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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION.

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LT COL ROBERT SCHUELER 052170/0802
USMCSUBORDINATE UNITS

HQ Btry, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. G. O. KENNEDY 078040/0802
USMC (1-18 Oct. 1967)1ST LT. J. D. TOBIN 095116/0802
USMC (19-31 Oct. 1967)

Battery "D" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. E. L. CODY 082225/0802 USMC

Battery "E" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. W. R. BART 081816/0802 USMC
(1-22 Oct. 1967)CAPT. C. M. KEMP 092133/0802
USMC (23-31 Oct. 1967)

Battery "F" 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

MAJ. D. F. BERGEN 075278/0802
USMC (1-28 Oct. 1967)CAPT. F. H. WITTEL JR. 092268/0802
USMC (29-31 Oct. 1967)

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. H. L. WALTERS 080572/0802
USMC (1 Oct. 1967 only)

Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. F. X. SULLIVAN 081078/0802
USMC

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

CAPT. F. A. BENRICK 082587/0802
USMC

Battery "M" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. O. J. CREWS 080738/0802
USMC (1-16 Oct 1967) CAPT. G. E.
PACKWOOD (17-31 Oct. 67)

1st Armored Amphibian Company, 2nd Platoon

1ST LT. S. R. LAGARLOS 093246/1803
USMC (1-23 Oct. 1967)1ST LT. C. PHILLIPS 0944641/0802
USMC (24-31 Oct. 1967)2. LOCATION. 1-31 October 1967, Dong Ha RVNENCLOSURE (1)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer:

MAJ. G. C. HARRIS 060588/0602 USMC (1-29 Oct. 1967)

MAJ. H. J. GIBSON 074899/0602 USMC
(30-31 Oct. 1967)

S-1:

1ST LT. P. HILL 096595/0130 USMC

S-2:

1ST LT. R. J. BINGAMIN 094551/0602 USMC

S-3:

MAJ. H. J. GIBSON 074899/0602 USMC
(1-29 Oct. 1967)

MAJ. D. F. BERGEN 075278/0802 USMC (30-31 Oct. 1967)

S-4:

2ND LT. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802 USMC
(1-18 Oct. 1967)

CAPT. G. O. KENNEDY 078040/0802 USMC
(19-31 Oct. 1967)

Ordnance Officer:

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

Supply Officer:

2ND LT. R. E. WOOD 0100787/3002 USMC

Motor Transport Officer:

1ST LT. A. L. CALDWELL 094592/3502 USMC

Communication Officer:

CAPT. E. M. NORTON 090503/2502

Liaison Officer:

CAPT. R. C. MCFARLANE 077495.0802 USMC

Survey Officer:

2ND LT. D. E. HEIM 096921/0840 USMC (1-18 Oct. 1967)

1ST LT. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802 USMC
(19-31 Oct. 1967)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
43	490	1	8

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During October the 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines fired a total of 1615 observed missions, 2086 unobserved missions and 8804 H&I missions in support of 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 48,635 rounds of 105MM, 7791 rounds of 107MM, and 5,613 rounds of 155MM. Enemy casualties inflicted during October were 34 KIA(conf), 207 KIA(prob). In addition there were 39 secondary explosions confirmed and three secondary explosions probable, five artillery pieces, two rocket positions and 10 bunkers were destroyed. Two mortar positions and four recoilless rifles were silenced.

Operation Kingfisher ended the 31st of October. On 1 October W-1-12 was chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. On 4 October E-2-12 displaced from Cam Lo to Con Thien and D-2-12 displaced from Con Thien to Cam Lo.

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. 34 KIA(conf), 207 KIA(prob).
4. Casualties Sustained. 2 KIA and 26 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 one (1) 4.2 mortar battery. The vehicle deadline percentage has risen to 34.6% for the month of October. This figure has doubled in the past two months. While a problem still exists in obtaining second echelon repair parts, the majority of the increase is due to vehicles at FLSU awaiting third echelon repair. This command lost three M5A2 trucks due to enemy action. No other logistical problems exist at this time.
6. Civic Action. The battalion civil affairs program in Thiet Trang and Vinh Dai hamlets made significant progress during the month of October. Five MEDCAP'S were held and a total of 390 Vietnamese civilians were treated. A temporary one room school house was completed in Thiet Trang. The Vietnamese interpreter assigned to the battalion is teaching school and 23 children are presently enrolled. A permanent brick school house is now under construction.
7. Personnel. The battalion was at 80% of T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the MOS's 0811 and 3531. 46 Marines participated in the R&I program during October.

