic artillery, mortar, and rocket attacks. There was a definite lack of intelligence information concerning enemy movement during the month of November.

(2) Counterbattery. There was no change in the counterbattery policy of the Regiment. Operation **HEADSHED** took place during the period. Aerial photography was used for pre and post strike analyses.

(3) Target Acquisition. During November the target acquisition capability of the Regiment was increased by four U.S.A. AN/MPQ-4A. At the present time the Regiment has two sound bases, (Gio Linh-Con Thien), five AN/MPQ-4A's, Camp Carroll, Con Thien, C-2, Gio Linh, Dong Ha, and seven AN/MPQ-4A's. Additionally the Target Acquisition Battery has assumed responsibility for manning five flash observation posts.

(4) Observation. Air Observers continued their mission of artillery spot throughout the 3d Marine Division TAOR. Flight time has been cut due to the rainy season and overcast clouds. The average number of AO's in flight status remained at eleven including three U.S.A. The number of hours flown by Regimental AO's is 238.0.

(5) Personnel. There has been no improvement of the status of intelligence personnel during this period.

(6) Weather. November was characterized by scattered rain showers and overcast clouds. Cloudiness and precipitation increased over the month of October. Precipitation for November was 9.19 inches. The high temperature was 90, low of 64, with an average of 76. November was characterized by early morning showers and cloudiness usually clearing in the afternoons.

(7) Miscellaneous. From Con Thien Regiment received a complete 120MM mortar round and a Chicom 105 round which penetrated a 4.2 mortar base plate and failed to explode.

PART II. SECTION 3. PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIONA. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

(1) None.

B. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED IN HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, TWELFTH MARINES AND ATTACHED ARMY UNITS.

(1) WIA/KIA: Period 1-30 November 1967.

USMC		USN		USA	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
0/0	5/1	1/0	0/0	0/2	0/4

C. PERSONNEL JOINED AND DROPPED IN HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, TWELFTH MARINES

(1) Joined 7 USMC Officers, 66 USMC Enlisted, 1 USN Officer, and 1 USN Enlisted.

(2) Dropped 9 USMC Officers, 49 USMC Enlisted, 0 USN Officers, and 1 USN Enlisted.

(3) Critical shortages exist throughout the Regiment in the following MOS's:

0231	0441	2847	5931
0259	2539	3531	

D. ADMINISTRATION

(1) The First, Second and Fourth Battalions operate under battery administration with the Third Battalion currently operating under battalion administration as part of the administrative test program being conducted within the Third Marine Division.

(2) The following units are carried under the administrative control of Headquarters, 12th Marines with all other units assigned under battalion administrative control:

1st Heavy Artillery Group

1st CM Howitzer Battery (SP) (Rein)

1st Searchlight Battery

Headquarters Battery

PART III. SECTION 4. LOGISTICS

A. NEW EQUIPMENT. None.

B. LOGISTICS

(1) A command interest letter submitted to CG 3d Mar Div concerning the general lack of supply admin clerks, and motor transport mechanics. The Regimental average for all three fields approximating 7%.

(2) A command interest message (the fourth) submitted to the CG 3d Mar Div concerning the status of duplicating machinery within the Regimental Headquarters Battery. No tangible results have been witnessed.

(3) Guidance was published to all artillery units concerning the timely submission of TERO's so as to ensure the availability of tubes and breech rings when actual replacement is required.

(4) Received authorization from CMC to requisition certain items as a Special Allowance for the two Provisional 155mm How(TWD) Batteries and the Composite Artillery Battalion at GIO LINE. Authority was passed to the 3d Battalion 12th Marines to requisition the items.

(5) A letter providing the historical background on the formation of the two Provisional 155mm How(TWD) Batteries was resubmitted to CG 3d MarDiv.

(6) Eleventh Engineer Battalion started the modification of the M109 Howitzer (SP) in accordance with MI-03968-45/5.

(7) Regimental Bulletin 11101 of 9 November 1967 was published regarding the availability of services and transient billeting spaces at Camp ROBERTS (Regt CP).

(8) Requirements for military construction, FY 1969, were submitted to the Base Facilities Coordinator, Dong Ha Combat Base.

