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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>A. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
12th Marines (-) (Rein)	Dong Ha	Colonel E. S. SCHICK JR. 039369 (1-31 Dec)
 <u>B. SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>		
HqBtry, 12th Marines	Dong Ha	Captain J. R. HALL JR. 092106 (1-31 Dec)
1stBn, 12th Marines	Camp CARROLL	Lieutenant Colonel C. H. OPFAR JR. 050409 (1-31 Dec)
2ndBn, 12th Marines	Dong Ha	Lieutenant Colonel R. SCHUELER 052170 (1 Dec) Lieutenant Colonel R. P. DUNWELL 056608 (2-31 Dec)
3dBn, 12th Marines	Camp EVANS	Lieutenant Colonel R. W. GREER 061366 (1-31 Dec)
4thBn, 12th Marines	Phu Bai	Major R. W. BOLVES 056052 (1-31 Dec)
* SEE MARGIN		
Composite Arty Bn	Gio Linh	Major J. W. CAMPBELL 060742 (1-31 Dec)
 <u>C. ATTACHED UNITS</u>		
1st 8" Howitzer Btry (SP)	Cam Lo	Major W. G. SMITH JR. 076271 (1-31 Dec)
1stPlt, 5th 155GunBtry	Cam Lo	
1st 155 Gun Btry (SP)	Phu Bai	Major N. J. BECKMAN 071421 (1-31 Dec)
1st Field Arty Group	Phu Bai	Lieutenant Colonel S. F. THOMAS 057699 (1-31 Dec)
1st Searchlight Btry	Dong Ha	Captain V. B. SNIDER 077353 (1-31 Dec)
 <u>D. OPERATIONAL CONTROL</u>		
108th Arty Group (USA)	Dong Ha	Colonel D. L. JONES 076888
1stBn, 40th Arty (USA)	Dong Ha	Lieutenant Colonel L. R. ROPER 070118 (1-31 Dec)
2ndBn, 94th Arty (USA)	Camp CARROLL	Lieutenant Colonel R. H. KAMSTRA 109964 (1-31 Dec)
8thBn, 4th Arty (USA)	Dong Ha	Lieutenant Colonel J. C. BARNES JR. 062704 (1-31 Dec)
Btry "C", 2ndTABArty(USA)	Dong Ha	Captain O. SWAIN JR. 103129 (1-31 Dec)

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SECRETE. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Lieutenant Colonel R. J. RANDOLPH JR. 045904 (1-31 Dec)
S-1/ADJ	1stLt J. A. JOHANN 079272 (1-31 Dec)
PersO	1stLt M. D. THRASHER 098070 (1-31 Dec)
S-2	Major H. M. RUNKLE 056862 (1-31 Dec)
S-2A	Captain W. D. JONES 093217 (1-31 Dec)
S-3	Lieutenant Colonel R. P. POWELL 058481 (1-31 Dec)
S-3A	Major W. H. DAVIS JR. 059029 (1-31 Dec)
S-3A/AO	Captain J. W. FRAIM 084478 (1-31 Dec)
S-3A	Captain P. D. WINER 082307 (1-31 Dec)
S-3 Comp Arty Bn	Major F. X. FARRINGTON 077903 (1-31 Dec)
S-4	Major F. JUNGER 073656 (1-31 Dec)
RegtSupO	Major F. JUNGER 073656 (1-31 Dec)
MTO	Captain J. R. HALL JR. 092106 (1-31 Dec)
OrdinanceO	WO H. C. PUGLIESE 099245 (1-31 Dec)
S-5	1stLt J. F. HORAK 094279 (1-31 Dec)
HqBtrySupO	1stLt V. J. CILLI JR. 0100117 (1-31 Dec)
Asst FSC (DONG HA)	Lieutenant Colonel T. A. MCPHEETERS 051953 (1-31 Dec)
TIO FSC (DONG HA)	Major G. A. KUPETS078082 (1-31 Dec)
Asst FSC (DONG HA)	Major J. E. STANTON 077738 (25-31 Dec)
Asst FSC (DONG HA)	Captain G. J. MISKE 086390 (1-31 Dec)
Asst FSC (DONG HA)	1stLt W. C. ANKENY 095268 (1-16 Dec)
Asst FSC (DONG HA)	1stLt D. D. JACOBUSSE 094284 (17-31 Dec)
Asst FSC (PHU BAI)	Major F. R. ALLEN 069797 (1-31 Dec)
Asst NGFO (PHU BAI)	Lt. T. E. BRYAN 637714 USN (1-31 Dec)
Asst NGFO (PHU BAI)	Lt. A. C. HILL 651486 USN (1-31 Dec)
Asst NGFO (PHU BAI)	Lt. A. F. MILLER 651561 USNR (1-25 Dec)
Asst NGFO (DONG HA)	Lt. J. C. MAXTON 520531 USN (1 Dec)
Asst NGFO (DONG HA)	Lt. W. E. H. SMITH 659460 USN (1 Dec)
Asst NGFO (DONG HA)	Lt(j.g.) R. L. CUTCHIN 688569 USN(1-31 Dec)
Asst NGFO (DONG HA)	Lt(j.g.) L. D. WALTER 682166 USN(1-31 Dec)
Asst NGFO (DONG HA)	Lt(j.g.) L. A. WEGNER 691072 USN(24-31 Dec)
FDO (CAU VIET)	1stLt J. CHICKNEAS 094111 (1-31 Dec)
Asst FDO (CAU VIET)	1stLt J. J. MORAN JR. 0100520 (24-31 Dec)
CMR OFFICER	1stLt J. F. ADAMS 095448 (1-31 Dec)
Asst CMR OFFICER	WO J. J. RYON 099299 (1-31 Dec)
COMMO	Major J. P. ATHERTON 076815 (1-31 Dec)
Asst COMMO	WO J. E. HUDDLESTON 098840 (1-31 Dec)
SURVEY/METRO/AO	WO G. L. WHITTED 099531 (1-31 Dec)
SURGEON	Lt. F. P. LILLIS 717101 USNR (1-5 Dec)
	Lt. D. R. SHORTRIDGE 689487 USNR (6-31 Dec)
CHAPLAIN	LCDR H. E. PHILLIPS 618007 USN (1-31 Dec)
HqBtry Commandant	Captain J. R. HALL JR. 092106 (1-31 Dec)

