

12TH MARINES
S&C LOCAL CONTROL
354-67HEADQUARTERS
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 966024th Bn, 12th Mar
S&C #6-112-673/DEV/cdf
5750
Ser: 002-67
5 June 1967

UNCLASSIFIED

265067

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 May 1967

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

Encl: ✓(1) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Command Chronology
 ✓(2) 1st 155 Gun Battery Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

L. G. SNYDER
 L. G. SNYDER

Copy to:
 CO, 12th Mar

UNCLASSIFIED

DOWNGRADE AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
 DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
 DOD DIR 5200.10

Copy 1 of 18

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

4TH BN/12TH MAR

CMD CHRON

MAY 1967

UNCLASSIFIED

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1967

INDEX

- PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
- PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY
- PART III - SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
- PART IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Filed w/C/ Chron ✓ Excerpts from S-3 Jnl

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

1st Lt R. G. HERMS (1-31 May)
Capt J. G. EVANS (1-31 May)
Capt T. E. SWINEY (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)
1st 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)

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO
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)

2

Enclosure (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
56	1224

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
0	24

PART IINarrative Summary

As of the first of May, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of C/1/13, the 1st 155 Gun Battery and the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery. Administrative control was exercised over C/1/13, K/4/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, the 1st 155 Gun 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/4/12 and one platoon from the 1st 155 Gun Battery were displaced to the 3d Engineer Bn base camp at GIA LE (YD629153) 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.

UNCLASSIFIED

PART IIISequential Listing of Significant Events

1. a. 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 mortar/rocket attack.

9 May - 1st 8" How Btry - 1 USMC WIA - sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.

11 May - K/4/12 - 1 USMC WIA - sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.

12 May - K/4/12 - 4 USMC WIA - sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.

15 May - 1st 8" How Btry - 8 USMC WIA - sustained due to hostile mine.

19 May - K/4/12 - 1 USMC WIA - sustained during hostile mortar/rocket attack.

25 May - K/4/12 - 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, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, 1st 155 Gun Battery, 1st 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)

UNCLASSIFIED

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

- (a) One - Generator Set FU-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 artillery 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. Embarkation. All batteries ADCON to this Battalion are reviewing and updating their embarkation data.

f. Civic Action. Civil affairs within the 4th Bn, 12th Marines for the month of May has consisted of making liasion with the CAC-A3 and village leaders in the PHU 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. Administration. This Battalion currently has ADCON of C/1/13, K/4/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, Hq/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.

Number of replacements received:	8 Officers	50 Enlisted
Number of personnel rotated:	6 Officers	45 Enlisted
Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:	3 Enlisted KIA	
	1 Officer WIA	
	26 Enlisted WIA (8 Med-Evacs)	
Promotions:	2 to Capt; 3 to 1st Lt;	
	2 to Cysgt; 2 to SSgt; 2 to Sgt;	
	130 to Cpl; 9 to LCpl; 5 to Pfc.	

UNCLASSIFIED

i. Fire support.

This Battalion provided fire support as follows

C/1/13	1-31 May 67	- D/S 3/26
2d Prov Btry	1-4 May 67	- G/S PHU BAI AO.
1st 155 Gun Btry	1-31 May 67	- G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon Inserts
L/4/12	5-31 May 67	- G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon Inserts
A/1/13	6-13 May 67	- D/S 1/26

j. Recapitulation of fire missions.

PHU BAI AREA 1-31 May 1967

	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Uncbs</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>Total</u>
155 Gun	78	26	232	336	604	32	28	664
155 How	51	26	473	550	1390	28	122	1540
105 How	41	37	512	590	1265	134	53	1452
8" How		1	4	5	13			13
TOTAL	170	90	1221	1481	3272	194	203	3669

UNCLASSIFIED

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

- 010001H - Journal opened at PHU BAI CP.
- 040001H - Assumed OPCON of L/4/12 from 3/12
Chopped OPCON 2d Prov 155 Btry to 3/12.
- 040830H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from
301000H Apr to 040830H May. No missions were fired.
- 041350H - C/1/13 reinforced ARVN arty. Credited with 60 KIA (Conf)
YD840205
- 061400H - Assumed OPCON A/1/13
- 071640H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from
040945H to 071640H May 67. No missions were fired.
- 081100H - Platoon 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.
- 140820H - Fwd Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II
from 130920H to 140820H 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 NIGHTSTICKER 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.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

231220H - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MUSTER from 190830H to 231220H May 67. No missions were fired.

251515H - Fwd Plt 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PEERAGE II from 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 NIGHTSTICKER 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.

UNCLASSIFIED