(9) Directed the intra-regimental distribution of excesses reported by the 4th Bn, 12th Marines.

(10) Engineer assistance was requested to construct pews and wire the new Chapel. The request was denied by the Base Facilities Coordinator due to the non-availability of materials and manpower. Material requirements have been requested again on a self-help basis.

(11) A request for lumber for the construction of a suitable and adequate storage space for the S&C Files was submitted to the Base Facilities Coordinator.

(12) Planning for the displacement of the First Field Artillery Group Headquarters commenced. Main problem items encountered included: additional tentage requirements, additional camp electric power source, and transportation augmentation.

PART III. SECTION 5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. GENERAL. Communications facilities for the Naval Gunfire were repositioned at the Dong Ha FSOC.

B. RADIO. Radio circuits shared by the FDC and FSOC were double remote to allow both sections to use one radio and one antenna per net vice two per net.

C. WIRE. Hot lines were established from the GDC and the FSOC to the 3-2 watch officer in the FDC.

D. RADIO RELAY. Communications over the TRC-27B to Gio Linh has had 96% effective operating time.

E. COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

(1) The total message traffic handled in the Communication Center during November:

Incoming:	2520
Outgoing:	500
Total	3020

(2) Total for October was 2946.

(3) Teletype transmission to division was moved to the TRC-66 equipment and found to be unsatisfactory. Circuits were returned to the TRC-97 equipment and are now working more reliably.

F. SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE. Teletype equipment repairs at higher echelons, 3rd FSR, FLSG, FDSG, 1st FSR, have a long lead time and all equipment to date has been evacuated to 1st FSR Da Nang through FLSG at Phu Bai. The modifications placing VRC series radios in M-109 weapons have been started. Mike Battery has four completed Guns. Kilo, 4th Bn., 13th Marines has one completed Gun.

PART III, SECTION 6. CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. MEDCAP. The MEDCAP program has continued to show an increase of treatments during the month of November. A total of 732 people were treated, which is an increase of 201 over the previous months total.

2. CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM. 12th Marines had a very active month. Through COM-12, 300 pounds of clothing and 100 bars of soap were made available. These items were given to the Catholic Orphanage in Dong Ha. Several homes in Dong Ha were damaged during the early part of the month. Aid in reconstructing these homes was furnished. A second visit showed that the damage was almost completely repaired. A message from this office to the distribution list was sent out concerning the Vietnamese celebrations of Christmas and Tet. Much interest had been indicated previously, and a good response is hoped for. On Thanksgiving Day, a coordinated project was held with 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (USA). 50 Vietnamese youngsters were treated to dinner at the two 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (USA) mess-halls, with the necessary coordination provided through 12th Marines.

3. VILLAGE. The construction of the public head in Dong Ha Village continued as the main project for the month. Construction is now 75% complete. Acquisition of cement continues as the major holdup. The necessary requisition has been placed, and a re-supply is expected shortly.

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PART III. SECTION 7. CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIESA. DIVINE SERVICES CONDUCTED

Protestant (Regimental Chaplain)

Services - - - - - 10

Attendance - - - - - 170

*Protestant (Guest Chaplains)

Services - - - - - 22

Attendance - - - - - 408

*The Regimental Chaplain was wounded (med-evac) on 11 Nov 1967. Arrangements were made for guest chaplains to conduct routine services as nearly as possible for the remainder of the month.

Roman Catholic (Battalion Chaplain 1/12)

Services - - - - - 48

Attendance - - - - - 1266

B. PERSONAL COUNSELING CASES. (Regimental Chaplain) 4C. MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services - - - - - 3

Attendance - - - - - 52

D. NATIONAL FUNCTIONS. Letters to wives - - - - - 2E. CONFERENCES. (Regimental Staff) - - - - - 10

F. COMMANDS VISITED. All units OPCON 12th Marines are visited on a regular schedule by the Regimental Chaplain (Protestant) and the Battalion Chaplain, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (Roman Catholic) or provisions for such coverage is assured by arrangement with adjacent unit chaplains.

Also, the Regimental Chaplain conducts Protestant services for three CAS Units, P-1, P-2 and P-3 each week.

G. CIVIL AFFAIRS. Battalion Chaplain, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, teaches English language classes twice a week in Cam Lo.