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

	USMC		USN
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
28	281	7	4

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

010001 - 312400 December 1968

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), FMP, 1st Searchlight Battery, 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP), FMP, 3rd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company (LVPH-6), 1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines, 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. During special operations ashore "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (SLF "A") functioned under the Opcon of the 12th Marines.

The 108th Artillery Group (USA) provides tactical control, logistical and administrative support for all U. S. Army units Opcon to 12th Marines, Battery "C", 2nd Target Acquisition Battalion, 26th Artillery continued to supply accurate locations of active enemy gun positions. The accuracy of targets located by Battery "C", 2nd Target Acquisition Battalion has checked favorably with reliable intelligence sources to include captured documents and trig lists, special agent reports, imagery interpretation, prisoner of war interrogations and air observation. All radar, sound and flash ranging bases started in November have been completed. An integrated Counter Battery Intelligence Center, staffed by Marine and Army personnel, continued to prove invaluable in assisting in the neutralization and destruction of enemy artillery/mortars.

The Regiment supported 3d Marine Division elements in Operations HIGHRISE, KENTUCKY, LANCASTER, SCOTLAND, NEOSHO, NAPOLEON, and supported the 1st ARVN Division with direct support, reinforcing fires as requested and reinforcing fires for LOM SOM 156. The Regiment also supported the 1st Marine Regiment (OPCON 3dMARDIV) in Operation OSCEOLA.

Operation HIGHRISE was conducted concurrently with operations as listed above. Units participating in HIGHRISE were 108th Field Artillery Group (USA), Composite Artillery Battalion, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)(Rein), 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, 90mm Tanks from 3d Tank Battalion, and Twin 40mm from 1st Battalion, 4th Artillery (USA), attached to the Composite Artillery Battalion.

Additional supporting fires for Operations HIGHRISE, KENTUCKY and NAPOLEON were furnished by Naval Gunfire Support Ships. (See NGF list on following page).

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SECRETNAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS WHICH SUPPORTED 12TH MAR DURING DECEMBER:

USS MANLEY
USS PRICHETT
USS NEWPORT NEWS
USS O'BANNON
USS CLNBERRA
USS WALKER
USS EDWARDS
USS MANSFIELD
USS LEARY

NAVAL GUNFIRE AMMUNITION EXPENDED IN SUPPORT OF THE TWELFTH MAR:

<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>RDS EXPENDED</u>
5"/54	5582
5"/38	8501
8"/55	1787

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

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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 during the reporting period.

B. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

<u>UNIT AND TASK ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION/LOCATION</u>
<u>12th Marine Regiment (-)(Rein)</u>	1-31 Dec	Arty Support 3dMar Div and 1st ARVN Div
Headquarters Battery(-)(Rein)	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
138th CMR Det (USA)	1-31 Dec	C-1
<u>108th Field Artillery Group (USA)</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S 3dMarDiv
<u>1stBn (-)(Rein), 40th Arty (USA)</u>	1-31 Dec	D/S, G/S 3dMarDiv One Btry D/S 1st ARVN Div
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Service Battery	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Det Btry "A", 1stBn, 40th Arty	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Det Btry "B", 1stBn, 40th Arty	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Btry "C"(-), 1stBn, 40th Arty	1-31 Dec	C-1
Det Btry "C", 1stBn, 40th Arty	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
<u>2ndBn, 94th Arty (USA)</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Service Battery	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Btry "A", 2ndBn, 94th Arty	1-24 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "A"(-), 2ndBn, 94th Arty	24-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Plt Btry "A", 2ndBn, 94th Arty	24-31 Dec	THON SON LAM
Btry "B", 2ndBn, 94th Arty	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Btry "C"(-), 2ndBn, 94th Arty	1-24 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Plt Btry "C", 2ndBn, 94th Arty	1-24 Dec	THON SON LAM
Btry "C", 2ndBn, 94th Arty	24-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
<u>8thBn (-), 4th Arty (USA)</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S 3dMarDiv
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Service Battery	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Btry "A", 8thBn, 4th Arty	1-28 Dec	DONG HA
Btry "A"(-), 8thBn, 4th Arty	28-31 Dec	DONG HA
Plt Btry "A", 8thBn, 4th Arty	28-31 Dec	CAM LO
Btry "C", 8thBn, 4th Arty	1-16 Dec	DONG HA
Btry "C"(-), 8thBn, 4th Arty	16-28 Dec	DONG HA
Plt Btry "C", 8thBn, 4th Arty	16-28 Dec	CAM LO
Btry "C", 8thBn, 4th Arty	28-31 Dec	DONG HA

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<u>Btry "C", 2nd TAB, 26th Arty (USA)</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S 3dMarDiv
Det Sound Plt, 2ndBn, 26th Arty	1-31 Dec	GIO LINH
Det Sound Plt, 2ndBn, 26th Arty	1-31 Dec	CON THIEN
Det Radar Plt, 2ndBn, 26th Arty	1-31 Dec	CON THIEN
Det Radar Plt, 2ndBn, 26th Arty	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Det MC 10-1	1-31 Dec	CAM LO
Det MC 10-2	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Det MC 10-3	1-31 Dec	C-1
<u>1st Field Artillery Group</u>	1-31 Dec	PHU BAI
<u>1st 8" How Btry (SP)(-)(Rein)</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S 3dMarDiv
Plt 8" How Btry (SP)	9-31 Dec	C-2
Plt 8" How Btry (SP)	23-31 Dec	C-1
Det 8" How Btry (SP)	30-31 Dec	DONG HA
1st Plt, 5th 155mmGunBtry (SP)(-)	1-31 Dec	CAM LO
Det 1stPlt, 5th 155mmGunBtry(SP)	30-31 Dec	DONG HA
<u>1st Searchlight Btry (-)</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S 3dMarDiv
2d Sec 1stPlt, 1st Slt Btry	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
<u>Composite Artillery Battalion</u>	1-31 Dec	G/S Opn HIGHRISE
Btry"A"(-), 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	1-10 Dec	GIO LINH
Btry"B"(-), 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	10-31 Dec	GIO LINH
Plt Btry"M", 4thBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	GIO LINH
Det 1st8"HowBtry (SP)	1-30 Dec	GIO LINH
Det 5th 155mmGunBtry (SP)	1-30 Dec	GIO LINH
250th CMR Det (USA)	1-31 Dec	GIO LINH
Det 1st Sec, 2ndPlt, 1st SLTBtry	1-31 Dec	GIO LINH
<u>1stBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>	1-31 Dec	D/S 3dMar
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Btry"A", 1stBn, 12thMar	28-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Btry"C", 1stBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
MortarBtry(-), 1stBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	CA LU
Btry"I", 3dBn, 12thMar	1-29 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Btry"B"(-), 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	1-10 Dec	THON SON LAM
Btry"A"(-), 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	10-31 Dec	THON SON LAM
Btry"K", 4thBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
239th CMR Det (USA)	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
Det 2d Sec, 2ndPlt, 1st SLTBtry	1-31 Dec	CAMP CARROLL
<u>2ndBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>	1-31 Dec	D/S 9thMar
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
Btry"D", 2ndBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	CAM LO
Btry"E", 2ndBn, 12thMar	1-16 Dec	CON THIEN
Btry"E", 2ndBn, 12thMar	16-31 Dec	C-2
Btry"F", 2ndBn, 12thMar	1-16 Dec	C-2
Btry"F", 2ndBn, 12thMar	16-30 Dec	CON THIEN
Btry"F", 2ndBn, 12thMar	30-31 Dec	C-2
MortarBtry, 2ndBn, 12thMar	12-19 Dec	CAM LO
MortarBtry, 2ndBn, 12thMar	19-31 Dec	CON THIEN

