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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JANUARY TO 31 JANUARY 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL. R. P. DUNWELL 056608/0802  
 USMC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HQ Btry, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. T. J. STACK 093456/0802 USMCR
Battery "D" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. E. L. CODY 082225/0802 USMC (1-6 JAN1968)
	1STLT. G. D. GARRISON 094719/0802 USMCR (7-31 JAN1968)
Battery "E" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. P. G. CLARK 092578/0802 USMCR
Battery "F" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. F. H. WITTLE JR 092268/0802 USMCR (1-6 JAN1968)
	CAPT. E. L. CODY 082225/0802 USMC (7-31 JAN1968)
Mortar Battery 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. A. M. PATTERSON JR 086979/0802 USMC
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 (27-31 JAN1968)
Battery "H" 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. A. C. CONLON 082857/0802 USMC (27-31 JAN1968)
Battery "M" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines	CAPT. H. W. KERN 085145/0802 USMCR (1-21 JAN1968)
Battery "B" 1st Battalion, 13th Marines	1STLT. G. G. WOOD 095170/0802 USMCR (15-21 JAN1968)
Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines	CAPT. F. A. BENDRICK 080587/0802 USMC
1st Armored Amphibian Company, 2nd Platoon	1STLT. C. L. PHILLIPS 094464/1803 USMC (1-30 JAN1968)
1st Armored Amphibian Company, 1st Platoon	1STLT. T. C. GOSCH 096807/1803 USMC (31 JAN1968)

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2. LOCATION 1-31 January 1968, Dong Ha RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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Executive Officer

MAJ. D. F. BERGEN 075273/0802  
USMC

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

S-2

1STLT. C. J. WEST 094490/0302  
USMC (1-27 JAN1968)1STLT. M. J. O'CONNER 094325/0802  
USMCR (28-31 JAN1968)

S-3

MAJ. C. J. JOHNSTON 077688/0802  
USMC

S-4

1STLT. P. J. O'LEARY 097535/0802  
USMC (1-16 JAN1968)CAPT. F. H. WITTLE 092268/0802  
USMCR (17-31 JAN1968)

Ordnance Officer

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

Supply Officer

1STLT. 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. MCFARLANE 077495/0802  
USMC

Survey Officer

1STLT. J. D. TOBIN 095116/0802  
USMC

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During January the Second Battalion, 12th Marines fired a total of 2188 observed missions, 1665 unobserved missions, and 2803 H&I missions in support of the 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 54,420 rounds of 105mm, 15,892 rounds of 107mm and 10,085 rounds of 155mm.

Enemy casualties inflicted during January were 76 KIA and 68 WIA. In addition there were 63 secondary explosions and 14 bunkers destroyed.

On 15 January 1968, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines assumed OPCON of B-1-13 after they had displaced from Phu Bai to Dong Ha. On 21 January 1968, B-1-13 was chopped OPCON to 13th Marines and was helilifted to Khe Sanh. On 21 January 1968, M-4-12 was chopped OPCON to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. On 27 January 1968, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines assumed OPCON of H-3-12 and W-3-12 from BLT 2/4. W-3-12 was helilifted to A-3 and H-3-12 to Dong Ha.

## 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. 76 KIA and 68 WIA
4. Casualties Sustained. 1 KIA, 4 WIA and 1 MIA
5. Logistics. Complete logistic support was provided for the five organic batteries. Six additional OPCON batteries received Class V resupply and ordnance repair. Approximately 85,000 rounds of artillery ammunition were transported by convoy or helicopter. Second echelon repair parts in the ordnance and motor transport areas remained in short supply. A new motor pool area was constructed to include a truck park and wash ramp. Approximately 20 tropical huts in the Headquarters Battery area were completed. A combined battery mess facility was established for Echo and Fox batteries at C-2.
6. Civic Action. The 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines primary civic action project, the two room school house in Thiet Hamlet, neared completion in January. The battalion participated in the Vietnamese celebration of Tet by distributing candy, toys, and Tet envelopes in Cam Hieu Village. A total of 113 Vietnamese were treated at Medcaps.
7. Personnel. The battalion was 84% T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the following MOS's 0122, 0239, 0441, 0811, 0848, 1341 and 1345. Thirty-eight Marines participated in the R&R program during January.

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8. Intelligence. Enemy activity has increased appreciably during the month of January. A major ground contact was made by 3/4 northeast of Con Thien and 3/3 had two smaller contacts northwest of Gio Linh. Convoy ambushes, road mining, and sniper incidents have increased along Routes 9 and 561 in an attempt to disrupt our resupply activities. Con Thien has taken sporadic incoming during January, increasing in volume during the last half of the month. Because of all increased activity it appears that during the month of February we can expect more contact with the enemy.

