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Encl: (1) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL R. SCHUELLER 052170/0802
 USMC (1-2 DEC1967)

LTCOL R. P. DUNWELL 056606/0802
 USMC (3-31 DEC1967)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HQ Btry, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT. T. J. STACK 093456/0802
 USMC

Battery "D" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. E. L. OODY 082225/0802
 USMC

Battery "E" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. C. M. KEMPF 092133/0802
 USMC (1-29 DEC1967)

CAPT. P. G. CLARK 092578/0802
 USMC (30-31 DEC1967)

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

Battery "A" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. W. O. KENYON 089364/0802
 USMC (1-29 DEC1967)

Mortar Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
(Detachment)

CAPT. H. L. WALTERS 080572/0802
 USMC

Mortar Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. F. X. SULLIVAN 081078/0802
 USMC (1-10 DEC1967)

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

CAPT. F. L. BENDRICK 082587/0802
 USMC

Battery "M" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. H. W. KEEN 085145/0802
 USMC

1st Armored Amphibian Company, 2nd Platoon

1STLT. C. PHILLIPS 094464/1803
 USMC

2. LOCATION 1-31 December 1967, Dong Ha RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

MAJ. D. F. BERGLIN 075278/0602
USMC

S-1

1STLT. B. L. BUSSELL 096305/0130
USMC

S-2

CAPT. P. G. CLARK 092578/0602
USMC (1-29 DEC1967)

1STLT. C. J. WEST 094490/0302
USMC (30-31 DEC1967)

S-3

MAJ. C. J. JOHNSTON 077688/0602
USMC

S-4

1STLT. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0602
USMC

Ordnance Officer

W.O. S. G. HAFNER 096765/2020 USMC

Supply Officer

1STLT. R. E. WOOD 0100787/3002
USMC

Motor Transport Officer

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

Communication Officer

CAPT. E. M. NORTON 090503/2502
USMC

Liaison Officer

MAJ. R. C. MACFARLANE 077495/0602
USMC

Survey Officer

1STLT. J. D. TOBIN 095116/0602
USMC

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
40	440	0	9

PART II

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During December the Second Battalion, 12th Marines fired a total of 1392 observed missions, 1451 unobserved missions and 2783 R&I missions in support of the 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 56,769 rounds of 105MM, 8,448 rounds of 107MM, and 4,899 of 155MM.

Enemy casualties inflicted during December were 52 KIA (confirmed) and 100 KIA (probable). In addition there were 64 secondary explosions, 9 bunkers destroyed, 2 boats and one raft destroyed, 2 mortars destroyed and 2 automatic weapons destroyed.

On 19 December, F-2-12 relieved E-2-12 at Con Thien and E-2-12 returned to C-2. On 19 December, W-2-12 relieved W-3-12 at Con Thien. W-3-12 returned to Cam 16 and then departed on 26 December 67, to go afloat with BLT 2/4 as the Special Landing Force. On 29 December 1967, A-1-12 chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and displaced to Camp Carroll.

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. 52 KIA (cnf), and 100 KIA (prob).
4. Casualties Sustained. 1 KIA and 3 MIA.
5. Logistics. During December this battalion supported 10 firing batteries and one headquarters battery. 72,374 rounds of artillery ammunition were transported by road or helicopter. The battalion vehicle situation has improved slightly, although the high third echelon dead line rate has put a heavy burden on the remaining vehicles.
6. Civic Action. Significant progress was made on the elementary school house project in Thiet Trang Hamlet. Plans are also underway to assist the Vietnamese in the construction of a village council house in Cam Hieu Village. 86 Vietnamese civilians were treated at MEDCAPs by the Battalion corpsmen.
7. Personnel. The battalion was at 86% of T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the following MOS's 0239, 0441, 0648, and 3531. 38 Marines participated in the R&R program during December.
8. Intelligence. The level of enemy activity during the month of December was generally unchanged from November. No major ground contact was made by our supported units. Sporadic incidents of incoming occurred at Con Thien and A-3 but the overall level was below that of November. The target acquisition capabilities were improved greatly during the month. A conduct of fire net was established with the AN/MPQ-4A counter mortar radar units at Con Thien and C-2.

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9. Communications. Reliable, secure, and rapid communications were maintained by the Battalion. 11 radio nets were in operation. Relocation of the antenna sites improved communications and reduced interference.

