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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1967

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL. R. SCHUELER 052170/0802 USMC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HQ Btry, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT. J. D. TOBIN 095116/0802  
USMC (1-21 Nov. 1967)1STLT. T. J. STACK 093456/0802  
USMC (22-30 Nov. 1967)

Battery "D" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. E. L. CODY 082225/0802  
USMC

Battery "E" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. C. M. KEMPF 092133/0802  
USMC

Battery "F" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. F. H. WITTEL JR. 092268/0802  
USMC

Mortar Battery 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. A. M. PATTERSON JR. 086979/0802  
USMC (27-30 Nov. 1967)

Battery "A" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. W.O. KENYON 089364/0802  
USMC (27-30 Nov. 1967)Mortar Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines  
(Detachment)CAPT. H. L. WALTERS 080572/0802  
USMC (15-30 Nov. 1967)

Mortar Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. F. X SULLIVAN 081078/0802  
USMC

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

CAPT. F. A. BENDRICK 082387/0802  
USMC

Battery "M" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. G. E. PACKWOOD 091857/0802  
USMC (1-6 Nov. 1967)CAPT. H. W. KERN 085145/0802  
USMC (9-30 Nov. 1967)

1st Armored Amphibian Company, 2nd Platoon

1STLT. C. PHILLIPS 094464/1803  
USMC2. LOCATION. 1-30 November 1967, Dong Ha RVN~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Executive Officer

MAJ. H. J. GIBSON 074899/0802  
USMC (1-20 Nov. 1967)MAJ. D. F. BERGEN 075278/0802  
USMC (21-30 Nov. 1967)

S-1

1STLT. P. HILL 096595/0130  
USMC (1-25 Nov. 1967)1STLT. B. L. BUSSELL 096305/0130  
USMC (26-30 Nov. 1967)

S-2

1STLT. R. J. BINGAMAN 094551/0802  
USMCR (1-12 Nov. 1967)1STLT. P. G. CLARK 092578/0802  
USMCR (13-30 Nov. 1967)

S-3

MAJ. D. F. BERGEN 075278/0802  
USMC (1-20 Nov. 1967)MAJ. C. J. JOHNSTON 077688/0802  
USMC (21-30 Nov. 1967)

S-4

MAJ. G. O. KENNEDY 078040/0802  
USMC (1-16 Nov. 1967)1STLT. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802  
USMC (17-30 Nov. 1967)

Ordnance Officer

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

Supply Officer

2NDLT. R. E. WOOD. 0100787/3002  
USMCR

Motor Transport Officer

1STLT. H. L. CALDWELL 094592/3502  
USMCR

Communication Officer

CAPT. E. M. NORTON 090503/2502  
USMCR

Liaison Officer

MAJ. R. C. MACFARLANE 077495/0802  
USMC

Survey Officer

1STLT. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802  
USMC (1-16 Nov. 1967)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
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42	500	1	9

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PART II

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During November the Second Battalion, 12th Marines fired a total of 807 observed missions, 1380 unobserved missions and 2027 H&I missions in support of the 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 44,370 rounds of 105MM, 4578 rounds of 107MM, and 3090 of 155MM.

Enemy casualties inflicted during November were 26 KIA(confirmed) and 76 KIA(probable). In addition there were 8 secondary explosions, 8 artillery positions damaged or destroyed, one artillery piece destroyed, 9 bunkers destroyed, one supply point destroyed, and one automatic weapon destroyed.

Operation Highrise continued throughout the month. Operation Kentucky and Napoleon began on 1 November. From 3-10 November D-2-12 and K-4-13 were chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines to support the 3rd Marines in operational Lancaster. 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines assumed OPCON of A-1-12 from the SLF during the period 6-16 November. A three tube detachment from W-1-12 came under OPCON on 15 November to support operations at the mouth of the Gua Viet river. Operational control of the SLF batteries A-1-12 and W-2-12 was assumed on 27 November to support the additional battalions operating under the 9th Marines in operation Kentucky.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Missions Assigned. Direct support of 9th Marines
2. Significant Operations Conducted. Operations Kentucky, Highrise and Napoleon
3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 26 KIA(conf), 76 KIA(prob).
4. Casualties Sustained. 1 KIA and 14 WIA.
5. Logistics. During the reporting period, this battalion supported one headquarters battery and nine firing batteries of three different calibers. The recent centralization of the battalion motor transport assets has uncovered several problem areas at the first and second echelon level. The delivery of one M543A2 wrecker completed our mogas to multifuel transition. However, as indicated on all acceptance slips, non delivery of operator manuals with the vehicles has hampered proper instruction of drivers and maintenance of vehicles.
6. Civil Action. The civil affairs team continues to assist the Vietnamese in the construction of a two room school house in Thiet Trang hamlet. The battalion has provided necessary construction materials, transportation, and technical assistance. Additional support for the local schools in Cam Hieu village is being rendered in the form of school kits, notebooks, slates, ink wells and ink pens, and pencils which are distributed to the school children. The battalion donated two pigs and material for a pig pen to a Vietnamese farmer. The farmer will return 50% of the first litter to the battalion for redistribution. 196 Vietnamese civilians were treated at the regular Med Cap's.

