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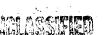
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Maj L. G. SNYDER (1-31 May)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

lst Lt R. G. HERMS (1-31 May)
Capt J. G. EVANS (1-31 May)
Capt T. E. SWYNEY (1-31 May)
Capt O. J. CREWS (1-31 May)
Capt W. J. DOWD (1-31 May)
Capt J. H. GILLESPIE (1-24 May)
Capt W. C. SHAW (25-31 May)

ATTACHED UNITS

1st 155 Gun Btry (-)(Rein)

lst 8" How Btry (-)(Rein) Btry A, 1st Bn, 13th Marines Btry C, 1st Bn, 13th Marines Maj E. D. LITZENBERGER (1-2 May)
Capt M. M. BAIG (3-31 May)
Maj P. E. ROUSH (1-31 May)
Capt J. V. BRENNAN (6-13 May)
1st Lt D. J. RICHMAN (1-5 May)
Capt W. C. SHAW (5-24 May)
1st Lt D. J. RICHMAN (25-28 May)
Capt F. X. FARRINGTON (29-31 May)

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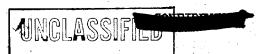
1-31 May: PHU BAI, RVN (YD885129)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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SgtMaj
S=1
S=2
S=3
S=3A

S-4 SupplyO CommO MaintO MTO Maj R. S. VARNEY (1-31 May)
SgtMaj L. J. CYR (1-31 May)
2d Lt R. D. ESMOND (1-31 May)
GySgt C. G. HOWELL (1-31 May)
Maj R. S. VARNEY (1-5 May)
Capt D. E. VOWELL (6-31 May)
2d Lt R. D. HAWKINS (1-31 May)
Capt H. W. KERN (1-31 May)
1st Lt R. P. HORNE (1-31 May)
Capt W. W. HAMMOND (1-31 May)
MSgt W. W. COOK (1-31 May)
1st Lt D. H. GOAD (1-31 May)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHKY STREET, H

Officers Enlisted

Officers Enlisted

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PART II

Narrative Summary

As of the first of May, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of C/1/13, the 1st 155 Gum Battery and the 2d Provisional 155 How-itzer Battery. Administrative control was exercised over C/1/13, K/h/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, the 1st 155 Gum Battery and the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery. The 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries continued to function as detachments of Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

On 4 May the battalion chopped OPCON of the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery to 3/12 and assumed OPCON of L/4/12. On 6 May the battalion was assigned OPCON of A/1/13 and on 13 May chopped OPCON of A/1/13 to 12th Marines. Also on 6 May, K/4/13 was redesignated K/4/12 resulting from the transplacement of the two batteries.

On 9 May one platoon from L/1/12 and one platoon from the 1st 155 Gun. Battery were displaced to the 3d Engineer Bn base camp at GIA LE (YD829153) to support operation CUMBERLAND. Btry A/1/13 was also in this location during their short tenure with the battalion.

The battalion was inspected by the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division on 28 April. The results of the inspection were, for the most part, satisfactory with many noteworthy areas. Embarkation was scheduled for reinspection on 10 June 1967.

As the month of May 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, L/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery.



FAST III

Sequential Listing of Significant Leant

1. s. Combat missions assigned.

1-31 May 67 - C/1/13 continues D/S of 3/26.

1-4 May 67 - 2d Provisional 155 How Btry - continues G/S of PHU BAI AO,

1-31 May 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry - continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.

5-31 May 67 - L/4/12 - G/S PHU BAI AO.

6-13 May 67 - A/1/13 - D/S of 1/26.

b. Significant operations conducted.

None

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

4 May - C/1/13 in support of ARVN forces - 60 KIA (Conf)

- d. Casualties sustained.
 - 8 May K/4/12 1 USMC WIA sustained during hostile mertar/rocket attack.
 - 9 May 1st 8" How Btry 1 USMC WIA sustained during hostile mertar/rocket attack.
 - 11 May K/li/12 1 USMC WIA sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.
 - 12 May $K/l_1/12 l_1$ USMC WIA sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.
 - 15 May 1st 8" How Btry 8 USMC WIA sustained one to hostile mine.
 - 19 May K/4/12 1 USMC WIA sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.
 - 25 May K/L/12 3 USMC KIA, 10 USMC WIA sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.
 - 27 May 1st 155 Gun Btry 1 USMC WIA sustained during hostile mortar attack

e. Logistics,

1. Logistical situation. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of seven G/S artillery batteries; K/4/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, lst 8" Howitzer Battery, lst 155 Cun Battery, lst and 2d Provisional 155mm detachments; one D/S artillery battery; C/1/13, and Headquarters Battery 4/12. On 15 May this battalion relinquished OPCON of A/1/13, having assumed OPCON on 6 May 67. Enclosure (1)



