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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL. R. P. DUNWELL 056608/0802
USMCSUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. T. J. STACK 093456/0802
USMCR

Battery "D" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT. G. D. GARRISON 094719/0802
USMCR (1-20 April 1968)CAPT. P. D. WINER 082307/0802
USMC (21-30 April 1968)

Battery "E" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. P. G. CLARK 092578/0802
USMCR

Battery "F" 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT. W. R. DANIEL 094114/0802
USMC

Mortar Battery 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

1STLT. R. M. BUNDGARD 0100096/0802
USMCR

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

1STLT. G. G. WOOD 095170/0802
USMC

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT. J. M. STRANK 093470/0802
USMC

2. LOCATION 1-30 April 1968, Dong Ha RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

MAJ. D. F. BERGEN 0725278/0802
USMC (1-16 April 1968)

MAJ. C. J. JOHNSTON 077688/0802
USMC (17-30 April 1968)

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

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MAJ. C. J. JOHNSTON 077688/0802
USMC (1-20 April 1968)

MAJ. R. C. MCFARLANE 077495/0802
USMC (21-30 April 1968)

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CAPT. E. E. PRICE III 087934/0802
USMC

Ordnance Officer

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

Supply Officer

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

Motor Transport

2NDLT. W. T. WHEELER 0103885/3502
USMCR

Communication Officer

CAPT. E. M. NORTON 090503/2502
USMCR

Liaison Officer

MAJ. R. C. MCFARLANE 077495/0802
USMC (1-20 April 1968)

MAJ. G. A. KUPETS 078082/0802
USMC (21-30 April 1968)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
40	535	1	10

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During April the Second Battalion, 12th Marines fired a total of 1,186 observed missions, 4,188 unobserved missions, and 4,221 H&I missions in support of the 9th Marines. Ammunition expenditures were 27,126 rounds of 105mm, 7,090 rounds of 155mm, and 7,103 rounds of 107mm.

Enemy casualties inflicted during April were 72 KIA and 29 WIA. In addition there were 4 secondary explosions and 17 bunkers and 1 automatic weapon destroyed.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Missions Assigned. Direct support of 9th Marines
2. Significant Operations Conducted. Operations Kentucky and Highrise
3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 72 KIA and 29 WIA
4. Casualties Sustained. 1 KIA (Officer), 4 KIA (Enlisted), 3 WIA (Officer) and 14 WIA (Enlisted).
5. Logistics. Complete logistic support was furnished for four organic batteries. Class V resupply and ordnance repair were furnished to two OPCON batteries. A total of 51,319 rounds of artillery ammunition were moved by truck convoy and helicopter this month. Motor transport deadline remains high at 46.6%. The primary cause is very slow return of vehicles from external repair facilities. Ordnance cleaning materials remain in critically short supply. A 500 man messhall was put into use. A 60 K.W. generator was received and all messhall equipment is in operation. A water well was put into use and fresh water is now being piped through the camp. A new cement decked shower is in use and hot showers are now available to all Marines of the command.
6. Civic Action. Second Battalion, 12th Marines directed the primary civic affairs effort in April toward assisting the 2200 refugees that have been resettled in Cam Hau Village. Working with an Army medical officer from the 108th Field Artillery Group, the battalion provided medical care to 602 Vietnamese civilians. Approximately 2800 sheets of tin, an allotment of 10 sheets per family were distributed for roofing in the refugee hamlets. In Thet Trang, the Vietnamese are digging two wells and the battalion is supporting this public improvement project by providing cement.

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7. Personnel. The battalion was 83% T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in MOS's 0122, 0239, 0848, 0849 and 2531. Forty-four Marines participated in R&R program during March.

8. Intelligence. Enemy initiated incidents for the first three weeks of April showed a marked reduction from the previous month. This may be due to the fact the enemy has sustained heavy losses during the past weeks. Supply, replacements and training seem to be the largest problem the enemy now faces. However, during the last week of April the number of enemy initiated artillery and ground engagements has risen sharply. This may be an indication that the second phase of the winter-spring offensive is about to start. The second phase would be similar to the Tet offensive with attacks on larger cities and population centers followed by an immediate attempt to control Quang Tri and Thua Thien provinces in order to establish a position of strength from which to negotiate. There are also numerous agent reports of a possible 3d phase of the winter-spring offensive. Ground contact during the period remained light. The only major contacts occurred on 23 and 25 April when 1st Battalion, 4th Marines engaged company-sized NVA units to the east and west of Con Thien. In the future the enemy retains the capability to attack by fire and launch possible ground attacks against the outposts along the DMZ.

