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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1967

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PART I

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LT COL J. L. NORMAN 054002/0802
USMC (1-8 Sept. 1967)MAJ G. C. HARRIS 060566/0802 USMC
(8-10 Sept. 1967)LT COL ROBERT SCHUELER 052170/0802
USMC (10-30 Sept. 1967)SUBORDINATE UNITS

HQBtry, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. G. O. KENNEDY 078040/0802 USMC

Battery "D" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. E. L. CODY 082225/0802 USMC

Battery "E" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. W. R. HART 061616/0802 USMC

Battery "F" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. D. F. BERGEN 075276/0802 USMC

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. A. L. WALTERS 080572/0802 USMC

Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. F. X. SULLIVAN 081076/0802 USMC
(14-30 Sept. 1967)

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

CAPT. F. A. BENDRICK 082567/0802 USMC

Battery "M" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. O. J. CREWS 080736/0802 USMC
(13-30 Sept. 1967)

1st Armored Amphibian Company, 3rd Platoon

1st Lt. S. E. COTTLE 096443/1803 USMC
(1-16 Sept. 1967)

1st Armored Amphibian Company, 2nd Platoon

1st Lt. S. R. LIGERLOS 093246/1803
USMC (25-30 Sept. 1967)2. LOCATION. 1-30 September 1967, Dong Ha RVN~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer;

Maj. G. C. HARRIS 060588/0802 USMC

S-1:

1stLt. P. HILL 096595/0130 USMC

S-2:

1stLt. J. D. TOBIN 095116/0802 USMC
(1-11 Sept. 1967)1stLt. R. J. BINGAMAN 094551/0802 USMC
(11-30 Sept. 1967)

S-3:

Maj. H. J. GIBSON 074899/0802 USMC

S-4:

2ndLt. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802 USMC

Ordnance Officer:

W. O. S. G. HAFNER 098765/2020 USMC

Supply Officer:

1stLt. R. D. BRANDENLEDE 092994/3002 USMC
(1-21 Sept. 1967)2ndLt. R. E. WOOD 0100787/3002 USMC
(21-30 Sept. 1967)

Motor Transport Officer:

1stLt. A. L. CALDWELL 094592/3502 USMC

Communication Officer:

CAPT. E. M. NORTON 090503/2502 USMC

Liaison Officer:

CAPT. C. J. JOHNSTON 077668/0802 USMC
(1-10 Sept. 1967)CAPT. R. C. McFARLANE 077495/0802 USMC
(10-30 Sept. 1967)

Survey Officer:

2ndLt. D. E. HEIM 096921/0840 USMC

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
51	561	1	12

PART II

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During September the 2nd battalion, 12th Marines fired a total of 981 observed missions, 779 unobserved missions and 4972 H&I missions in support of the 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 45015 rounds of 105MM, 9354 rounds of 107MM, and 4014 rounds of 155MM. Enemy casualties inflicted during September 35 KIA(conf), 162 KIA(prob). In addition there were 69 secondary explosions confirmed and 4 secondary explosions probable, 3 artillery pieces, 3 mortars, 6 automatic weapons, and 6 bunkers were destroyed.

Operation Kingfisher continued throughout the month. Operation Liberty was conducted from 30 August to 5 September in support of the Vietnamese National elections. On 13 September M-4-12 displaced from Camp Carroll to Dong Ha. On 14 September W-3-12 displaced from Ba Long to a temporary position in the Dong Ha complex. On 21 September they displaced to Con Thien, relieving W-1-12 which moved back to Dong Ha.

