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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October to 31 October 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.1A

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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 OCTOBER 31 OCTOBER 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

LTCOL J. SCOPPA JR. 058530/0802
USMCSUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT E. E. PRICE III 087934/0802
USMC

Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT M. R. ROSS 088020/0802
USMC

Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT P. G. CLARK 092578/0802
USMCR

Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT W. W. COOK 083044/0802
USMC

Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines

CAPT C. F. NORTON 080524/0802
USMCR

1st Provisional 155 Towed Battery

1ST R. G. HOOPES 0100732/0802
USMC

Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

1ST LT H. W. LOUIS 095716/0802
USMCR

2nd Provisional 155 Towed Battery

CAPT J. B. WILKES IV 094071/0802
USMC

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

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1	1STLT N. W. CARMEN 096338/0130 USMC
S-2	1STLT R. W. WYAND 0100794/0802 USMCR
S-3	MAJ L. J. SCOLFORD JR. 068228/0802 USMC
S-4	CAPT E. E. PRICE III 087934/0802 USMC
Ordnance Officer	WO C. L. SERGENT 0105810/2020 USMC
Supply Officer	1STLT P. M. SHEEHAN 095067/3002 USMCR
Motor Transport Officer	1STLT W. T. WHEELER 0103885/3502 USMCR
Communications Officer	1STLT A. S. KYLE 0102617/2501 USMC
Liaison Officer	MAJ K. E. SOESBE 071961/0802 USMC

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
50	598	3	14

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23 October E/2/12 from LZ Henderson to Vandegrift Combat Base
OPCON of 1st Provisional Towed Battery

24 October E/2/12 from Vandegrift Combat Base to CaLu
E/2/12 from Camp Carroll to LZ Shepard
D/2/12 from CaLu to LZ Robin

26 October W/2/12 from Vandegrift Combat Base to LZ Robin
1st Provisional Towed Battery to Vandegrift to be lifted to
LZ Robin

27 October 1st Provisional Towed Battery from Vandegrift to LZ Robin

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 3 KIA and 13 WIA.

4. Casualties Sustained. 1 WIA

5. Logistics. During the month, the battalion continued air operations and resupply. A split logistics section is still in operation. The forward section is still handling the air resupply with the rear section providing class II and administrative support. A total of 35,323 rounds of 105mm, 107mm, and 155mm ammunition were moved this month, primarily by air.

6. Civil Action. This battalion participated in the mid-autumn festival by distributing toys to the children of Thie Trang hamlets. A weekly Midecap program was begun in Thie Trang hamlet.

7. Personnel. The battalion was at 92% T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages exist in the MOS's 0141, 0239, 0849, 2111, 2311, 2841, 3041, 3516, and 3531. Forty-nine Marines participated in the R&R program during October.

8. Intelligence. Enemy activity continued at the same low level throughout the month of October. Attacks by fire continued to be the harassing type against bases along the DMZ. Ground action was again limited to small scale probes and interdiction of LOC's.

Operations by friendly forces continued to deny the enemy avenues of approach to major installations. Arms and supply caches uncovered during Operation Trousdale have rendered the 320th NVA Division almost combat inefficient, forcing the division to withdraw to the north for refitting, resupply, and retraining of new personnel.

At the present time the enemy retains his ability to continue his harassing attacks by fire and small ground probes, but it is highly doubtful he has the ability to launch any major offensive.

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9. Communications. During the month of October the Communications platoon supported the operation of the battalion rear area at Dong Ha and the FDC position at Vandegrift Combat Base. A Regimental Inspection was held on the 8th and 9th at the forward and rear of Headquarters Battery. On the 20th, the firing batteries were inspected by the Communications Chief and were all scheduled for reinspection on 1 November. The forward position at Vandegrift was wired for communications and electric power in a semi-permanent installation. A request for special allowance of 11 additional AN/PRC-25 radio was submitted.

10. Training. During the month of October, training was primarily oriented toward section and MOS classes in view of heavy field commitment of all batteries. Normal troop indoctrination classes and GMS training were carried out whenever possible. The battalion utilized the Division M-16 Contact Team for a training program in which all batteries participated. Six battalion personnel attended out-of-country formal schools consisting of Staff Noncommissioned Officer School, Personal Response, Civil Action and Forward Observer School.

