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4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for November; 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 Nov through 30 Nov 1966

Part I Organizational

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1. Reporting Unit - 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
2. CP - Dong Ha (YD 228 587)
3. Period covered - 1-30 Nov 1966
4. Date of submission - 5 Dec 1966
5. Average monthly strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	20	0
Enlisted	281	7
6. Commanding Officer - LtCol D.G. JONES
7. Principal Staff

XO	Maj D.B. BARKER	
SgtMaj	SgtMaj J.W. ROBBINS	
S-1	2dLt R.D. ESMOND	
S-2	GySgt R.F. PICKETT	
S-3	Capt J. POWERS	
S-3A	2dLt R.D. HAWKINS	
S-4	Capt C.G. BLASI	
SupplyO	2dLt R.P. HORNE Jr.	
CommO	2dLt H.H. SEIPEL Jr.	(1-29 Nov)
	Capt W.W. HAMMOND	(30 Nov)
MaintO	2dLt W. DOMKE	
MTO	WO L.C. ECKSTROM	

8. Subordinate Units

Hq Btry	Capt O.J. CREWS
Btry K	Capt J.H. BUTLER
Btry M	Capt J.B. WAY

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9. Attachments and Detachments

- a. Attachments : None
- b. Detached:
 - (1) Btry L to 2d Battalion, 12th Marines

10. Location of Units

Btry K, 4/12 (YD 214597) Az fire 0
 Btry M, 4/12 (YD 061547) Az fire 5200

11. Mission

- a. Dong Ha
 - Btry K - General Support/Reinforcing Dong Ha Combat Base
 - Btry M - General Support/Reinforcing 1/12

1. Personnel

a. Number of replacements received:

USMC - Officers: 2	USN - Officers: 0
Enlisted: 52	Enlisted: 1

b. Number of personnel rotated:

USMC - Officers: 1	USN - Officers: 0
Enlisted: 21	Enlisted: 1

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

- (1) WIA - 0
- (2) KIA - 0
- (3) EVACUATED -2

d. R&R Trips: 30

2. Administration

a. On hand strength of administrative personnel in this Battalion is currently at 60% of T.O.

b. Awards:

- (1) Number processed: 1 Purple Heart, 1 Navy Commendation Medal
- (2) Number received: 1 Purple Heart

c. Promotions: (by rank)

3 to Opl 2 to LOpl

d. Postal: Satisfactory. Money order service is unsatisfactory.

e. Legal: 2 Special Court Martials completed and 1 office hours during the reporting period.

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3. Intelligence. Intelligence training was not conducted during the reporting period. However, intelligence briefings were held each evening for the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Officers and SNCO's of the Battalion Staff and of Headquarters Battery. Likewise, a weekly intelligence briefing was presented to "K" and "M" Batteries at their respective positions.

Intelligence reporting was conducted during the period, along with the processing of security clearance requests, and the maintaining of the map needs of the 4th Battalion.

4. Training Highlights. Training requirements during the month of November were reduced due to 100% effort required in constructing the new Battalion C.P.

On-the-job-training was conducted in all batteries as time and weather permitted.

Personnel of the Battalion attended the following out of country schools:

Nuclear Weapons Assembly - 2

MUMS - 1

Ammo Technician - 1

5. Special Operations.

a. One platoon of M114's from Battery K is attached to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines for operations in the Khe Sanh Area (XD 837 424). The Battery is attached to 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

b. At 1305 9 Nov Battery K (-) and Battery C of the 1st Bn, 40th Artillery U.S.A. with a Command Group from the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines under the Command of Maj D.B. Barker displaced on the Vietnamese Operation Lam Son 328, a search and clear operation South of Quang Tri. The Operation lasted nine days but netted negligible results with the exception of the capture of 30 tons of rice, medical instruments and supplies. The batteries returned to their parent C.P. by 171300H Nov. During the Operation the batteries fired from the following position:

	<u>10-14 Nov</u>	<u>14-17 Nov</u>
Battery K	YD 334 482	YD 336 502
Battery C	YD 335 482	YD 337 502

Recapitulation of Fire Missions

	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Observed</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>Rds Exp</u>
Battery K	0	52	73	934
Battery C	35	20	73	1366
TOTAL	35	72	146	2300

c. On 29 Nov at 0710 Battery K (-) displaced four M109's to (YD 327 524) to provide General Support for an ARVN Operation Lam Son 331, Southeast of Quang Tri. Thusfar the Battery is credited with 3 confirmed VC KIA's.

6. Command and Control. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines has decentralized the technical fire direction of all firing Batteries.

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a. During this reporting period the communications platoon completed the installation of Hq communication facilities at the Dong Ha Artillery Village.

b. A covered FM circuit utilizing KY-8 crypto equipment is in operation between the Battalion Hq and subordinate firing batteries.

c. Communication support was provided to Lam Son 328 during the period 9-17 Nov 66. The Artillery Command Group was provided with personnel and equipment. Communications circuits were maintained between Hq 4/12 and the Command Group Hq.

d. 15 hours of operator training was completed on KY-8 crypto equipment.