On 16 September 1967 the 2nd Platoon 1st Armored Amphibian Company moved into the Cua Viet area and relieved the 3rd Platoon 1st Armored Amphibian Company. This unit chopped OPCON to the SLF on 170001 September and returned to 2nd battalion, 12th Marines OPCON on 250000 September 1967.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Missions Assigned. Direct support of 9th Marines.
2. Significant Operations Conducted. Operations Kingfisher and Liberty.
3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 35 KIA(conf), 162 KIA(prob).
4. Casualties Sustained. 16 KIA and 123 WIA.
5. Logistics. During this reporting period the battalion rendered logistical support to three (3) 105 HOW Batteries, two (2) 155 HOW SP Batteries, and two (2) 4.2" Mortar Batteries. The vehicle deadline percentage has risen to 23% for the month of September-this has shown a marked increase from the August 16% figure. While a problem still exists in obtaining second echelon repair parts, the majority of the increase is due to vehicles at FLSU-1 awaiting third echelon repair. No other logistical problems exist at this time.
6. Civic Action. 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines civic action program was severely curtailed during the month of September due to a lack of Medcap supplies. However a small dispensary was completed in Thiet Traug hamlet so that the Medcap program can be continued during the monsoon.

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7. Personnel. The battalion was at 61% of T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the following MOS's 0611, 0648, 2531, and 3531. 38 Marines participated in the R&R program during August.
8. Intelligence. Throughout September there was a definite increase in enemy operations both at the beginning of the month in conjunction with the South Vietnamese National elections, and during the remainder of the month when it appeared that there was to be a major attack on Con Thien.
9. Communications. 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines continued to maintain reliable communications during the month of September. The personnel situation improved with the arrival of new 2533's and maintenance and supply procedures were updated and plans are being made to rewire the battalion CP.
10. Training. During September a flexible training program was followed because of the heavy firing schedules. College and High School GED tests were administered to 42 members of the battalion from 19-21 September 1967. In addition there were three formal schools attended by battalion personnel; Personal Response, Basic Ammo Tech, and Vietnamese Language.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2nd BATTALION, 12th MARINES

PERIOD 01230 to 022300 September 1967

- 1650 1 FM, W-1-12, (118684), NVA dug in, Incident Wave 61a,
EDM 1915, 289 HE, 3 KIA(conf), AW 736
- 1809 2 FM, D-2-12, (11287250), NVA in OP, Safety Zone Golf,
EDM 1905, 21 WP, 213 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob)
1 Bunker destroyed, 2 auto. weapons destroyed, BD 145

PERIOD 022300 to 032300 September 1967

- 0655 1 FM, D-2-12, (115722), NVA in open, Perservere Charlie,
EDM 0750, 6 WP, 110 HE, 1 KIA(prob), BD 148
- 1407 2 FM, D-2-12, (07947325), NVA in open, Cat Killer 44,
EDM 1530, 2 WP, 189 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob), HW 13092
- 1425 3 FM, F-2-12, (07947325), NVA in open, Cat Killer 44,
EDM 1530, 108 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob), HW 13092

PERIOD 032300 to 042300 September 1967

- 0845 1 FM, D-2-12, (10047502), Active mortars, Incident Wave 63,
EDM 0910, 57 HE, 1 Sec(conf), 1 Sec(prob), HW 13093
- 1125 2 FM, W-1-12, (110688), NVA in open, Incident Wave 61,
EDM 1525, 1 WP, 90 HE, 1 KIA(conf), AW 742

PERIOD 042300 to 52300 September 1967

- 1840 1 FM, D-2-12, (155714), NVA in open, Incident Wave 63,
EDM 1930, 96 HE, 4 KIA(conf), 1 KIA(prob), 1 KIA(conf) BD 163

PERIOD 052300 to 62300 September 1967

- 1035 1 FM, F-2-12, (134709), NVA in bunkers, Dream Hour 40,
EDM 1115, 1 WP, 87 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 6 KIA(prob), BF 264
- 1050 2 FM, K-4-12, (134709), NVA in trenches, Dream Hour 40,
EDM 1115, 1 WP, 13 HE, 1 KIA(conf), BD 280
- 1430 3 FM, W-1-12, (143709), NVA in trenches, Dream Hour 47,
EDM 1515, 1 WP, 59 HE, 2 KIA(conf), 2 Bunkers destroyed,
7 fighting holes destroyed.