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EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM 2ND BATTALION, 12TH MARINES

PERIOD 012300 to 022300 October 1968

1930 1 FM, F-2-12, (87376509), Suspected mortar position, Ice Boat-63
EOM 2106, 96 HEQ & D, 2 WP, 7 Secondary explosions, BX 3883

PERIOD 022300 to 032300 October 1968

1027 1 FM, F-2-12, (863648), Prep fire, Ice Boat-62
EOM 1112, 4 WP, 2 WIA, HW 64436

PERIOD 032300 to 042300 October 1968

0950 1 FM, F-2-12, (854660), Suspected enemy bunkers, Ice Boat-61
EOM 1020, 50 HEQ & D, 2 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, HW 64440

PERIOD 042300 to 052300 October 1968

0645 1 FM, F-2-12, (849648), Prep fire, Sand Box-61
EOM 1100, 143 HEQ & D, 2 WP, 1 WIA, 2 bunkers destroyed, BX 4072

PERIOD 122300 to 132300 October 1968

1907 1 FM, F-2-12, (115522), Viet Cong squad, Sand Box-64
EOM 1945, 44 Selected Munitions, 6 WIA, BX 4802

PERIOD 152300 to 162300 October 1968

1620 1 FM, D-2-12, (96604628), NVA in open, Barrister
EOM 1755, 27 Selected Munitions, 4 HEQ, 4 WP, 2 KIA, BX 5013

1853 2 FM, D-2-12, (965467), Prep fire, Sand Box-62
EOM 2055, 210 HEQ, 4 WP, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 5041

PERIOD 172300 to 182300 October 1968

1335 1 FM, D-2-12, (992385), 2 NVA in open, Fighting Mad
EOM 1410, 30 HEQ, 4 WP, 3 Secondary explosions, BX 5189

PERIOD 202300 to 212300 October 1968

1342 1 FM, D-2-12, (966468), Active mortar position, Sand Box-62A
EOM 1450, 48 HEQ, 4 WP, 1 Mortar position destroyed, BX 5469

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PERIOD 212300 to 222300 October 1968

0941 1 FM, D-2-12, (969499), Enemy bunkers, Football Star
EOM 1054, 84 HEQ, 6 WP, 2 Bunkers destroyed, BX 5496

1045 2 FM, E-2-12, (009364), Suspected enemy position, Corporal Pete
EOM 1210, 104 HEQ, 1 Secondary explosion, BX 5498

1650 3 FM, D-2-12, (967498), Enemy bunkers, Sand Box-62A
EOM 1810, 28 HEQ, 6 WP, 1 Bunker destroyed, BX 5508

PERIOD 272300 to 282300 October 1968

1850 1 FM, P-3-12, (926249), Enemy truck, Hasty Foot-24
EOM 2040, 4 HEQ, 6 WP, 3 Fires, BX 5869

PERIOD 292300 to 302300 October 1968

2308 1 FM, D-2-12, (964278), TOT, Klondike-24
EOM 2324, 32 HEQ, 30 Secondary explosions, BX 5902

1000 2 FM, F-2-12, (900346), Enemy bunkers, Klondike-64
EOM 1030, 60 HEQ & D, 8 WP, 3 Bunkers destroyed, 1 trench line
destroyed, BX 5946

PERIOD 302300 to 312300 October 1968

1520 1 FM, P-155, (950270), NVA in bunkers, Hasty Foot-62
EOM 1735, 16 Selected Munitions, 35 HEQ & D, 2 WP, 1 KIA, BX 6061

1646 2 FM, D-2-12, (947282), 3 NVA in open, Hasty Foot-61
EOM 1747, 30 Selected Munitions, 27 HEQ & D, 10 smoke, 3 KIA, BX 6064

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Subj: Supporting Documents for Command Chronology for 1 October--31 October
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1. The supporting documents for the month of October 1968 were held for a period of 30 days after the reporting period. Sgt J. Y. Lee then destroyed these records in accordance with SOP.


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