9. Communication. A covered teletype circuit was installed between 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and 12th Marine Regiment. This circuit gives the battalion the capability to receive and transmit classified message traffic at any hour of the day, eliminates inconvenient message traffic by vehicles to regiment and provides on the job training for 2542 and other communications personnel. The personnel situation improved considerably during April with the arrival of eight 2531 field radio operators into the battalion.

10. Training. During April emphasis was placed on fam firing of individual and crew served weapons and ambush and patrolling techniques. All batteries conducted live-fire, high-angle practice missions and two batteries repeated the direct fire training as conducted during the previous month. Ten battalion officers including all battery commanders attended formal instruction on 1st echelon motor transport maintenance provided by the battalion motor transport section. Division contact rooms provided extensive fam firing and instruction of individual and crew served weapons. A contact team was employed to instruct Headquarters Battery personnel in ambush and patrolling techniques. A Battalion contact team provided instruction to the NBC monitor/survey and decontamination teams of all organic batteries. Out-of-country formal schooling consisted of Ammunition Technician School, Infantry Weapons Repair School, Non-Commissioned Officers School, Military Justice School, and Embarkation School which were attended by a total of seven battalion personnel. In-country formal schooling consisted of Personal Response School, Communications Secret/Crypto School and Supply School and were attended by three personnel from the battalion.

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 012300 to 022300 April 1968

1831 1 FM, E-2-12, (131734), 3 NVA in open, American Beauty Alpha
EOM 1902, 7 HE, 6 WP, 3 Bunkers destroyed, BX 1956

PERIOD 032300 to 042300 April 1968

1000 1 FM, W-2-12, (158687), Suspected enemy position, Fighting Mad-61
EOM 1011, 6 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 2007

1523 2 FM, F-2-12, (128728), Bunkers, American Beauty Whiskey
EOM 1548, 32 HE, 2 WP, 3 Bunkers destroyed, BX 2088

PERIOD 042300 to 052300 April 1968

1743 1 FM, E-2-12, (120738), 2 NVA in open, American Beauty Charlie
EOM 1803, 10 HE, 1 WP, 2 KIA, BX 2169

PERIOD 052300 to 062300 April 1968

0115 1 FM, D-2-12, (167678), Suspected enemy activity, Fighting Mad-63
EOM 0638, 84 HE, 13 KIA, 2 WIA, BX 2185

0244 2 FM, E-2-12, (16596735), Suspected NVA position, Fighting Mad-63
EOM 0636, 46 HE, 2 KIA, 2 WIA, BX 2219

0236 3 FM, K-4-13, (161662), Enemy bunkers, Southern Kilo
EOM 1203, 8 HE, 4 WP, 2 Bunkers destroyed, BX 2248

PERIOD 062300 to 072300 April 1968

0111 1 FM, F-2-12, (103621), Harbor site, Darting Star-63A
EOM 0121, 6 HE, 1 Secondary explosion, HY 5915

1447 2 FM, D-2-12, (065626), 20 NVA, Southern Bravo
EOM 1530, 6 Selected munitions, 10 HE, 2 KIA, BX 2321

PERIOD 072300 to 082300 April 1968

1540 1 FM, E-2-12, (139738), NVA on trail, Southern Bravo
EOM 1620, 36 HE, 5 WP, 1 KIA, BX 2372

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EXTRACTS OF MISSION FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 082300 to 092300 April 1968

1825 1 FM, K-4-13, (144731), Bunkers, Southern Charlie
EOM 1930, 30 HE, 1 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 2425

PERIOD 092300 to 102300 April 1968

0650 1 FM, F-2-12, (182697), 5 NVA, Southern Charlie
EOM 0710, 20 HE, 2 KIA, BX 2436

1152 2 FM, E-2-12, (099599), 4 NVA in open, Polish-6B
EOM 1214, 16 HE, 6 WP, 3 WIA, BX 2444

PERIOD 162300 to 172300 April 1968

1329 1 FM, K-4-13, (081758), Suspected NVA bunkers, American Beauty Alpha
EOM 1355, 10 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, HW 64749

PERIOD 172300 to 182300 April 1968

1721 1 FM, F-2-12, (169658), Bunkers, Fighting Mad-62
EOM 1735, 11 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 2971

1744 2 FM, D-2-12, (115625), Enemy movement, Darting Star-63A
EOM 1809, 22 HE, 2 WIA, BX 2972

PERIOD 182300 to 192300 April 1968

1914 1 FM, W-2-12, (11917366), 3 NVA in open, OP-2
EOM 1929, 25 HE, 3 WIA, BX 3035

