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 4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 Via: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for April; submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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Command Chronology 1 April through 30 April 1966

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1. Reporting Unit - 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
2. CP - DaNang (AT 847768)
3. Period covered - 1-30 April 1966
4. Date of submission - 4 May 1966
5. Average monthly strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	25	0
Enlisted	463	9

6. Commanding Officer - LtCol E. M. RUDZIS
7. Principal Staff

XO	Maj R. W. HEESCH	
S-1	SgtMaj M. W. BOIRE	
S-2	1stLt D. R. FRANK	
S-3	Capt J. POWERS	
S-3A	Capt R. C. GREGOR	
S-4	Capt J. P. SMITH	
SupplyO	Capt B. E. EDWARDS	
CommO	1stLt J. J. CONWAY	
MTO	1stLt L. D. MATHEWS	
Survey/Metro	1stLt L. M. SMITH	(1-15 April)

8. Subordinate Units

Hq Btry	Capt J. J. JAMES	
Btry K	Capt J. E. SCHULKEN	
Btry L	Capt J. H. BUTLER	
1st 155 Guns	Capt H. H. BROOKS III	(2-30 Apr)

9. Attachments and Detachments

- a. Attachments

1st 155 Gun Battery (2-30 Apr)

- b. Detached

Btry M to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

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## 10. Location of Units

Btry K, 4/12 (AT 92147886) Az fire 5200  
 Btry L, 4/12 (AT 96506716) Az fire 5800 (1-2 Apr)  
                  (AT 98786717) Az fire 5800 (2-30 Apr)  
                  (AT 96486178) Az fire 3900 (14-30 Apr)  
 155 Guns (AT 96367114) Az fire 4300  
                  (AT 96387108) Az fire 3400  
                  (AT 96477100) Az fire 2600

## 11. Mission - DaNang

- a. General support/reinforcing  
     Btry K - Reinforcing 1/12  
     Btry L - Reinforcing 2/12  
     1st 155 Gun Btry - General Support

Part II

## 1. Personnel

## a. Number of replacements received:

USMC - Officers - 2  
       Enlisted - 31

USN - Enlisted - 1

## b. Number Personnel Rotated:

USMC - Officers - 1  
       Enlisted - 35

USN - Officers - None  
       Enlisted - 2

## c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

(1) WIA - 14

(2) KIA - None

(3) One Enlisted Marine medically evacuated.

## d. R&amp;R Trips: 13

## 2. Administration

- a. There is a critical shortage of required blank forms (Emergency Data Sheets, NCO Fitness Reports, Unit Diary Forms, Promotion Warrants).

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## b. Awards

## (1) Number processed:

3 Navy Commendation Medals  
 2 Bronze Star Medals  
 1 Purple Heart Medal

## (2) Number Received:

One CO, 12th Marines Meritorious Mast  
 Two CO, 4/12 Meritorious Masts  
 Thirteen Purple Heart Medals

## c. Promotions:

2 to SSgt	5 to LCpl
8 to Cpl	2 to PFC

One meritorious Promotion to LCpl

## d. Postal:

Services considered to be excellent.

## e. Legal:

4 Office Hours  
 3 BnCmdr Office Hours  
 2 SPCM pending  
 2 Summary Courts-Martial

## 3. Intelligence

a. Battery K received small arms sniper fire on the 16th, followed by a mortar and small arms fire attack on the 18th at 0155H. This fire continued until 0600H. During the 18th, patrols from battery K found one VC KIA and an assortment of captured equipment and material. The equipment was limited to U. S. 60mm mortar with nose caps and bags of charges. The material found was 7.62mm rounds, used grenade launchers, printed data on the use of the grenade launcher, and the containers for grenade launchers. Also on the 18th, battery K patrols picked up two VCS and forwarded them through this command to Regiment S-2, along with assorted material found on the VCS. K continued to receive sniper fire on the 24th and 26th. On the 27th, battery K submitted material found on a patrol route, and on the 30th, a VCS and personal material were delivered to this Command for forwarding to Regimental S-2.

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b. Battery L received small arms sniper fire on the 4th, 14th and 16th. On 22 April, an "L" patrol located 3 sticks with white cloth tied to them, in the form of a "V" aimed in the direction of the battery position. A closer check of the immediate area in front of the battery reveal two more sticks also aimed at the battery position. These signal devices were destroyed. On the 24th, an "L" patrol discovered an old and rusty 37mm RR cannister.

c. 1st 155mm Gun (SP) Battery sighted 5 persons to the front of their position on the night of 13 April, but no exchange of fire was conducted nor was it possible to apprehend the persons. On the 15th, two trip flares were set off, but no person(s) could be seen. Post #5, on the 16th, received 4 rounds of small arms fire from 300 to 400 meters NNW of the battery center. On 20 April, 12 rounds of small arms fire was received and 3 persons were sighted in front of gun #1. The persons were fired upon by small arms, but a morning patrol revealed no bodies or evidence of injury.

