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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1967

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from the S-3 Journal.*

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PART I

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2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL J. L. NORMAN 054002/0802 USMC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HQ Btry, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT W. A. BANNISTER 090771/0802 USMC
(1-2 Aug 1967)CAPT E. M. NORTON Jr. 090503/2502 USMC
(2-24 Aug 1967)CAPT G. O. KENNEDY Jr. 078040/0802 USMC
(24-31 Aug 1967)

Battery "D" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT E. L. CODY 082225/0802 USMC

Battery "E" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT W. R. HART 081816/0802 USMC

Battery "F" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT G. GOLDEN 076242/0802 USMC
(1-14 Aug 1967)CAPT D. F. BERGEN 075278/0802 USMC
(14-31 Aug 1967)

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT R. S. HUBER 089723/0802 USMC
(1-3 Aug 1967)CAPT H. L. WALTERS 080572/0802 USMC
(3-31 Aug 1967)

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

CAPT J. D. EVANS 084653/0802 USMC
(1-2 Aug 1967)CAPT F. A. BENRICK 082587/0802 USMC
(2-31 Aug 1967)

1st Armored Amphibian Company, 3rd Platoon

LT S. E. COTTLE 096443/1803 USMC

2. LOCATION. 1-31 August 1967, Dong Ha RVNCONFIDENTIAL

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Executive Officer:

MAJOR G. C. HARRIS 060588/0802 USMC

S-1:

2nd Lt I. C. LATHAM 097196/0130 USMC
(1-14 Aug 1967)2nd Lt P. HILL 096595/0130 USMC
(14-31 Aug 1967)

S-2:

CAPT W. A. BANNISTER 090771/0802 USMC
(1-2 Aug 1967)1st Lt J. D. TOBIN 095116/0802 USMC
(2-31 Aug 1967)

S-3:

MAJOR H. J. GIBSON 074899/0802 USMC

S-4:

2nd Lt P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802 USMC
(13-31 Aug 1967)

Supply Officer:

1st Lt R. D. BRANDEWIEDE 092994/3002 USMC

Motor Transport Officer:

1st Lt H. L. CALDWELL 094592/3502 USMC

Communication Officer:

CAPT E. M. NORTON 090503/2502 USMC

Liaison Officer:

CAPT C. J. JOHNSTON 077688/0802 USMC

Survey Officer:

1st Lt H. A. HADD 091926/0802 USMC
(1-3 Aug 1967)2nd Lt D. E. HEIM 096921/0840 USMC
(3-31 Aug 1967)4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
48	632	1	11

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PART II

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During August this battalion fired a total of 493 observed missions, 646 unobserved missions and 7808 H&I missions in support of the 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 55,868 rounds of 105MM, 9381 rounds of 107MM and 2954 rounds of 155MM. Enemy casualties inflicted by the battalion during August were 5 KIA (conf) and 22 KIA (prob). In addition 6 secondary explosions were observed, 5 bunkers damaged and 1 boat partially damaged.

Operation Kingfisher continued throughout the month of August. On 4 August Battalion Warning Order 1-67 was disseminated to the batteries. On 6 August the Warning Order went into effect with E-2-12 displacing from Con Thien and returning to the Battalion C.P. area at grid 211596. The following day D-2-12 displaced 200 meters to E-2-12's vacated position at Con Thien. F-2-12 and W-1-12 remained in their positions but shifted support roles in accordance with infantry movements. On 8 August F-2-12 displaced from 146616 to grid 130649 in order to provide improved artillery support for the Con Thien area. At the same time E-2-12 displaced to 146616 to provide support for the C-2 infantry position.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Missions Assigned. Direct support of 9th Marines
2. Significant Operations Conducted. Operation Kingfisher.
3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 5 KIA (conf) and 22 KIA (prob)
4. Casualties Sustained. 1 KIA and 10 WIA within the battalion.
5. Logistics. The logistical situation within this command continued to be satisfactory. During this period the battalion rendered logistical support to three 105MM How Battery's, one 155MM SP Battery, one 107MM Mortar Battery and Headquarters Battery. The motor transport deadline rate was 16% during the month of August. There has been a problem in obtaining 2d echelon repair parts. A majority of the vehicles at FLSU-1 are awaiting 3d echelon repair parts. During this period 2dLt P. J. O'LEARY took over as Battalion S-4. No other logistical problems exist at this time.
6. Civic Action. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines continues to conduct a successful civic action program in Thiet Trang Hamlet. During the month of August 392 Vietnamese civilians were treated by the MEDCAP team. A small dispensary is now under construction in the hamlet.
7. Persomnel. The battalion was at 81% of T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the following MOS's 0811, 0848, 2531, 2533, and 3531. 49 Marines participated in the R&R program during August.