PERIOD 062300 to 072300 September 1967

- 0832 1 FM, D-2-12, (038713), NVA in open, Perservere Kilo,
EDM 0855, 2 WP, 24 HE, 2 KIA(prob), HW 13100

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2nd BATTALION, 12th MRINES

PERIOD 072300 to 082300 September 1967

1005 1 FM, D-2-12, (07327033), NVA in treeline, Perservere Kilo,
EOM 1031, 6 WP, 18 HE, 2 KIA(prob), HW 13003

1455 2 FM, D-2-12, (073703), 18 NVA with rockets, Safety Zone Golf,
EOM 1625, 3 WP, 71 HE, 1 Sec(conf), 1 Bunker destroyed, HW
13007

PERIOD 082300 to 092300 September 1967

1011 1 FM, D-2-12, (07487060), Heavy auto. weapons fire, Perservere Yankee
EOM 1210, 15 WP, 175 HE, 2 Auto. weapons destroyed, HW 13009

PERIOD 092300 to 102300 September 1967

1239 1 FM, D-2-12, (08627192), 10 NVA in open, Perservere Yankee,
EOM 1320, 2 WP, 58 HE, 1 KIA(conf), BD 011

1700 2 FM, D2-12, (05026620), Active rockets, Delta 6,
EOM 1920, 1 WP, 100 HE, 2 Sec(conf), BD 192

1713 3 FM, F-2-12, (105648), NVA attack, Lima Bean 63,
EOM 1725, 36 HE, 2 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob), BF 316

1800 4 FM, F-2-12, (106655), NVA attack, Lima Bean 22,
EOM 1900, 522 HE, 8 KIA(conf), 40 KIA(prob), BF 320

PERIOD 112300 to 122300 September 1967

1845 1 FM, D-2-12, (149704) NVA in open, WM 1,
EOM 1923, 6 WP, 40 HE, 40 KIA(prob), BD 240

PERIOD 122300 to 132300 September 1967

0130 1 FM, D-2-12, (17107134), Lights on strip, Misdeed 64,
EOM 0219, 20 HE, 18 Sec(conf), BD 206

0420 2 FM, W-1-12, (11547065), Misdeed 64,
EOM 0520, 302 HE, 2 MG destroyed, 1 Sec(conf), BX 107

0920 3 FM, W-1-12, (124716), NVA in open, Misdeed 64,
EOM 0945, 22 HE, 3 KIA(prob), HW 196

1835 4 FM, F-2-12, (05586587), Active rockets, Incident Wave 61,
EOM 1855, 3 WP, 20 HE, 1 Sec(conf), BF 370

2000 5 FM, W-1-12, (12937243), NVA camp, Whiskey 64,
EOM 2045, 1 WP, 31 HE, 1 Sec(conf), 2 Firs, HW 804

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PERIOD 132300 to 142300 September 1967

- 2300 1 FM, How 6, (273689), Active arty, Plumness Alpha 1,
EOM 2310, 26 HE, 2 Sec(prob), HA 346
- 0315 2 FM, D-2-12, (09907394), Active mortars, Misdeed 22,
EOM 0400, 18 HE, 1 Sec(conf), HW 13032
- 0355 3 FM, W-1-12, (12827185), Active rockets, Misdeed 64,
EOM 0420, 39 HE, 2 Sec(conf), HW 804
- 1730 4 FM, F-2-12, (040266838), Active rockets, Misdeed whiskey,
EOM 1830, 11 WP, 50 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 3 Sec(conf), BF 381
- 1955 5 FM, D, E, F-2-12, (062666), TOT-Susp rockets, Misdeed 22,
EOM 2100, 30 HE, 2 Sec(conf), BX 823
- 2035 6 FM, W-1-12, (12937243), NVA in trenches, Misdeed 64,
EOM 2915, 45 HE, 2 Sec(conf), HW 804

