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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March to 31 March 67

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion (-)(Rein) 12th Marines
3d Marine Division

LtCol D. G. JONES (1-31 Mar)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry
Btry K
Btry M
1st Provisional Btry
2d Provisional Btry

Capt J. H. GILLESPIE (1-31 Mar)
Capt G. G. GARWICK (1-31 Mar)
Capt O. J. CREWS (1-31 Mar)
Capt W. J. DOWD (1-31 Mar)
Capt J. H. BUTLER (1-14 Mar)
1stLt M. C. BELL (15-31 Mar)

ATTACHED UNITS

1st 155mm Gun Btry (-)(Rein)
Btry E, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
Btry C, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

Maj E. D. LITZENBERGER (1-31 Mar)
Capt W. R. HART (1-8 Mar)
Capt J. T. BRACKMAN (8-31 Mar)

2. LOCATION

1-31 Mar: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 885 129)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO
SgtMaj
S-1
S-2

S-3
S-3A
S-4
SupplyO
CommO
MaintO

MTO

Maj L. G. SNYDER (1-31 Mar)
SgtMaj L. J. CYR (1-31 Mar)
2dLt R. D. ESMOND (1-31 Mar)
GySgt R. F. PICKETT (1-26 Mar)
GySgt C. G. HOWELL (27-31 Mar)
Maj R. S. VARNEY (1-31 Mar)
2dLt R. D. HAWKINS (1-31 Mar)
Capt D. G. CADIZ (1-31 Mar)
1stLt R. P. HORNE Jr. (1-31 Mar)
Capt W. W. HAMMOND (1-31 Mar)
2dLt W. DOMKE (1-10 Mar)
MSGT W. W. COOK (15-31 Mar)
2dLt D. H. GOAD (1-31 Mar)

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<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
36	879	0	16

PART IINarrative Summary

As of the first of March, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of E/2/12, the 1st 155 Gun Battery, and the 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries. Administrative control was exercised over E/2/12, K/4/12, M/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery. The 1st and 2d Provisional Batteries administratively functioned as detachments of Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

On 8 March the battalion assumed OPCON/ADCON of C/1/13 and chopped OPCON/ADCON of E/2/12 to 3/12.

On 9 March one 155mm Howitzer (towed) from the 1st Provisional Battery displaced to PK-17 and on 11 March the 1st Provisional Battery displaced from PHU BAI to the CHINOOK AO. The 2d Provisional Battery was assigned the mission of GS/Reinforcing 3/12 and the platoon of 8 inch howitzers at PK-17 were attached to this battery. Concurrently, the 2d Provisional Battery displaced to the PHU BAI Area and assumed the mission of GS of the PHU BAI AO.

As the month of March closed the 4th Battalion continued to function as the senior artillery headquarters in the PHU BAI TAOR. Batteries under the operational control of the battalion were C/1/13, 1st 155 Gun Battery, and the 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries.

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PART IIISequential Listing of Significant Events1. a. ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ Combat missions assigned.

- 1 Mar 67 - E/2/12 continues D/S of 2/9.
- 1 Mar 67 - 1st Provisional 155 How Btry continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.
- 1 Mar 67 - 2d Provisional 155 How Btry continues GS/Rein 3/12.
- 1 Mar 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry continues G/S PHU BAI AO.
- 8 Mar 67 - Assigned OPCON/ADCON of C/1/13. Mission of D/S of 3/26.
- 8 Mar 67 - Chopped OPCON/ADCON of E/2/12 to 3/12.
- 11 Mar 67 - 2d Provisional 155 How Btry displaced to PHU BAI. Mission G/S of PHU BAI AO.
- 11 Mar 67 - 1st Provisional 155 How Btry displaced to CHINOOK AO. Mission GS/Rein 3/12.

b. Significant operations conducted.

- 1-11 Mar 67 - 2d Provisional 155 How Btry - Operation CHINOOK II
- 11-31 Mar 67 - 1st Provisional 155 How Btry - Operation CHINOOK II

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

- 3 Mar - 1st 155 Gun Btry (8th Plt) in support of ARVN - 30 KIA (Prob).
- 9 Mar - 1st 155 Gun Btry (8th Plt) in support of 3d Recon Bn - 4 KIA (Conf).
- 15 Mar - 2d Prov 155 How Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn - 10 KIA (Prob).
- 22 Mar - 2d Prov 155 How Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn - 7 KIA (Conf), 3 KIA (Prob).
- 26 Mar - 1st Prov 155 How Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn - 2 KIA (Prob).
- 27 Mar - 1st 155 Gun Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn - 5 KIA (Prob).