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7. Personnel. The battalion was at 82% of T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the following MOS's: 0911, 2511, 2531, 2539, 3531 and 3371. 36 Marines participated in the R&R program during November.
8. Intelligence. The enemy continued to deliver moderate mortar, rocket, and artillery during the month of November. Fragments from these attacks have been collected and forwarded to the S-2, 12th Marines for analysis. The enemy has been successively decreasing the number of incoming rounds since September. Enemy movement has been reported to the northeast of Con Thien and the northwest of C-2. Significant contact was made by supported infantry units directly north of Con Thien and to the northeast. The 9th Battalion of the 90th NVA Regiment is reportedly operating in this area. The recent installation and operation of the CMA, CBR, and sound ranging units at Con Thien have greatly improved the target acquisition capability.
9. Communications. Communications support was procured to support centralized technical fire direction. Radio relay communication was established with Fox, Kilo, and Delta batteries. Two additional battalion fire direction nets were activated. The communications section received an overall grade of satisfactory with noteworthy comments on the Commanding General's inspection concluded on 25 November 1967.
10. Training. During November the battalion training program was inspected by the Commanding General's inspection team and found to be satisfactory. This month a system was set up to monitor more closely the training accomplishments of the batteries. As a result of this system monthly reminders are sent to the batteries to point out areas which need to be covered in order to meet the established quarterly training requirements. The M-16 training contact team was requested to come during December to train key personnel in the batteries. Formal schools attended by members of this battalion were: Personal Response, Basic Ammo Tech, SNCO Leadership, and NCO Leadership. All batteries were screened to determine school quota requirements for the third quarter.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

## PERIOD 012300 to 022300 November 1967

- 0740 1 FM, E-2-12, (078738), NVA in open, Perservere Hotel  
EOM 0905, 140 HE, 1 WP, 3 KIA(conf), 2 KIA(prob), HW 13207
- 1330 2 FM, D-2-12, (090684), NVA position, Senator  
EOM 1345, 30 HE, 3 WP, 2 KIA(prob), BD 040
- 1815 3 FM, E-2-12, (109773), 2 Camouflaged positions, Perservere Oscar  
EOM 1840, 79 HE, 1 WP, 2 Artillery positions damaged, HW 1321
- 2130 4 FM, F-2-12, (114652), Mortar Position, Conviction 61  
EOM 2155, 18 HE, 1 Mortar destroyed, BF 430

## PERIOD 022300 to 032300 November 1967

- 1005 1 FM, E-2-12, (085745), NVA in open, Perservere Oscar  
EOM 1640, 54 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(prob), HW 16098
- 1611 2 FM, K-4-13, (085745), NVA in open, Perservere Oscar  
EOM 1706, 29 HE, 4 WP, Supply depot destroyed, HW 16098
- 1315 3 FM, E-2-12, (093777), Active artillery, OP-2  
EOM 1348, 54 HE, 1 Secondary Explosion, HW 16304
- 1350 4 FM, E-2-12, (108777), Active artillery, OP-2  
EOM 1410, 66 HE, 1 Gun destroyed, HW 16305
- 0114 5 FM, E-2-12, (154685), Moving lights, OP-3  
EOM 1147, 30 HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary Explosion, BE 317

## PERIOD 062300 to 072300 November 1967

- 1110 1 FM, W-3-12, (105708), Mortar Position, Charlie Tango 24  
EOM 1201, 2 WP, 2 KIA(prob), CW 381

## PERIOD 102300 to 112300 November 1967

- 1248 1 FM, W-3-12, (135732), NVA in open, Mill Brook 64  
EOM 1250, 12 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 3 KIA(prob), 1 Trench  
destroyed, CW 404