PERIOD 142300 to 152300 September 1967

- 0700 1 FM, F-2-12, (05516820), 10 NVA with MG, Persevere Yankee,
EOM 0750, 34 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BF 384
- 1258 2 FM, D-2-12, (10456828), Active mortars, Persevere Yankee,
EOM 1339, 24 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BD 226

PERIOD 162300 to 172300 September 1967

- 1830 1 FM, W-1-12, (115723), Active mortars, Misdeed 64,
EOM 1920, 28 HE, 1 Sec(conf), HW 841

PERIOD 172300 to 182300 September 1967

- 0250 1 FM, W-1-12, (112709), Enemy movement, Misdeed 64,
EOM 0305, 12 HE, 1 Sec(conf), HW 842
- 0920 2 FM, F-2-12, (10566829), NVA in open, Misdeed 63,
EOM 1125, 84 HE, 3 KIA(conf), BF 405

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2nd BATTALION, 12th MARINES

PERIOD 182300 to 192300 September 1967

0902 1 FM, D-2-12, (113779), 70 troops in open, Perservere Sierra,
EOM 0945, 35 HE, 1 Sec(conf), HW 13039

PERIOD 192300 to 202300 September 1967

1758 1 FM, D-2-12, (134712), NVA in trenches, Hidden Charm 62,
EOM 1825, 1 WP, 60 HE, 6 Sec(conf), BD 258

PERIOD 212300 to 222300 September 1967

0820 1 FM, E-2-12, (117669), NVA walking, Incident Wave 61,
EOM 0840, 29 HE, 3 KIA(prob), BE 181

PERIOD 232300 to 242300 September

1910 1 FM, F-2-12, (07406242), Active rockets, Foxtrot 6,
EOM 2010, 26 WP, 65 HE, 1 Sec(conf), BF 470

PERIOD 242300 to 252300 September 1967

1229 1 FM, D-2-12, (025760), Arty position, Perservere Bravo,
EOM 1507, 25 WP, 126 HE, 2 Arty Btries destroyed, HW 13050

PERIOD 252300 to 262300 September 1967

2100 1 FM, W-3-12, (097733), Mortar site, OP-1,
EOM 2200, 6 ILL, 38 HE, 6 Sec(conf), CW 041

PERIOD 262300 to 272300 September 1967

2400 1 FM, W-3-12, (100705), Active mortars, OP-1,
EOM 0030, 39 HE, 3 Mortars destroyed, 9 Sec(conf), CW 029

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2nd BATTALION, 12th MARINES

PERIOD 272300 to 282300 September 1967

- 0215 1 FM, D-2-12, (10067117), Active mortars: Misdeed 24,
EOM 0315, 1 WP, 131 HE, 5 Sec(conf), 1 Sec(prob), BD 320
- 1015 2 FM, D-2-12, (157723), Auto. weapons fire, Hidden Charm 62,
EOM, 1 WP, 3 KIA(prob), BD 321
- 1935 3 FM, W-3-12, (092706), Water point, Misdeed 24,
EOM 2020, 26 HE, 1 Sec(conf), CW 056
- 1826 4 FM, D-2-12, (153704), NVA movement, Persevere Sierra,
EOM 1922, 17 HE, 3 Sec(conf), BD 326
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PERIOD 292300 to 302300 September 1967

- 1522 1 FM, D-2-12, (16547252), NVA Co., Hidden Charm 61,
EOM 1645, 2 WP, 130 HE, 7 KIA(conf), BD 336
- 1525 2 FM, F-2-12, (16547252), NVA Co., Hidden Charm 6,
EOM 1630, 50 HE, 2 KIA(prob), BF 040
- 1530 3 FM, M-4-12, (16547252), NVA Co., Hidden Charm 61,
EOM 1655, 120 HE, 5 KIA(prob), DM 023
- 1535 4 FM, K-4-13, (16547252), NVA Co., Hidden Charm 61,
EOM 1638, 70 HE, 3 KIA(prob), BK 339
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