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d. Casualties sustained.

6 Mar 67 - M/4/12 sustained 1 KIA during mortar attack.

7 Mar 67 - M/4/12 sustained 2 WIAs due to hostile mortar attack.

31 Mar 67 - M/4/12 sustained 3 KIAs, 3 WIAs when a howitzer blew up during a fire mission against enemy personnel.

e. New techniques employed.

This Battalion has installed a prototype modification to the 155mm Howitzer (towed) to permit rapid shifting and enhance the 360 degree capability of the weapon. Test and evaluation has indicated the need for larger gun pits which are currently under construction. Tests will continue.

f. Logistics.

1. General - On 8 March 1967, this Command assumed ADCON of C/1/13. ADCON of E/2/12 was relinquished to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines on 8 March 1967. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of five medium artillery batteries; K/4/12, M/4/12, 1st 155mm Gun Battery, 1st and 2d Provisional Detachments, one light artillery battery C/1/13 and Headquarters Battery 4/12.

2. Supply - The overall supply situation is satisfactory. Major items of equipment on requisition for units of this organization include:

- (1) Three - Generator Set PU-482M
- (2) One - Generator Set PU-348 A/G
- (3) Two - Tractor, Full Tracked, TD-15
- (4) One - Truck, Cargo, 3/4 Ton M-37

3. Maintenance - Six month maintenance has been completed on all 105mm Towed Howitzers. The overall deadline rate for Ordnance is less than 1%. At the present time, this unit has a work request in for seven additional speed shifting devices for the 155mm Towed Howitzers. This unit now has five 155mm Towed Howitzers with the speed shifting devices.

4. Food Services - Headquarters 4/12, C/1/13, and 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Detachment use the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion messing facilities. The 1st Provisional 155mm Detachment, K/4/12, and M/4/12 are operating their own messes. Expected completion of Hq/4/12 Mess Hall is 15 April.

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5. Cantonment - Cantonment for the Artillery Headquarters is almost completed with the exception of 1st 155 Gun Battery Area. Cantonment for the 1st 155 Gun Battery is expected to commence on 17 April 1967.

6. Bunker and Perimeter Security - There has been no action on the 43 bunkers that have been approved by Division Engineers. This unit has three 18' observation towers requested for perimeter security.

7. Water - All batteries truck water to their positions. The Provisional Detachment at PK-17 draws water from the PHU BAI Water Point. They are not able to draw sufficient amounts for their needs. The use of a rubber tank has been requested from Division Engineers. The Division Water Point located in the Hq/4/12 Area went into operation about the middle of March. The water drawn from the Division Water Point is non-potable.

g. Civic Action. In the month of March this battalion was assigned the Thuy Phu area of responsibility for coordinating civil affairs. Since this time plans have been made and submitted for approval for building a dispensary, widening an existing road, and the construction of homes for about 15 families who were forced to leave their hamlet due to VC terrorism. These projects were requested by the people themselves and are to be accomplished by them. The villagers are going through their channels in order to get them approved, thus exercising their government.

Medcap is being conducted on every Tuesday afternoon and it is receiving a good response.

During the first part of April elections will be held, down to and including, the hamlet level. This will enable the people to take a big step towards taking part in the operations of their government.

h. Administration. This Battalion currently has ADCON of C/1/13, K/4/12, M/4/12, Hq/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery. The 1st and 2d Provisional batteries function as detachments of Hq Btry 4/12.

i. Personnel.

Number of replacements received:	2 Officers	57 Enlisted
Number of personnel rotated:	5 Officers	63 Enlisted
Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:	4 Enlisted KIA	
	5 Enlisted WIA (5 Med-Evac)	
Promotions:	1 to Captain; 1 to 1stLt	
	1 to GySgt; 2 to SSgt; 6 to PFC	

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j. Fire support.

This Battalion provided fire support as follows:

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E/2/12 1-8 Mar 67 - D/S 2/9
 C/1/13 8-31 Mar 67 - D/S 3/26
 1st Prov Btry 1-11 Mar 67 - G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon inserts.
 1st Prov Btry 11-31 Mar 67 - GS/Rein 3/12 - Operation CHINOOK II.
 2d Prov Btry 1-11 Mar 67 - GS/Rein 3/12 - Operation CHINOOK II.
 2d Prov Btry 11-31 Mar 67 - G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon inserts.
 1st 155 Gun Btry 1-31 Mar 67 - G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon inserts.

k. Recapitulation of fire missions.