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8. Intelligence. The enemy continued to deliver intermittent heavy weapons attacks. The total incoming amounted to approximately 238 rounds as compared to 1020 rounds in September. The above indicates either that the enemy was not capable of continuing the rate of the preceding month or that he considered the risk too great. There were two significant enemy contacts of our supported infantry units.

9. Communications. The communications section completed two major projects during the month of October. All internal wire lines within the battalion CP were put underground and a revetment was built for the protection of the radio vehicles. These improvements will greatly reduce the vulnerability of the communications system to enemy artillery attacks.

10. Training. During October a flexible training program was followed because of heavy firing schedules. There were three formal schools attended by battalion personnel; Military Justice School, Infantry Weapons Repair School, and Vietnamese Language.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSEXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH AIRBORNEPERIOD 012300 to 022300 October 1967

1650 1 FM W-1-12, (112684), NVA dug in, Incident Wave 61A,
EOM 1915, 289 HE, 3 KIA(conf), AW 736

1855 2 FM D-2-12, (117727), NVA in open, Safety Zone 6,
EOM 1905, 213 HE, 21 WP, 1 KIA(conf) 10 KIA(prob), 1 bunker, BD 145

PERIOD 022300 to 032300 October 1967

0655 1 FM D-2-12, (115772), NVA in open, Perservere Charlie,
EOM 0750, 110 HE, 6 WP, 1 KIA(prob), BD 146

0945 2 FM D-2-12, (10067508), Enemy mortars, Incident Wave 63,
EOM 1102, 5 KIA(prob), HW 13091

1407 3 FM D-2-12, (07947325), NVA in open, Cat Killer 44
EOM 1530, 189 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob), HW 13092

1425 4 FM F-2-12, (07947325), NVA in open, Cat Killer 44,
EOM 1530, 108 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob), HW 13092

1840 5 FM E-2-12, (097618), Suspected NVA rockets, Click
EOM 1935, 15 HE, 6 Sec. BX 0314

PERIOD 032300 to 042300 October 1967

0845 1 FM D-2-12, (105752), Active mortars, Incident Wave 63
EOM 0910, 57 HE, 1 Sec.(conf), 1 Sec.(prob), Hotel Whiskey 13093

1125 2 FM W-1-12, (110688), Active NVA, Incident Wave 61
EOM 1525, 90 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(conf), AW 742

PERIOD 042300 to 052300 October 1967

1840 1 FM D-2-12, (155714), NVA in open, Incident Wave 63
EOM 1930, 96 HE, 4 KIA(conf), 1 KIA(prob), 1 KIA(conf), BD 164

PERIOD 052300 to 062300 October 1967

1430 1 FM W-1-12, (143709), NVA in trench, Dream Hour 47
EOM 1515 59 HE, 1 WP, 2 Bunkers, 7 fighting holes, 2 KIA(conf), AW 751

1035 2 FM F-2-12, (134709), NVA in open, Birmingham 24
EOM 1115, 87 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 6 KIA(prob), BF 264

1050 3 FM K-4-12, (134709), NVA attack, Birmingham 24
EOM 1115, 13 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(conf), BD 260

PERIOD 062300 to 072300 October 1967

0832 1 FM D-2-12, (038713), NVA in open, Perservere
EOM 0855, 84 HE, 2 WP, 2 KIA(prob), HW 13100

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 072300 to 082300 October 1967

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

PERIOD 082300 to 092300 October 1967

1011 1 FM, D-2-12, (07487060), Heavy weapon fire, Perservere Yankee
EOM 1210, 75 HE, 15 WP, 2 Automatic weapons destroyed(prob), BW 13009

PERIOD 092300 to 102300 October 1967

1040 1 FM, F-2-12, (148683), Prep fires, RD 64
EOM 1115, 68 HE, 2 Sec, BX 0394

1700 2 FM, D-2-12, (05026620), Rockets, Barway Delta 64
EOM 1920, 100 HE, 1 WP, 2 Sec, BD 192