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MortarBtry, 3dBn, 12thMar	1-19 Dec	CON TRIEN
MortarBtry, 3dBn, 12thMar	19-22 Dec	CAM LO
Det MortarBtry, 1stBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	C-4
2ndPlt, 1st Armd Amphib Co.	1-31 Dec	CAU VIET
Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	1-31 Dec	C-2
Btry "M"(-), 4thBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	DONG HA
245th CMR Det (USA)	1-31 Dec	C-2
Det MC 4-1	1-31 Dec	CON THIEN
Det 3d Sec, 1stPlt, 1st SLTBtry	1-31 Dec	C-2
Det 1st Sec, 3dPlt, 1st SLTBtry	1-31 Dec	CON THIEN
Det 2nd Sec, 3dPlt, 1st SLTBtry	1-31 Dec	CAM LO
 <u>3dBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>		
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	D/S 4thMar
Btry "G", 3dBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	CAMP EVANS
Btry "H", 3dBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	CAMP EVANS
1st Prov 155 How Btry (-)	1-2 Dec	CAMP EVANS
2nd Prov 155 How Btry (-)	1-31 Dec	CAMP EVANS
Btry "B", 1stBn, 11thMar	1-31 Dec	CAMP EVANS
 <u>4thBn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines</u>		
Headquarters Battery	29-31 Dec	CAMP EVANS
Det HqBtry, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	PHU BAI
Btry "L", 4thBn, 12thMar	1-31 Dec	PHU BAI
Btry "B", 1stBn, 13thMar	1-31 Dec	PHU BAI
1st 155mm Gun Btry (SP)	1-31 Dec	PHU BAI
Det 3d Sec, 3dPlt, 1st SLTBtry	1-31 Dec	PHU BAI
 <u>1stBn (-)(Rein) 11th Marines</u>		
Headquarters Battery	1-31 Dec	QUANG TRI
Btry "A", 1stBn, 11thMar	1-31 Dec	QUANG TRI
Btry "B", 1stBn, 11thMar	1-31 Dec	QUANG TRI
Btry "I", 3dBn, 12thMar	1-29 Dec	QUANG TRI
MortarBtry, 1stBn, 11thMar	29-31 Dec	QUANG TRI
240th CMR Det (USA)	1-31 Dec	QUANG TRI
 <u>Artillery Units OPCON 26th Marines</u>		
1stBn(-), 13thMar	1-31 Dec	KHE SANH
Btry "A", 1stBn, 13thMar	1-31 Dec	KHE SANH
Btry "C", 1stBn, 13thMar	1-31 Dec	KHE SANH
MortarBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	1-31 Dec	KHE SANH
Det 1st Prov 155 How Btry(2 Hows)	1-13 Dec	KHE SANH
Det 1st Prov 155 How Btry(4 Hows)	14-31 Dec	KHE SANH
Det 2d Prov 155 How Btry	1-31 Dec	KHE SANH

SECRETC. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

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|------------------------|--|
| (1) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) conducted Operation HIGHRISE (Arty Fire into the DMZ and NVN)

Ref: CG III MAF 2411450Z Feb67 |
| (2) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for 3d Recon Bn Opns.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 377-67 |
| (3) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for Operation KENTUCKY.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 59-67 |
| (4) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for Operation SCOTLAND.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 49-67 |
| (5) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for Operation NEOSHO.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 50-67 |
| (6) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for operation LANCASTER.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 58-67 |
| (7) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for operation NAPOLEON.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 60-67 |
| (8) 1-31 December 1967 | 12th Marines (-)(Rein) provided arty support for operation OSCEOLA.

Ref: 3dMarDiv Op0 57-67 |

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(9) 1-31 December 1967

1stBn (-)(Rein), 12thMar
provided arty support for
operation HIGHRISE.

Ref: CG III MAF 241450Z Feb67

(10) 1-31 December 1967

1stBn (-)(Rein), 12thMar
provided arty support for
operation LANCASTER.

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 58-67

(11) 1-31 December 1967

2ndBn (-)(Rein), 12thMar
provided arty support for
operation HIGHRISE.

Ref: CG III MAF 241450Z Feb67

(12) 1-31 December 1967

2ndBn (-)(Rein), 12thMar
provided arty support for
operation KENTUCKY.

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 59-67

(13) 1-31 December 1967

3dBn (-)(Rein), 12thMar
provided arty support for
operation NEOSHO.