Instructions on crater analysis were distributed to firing batteries and forward observer teams in order to increase accuracy in returning fire.

9. Communications. Considerable difficulty was experienced with computer hot lines to the firing batteries due to the unreliability of radio relay. Four fire direction nets were in operation as back up for the computer lines. Staff visits with liaison and observer personnel in the field have resulted in better communications on the conduct of fire nets.

10. Training. During January this battalion utilized three division contact teams. The PMO Contact Team briefed the battalion officers and noncommissioned officers on marijuana problems. All battery armorers were trained in capabilities, operation, and maintenance of the starlight scope. The Personal Response Contact Team instructed 22 officers and staff noncommissioned officers and 154 enlisted men. Formal schools attended by members of this battalion included: NCO School, KPS School, Projectionists School, and officer and enlisted Embarkation School.

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

## PERIOD 012300 to 022300 January 1968

0848 1 FM, F2-12, (102670), NVA in tree line, OP-3  
EOM 0910, 60 HE, 2 WP, 3 WIA, BW 0152

1430 2 FM, W-2-12, (147693), NVA movement, OP-3  
EOM 1450, 16 HE, 3 WP, 2 WIA, BW 0157

1536 3 FM, K-4-13, (143731), NVA in open, Smitty Bravo-AO  
EOM 1615, 42 HE, 2 WP, 1 bunker damaged, BX 5022

1615 4 FM, K-4-13, (115722), NVA in trench, Smitty Bravo  
EOM 1828, 58 HE, 1 KIA, 1 bunker destroyed, BX 5023

## PERIOD 032300 to 042300 January 1968

1525 1 FM, D-2-12, (167665), NVA in open, Southern 64  
EOM 1548, 58 HE, 2 WP, 1 WIA, BX 5088

1450 2 FM, K-4-13, (131723), NVA in trench, Smitty Bravo  
EOM 1520, 8 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BW 5085

1035 3 FM, K-4-13, (087774), 3 Vehicles, Smitty Bravo  
EOM 1059, 16 HE, 6 KIA, HW 61443

## PERIOD 042300 to 052300 January 1968

1805 1 FM, K-4-13, (122717), NVA bunkers, Smitty Hotel  
EOM 1835, 36 HE, 2 WIA, 1 Bunker destroyed

## PERIOD 052300 to 062300 January 1968

0855 1 FM, K-4-13, (158742), NVA in trench, Smitty Charlie  
EOM 0920, 21 HE, 2 KIA, BX 5104

1323 2 FM, D-2-12, (108646), NVA in bush, Hay Ride  
EOM 1340, 63 HE, 10 KIA, BX 5178

1455 3 FM, F-2-12, (105723), Active mortars, 73-A  
EOM 1535, 108 HE, 1 WP, 6 Secondary explosions, HW 63009

1908 4 FM, W-2-12, (119726), Suspected artillery, OP-2  
EOM 1925, 36 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0228

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 112TH MARINES

PERIOD 062300 to 072300 January 1968

- 1513 1 FM, K-4-13, (176749), NVA in open, Darting Star 63  
EOM 1847, 219 HE, 2 WP, 13 KIA, 2 Secondary explosions, HW 63038
- 2155 2 FM, W-2-12, (112734), Suspected mortar position, OP-2  
EOM 2212, 24 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0247

PERIOD 072300 to 082300 January 1968

- 0841 1 FM, W-2-12, (099723), Mortar position, OP-1  
EOM 0856, 20 HE, 2 WP, 2 Secondary explosions, BW 0254
- 1208 2 FM, W-2-12, (087727), Mortar position, OP-1  
EOM 1247, 24 HE, 8 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0260

PERIOD 092300 to 102300 January 1968

- 1355 1 FM, K-4-13, (084745), NVA supply depot, Cat Killer 45  
EOM 1455, 53 HE, 15 Pieces supply destroyed, 10 pieces damaged, HW 63140
- 1400 2 FM, K-4-13, (075745), NVA supply depot, Cat Killer 45  
EOM 1615, 23 HE, 3 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, HW 63143