1239 3 FM, D-2-12, (06627192), NVA in open, Perservere Yankee
EOM 1320, 58 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA(conf), BD 011

1725 4 FM, F-2-12, (099636), NVA attack, Lima Bean 22
EOM 1740, 36 HE, 2 KIA(conf), 10 KIA(prob), BX 319

1800 5 FM, F-2-12, (106665), NVA attack, Lima Bean 22
EOM 1900, 522 HE, 8 KIA(conf), 40 KIA(prob), BF 320

PERIOD 112300 to 122300 October 1967

1805 1 FM, D-2-12, (105600), 150 V C, Senator
EOM 1900, 71 HE, 10 KIA(prob), 2 Sec.(conf), BX 0520

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

PERIOD 122300 to 132300 October 1967

2000 1 FM, W-1-12, (12937243), NVA camp, Whiskey 64
EOM 2045, 31 HE, 1 WP, 1 Sec, 2 fires, BX 804

0420 2 FM, W-1-12, (11547065), FPL, Misdeed 64
EOM 0520, 302 HE, 2 M6 knock out, 1 sec, BX 107

1835 3 FM, F-2-12, (05586857), Active rockets, Incident Wave 61
EOM 1855, 20 HE, 3 WP, 1 Sec, BF 370

0130 4 FM, D-2-12, (17107134), Active light on strip, Misdeed 64
EOM 0219, 20 HE, 18 Sec, BD 206

PERIOD 132300 to 142300 October 1967

1730 1 FM, F-2-12, (04026838), Active rockets, Misdeed
EOM 1830, 50 HE, 11 WP, 1 KIA(conf) 35 sec, BF 381

2300 2 FM, HOW-6, (275696), Active artillery, Combine Charlie
EOM 2310, 26 HE, 2 Sec.(conf), BX 346

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2035 3 FM, W-1-12, (12937243), Enemy in trench, Misdeed 64
EOM 2915, 45 HE, 2 Sec, Incident Wave 804

1105 4 FM, D-2-12, (119672), Enemy movement, Hidden Charm 61
EOM 1452, 400 HE, 2 WP, 3 KIA(conf), 15 KIA(prob), BD 400

0215 5 FM, F-2-12, (122665), NVA attack, Hidden Charm 64
EOM 0340, 132 HE, 3 WP, 3 KIA(conf), 12 KIA(prob), BF 092

PERIOD 142300 to 152300 October 1967

0700 1 FM, F-2-12, (05516820), 10 NVA and 50cal machine gun, Bay way
EOM 0750, 34 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BF 384

1258 2 FM, D-2-12, (10456828), Active mortars, Perservere Yankee
EOM 1339, 24 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BD 226

PERIOD 152300 to 162300 October 1967

1645 1 FM, F-2-12, (150738), NVA in open, Bay way
EOM 1720, 60 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA(conf), BF 393

PERIOD 162300 to 172300 October 1967

2340 1 FM, F-2-12, (105675), Active mortar, Conviction 24
EOM 2354, 36 HE, 2 Sec, BF 144

1830 2 FM, W-1-12, (115723), Active mortars, Misdeed 24
EOM 1920, 28 HE, 1 Sec, Incident Wave 841

PERIOD 182300 to 192300 October 1967

0902 1 FM, D-2-12, (113779), 70 NVA in open, Bay way
EOM 0945, 35 HE, 1 Sec, HW 13039

1352 2 FM, E-2-12, (115720) NVA in open, OP 1
EOM 1428, 36 HE, 2 WP, 4 KIA(conf), BE 289

PERIOD 192300 to 202300 October 1967

1626 1 FM, D-2-12, (099668), Enemy in tree line, Cat Miller 44
EOM 1725, 90 HE, 5 WP, 15 Bunkers, BD 432

1609 2 FM, F-2-12, (099666), NVA in tree line, Plumpness
EOM 1720, 55 HE, 2 WP, 30 Meter of trench line destroyed, BF 196

1758 3 FM, D-2-12, (134712), NVA in trench, Hidden Charm 62
EOM 1825, 60 HE, 1 WP, 6 Sec, BD 258