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 50-67

(14) 1-31 December 1967

1stBn (-), 11thMar provided
arty support for operation
OSCEOLA.

Ref: 3dMarDiv OpO 57-67

(15) See 12th Marines Daily SITREPS (TAB A) for highlights
of operations and significant missions.D. FIRE SUPPORT(1) During the Month, the Regiment fired the following
missions:

Observed Missions	3,514
Unobserved Missions	7,223
H&I Missions	10,900
	<u>21,637</u>

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(2) The following ammunition was expended:

175mm Gun High Explosive	16,255
105mm High Explosive	123,304
107mm High Explosive	6,608
155mm High Explosive	13,137
155mm Gun High Explosive	2,943
8" Howitzer High Explosive	4,687
90mm High Explosive	809
105mm Illumination	2,712
155mm Illumination	988
107mm Illumination	222
107mm Smoke WP	474
105mm Smoke WP	3,821
155mm Smoke WP	519
155mm Gun Smoke WP	83
	<u>178,558</u>

E. AIR SUPPORT. Air support consisted of O1G, O1C and O2 type aircraft for aerial observation. 12th Marines flew 110 missions for a total of 310.2 hours during December. A0'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 December.

(1) School Quotas filled:

- (a) Staff NCO - 2
- (b) NCO Leadership - 6
- (c) Embarkation (Officer - 2, Enlisted - 3)
- (d) Nuclear Safety Officers Course - 2
- (e) Personal Response (1 Officer, 1 Enlisted)
- (f) Vietnamese Language - 1

(2) School Quotas requested: None.

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

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

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

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

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<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>PROBABLE</u>	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>PROBABLE</u>
174		328	2		0

B. INTELLIGENCE

(1) Enemy Action. The enemy pressure in the DMZ area decreased considerably during December. There was a significant decrease in incoming rounds at all combat posts in the DMZ area except A-3. Ground contact was also decreased. There was a definite lack of information concerning enemy movement, and operations. Two different sets of enemy survey notes were captured. The notes provided valuable information concerning enemy NVA survey control points and battery locations in the DMZ area. Many of these locations confirmed intelligence reports and sound, flash, or radar plots. A complete analysis of these notes was made by the regimental survey section. The results were reported to higher echelon by messages 221123Z and 231350Z December 1967.

(2) Counterbattery. Counterbattery policy remains active. Information is evaluated in the Counterbattery Information Center (CBIC) co-located with the Fire Direction Center (FDC). Locations obtained are analyzed, plot accuracy is determined and results transmitted directly to the FDC. All information is forwarded to the Target Information Center in the Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC).

The existing CBIC, unique in the history of the Marine Corps, is made possible by combining assets of a Target Acquisition Battery (TAB) and elements of an Artillery Intelligence Section provided by the United States Army. The CBIC contains two flash ranging direction centers and a TAB processing section. Hostile locations identified by means of flash observation posts and sound ranging direction centers, located at Con Thien and Gio Linh, and as augmented by counterbattery radars previously reported, are processed and accuracy of the plot established by the processing section. Information obtained is passed to the Counterbattery Information Officer for immediate comparison with current data, and then passed directly to the FDC for counterfire action. Concurrently with counterfire action information is recorded and plotted for future reference. TAB 1 depicts a flow chart for counterbattery information.

The CBIC is responsible for counterbattery intelligence and maintains permanent records on information received from all sources, i.e., prisoners of war, captured documents, special intelligence, agent reports, infrared, aerial photograph and those previously mentioned. All information is analyzed and compared

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to produce current intelligence. Since its inception during November, 1967, results have been significant-sixty-five counterbattery intelligence targets were generated during the reporting period, and reduction in hostile artillery fire during the reporting period must, to some degree, be attributed to the effectiveness of the system. Target Acquisition resources provided 85 radar ranging plots, 55 sound ranging plots and 52 flash ranging plots on hostile artillery or mortar locations.

(3) Target Acquisition.

(a) During December a Sound Locating AN/TNS-3 was tested at Con Thien. The set originally designed to locate small arms and recoilless rifles was found to be extremely sensitive. All sounds, including vehicle, aircraft, wind, and outgoing mortar and artillery fire prevented the set from performing satisfactorily. A formal report will be submitted to III MAF via 3dMarDiv in the immediate future. The second TAB Radar Set AN/MPQ-10A was moved temporarily to C-1 (YD 212675). In the immediate future this set will be displaced to A-2 (Gio Linh). Planned replacement of this set at C-1 contemplated by movement of the MPQ-10 presently located at Camp Carroll. Detachment 238, equipped with the Radar Set AN/MPQ-4A was relocated from Dong Ha to C-1. In addition Detachment 240 equipped with the AN/MPQ-4A Radar was positioned at Quang Tri.