PERIOD 102300 to 112300 January 1968

- 0734 1 FM, D-2-12, (15766794), Ammo dump, Smitty 62  
EOM 0817, 92 HE, 3 WP, 2 Secondary explosions, BX 5412
- 1015 2 FM, K-4-13, (177756), NVA in open, Smitty Bravo  
EOM 1057, 11 HE, 3 WP, 2 KIA, HW 63167
- 0950 3 FM, K-4-13, (166758), NVA in open, Smitty Bravo  
EOM 1014, 4 HE, 2 WP, 5 WIA, HW 63166
- 1220 4 FM, K-4-13, (176755), NVA in open, Southern Hotel  
EOM 1229, 9 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA, HW 63173
- 1330 5 FM, K-4-13, (17897554), NVA in trench, Southern Hotel  
EOM 1335, 41 HE, 7 KIA, 6 WIA, 4 bunkers destroyed, HW 63173
- 1617 6 FM, K-4-13, (166759), NVA in bunkers, Southern Bravo  
EOM 1645, 18 HE, 3 WIA, HW 63175

PERIOD 112300 to 122300 January 1968

- 1030 1 FM, W-2-12, (093731), Suspected enemy position, OP-1  
EOM 1113, 12 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0356
- 1430 2 FM, K-4-13, (166758), NVA in open, Southern Bravo  
EOM 1453, 27 HE, 2 WP, 3 KIA, HW 63196



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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 122300 to 132300 January 1968

- 0200 1 FM, W-2-12, (124727), NVA position, OP-2  
 EOM 0210, 25 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0369
- 1531 2 FM, K-4-13, (086753), Suspected artillery, OP-1  
 EOM 1600, 49 HE, 2 Secondary explosions, HW 63222
- 1827 3 FM, E-2-12, (113732), Suspected mortar position, OP-2  
 EOM 1855, 62 HE, 1 WP, 3 Secondary explosions, BX 5614

PERIOD 132300 to 142300 January 1968

- 0232 1 FM, P-2-12, (109732), NVA in trench, 12th Marines  
 EOM 0234, 20 HE, 2 WIA, 6 Secondary explosions, HV 2808
- 1336 2 FM, (132710), NVA in open, Darting Star-64  
 EOM 1436, 48 HE, 4 WP, 1 KIA, BX 5682
- 1508 3 FM, E-2-12, (123714), NVA in open, American Beauty Charlie  
 EOM 1740, 55 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA, 2 WIA, BX 5688
- 1925 4 FM, H/6, (390653), NVA in open, Badmitten  
 EOM 2016, 54 HE, 1 KIA, HA 633

PERIOD 152300 to 162300 January 1968

- 0355 1 FM, W-2-12, (090713), Suspected infiltration route, OP-1  
 EOM 0413, 10 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0443
- 1700 2 FM, K-4-13, (033682), NVA on trail, Southern Charlie  
 EOM 1755, 48 HE, 6 KIA, HW 63260
- 2131 3 FM, W-2-12, (11447161), Suspected mortar position, 73-C  
 EOM 2150, 90 HE, 2 Secondary explosions, BW 0475

PERIOD 162300 to 172300 January 1968

- 0925 1 FM, W-2-12, (082709), Suspected enemy position, OP-1  
 EOM 0940, 12 HE, 2 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0485
- 0907 2 FM, E-2-12, (043650), NVA in open, American Beauty Whiskey  
 EOM 1100, 43 HE, 5 WP, 5 WIA, BX 5824
- 1715 3 FM, W-2-12, (135726), 2 NVA in open, OP-2  
 EOM 1730, 200 HE, 1 KIA, 1 WIA, 3 Secondary explosions, BW 0498

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

PERIOD 172300 182300 January 1968

0510 1 FM, F-2-12, (16087360), Prep fire, Fighting Mad-24  
EOM 0514, 8 HE, 1 WP, 3 KIA, BX 5850

0630 2 FM, E-2-12, (138722), Prep fire, Darting Star  
EOM 0730, 20 HE, 3 KIA, BX 5871

0827 3 FM, F-2-12, (126716), Active snipers, OP-3  
EOM 1025, 64 HE, 1 WP, 4 Secondary explosions, BX 5900

0940 4 FM, W-2-12, (121711), NVA in open, OP-2  
EOM 1028, 2 WIA, 22 HE, BW 0518

1745 5 FM, D-2-12, (082646), 5 NVA in open, Southern Charlie  
EOM 1830, 54 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 5927

1835 6 FM, W-2-12, (100708), NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1900, 250 HE, 5 KIA, BW 0535

PERIOD 182300 to 192300 January 1968

1321 1 FM, D-2-12, (077696), Suspected mortar position, OP-2  
EOM 1400, 46 HE, 4 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 5971

1333 2 FM, W-2-12, (102706), 12 NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1356, 150 HE, 5 WIA, 2 Secondary explosions, BW 0555