PERIOD 202300 to 212300 October 1967

2145 1 FM, W-3-12, (105709), Active mortars, OP 1
EOM 2156, 45 HE, 2 Sec, CW 260

1445 2 FM, E-2-12, (075774), 4 NVA on raft, Perservere OBD R
EOM 1605, 64 HE, 18 WP, 4 KIA(conf), HW 13120

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PERIOD 212300 to 222300 October 1967

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

1648 2 FM, E-2-12, (067725), F O team, Senator
EOM 1700, 50 HE, 2 Sec, HW 14012

1830 3 FM, F-2-12, (124663), NVA dug in, Conviction Alpha 24
EOM 1905, 13 HE, 2 WP, 3 KIA(prob), BF 250

PERIOD 222300 to 232300 October 1967

0720 1 FM, E-2-12, (115775), Active artillery, OP 1
EOM 0755, 114 HE, 2 WP, 2 Sec, HW 13130

PERIOD 232300 to 242300 October 1967

1910 1 FM, F-2-12, (079615), Active rockets, Bay way Fox 66
EOM 2010, 28 WP, 65 HE, 1 Sec, BF 470

1155 2 FM, E-2-12, (078734), Mortars and bunkers, Trail 67
EOM 1230, 60 HE, 2 WP, 5 Bunker destroyed, BX 1024

1610 3 FM, E-2-12, (117759), NVA position, OP 1
EOM 1625, 10 HE, 3 WP, 1 Sec, HW 13137

PERIOD 242300 to 252300 October 1967

1229 1 FM, D-2-12, (025760), Artillery position, Perservere 0
EOM 1507, 126 HE, 25 WP, 2 Artillery Pieces Destroyed BX 13050

1555 2 FM, F-2-12, (099643), NVA position, Red Rebel 9
EOM 1606, 40 HE, 1 Sec, BX 1057

1825 3 FM, D-2-12, (168708), NVA in open, Cat Killer 45
EOM 1900, 35 HE, 4 WP, 5 KIA(prob) BD 296

PERIOD 252300 to 262300 October 1967

2234 1 FM, F-2-12, (063687), Active rocket, Incident Wave 61
EOM 2247, 20 HE, 2 WP, 1 Sec, BF 310

0120 2 FM, E-2-12, (058683), Counter battery, Bay Way
EOM 0124, 108 HE, 2 Sec, BX 105

0245 3 FM, F-2-12, (118678), Enemy position, Conviction 61A
EOM 0310, 9 HE, 1 WP, 1 Sec, BF 316

PERIOD 262300 to 272300 October 1967

2400 1 FM, W-3-12, (100705), Active mortars, OP 1
EOM 1030, 39 HE, 3 Guns destroyed, 9 sec, CW 029

2400 2 FM, D-2-12, E-2-12, F-2-12, W-1-12, K-4-13, M-4-12 (numerous
missions during past 36 hours in support of 2/4 and 3/3
Follow-up surveillance of 95 KIA(prob).

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PERIOD 272300 to 282300 October 1967

1015 1 FM, D-2-12, (157723), automatic weapon fire, Hidden Charm 62
EOM 1037, 1 WP, 3 KIA(prob), BO 321

PERIOD 292300 to 302300 October 1967

1522 1 FM, D-2-12, (16547252), Enemy Co., Hidden Charm
EOM 1645, 130 HE, 2 WP, 7 KIA(conf), BO 336

1535 2 FM, I-4-13, (16547252), NVA in open, Bay way.
EOM 1638, 70 HE, 2 KIA(prob), BK 339

1525 3 FM, F-2-12, (16547252), NVA CO., Bay way.
EOM 1630, 50 HE, 2 KIA(prob), BE 040

1530 4 FM, M-4-12, (16547252), NVA in open, Hidden Charm 61
EOM 1655, 120 HE, 48 VT, 5 KIA(prob), DM 023

PERIOD 302300 to 312300 October 1967

1750 1 FM, W-3-12, (12267119), Sniper fire, Hidden 62
EOM 1805, 6 HE, 1 KIA(prob), CW 077

2358 2 FM, W-3-12, (125713), Active mortar, OP 2
EOM 2403, 16 HE, 2 Sec, CW 327

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