PERIOD 192300 to 202300 April 1968

0857 1 FM, K-4-13, (122782), Enemy bunkers, OP-2
EOM 0922, 10 HE, 1 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, HW 64767

1033 2 FM, K-4-13, (118767), 7 NVA in open, OP-2
EOM 1056, 18 HE, 7 WIA, HW 64768

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 202300 to 212300 April 1968

- 1712 1 FM, D-2-12, (105606), 5 NVA in open, Polish-6
EOM 1810, 34 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA, 1 WIA, BX 3174
- 1823 2 FM, K-4-13, (103759), 3 NVA in treeline, American Beauty Charlie
EOM 1900, 20 HE, 1 KIA, HW 64777
- 1911 3 FM, D-2-12, (114603), 18 NVA, Polish-6
EOM 1940, 18 HE, 3 WIA, BX 3172

PERIOD 212300 to 222300 April 1968

- 1115 1 FM, F-2-12, (144717), 4 NVA in trench, American Beauty Foxtro
EOM 1125, 12 HE, 1 WIA, BX 3197
- 1410 2 FM, K-4-13, (167658), Bunkers, Fighting Mad-62
EOM 1537, 27 HE, 3 Bunkers destroyed, BX 3208

PERIOD 222300 to 232300 April 1968

- 2120 1 FM, D-2-12, (112618), 15 NVA in treeline, Garden Valley-64A
EOM 2150, 28 HE, 4 WP, 6 KIA, EX 3295

PERIOD 232300 to 242300 April 1968

- 2228 1 FM, F-2-12 (11136189), Garden Valley-64A
EOM 2246, 6 HE, 1 KIA, BX 3295
- 0804 2 FM, F-2-12, (134733), 3 NVA in open, American Beauty Golf
EOM 0844, 66 HE, 1 KIA, 2 WIA, HW 64797
- 1202 3 FM, E-2-12, (133723), Enemy position, American Beauty Charlie
EOM 1232, 12 HE, 6 WP, 1 KIA, EX 3323

PERIOD 242300 to 252300 April 1968

- 1258 1 FM, K-4-13, (115770), 12 NVA on trail, Southern Bravo
EOM 1412, 34 HE, 2 WP, 4 KIA, HW 64815

PERIOD 252300 to 262300 April 1968

- 1535 1 FM, D-2-12, (17736563), NVA in open, 12th Marines
EOM 1552, 51 HE, 3 KIA, 1 Secondary explosion, HY 4232

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 262300 to 272300 April 1968

- 1040 1 FM, D-2-12, (075645), 5 NVA in treeline, American Beauty Charlie
EOM 1104, 32 HE, 2 WP, 1 KIA, HY 4240
- 1150 2 FM, F-2-12, (108720), 2 NVA in trench, Southern Delta
EOM 1217, 30 HE, 1 KIA, BX 3570
- 1422 3 FM, E-2-12, (180650), NVA in open, American Beauty Whiskey
EOM 1522, 188 HE, 1 WP, 10 KIA, BX 3438

PERIOD 272300 to 282300 April 1968

- 2244 1 FM, F-2-12, (108687), 8 NVA in treeline, Whiskey Bravo
EOM 2304, 62 HE, 1 KIA, BX 3625
- 1624 2 FM, K-4-13, (08986181), Bunkers, Southern Romeo
EOM 1643, 6 HE, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 3676
- 1804 3 FM, K-4-1, (104758), 6 NVA in brush, Southern Hotel
EOM 1852, 20 HE, 4 KIA, HW 64846

PERIOD 282300 to 292300 April 1968

- 1313 1 FM, K-4-13, (128757), 25 NVA in treeline, Southern Hotel
EOM 1452, 27 HE, 3 WP, 1 KIA, HW 64851
- 1720 2 FM, D-2-12, (176615), 8 NVA in open, Southern Hotel
EOM 1920, 71 HE, 2 KIA, BX 3755

PERIOD 292300 to 302300 April 1968

- 0240 1 FM, E-2-12, (135615), 1 NVA in open, Garden Valley-62
EOM 0201, 18 HE, 1 KIA, BX 3784
- 0804 2 FM, K-4-13, (173746), 3 NVA in bunker, Southern Bravo
EOM 0914, 36 HE, 1 KIA, 1 Secondary explosion, 1 automatic
weapon destroyed, BX 3788
- 1320 3 FM, W-1-12, (133712), 3 NVA in open, Smitty-64A
EOM 1341, 14 HE, 3 KIA, BW 3880