1555 3 FM, F-2-12, (113745), NVA in open, Smitty Zulu  
EOM 1620, 45 HE, 1 WP, 5 Bunkers destroyed, BX 5978

1825 4 FM, W-2-12, (100706), 7 NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1840, 158 HE, 5 WIA, 5 Secondary explosions, BW 0560

1900 5 FM, W-2-12, (133733), Suspected mortar position, OP-2  
EOM 1910, 8 HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0561

1935 6 FM, W-2-12, (105701), Enemy movement, OP-1  
EOM 2020, 103 HE, 9 WIA, BW 0563

PERIOD 192300 to 202300 January 1968

1305 1 FM, E-2-12, (15187390), Active mortars, CBIC  
EOM 1320, 40 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 6020

1630 2 FM, W-2-12, (098706), 4 NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1650, 140 HE, 1 KIA, 2 WIA, BW 0589

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 202300 to 212300 January 1968

- 0455 1 FM, F-2-12, (095633), Active rockets, American Beauty  
EOM 0540, 54 HE, 7 WP, 4 Secondary explosions, BX 6107
- 1746 2 FM, E-2-12, (10027064), NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1810, 48 HE, 2 WIA, BX 6156

PERIOD 212300 to 222300 January 1968

- 1000 1 FM, W-2-12, (129731), NVA in open, OP-2  
EOM 1030, 20 HE, 2 KIA, BW 0630
- 1655 2 FM, W-2-12, (104707), 2 NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1710, 70 HE, 2 WIA, BW 0642
- 1740 3 FM, W-1-12, (29767470), NVA in open, CT-634  
EOM 1800, 39 HE, 1 WIA, 1 KIA, AW 700

PERIOD 222300 to 232300 January 1968

- 1655 1 FM, W-2-12, (112721), Suspected mortar position, OP-2  
EOM 1713, 10 HE, 1 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, BW 0657

PERIOD 242300 to 252300 January 1968

- 0745 1 FM, W-2-12, (101706), Enemy OP, OP-1  
EOM 0805, 9 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 0695
- 1731 2 FM, W-2-12, (09937059), 3 NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1743, 50 HE, 1 WIA, BW 0703

PERIOD 252300 to 262300 January 1968

- 1255 1 FM, W-2-12, (09937059), 1 NVA in open, OP-1  
EOM 1302, 16 HE, 1 WIA, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 0652

PERIOD 262300 to 272300 January 1968

- 0309 1 FM, D-2-12, (141711), Suspected artillery position, 12th Marines  
EOM 0327, 32 HE, 2 Secondary explosions, BX 6599
- 0825 2 FM, W-2-12, (09937059), 2 NVA, OP-1  
EOM 0836, 36 HE, 1 WIA, BX 0652
- 1425 3 FM, K-4-13, (140742), 15 NVA in open, Southern Bravo  
EOM 1515, 60 HE, 2 WP, 2 KIA, HW 63429
- 1550 4 FM, E-2-12, (051669), 6 NVA in bunkers, Cat Killer 47  
EOM 1615, 32 HE, 1 WP, 1 KIA, 2 WIA, BX 6221

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 272300 to 282300 January 1968

1705 1 FM, LVTH-6, (279692), NVA in bunkers, American Beauty Charlie  
EOM 1724, 18 HE, 3 WP, 1 KIA, 2 WIA, 1 bunker destroyed, HA 753

PERIOD 282300 to 292300 January 1968

1945 1 FM, W-1-12, (29767470), NVA moving, Candy Tuft 63  
EOM 2030, 5 HE, 2 KIA, AW 700A

PERIOD 292300 to 302300 January 1968

0134 1 FM, D-2-12, (141668), Enemy assembly area, Smitty 63  
EOM 0203, 31 HE, 2 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 6835

1625 2 FM, K-4-13, (124757), Bunkers, OP-2  
EOM 1700, 6 HE, 12 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, HW 63690

1715 3 FM, K-13, (191770), Artillery position, OP-2  
EOM 1755, 12 HE, 6 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, HW 63691

2038 4 FM, W-2-12, (121720), Suspected enemy position, OP-2  
EOM 2055, 24 HE, 2 Secondary explosions, BW 0832

2203 5 FM, W-3-12, (194720), Enemy on road, Fighting Mad 24  
EOM 2135, 10 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BW 6993

PERIOD 302300 to 312300 January 1968

1240 1 FM, W-1-12, (29767470), NVA position, Candy Tuft 63A  
EOM 1310, 12 HE, 1 WIA, AW 700

1600 2 FM, K-4-13, (058723), Artillery position, OP-1  
EOM 1630, 17 HE, 1 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, HW 63721