10. Training. During December the Division M-16 Training Contact Team conducted two classes at Dong ha and at C-2 with thirty-five Staff NCO's and officers of this battalion attending. Battalion Motor Transport section conducted a three day school at which 22 new drivers were trained. Formal schools attended by members of this battalion included: SandC School, NCO Leadership, SNCO Leadership, Basic Ammo Tech and Infantry Weapons Repair.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 012300 to 022300 December 1967

0100 1 FM, E-2-12, (087764), NVA in raft, Smitty Hotel
EOM 0645, 65 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 1 KIA(prob), 1 boat destroyed,
HW 16656

PERIOD 022300 to 032300 December 1967

1021 1 FM, E-2-12, (088750), NVA in open, Smitty Hotel
EOM 1109, 75 HE, 1 WP, 2 KIA(conf), 2 KIA(prob), HW 16662

1715 2 FM, K-4-13, (116757), Active artillery, OP-1
EOM 1736, 1E HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, HW 16923

PERIOD 032300 to 042300 December 1967

0935 1 FM, E-2-12, (119721), NVA in open, Smitty Hotel
EOM 1035, 81 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(prob), CW 578

PERIOD 042300 to 052300 December 1967

0920 1 FM, E-2-12, (140631), enemy in tree line, Fighting Mad 64
EOM 1007, 49 HE, 2 KIA(prob), BW 624

PERIOD 052300 to 062300 December 1967

0745 1 FM, F-2-12, (08587647), 2 Boats, 1 NVA, Smitty Hotel
EOM 0812, 36 HE, 1 WP, 2 Boats destroyed, HW 16682

1353 2 FM, W-3-12, (134724), Active Mortars, Southern 24
EOM 1357, 37 HE, 4 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 4 bunkers destroyed, CW 583

1E05 3 FM, E-2-12, (155721), Mortar Position, Southern 62
EOM 1922, 58 HE, 3 WP, 2 Secondary explosions, BX 2753

PERIOD 062300 to 092300 December 1967

1445 1 FM, K-4-13, (083772), Suspected active artillery, OP-2
EOM 1518, 24 HE, 2 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, HW 60182

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PERIOD 092300 to 102300 December 1967

1420 1 FM, LVTH-6, (301747), NVA Platoon Attacking, Dixie Diner 62
EOM 1540, 56 HE, 10 WP, 3 KIA(prob), HA 545

PERIOD 102300 to 112300 December 1967

1149 1 FM, W-3-12, (108711), Mortar position, OP-1
EOM 1200, 15 HE, 40 Secondary Explosions, CW 604

1305 2 FM, LVTH-6, (290756), Active Mortars and troops, Dixie Diner 62
EOM 1355, 87 HE, 15 KIA(conf), 35 KIA(prob), 1 Mortar destroyed,
HA 557

1030 3 FM, W-1-12, (296746), NVA in open, Dixie Diner 62
EOM 1645, 282 HE, 20 KIA(conf), 40 KIA(prob), 1 Mortar destroyed,
AW 002

PERIOD 112300 to 122300 December 1967

1148 1 FM, E-2-12, (088761), 10 NVA in open, Smitty Oscar
EOM 1250, 49 HE, 1 WP, 2 KIA(prob), HW 60212

PERIOD 122300 to 132300 December 1967

1614 1 FM, W-3-12, (12567173), NVA in open, OP-2
EOM 1620, 33 HE, 2 Secondary Explosions, CW 621

PERIOD 132300 to 142300 December 1967

1208 1 FM, W-3-12, (147712), NVA in open, Mill Brook 63
EOM 1239, 49 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(prob), CW 625

PERIOD 142300 to 152300 December 1967

0006 1 FM, K-4-12, (183745), Active Mortars, Grasshopper 63
EOM 0055, 48 HE, 3 Secondary Explosions, BX 4161

PERIOD 152300 to 162300 December 1967

1100 1 FM, K-4-12, (125723), Suspected NVA bunker and movement, OP-2
EOM 1145, 15 HE, 3 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 4227

0920 2 FM, E-2-12, (182750), Prep Fire, Grasshopper 61
EOM 1020, 29 HE, 1 WP, 3 KIA(conf), BX 2673