4. Training Highlights. Training during the month of April was limited due to the construction of the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Command Post in the DaNang TAOR. In addition, maximum effort was given to the construction of security measures which necessitated a reduction in the number of classes held in the Battalion. However, the Battalion had 32 men attend the one day Land Mine Warfare class conducted by 3d Engineer Battalion. Familiarization classes were conducted on the riot control agents which included working with the protective mask. Familiarization lectures were also held on the 50 Cal machine gun and the M72 LAA W. Personnel from Headquarters FDC conducted a nine day Fire Direction School for retraining of 0811's to the 0844 billets.

5. Special Operations. Commencing 14 April the Battalion provided one platoon of 155 howitzers (SP) and one 155mm gun in support of the 9th Marines on Operation "GEORGIA". The weapons were displaced forward to Hill 55 (AT 96486179) where they were joined by a platoon of 8" howitzers, forming a Provisional Battery under the command of Captain B. V. STONUM; 1st 8" How (SP). Between 14-30 April, 9th Marines had very few VC contacts which resulted in the Provisional Battery being used primarily to provide H&I support. One Marine from Battery L was wounded in the right arm by small arms fire, his condition was not serious. Resupply of the battery was accomplished by motor convoy.

Recap of fire missions & ammunition expenditure

	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
155H	2 - 24 HE	17 - 17HE, 31 WP	10 - 22 HE	416 - 416HE
155G	5 - 50 HE	16 - 70HE, 43 WP	12 - 50HE, 17 ILL	137 - 137HE

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6. Command and Control. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines has decentralized the technical fire direction control of Battery K and L. 1st 155 Guns, however, are under the centralized technical and tactical fire direction control of the Battalion.

7. Communications and Electronics. Wire and radio communications encountered no significant problems during the month. The attachment of the Radio Relay unit on 17 April greatly facilitated the communication between Battalion and Battery L.

8. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination. No significant problems were encountered during the month.

9. Medical and Dental

a. Fourteen battle casualties during the month; 1 admitted to "C" MedCo, 3dMedBn; all others treated and returned to duty.

b. BASSETT, David R. Jr. HMC, USN, 229-72-42/8432 was relieved as Senior Medical Department Representative by MITCHELL, George H., HMC, USN, 296-24-65/8405 on 1 April 1966

c. Medical Statistics

(1) Total battle casualties - 14.

(2) Total Non-battle casualties/illnesses - 387

(3) Total immunizations given this month - 328

10. Logistics

a. Supply. Operational Spares remain at about 80% of operating level. Major items of equipment on requisition include two (2) PU 482 generators, one (1) PU 348 generator, and one (1) TD-15 Tractor

b. Maintenance. Overall maintenance is satisfactory. Shortage of certain repair parts results in the deadlining of motor transport and ordnance. This remains true to the instance of the M-109 SP, 155mm Howitzer where requisitions are still outstanding for leaf springs (FSN 1025-861-1479), breach block (FSN 1025-967-7537), roller shaft assembly (FSN 1025-802-2573), knob (FSN 1025-856-9874); work request was submitted for the repair of one (1) turbo charger.

c. Food Service. "A" rations were in short supply for several days during the month due to civil disturbances in DaNang. Food service during the month consisted of approximately 65% "A" rations and 35% "B" rations. Messing facilities for Headquarters Battery consist of a open GP tent. A temporary galley deck has been constructed from salvaged materials.

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d. Contonement. Headquarters Battery, 17 of 32 strong backs have been completed. Showers and Mess facilities are temporary in nature. The FDC bunker is nearing completion and in use. Comm bunker is under construction. The remaining Bn. Hq bunkers are approved, and will be drawn after excavation is completed. Bunkers allocated to Btry K are available for issue, and are being moved onto site and erected. Battery L and 1st Guns have drawn all bunkers, and are erecting on site.

e. Water. Battery K, L, and Headquarters truck all water into position. Water points are  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 miles from position. Water will not be piped in, in the foreseeable future. 1st Guns has a water point in their position.

f. Motor Transport. Deadline rate is about 6%. Access roads into Headquarters and battery K are being improved.

g. Embarkation. Embarkation is being updated after the recent move from PhuBai to DaNang.

h. Hospitalization and Evacuation. Facilities provided by "C" Medical Company are adequate. the Battalion has no doctor.