PHU BAI AREA 1-31 March 1967

	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>Total</u>
105H	46	16	620	682	2092	203	81	2376
155H	19	111	247	377	1912	59	28	1999
155G	44	105	135	284	388	77	41	506
TOTAL	109	232	1002	1343	4392	339	150	4881

CHINOOK AREA 1-31 March 1967

155H	42	25	1106	1173	2461	4	197	2662
8"H	25	26	137	188	475	0	0	476
TOTAL	67	51	1243	1361	2937	4	197	3138

GRAND TOTAL	176	283	2245	2704	7329	343	347	8019
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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTSUNCLASSIFIED

1. The following chronological supporting entries were extracted from the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines S-3 Journal.

010001H - Journal opened at PHU BAI Area CP.

032200H - 1st 155 Gun Btry (8ⁿ Plt) fired 18 HE in support of ARVN. 30 KIA (Prob)

061800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry (8ⁿ Plt) supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 021300H to 061800H. No missions were fired.

061800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 281515H to 061800H. No missions were fired.

061800H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol NETTLERASH II from 281530H to 061800H. No missions were fired.

080240H - M/4/12 sustained 1 KIA and 3 WIA during enemy mortar attack from 072315H to 080215H.

081200H - Assumed ADCON/OPCON of C/1/13.

081200H - Chopped ADCON/OPCON of E/2/12 to 3/12.

091500H - One gun from 1st Prov 155 How Btry displaced to PK-17 (YD 6451 2771).

091440H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol NETTLERASH I from 031630H to 091330H. Fired one mission of 28 rds; 4 KIAs (Conf).

110754H - 1st Prov 155 How Btry displaced to CHINOOK AO. Effective 101200H 1st 155 Gun Btry (8ⁿ Plt) at PK-17 (YD 642 278) attached to 1st Prov Btry. Mission of 1st Prov 155 How Btry GS/Rein 3/12 with one 155 How located at PK-17 and four 155 How located at CHINOOK AO.

110800H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry displaced to PHU BAI. Mission G/S PHU BAI AO.

131500H - 1st 155 Gun Btry (SP) supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 081130H to 131500H. No missions were fired.

141400H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol PARTYLINE I from 121400H to 141400H. No missions were fired.

151050H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 111345H to 151050H. Fired one mission on 10 VC w/machine guns. 10 rds fired with excellent coverage on tgt. Results unknown.

151730H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 134415H to 151730H. Fired 2 missions; 74 rds HE; 10 KIA (Prob).

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161150H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 121400H to 161150H. No missions were fired.

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ 191230H - C/1/13 supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE I & II from 171300H to 191230H. No missions were fired.

221532H - Received spot report from 1st 155 Gun Btry at (YD 895 121) Btry patrol apprehended two men. They were caught sneaking up on patrol. When spotted, they ran. Believed each threw a weapon away; only one weapon was found. Suspects turned over to IIT. They were later released. They were R&D personnel on patrol.

230900H - C/1/13 supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE I from 200830H to 220830H. No missions were fired.

230906H - 1st Prov 155 How Btry supported NETTLERASH I from 181830H to 211630H. One mission was fired; 56 HE. 1 KIA (Prob), 1 WIA (Conf).

230910H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported MUSTER II from 161140H to 201630H. No missions were fired.

230912H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported NIGHTSTICKER II from 171500H to 211430H. No missions were fired.

261335H - SELECTMAN "A" supported Recon Patrol TOUCHDOWN from 241450H to 241845H. Fired two missions; 7 HE. Results unknown.

261338H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 201530H to 241330H. Fired two missions resulting in 7 KIA (Conf), 3 KIA (Prob).

261345H - SELECTMAN "A" supported Recon Patrol STRIKER from 211635H to 241220H. Fired one mission; 19 HE with unknown results.

261349H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 211430H to 251430H. No missions were fired.

261354H - 1st 155 Gun Btry (8" Plt) supported Recon Patrol WHIPLASH from 241415H to 241615H. No missions were fired.

291620H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 251430H to 291620H. No missions were fired.

300157H - M/4/12 155 How (SP) blew up during a fire mission against the enemy. 3 KIAs and 3 WIAs were sustained.

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