- 2. Supply. The overall supply situation is satisfactory. Major items of equipment on requisition for units of this organization include:
 - (a) One Generator Set PU-482/M (b) One - Generator Set FU-348A/G
 - (c) Three- Tractor, Full tracked, TD-15
- 3. Maintenance, At present, all 155mm Towed Howitzers within this organization have speed shifting devices.
- 4. Food Services . The 4/12 Mess Hall provides messing facilities for Headquarters Battery, C/1/13, L/4/12 and 3/12 (rear).
- 5. Cantonment. 4/12 has been allocated one Butler Building, Maintenance and one Bulter Building, Storage, and 6,275 aq. yards of AC (hardstand). Construction is schedule to start during the month of July.
- 6. Bunkers and Perimeter Security. During May 1967, Division Engineers finished construction of one 20 x 30 bunker and two 12 x 24 bunkers for the artillary Cantonment.
 - 7. Water. All batteries truck water to their positions.
- 8. Motor Transport. Motor Transport Maintenance is unsatisfactory due to shortage of repair parts.
- 9. Ambarkation. All batteries ADCON to this Battalion are reviewing and updating their embarkation data.
- f. Civic Action. Civil affairs within the 4th Br., 12th Marines for the month of May has consited of making liasion with the CAC-A3 and village leaders in the FHU THU village complex. Projects were discussed and delivered up the chain of command for approval. Supplies have been gathered and in part distributed to the villagers. These consist of food stuffs and building material such as roofing tin and cement. Each week a MEDCAP is held in the village and administers to an average of about 100 people.
 - g. Adminstration. This Battalion currently has ADCON of C/1/13, K/4/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, Hg/4/12, the 1st 155 Gun Battery, and the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery. The 1st and 2d Provisional batteries function as detachments of Hq. Btry 4/12.

h. Personnel.

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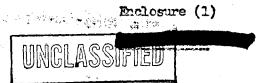
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8 Officers 50 Enlisted 600fficers 45 Enlisted

3 Enlisted KIA 1 Officer WIA (8 Med-Evacs)

Promotions:

2 to Capt; 3 to letLt; 2 to CySgt; 2 to SSgt; 2 to Sgt; 130 to Cpl; 9 to LCpl; 5 to Pro.



i. Fire supports.

This Battalion ovided fire support as follows

j. Recapitulation of fire missions.

PHU BAI AREA 1-31 May 1967

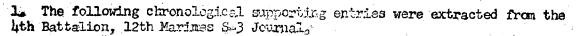
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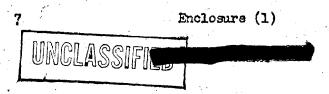


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SUPPORTING INCOMENTS



- OlooolH Journal opened at PHU BAT CP.
- O40001H Assumed OPCON of I/4/12 from 3/12 Chopped OPCON 2d Prov 155 Btry to 3/12.
- Olio830H 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NICHTSTICKER I from 301000H Apr to Olio830H May. No missions were fired.
- 041350H C/1/13 reinforced ARVN arty. Credited with 60 KIA (Conf) YD840205
- 06:11:00H Assumed OPCON A/1/13
- 071640H 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER: 31 from 040945H to 071640H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 081100H Platoen of 155 How SP from L/4/12 displaced to GIA LE. YD829153
- 081610H 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 041010H to 081610H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 110830H 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 060825H to 110830H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 130948H 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 090925H to 130948H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 11:0820H Fwd Plt of 1st 155 GunuBtry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 130920H to 14:0820H May 67. 1 mission of approx 100 rds was fired with unknown results.
- 140930H Fwd Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 110825H to 140930H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 150840H L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol NICHTSTICKER II from 150800H to 150840H May 67. No missions were fired,
- 150930H L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 111250H to 150930H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 181230H Fwd Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 140900H to 181230H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 231400H L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 191030H to 231100H May 67. No missions were fired.



231220H - I/u/ supported Recon Patrol MUSTER from 190830H to 231220H May . No missions were fired.

INDIASSIED 251515H - Fwd Plt 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PEERAGE II from One mission was fired. Rds on 1 211000H to 251515H May 67. One mission was fired. Rds on tgt.

> 260950H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 220400H to 260950H May 67. No missions were fired.

270910H - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol NICHTSTICKER I from 231015H to 270910H May 67. No missions were fired.

271845H - Fwd Plt 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 251530H to 271845H May 67. One mission was fired.

312400H - Journal closed.