(b) Advanced parties for two new Target Acquisition means, the VITALS (Visual Airborne Target Locating System) and the Omnidirectional Sound location Set AN/TNS-9 arrived. Environmental testing of this equipment is to be conducted during the next ninety (90) days. The 108th Field Artillery Group (USA) has been designated to conduct the testing.

(4) Observation. Aerial Observation during December increased significantly due to the unseasonable good weather and improved availability of aircraft. Total hours flown was 306.2. Total number of artillery spot missions conducted was 137. An average of eight (8) air observers were in a flight status during this period including three (3) USA AOs.

(5) Personnel. There is a continued requirement for renewed emphasis in providing intelligence personnel to the Regiment. Recapitulation of personnel status within the Regiment is as follows.

	HQ ML OH	1stBn ML OH	2ndBn ML OH	3dBn ML OH	4thBn ML OH
CPL	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	
MSGT					
0239	1 0				
GYSGT					
0239	1				

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(6) Weather. Cloudiness and precipitation increased over the month of December, however most of this took place during the first part of the month. The rainfall for December was 16.27 inches. There was a high temperature of 78 and a low of 57 with an approximate average of 70.

(7) Miscellaneous

(a) The Regiment was given Operational Control of the Detachment, Combined Material Exploitation Center. This included one officer and two NCO's. These individuals will assist in the collection, analysis and identification of enemy ordnance in the 3dMarDiv Area.

(b) The Director, Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam, Colonel PONDER made a visit to the Headquarters. The purpose of his visit was to meet with the Commanding Officer and S-2. He explained the functions of his center and services his organization could provide to the intelligence effort in the DMZ area. Lieutenant Colonel SUTTON, Combined Material Exploitation Center who accompanied the Director, narrated a movie produced by his center. This movie depicted the effects of the Soviet RP6-2 and RP6-7 against sand bagged emplacements, with and without reinforcement; additionally the effects with stand off material (PPS Airfield Matting, Chain link fences). Conclusions of the tests were that the RP6-2 and RP6-7 will penetrate eight rows of sand bags reinforced with 2"x6" wood. Further that the chain link fence will materially reduce the effectiveness of both rounds.

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SECRETPART III, SECTION 3, PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATIONA. REDESIGNATIONS

(1) The following units were assigned to the SLF:

(a) W/3/12 Effective date: 22Dec67

(b) H/3/12 Effective date: 28Dec67

(2) The following units returned to their parent organization from the SLF:

(a) W/2/12 Effective date: 19Dec67

(b) A/1/12 Effective date: 28Dec67

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

(1) OIA/KIA: Period 1-31 December 1967.

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0/0	0/0

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0/0	0/0

<u>USA</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0/1	0/0

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

(1) Joined 3 USMC officers, 40 USMC enlisted, 2 USN officers and 1 USN enlisted.

(2) Dropped 1 USMC officer, 38 USMC enlisted, 3 USN officer and 0 USN enlisted.

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

0231	0441	2539	3531
0239	1345	2847	

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 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:

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1st Field Artillery Group

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (Rein)

1st Searchlight Battery

Headquarters Battery

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SECRETPART III, SECTION 4, LOGISTICS

A. NEW EQUIPMENT. None.

B. LOGISTICS

(1) Routine requests for modification to the Table of Equipment and for special allowances were submitted to CMC through appropriate command channels.

(2) A command interest letter was submitted to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division concerning the failure of reset counters of the Panoramic Telescope M117 of the M109 Howitzer. Float sights were obtained alleviating the grievous situation in which five howitzers of k/4/12 were deadlined on 2 December 1967 due to problems with the sight.

(3) A request was submitted to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division for the assistance of a calibration team for all the weapons of the Regiment including U. S. Army Artillery.

(4) Detailed ammunition stockage objectives for all artillery ammunitions, based upon current density and available supply notes, were submitted to MLSU-1 to eliminate daily "ordering".

(5) Daily expenditure rates were developed for each battery to ensure against over expenditure of directed supply and at the same time permit the issue of 105mm ammunition to U. S. Army batteries whose AAR is 36 rd/tube/day as compared to 61.9 rd/tube/day for USMC batteries.

(6) Initial steps were taken to process the last two M55 eight inch howitzers for retrograde. The two howitzers were authorized to provide hull defilade protection to gun crews at Gio Linh. Availability of the C-1 site eliminated this requirement during the reporting period.