## PERIOD 112300 to 122300 November 1967

- 1545 1 FM, E-2-12, (098713), Troops in open, Barkwood AO  
EOM 1831, 100 HE, 4 WP, 1 KIA(prob), 2 Secondary Explosions,  
BE 325
- 1610 2 FM, K-4-13, (098715), NVA in open, Barkwood AO  
EOM 1840, 15 HE, 3 WP, 1 KIA(prob), BE 325
- 1645 3 FM, W-3-12, (101711), NVA in open, Charlie Tango 24  
EOM 1832, 24 HE, 9 WP, 1 Secondary Explosion, CW 243

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## EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 162300 to 172300 November 1967

- 1530 1 FM, F-2-12, (103663), NVA in open, Smitty Hotel  
EOM 1545, 55 HE, 4 WP, 5 KIA(prob), 13 KIA(conf), BX 1837
- 1545 2 FM, K-4-13, (103663), NVA in open, Smitty Hotel  
EOM 1600, 19 HE, 5 KIA(prob), 13 KIA(conf), BX 1837

PERIOD 172300 to 182300 November 1967

- 0950 1 FM, E-2-12, (076742), NVA in open, Cat Killer 24  
EOM 1000, 96 HE, 1 WP, 25 KIA(prob), BX 1853

PERIOD 182300 to 192300 November 1967

- 0645 1 FM, E-2-12, (112793), Artillery Position, American Beauty Mike  
EOM 0920, 180 HE, 1 WP, 5 Gun pits destroyed, MAF 1490

PERIOD 202300 to 212300 November 1967

- 1425 1 FM, K-4-13, (051645), Bridge, Smitty Charlie  
EOM 1450, 7 HE, 3 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 1 Automatic weapon destroyed,  
2 bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary explosion, BX 1949

PERIOD 212300 to 222300 November 1967

- 2224 1 FM, D-2-12, (140665), Enemy position, Fighting Mad 63A  
EOM 2340, 21 HE, 2 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 1967

PERIOD 232300 to 242300 November 1967

- 1305 1 FM, W-3-12, (115715), Suspect artillery, Cat Killer 41  
EOM 1450, 96 HE, 1 WP, 2 KIA(conf), 1 KIA(prob), 2 Bunkers destroyed,  
CW 491

PERIOD 242300 to 252300 November 1967

- 0824 1 FM, K-4-13, (154741), Gun pits and bunkers, Smitty Oscar  
EOM 0923, 21 HE, One gun pit destroyed, one bunker damaged,  
and 15 feet trench destroyed, BX 2093
- 1735 2 FM, E-2-12, (163714), NVA in open, Smitty Charlie  
EOM 1850, 120 HE, 8 ILL, 2 KIA(conf), 5 KIA(prob), BE 336

PERIOD 252300 to 262300 November 1967

- 1307 1 FM, F-2-12, (105712), NVA Mortar, Smitty Oscar  
EOM 1517, 167 HE, 1 WP, 3 KIA(prob), BX 2183
- 1342 2 FM, W-3-12, (109718), NVA in open, Cat Killer 41  
EOM 1502, 102 HE, 4 WP, 1 KIA(prob), 1 KIA(prob), CW 512
- 1510 3 FM, W-3-12, (138715), NVA in open, American Beauty Mike  
EOM 1553, 91 HE, 3 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 15 KIA(prob), CW 513

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 272300 to 282300 November 1967

- 0729 1 FM, E-2-12, (104736), NVA in open, Smitty Charlie  
EOM 0745, 12 HE, 3 WP, 1 KIA(prob), 1 bunker damaged, 2 fighting  
holes uncovered, HW 16631
- 0830 2 FM, E-2-12, (124724), NVA Company, Smitty Charlie  
EOM 1005, 130 HE, 5 WP, 5 KIA(prob), 2 bunkers destroyed, BX 341
- 1601 3 FM, K-4-13, (153755), Suspected rockets, Smitty Oscar  
EOM 1745, 29 HE, 2 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 2494

PERIOD 282300 to 292300 November 1967

- 1220 1 FM, E-2-12, (075741), NVA in open, Smitty Bravo  
EOM 1250, 66 HE, 2 WP, 4 KIA(conf), 3 KIA(prob), HW 16642

PERIOD 292300 to 302300 November 1967

- 0145 1 FM, H-6, (295749), NVA in tree line, Rifle Diner 62  
EOM 0215, 42 HE, 1 KIA(conf), HA 497
- 1450 2 FM, H-6, (256749), Small arms and mortar fire, American Beauty 260  
EOM 1518, 39 HE, 2 KIA(conf), HA 499

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