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8. Intelligence. During the month of August units of the battalion sustained 15 incidents of enemy incoming rockets, artillery and mortars. Results of these incidents were 1 KIA, 4 WIA for Delta Battery 2d Bn, 12th Mar, 5 WIA for Whiskey Battery 1st Bn, 12th Mar and 1 WIA for HQ 2d Bn, 12th Mar with slight damage to material and equipment.

Overall it appeared that the enemy was regrouping, reorganizing and resupplying for possible upcoming operations in the early part of September in conjunction with the South Vietnamese National elections.

9. Communications. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines continued to maintain reliable and secure communications during the month of August. The radio sections underwent a large turnover in personnel. Gunnery Sargent Sheffield reported in as the new Battalion Communications Chief.

10. Training. A flexible training program was followed throughout August, due to battery displacements and heavy firing schedules. 4 schools were attended during the month; Embarkation, Mums, Registered Publications and Personal Response. The battalion also submitted request for quotas for the coming quarter requesting the following schools; 1 Basic Ammo Tech, 2 Basic Weapons Repair, 1 Embarkation, 6 NCO Leadership, 1 Motion Picture Operator and 1 Vietnamese Language. Arrangements were made to conduct college and high school GED tests for members of the battalion during September,

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 3 AUG 1967

0915 1 FM, W-1-12, (099713), sniper fire, Today 61, EOM 1000, 148 HE,
2 secondary explosions, AW 584

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 4 AUG 1967

1115 1 FM, W-1-12, (083691), Enemy troops in open, Today 64, EOM 1140,
1 WP, 21 HE, 2 KIA (prob), AW 663

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 5 AUG 1967

1145 1 FM, W-1-12, (116725), Enemy bunkers, Dream Hour 26, EOM 1210, 24 HE,
2 bunkers destroyed, AW 669

1830 2 FM, D-2-12, (182748), 10 NVA in open, Today 22, EOM 1905, 1 WP,
66 HE, 4 KIA (prob), BD 470

2125 3 FM, K-4-13, (162700), SPAR, Senator 2, EOM 2220, 78 HE, 1 secondary
explosion (prob), DK 200

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 9 AUG 1967

1443 1 FM, D-2-12, (185768), Boats in river and surrounding area, 19 HE,
EOM 1500, 1 boat damaged, Sacred Hotel, BD 033

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 12 AUG 1967

1123 1 FM, D-2-12, (061747), troops in open, Cat Killer 46, EOM 1144,
56 HE, 2 KIA (conf), BD 048

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 13 AUG 1967

0822 1 FM, D-2-12, (084688), prep fire, T-64, EOM 0849, 2 WP, 36 HE,
1 secondary explosion, BD 053

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 15 AUG 1967

0912 1 FM, K-4-13, (275707), NVA squad, Park Green B, EOM 0950, 39 HE,
1 KIA (conf), 5 KIA (prob), DK 232

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND. BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 17 AUG 1967

1704 1 FM, D-2-12, (090748), 5 NVA in open, Safety Zone Gulf, EOM 1734,
4 WP, 60 HE, 1 KIA (conf), HW 1322

2300 2 FM, D-2-12, (085766), H&I mission, Bay Way, EOM 2310, 25 HE,
1 secondary explosion, HW 10123

2300 3 FM, D-2-12, (082781), H&I mission, Bay Way, EOM 2340, 25 HE,
1 secondary explosion, HW 10131

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 21 AUG 1967

0911 1 FM, D-2-12, (16957065), NVA squad in open, Click, EOM 0955, 35 HE,
6 WP, 1 KIA (conf), 2 KIA (prob), 3 bunkers damaged, BD 086

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 26 AUG 1967

1638 1 FM, D-2-12, (06807002), NVA Movement, In. Wave 63-A, EOM 1940, 80 HE,
3 KIA (prob), HW 13056

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 27 AUG 1967

1907 1 FM, D-2-12, (09647981), A/A pos, In. Wave 63-A, EOM 1937, 129 HE,
1 secondary explosion, HW 13066

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 28 AUG 1967

1320 1 FM, D-2-12, (125716), NVA in open, In Wave 61-A, EOM 1335, 26 HE,
2 KIA (prob), BD 119

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 29 AUG 1967

1030 1 FM, D-2-12, (095753), 3 NVA, In Wave 63, EOM 1050, 54 HE, 3 KIA
(prob), HW 13705

PERIOD 0001 - 2400 30 AUG 1967

1343 1 FM, D-2-12, (073708), NVA in open, Per H, EOM 1410, 40 HE, 1 KIA (prob).
HW 13077