(7) A two hundred man working party under the control of the 12th Marines was furnished for the final site construction work at C-1. Logistic support for the detail was provided by 12th Marines and Sub Unit #2.

(8) A tropical hut for use as a classified files office and post office was constructed through self help with materials made available by the Base Facilities Coordinator.

(9) Excess end items and repair parts held by the Regimental Headquarters Battery were offered to the other commands of the Regiment for redistribution. The excesses were generated through changes to allowances and changes to previously experienced expenditure rates.

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SECRETPART III, SECTION 5, COMMUNICATIONS

A. GENERAL. The communications posture has experienced one major and a number of minor changes during this reporting period. There were some major outages experienced affecting the teletype communication to Third Marine Division. Causes of this excessive down time have hopefully been eliminated by close liaison with the Wire Officer of Communication Support Company, 7th Communications Battalion, and the Signal Officer, 37th Signal Company. Teletype lines connecting machines to Radio Relay TRC-66 were improved, thereby eliminating poor reception of teletype copy received by the Twelfth Marines.

B. RADIO. All radio facilities operated in Division F300 at Dong Ha are now relocated from the Radio Central adjacent to the Twelfth Marines Communication Center. The relocation of these facilities relieved two radio operators for duty elsewhere.

C. WIRE. External wire lines handling teletype traffic to the Third Marine Division remain the responsibility of Communications Support Company, 7th Communications Battalion, however new trouble shooting agreements facilitate speedier repairs.

D. RADIO RELAY. The TRC-27 link to Gio Linh has maintained a high degree of effective operation, 93.8% for the month of December.

E. COMMUNICATION CENTER.

(1) During the month of December the following amounts of traffic were processed:

Incoming	2529
Outgoing	549
TOTAL	<u>3078</u>

(2) Total for November was 3020.

(3) Total for 1967 was 26,705.

F. SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE.

(1) Repair time of teletype machine TGC-114A-V at higher echelons continues to be excessive.

(2) Modifications of M-109 and M-51 vehicles is progressing smoothly. To date modifications have been completed on 12 M-109's.

(3) Ditto paper has become a critical item.

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SECRETPART III, SECTION 6, CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. MEDCAP. The MEDCAP program for the month of December resulted in a total of 741 treatments. On 12 December 1967, the MEDCAP team was just setting up in the Dong Ha Village dispensary when an enemy artillery round impacted near one of the schools. HM2 RICE went to the schoolyard and began helping the wounded. One woman and twenty-three children were injured, and 5 of the children died from their wounds.

2. CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM - During December, contact was made with MCB-5 on establishment of a civic action program for them in the Ha Thanh Refugee Camp. The Sea-Bees will begin active work as soon as they are sufficiently organized in their new area.

Condolence calls were made to those families in Dong Ha Village who had sons or daughters injured or killed during the artillery attack on 12 December 1967. Aid, in the form of 105mm ammunition boxes was also given to those families whose homes had been damaged. Property damage was very light, and the homes were quickly repaired.

Coordination was facilitated through this office between 1/40 Arty and the Catholic Orphanage in Dong Ha Village for a small Christmas party for the orphans. This party was held on the 24th, and 1/44 distributed a few small gifts to the orphans. The clothing that had been donated from 12th Marines was also distributed at this time.

3. KEY PROJECT. The key project for the month of December continued to be the public head in Dong Ha Village. Construction was once again held down to almost nothing due to the failure of the needed supplies to arrive. The necessary requisitions had been submitted two month ago, but they have been held up in the GVN structure. A command interest letter has been submitted, and several visits have been made by this office to Quang Tri, but the results have been negative. Attempts are now being made through Division to acquire the necessary supplies.

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SECRETPART III, SECTION 7, CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIESA. DIVINE SERVICES CONDUCTED

Protestant (108th FAG (USA) Chaplain covered)

Services - - - - - 5

Attendance - - - "No statistics available for these services

Roman Catholic

Battalion Chaplain, 1stBn, 12th Marines - - no report submitted for month of December.