1600 3 FM, E-2-12, (129758), Suspected Artillery, OP-3
EOM 1625, 24 HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary Explosion, HW 60244

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PERIOD 172300 to 182300 December 1967

0513 1 FM, F-2-12, (1E5735), Prep Fire, Grasshopper 63
EOM 0537, 61 HE, 2 KIA(conf), BF 011

PERIOD 182300 to 202300 December 1967

1206 1 FM, E-2-12, (140723), NVA in open, Southern 64
EOM 1235, 29 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA(prob), BX 4435

1730 2 FM, A-1-12, (057624), Suspected artillery position, OP-3
EOM 1815, 50 HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary Explosion, BX 4461

2107 3 FM, F-2-12, (140562), VC Company in open, (Intelligence Target) Fighting
EOM 2143, 153 HE, 1 Secondary Explosion, BX 4446

2107 4 FM, K-4-12, (140562), VC Company in open, (Intelligence Target),
Fighting Mac 64
EOM 2200, 102 HE, 1 Secondary Explosion, BX 4466

PERIOD 202300 to 212300 December 1967

2200 1 FM, K-4-12, (101702), NVA movement, OP-1
EOM 2251, 22 HE, 3 Secondary Explosions, BX 4479

1645 2 FM, A-1-12, (080692), Suspected rocket position, OP-3
EOM 1707, 28 HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary Explosion, HW 60603

PERIOD 222300 to 232300 December 1967

1555 1 FM, W-2-12, (076865), Suspected rocket position, OP-3
EOM 1625, 24 HE, 2 WP, 1 Secondary Explosion, BW 0013

PERIOD 232300 to 242300 December 1967

0635 1 FM, F-2-12, (124730), 3 Automatic weapons and bunkers, Smitty Hotel
EOM 0933, 72 HE, 4 WP, 2 Weapons destroyed, BF 035

1412 2 FM, F-2-12, (120765), NVA in open, OP-2
EOM 1443, 36 HE, 5 KIA(prob), HW 60853

PERIOD 242300 to 252300 December 1967

1815 1 FM, W-2-12, (123723), NVA position, OP-2
EOM 1836, 68 HE, 10 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0037

2228 2 FM, (105707), Suspected ammo dump, OP-1
EOM 2240, 21 HE, 1 Secondary Explosion, BW 0045

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PERIOD 252300 to 262300 December 1967

- 0120 1 FM, K-4-13, (159764), Suspected enemy movement, Southern 64
 EOM 0200, 73 HE, 1 WP, 2 Secondary explosions, BX 4714
- 1145 2 FM, W-2-12, (077696), Suspected rocket position, OP-3
 EOM 1220, 41 HE, 2 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0052
- 2054 3 FM, F-2-12, (180747), Enemy mortar position, Southern 24
 EOM 2120, 30 HE, 1 WP, 2 Secondary explosions, HW 60895

PERIOD 272300 to 282300 December 1967

- 1125 1 FM, F-2-12, (172752), NVA in open, Smitty Hotel
 EOM 1154, 13 HE, 1 KIA(conf), 1 KIA(prob), BF 051
- 1300 2 FM, F-2-12, (104746), NVA in open, Cat Killer 44,
 EOM 1430, 40 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA(conf), 3 KIA(prob), HW 60899
- 1730 3 FM, F-2-12, (108724), NVA in open, Smitty Hotel
 EOM 1814, 34 HE, 3 Bunkers destroyed, BF 053

PERIOD 292300 to 302300 December 1967

- 1340 1 FM, E-2-12, (153728), Small arms, Darting Star 64
 EOM 1405, 19 HE, 1 WP, 2 KIA(prob), BX 4929

PERIOD 302300 to 312300 December 1967

- 1225 1 FM, F-2-12, (148734), Active mortar, Darting Star 61-A
 EOM 1320, 40 HE, 2 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 4947
- 1230 2 FM, E-4-13, (154747), NVA in open, Darting Star 61
 EOM 1445, 168 HE, 2 WP, 6 KIA(conf), 2 KIA(prob), BX 4975
- 1530 3 FM, E-2-12, (145732), NVA in open, Smitty Charlie
 EOM 1537, 20 HE, 1 KIA(conf), BX 4989

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