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

9. Medical and Dental.a. Medical Statistics

- (1) Total battle casualties - 0
- (2) Total non-battle casualties/illness - 148
- (3) Total immunizations given this month - 177

10. Logistics:

a. Supply - Operational spares on hand are at approximately 85% of operating level. Major items of equipment on requisition include:

- (1) Two (2) - Generator Set PU-482/M
- (2) One (1) - Generator Set PU-348 A/G
- (3) Two (2) - Tractor, Full Tracked-TD-15
- (4) Two (2) - Truck, Cargo 3/4T 4x4 M37B1

b. Maintenance - Overall maintenance is satisfactory. There are no facilities in the Dong Ha area for 3d echelon maintenance for the 155mm Howitzer M109 (SP). The deadline rate for the M109 is approximately 8%.

c. Food services - All Batteries were served A&B rations while located in their primary positions. Battery K had "MCI's" while on operation LAM SON 328 and 331. There has been difficulty in obtaining A and B ration, vegetables, condiments, sugar, peanut butter and butter.

d. Cantonment - All Batteries are living under canvas.

e. Water - All batteries truck water to their positions. Water points are $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles from positions.

f. Motor Transport - Deadline rate for motor transport is 22%.

g. Embarkation - An embarkation SOP is being written into the logistics SOP. There is a need for embarkation trained personnel in this command.

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h. Hospitalization and Evacuation - Casualties are evacuated by helicopter to the "USS Repose". This Battalion has no doctor, but the Regimental Surgeon is available for use by Headquarters and "K" Battery. "M" Battery uses the facilities of 1st Bn, 12th Mar.

11. Civil Affairs

a. On 15 Nov, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines was assigned the responsibility of conducting a Civil Affairs Program in the Hamlet of Hoa Duc (YD 203 596). During the reporting period the Battalion was unable to start any projects due to the time frame involved. However the Battalion did contribute to the overall Civil Affairs Program in the Dong Ha area by initiating the following Solatium Payments:

1. On 22 Nov two VN males in Thie Trang Hamlet (YD 201 508) stated that two of their water buffaloes were wounded by mortar fire. This incident is in the final stages of payment.
2. On 24 Nov Mr. T. Nguyen of the same hamlet mentioned in item number one reported two cows killed by small arms fire. Mr. Nguyen was paid \$1,000 Piasters for his losses.
3. On 28 Nov a VN female from Thie Trang reported 30 bamboo trees were maliciously cut on her property. This incident is currently being investigated.

b. As a result of the foregoing it was noted that the Hamlet Chief of Thie Trang Hamlet (YD 201 598) has a one year old son suffering from a badly deformed jaw as a result of an accident just after birth. Steps are being taken to fly the mother and child to Phu Bai for corrective surgery.

c. No Med Cap was performed by the Battalion Medical Department.

Part IIIChronological Summary of Significant Events

2 Nov - At 1030 Battery K was probed by unknown number of intruders. Two outposts fired - no fire returned. Negative results. No casualties.

6 Nov - At 1515 Brig Gen L.E. English pulled the lanyard on the 45,000 round fired by Battery M since the Battery entered country in July of 1965.

9 Nov - Battery K (-) displaced on Operation Lam Son 328. (See Special Operation)

10 Nov - Battery K was probed by unknown number of VC and received 1 incoming grenade and 5-6 rounds S/A. Battery K fired self-illumination and returned 35 rounds S/A. No casualties.

24 Nov - At 0800 this date Battery M fired a 120 round prep-fire for a 3d Battalion, 3d Marines sweep Northwest of Camp J.J. Carroll (YD 060 547).

29 Nov - Battery K (-) displaced at 0710 on Operation Lam Son 331. (See Special Operation).

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29 Nov - At 1300 Battery M fired on 3 VC with weapons at (YD 032 646) for Recon Patrol "Viper" which resulted in 3 confirmed VC KIA's and 3 weapons captured; 4 HE, qk were expended on the mission.

29 Nov - At 1335 Battery M fired 4 WP for Recon Patrol "Viper" at a VC bunker (YD 987 646). The Patrol reported the bunker destroyed.

30 Nov - At 2330 Battery K (fwd) fired 5 WP and 16 HE for the ARVN on Lam Son 331 at VC with automatic weapons at (YD 407 504). The F.O. reported 3 VC KIA's and one .50 cal Machine gun captured.

Recapitulation of fire missions

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>H&I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
48	468	6	483	1005

Ammunition ExpendituresHOWITZER

HE	2515
WP	61
ILL	93
Total	2669

Recapitulation of Battery Patrols

<u>Hq</u>	<u>"K"</u>	<u>"M"</u>	<u>Total</u>
0	8	0	8

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