## 11. Civil Affairs

4Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 10 people.

6 Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 10 people.

10Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 43 people.

11Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 17 people.

13Apr - Headquarters Battery distributed the following items: 200 lbs of food, 25 lbs of clothing, 50 bars of soap, 2 physical education kits, 1 textile kit, 1 box of sewing equipment, and 2 carpenter kits. Battery K held sickcall for 11 people and distributed the following games, 100 bars of soap, and 1 textile kit. 1st 155mm Gun Battery distributed the following items: 200 lbs of food, 50 lbs of clothing, 100 bars of soap, 1 box of toys and games, 1 textile kit, 1 physical education kit, and 2 carpenter kits.

14Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 15 people.

17Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 17 people.

18Apr - Headquarters Battery distributed the following items: 40 lbs of clothing, 6 bars of soap, and 10 lbs of toys. Battery K held sickcall for 24 people. 1st 155mm Gun Battery held sickcall for 6 people.

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21Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 12 people.  
22Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 10 people.  
23Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 31 people.  
24Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 12 people.  
25Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 24 people.  
26Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 15 people.  
27Apr - Battery K held sickcall for 15 people.  
28Apr - 1st 155mm Gun Battery held sickcall for 2 people.  
29Apr - 1st 155mm Gun Battery held sickcall for 1 person.  
30Apr - 1st 155mm Gun Battery held sickcall for 1 person.

## RECAPITULATION

## a. MEDCAP

- (1) Vietnamese treated this month - 483
- (2) No immunizations or training given to Vietnamese this month.

b. The following total items were distributed: 600 lbs of food, 140 lbs of clothing, 256 bars of soap, 4 boxes of toys and games, 3 physical education kits, 3 textile kits, 4 carpenter kits, and 1 box of sewing equipment.

Part IIIChronological summary of significant events

2 Apr - 1st 155 Guns attached to 4/12 as of 0800 this date with a GS/reinforcing mission; the missions of Battery L and K were also changed to GS/reinforcing 2/12 and 1/12 respectively. At 1045, Battery L arrived at new CP (AT 98786717) and was laid on Az 5800, Def 3200. The Battery was ready to fire at 1200.

9 Apr - Battery L fired on an abandoned ARVN ammunition dump (AT 984583) at 1545. 76 HE rounds were expended and the area set afire, 12 secondary explosions were noted. The battalion received the Frag Order for operation GEORGIA from 12th Marines at 0655.

14Apr - At 1600, 12th Marines assigned 4th Battalion the mission of direct support of 3d Recon Battalion patrols in West and Southwest sectors of the DaNang TACR.

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15Apr - At 1120 Battery K fired its 20,000th round since arriving in Vietnam.

18Apr - At 0145, Battery K was attacked by Viet Cong using 60mm mortars, rifle grenades and small arms. An estimated 50 mortar rounds landed in the battery area causing only minor wounds to 13 individuals and insignificant damage to equipment. Self-illumination was fired using 155mm howitzer (SP) when illumination from other sources proved inadequate. A 155mm howitzer (SP) was used in direct fire against mortar positions. Three rounds HE-Q were fired and mortars were silenced. Attack ended at approximately 180530H. At 1510 12th Marines notified the Battalion of the formation of a composite battery for Operation GEORGIA. The battery will consist of (2) 155 howitzers (SP), (1) 8" howitzer (SP) and (1) 155 Gun (SP). This unit will occupy a position on Hill 55 (AT 96486179) and is to be commanded by Captain B. V. STONUM, 1st 8" howitzer battery (SP).

21Apr - Battery K fired for Recon patrol (APACHE) at (AT 98258559) on 5 VC walking on a road. Estimated 4 VC KIA.

27Apr - A Marine from Battery L was hit with small arms fire on hill 55 at 1700. The round entered the upper right arm about 2 inches below the shoulder. He was admitted to "C" Med at 1732 for an estimated period of 10 days.

Recapitulation of fire missions

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>Destruction</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>Total</u>
117	18	10	1	2100	2246

Ammunition Expenditure

	<u>155H</u>	<u>155G</u>	<u>Total</u>
HE	2887	265	3152
WP	132	49	181
Ill	59	3	62
Total	3078	317	3395

Recapitulation of Battery Patrols

<u>Hq</u>	<u>"K"</u>	<u>"L"</u>	<u>1st Guns</u>	<u>Total</u>
27	25	22	24	98

Headquarters Battery sent out 6 Regimental Patrols and posted 11 Regimental Listening Posts.

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