Battalion Chaplain, 3rdBn, 12th Marines

Services - - - - - 59

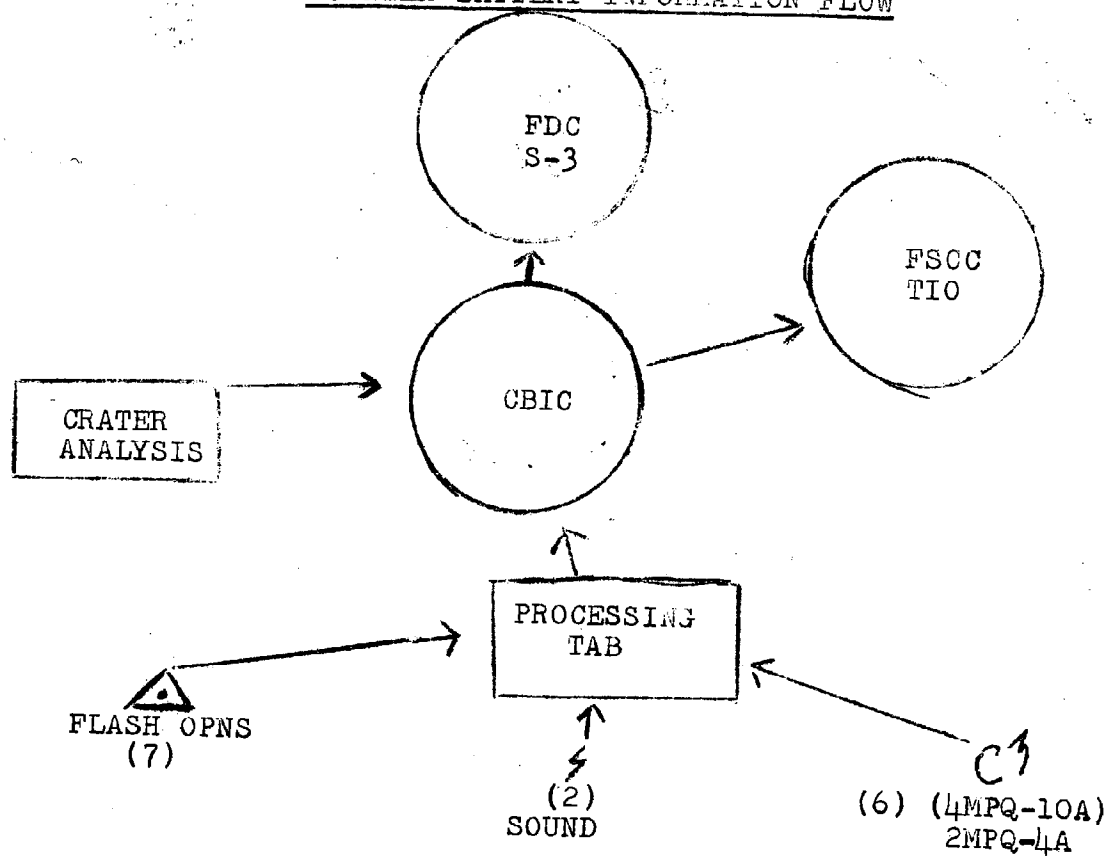
Attendance - - - - - 1145

B. PERSONAL COUNSELING CASES - - - - - NoneC. MEMORIAL SERVICES - - - - - NoneD. PASTORAL FUNCTIONS - - - - - NoneE. CONFERENCES - - - - - NoneF. COMMANDS VISITED. None by Regimental Chaplain. Battalion Chaplains make regular visits. See H. below.

G. The Regimental Chaplain is not required to cover Protestant services at 1st Am Tracks and Naval Support Activity, Cua Viet. A Protestant Chaplain is now assigned to the 1st Am Track Battalion.

H. The Regimental Chaplain was hospitalized from 11 November to 31 December at the 12th U. S. Air Force Hospital, Cam Ranh Bay, due to injuries suffered as a result of a land mine explosion on Highway #1 south of Gio Linh on 11 November. In his absence an Army Chaplain from the 108th Artillery Group covered his Sunday services, and the Regimental Chaplain, 9th Marines coordinated coverage for services outside the Dong Ha area. The three CAC units (Papa 1, 2 & 3) were not covered for Protestant services during this period.

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COUNTER BATTERY INFORMATION FLOW

() NUMBER OF SOURCES

TAB 1

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The following 12th Marine SECRET SITREP messages constitute TAB A to the Command Chronology for the month of December 1967:

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
311600ZDec67	5
301730ZDec67	4
291745ZDec67	4
281815ZDec67	5
271715ZDec67	4
261730ZDec67	4
251800ZDec67	4
241850ZDec67	5
231840ZDec67	4
221805ZDec67	5
211820ZDec67	4
201750ZDec67	5
191830ZDec67	3
181900ZDec67	4
171900ZDec67	5
161830ZDec67	13
151830ZDec67	3
141830ZDec67	2
131830ZDec67	2
121830ZDec67	2
111900ZDec67	3
101915ZDec67	2
091900ZDec67	4
082025ZDec67	3
071745ZDec67	2
061730ZDec67	2
051755ZDec67	2
041730ZDec67	2
031725ZDec67	2
021800ZDec67	2
011800ZDec67	2