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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (-)(Rein) FMP
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(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 30 November 1967 (U)

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

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

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Command Chronology

1 November to 30 November 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommanders

4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines Maj R. W. BOLVES (1-30 Nov)
3d Marine Division

Subordinate Units

Hq Btry
Btry K, 4th Bn, 13th Marines
Btry L
Btry M

Capt D.N. GOAD (1-30 Nov)
Capt F.A. BENDRICK(1-30 Nov)
Capt P.B. GAYNOR(1-30 Nov)
Capt G.E. PACKWOOD(1-5 Nov)
Capt H.W. KERN(6-30 Nov)

Attached Units

1st 155 Gun Btry(SP)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

Maj N.J. BECKMAN(1-30 Nov)
Capt C.M. DAVIS(1-30 Nov)

2. LOCATION

1-30 Nov: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 885129)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO
SgtMaj
S-1

S-2
S-3

S-3A
S-3A/AO
S-4

SupplyO
CommO
MaintO
MTO

Maj B.F. STEWART(1-30 Nov)
SgtMaj L.J. CYR(1-30 Nov)
1stLt J.A. JOHANN(1-10 Nov)
1stLt A.L. THORNTON(11-30 Nov)
2dLt D.J. BERENTSON(1-30 Nov)
Maj D.E. VOWELL(1-19 Nov)
Maj A.J. MCCARTHY Jr.(20-30 Nov)
Capt D.G. PURDY(1-30 Nov)
1stLt J.H. TATE(1-30 Nov)
Maj G.A. KUPETS(1-16 Nov)
Maj G.O. KENNEDY(17-30 Nov)
2dLt F.W. COWDRY(1-30 Nov)
1stLt B.F. METCALFE(1-30 Nov)
1stLt R.P. FOSTER(1-30 Nov)
Capt D.N. GOAD(1-30 Nov)

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCOfficers

40

Enlisted

592

USNOfficers

0

Enlisted

14

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

As of 1 November, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of B/1/13, L/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP). Administrative control was being exercised over B/1/13, K/4/13, L/4/12, M/4/12 and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery.

A liaison team was maintained throughout the month at NAM HOA (YD 762129) to assist in coordinating supporting fires from the ARVN 105mm Battery (2 Guns) located there.

During the month, two significant events concerning major items of equipment occurred. The 4th Battalion received M16A1 rifles for issue to personnel on a training basis. By 30 November, the required initial training program was approximately 80 percent completed. Also, on 9 November, the 4th Battalion began limited operations with one M18 Gun Direction Computer (FADAC) and associated equipment.

The 4th Battalion was assigned the additional mission of general support of the 4th Marines (-) (Rein) engaged in Operation COVE in the vicinity of PHU LOC (ZD 085007) during the period 17-22 November. On 22 November, B/1/13 displaced to the vicinity of PHU LOC (ZD 100000) in D/S of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (-) conducting search and destroy operations in that area. The Battery returned to its primary position at PHU BAI (YD 884127) on 26 November.

Throughout the month, renewed emphasis was placed on basic principles of both maintenance and training in preparation for the Commanding General's Inspection to be conducted from 26 November to 2 December.

As the month of November closed, the 4th Battalion continued to function as the senior artillery headquarters in the PHU BAI AO. B/1/13, L/4/12, and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery remained under the operational control of the 4th Battalion.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat missions assigned:

- 1-30 Nov - 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines continues in G/S of PHU BAI AO.
- 17-22 Nov - 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines in G/S of 4th Marines.
- 22 -26 Nov - B/1/13 in D/S of 1st Battalion(-), 4th Marines.

2. Significant operations conducted:

- 17-22 Nov - 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines-Operation COVE.

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

- 3 Nov 67 - B/1/13 in support of 3d Recon Bn-2 KIA(P)
- 7 Nov 67 - L/4/12 in support of Air Force AO-2 KIA(C), 1 WIA(P)
- 21 Nov 67 - 155mm Gun Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn-2 KIA(P)

4. Casualties sustained: None

5. Logistics

a. Logistical situation. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of four medium batteries: K/4/13, L/4/12, M/4/12, and 1st 155 Gun Battery; one light artillery battery: B/1/13; and Headquarters Battery 4/12.

b. Supply. The overall supply situation is satisfactory. Major items of equipment on requisition for the organization include:

- (1) One - Generator Set PU-482/M
- (2) One - Generator Set PU-348/G
- (3) One - Generator Set PE-214
- (4) Two - Trk, Cargo, 3/4 Ton, M-37
- (5) Two - Trk, Utility, M422

c. Food Services. The 4/12 Mess Hall provides messing facilities for Headquarters Battery, B/1/13, L/4/12, 3/12 Rear, and 1st Field Artillery Group.

d. Cantonment. Construction of the access road from Headquarters Battery to Battery "L" has been started. Construction of the concrete ramp for the Butler building in Headquarters 4/12 Command Post has not been started.

e. Water. All batteries truck water to their positions.

g. Artillery Maintenance. Artillery maintenance will not support operational objectives due to the shortage of repair parts for the 155mm Howitzer (SP) M109.

h. Embarkation. All batteries are submitting changes in their embarkation data to this battalion monthly.

1. Equipment. During the month the 4th Battalion received three new major items of equipment;

(1) M16A1 rifles were issued on a training basis to each individual armed with an M14 rifle. Between 15 and 30 November, in excess of thirty hours of instruction on the operation and maintenance of the M16A1 were presented by instructors from within the battalion. Five familiarization firing exercises were held during this time. By 30 November, approximately 80% of the battalion had received the recommended initial instruction and zeroed their weapon.

(2) One Gun Direction Computer ML8 (FADAC) with associated equipment was received and placed in limited operational service on 9 November. Training with the computer was continued in preparation for full scale employment early in December.

(3) 18 new M54 5-Ton multifuel cargo trucks and one wrecker were received as replacement for similar gasoline-powered vehicles.

6. Administration. The 4th Battalion continues to exercise ADCON of HQ/4/12, L/4/12, B/1/13, K/4/13, M/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery.

Number of replacements received: 3 Officers, 79 Enlisted
Number of personnel rotated: 2 Officers, 58 Enlisted
Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:
2 Evacuated

Promotions: 2 to Pfc, 43 to LCpl, 32 to Cpl, 1 to 1st Lt,
2 to Capt, 1 to Maj.

a. During the month of November the 4th Battalion provided fire support throughout the PHU BAI AO to include:

(1) 2d Bn, 26th Marines(resident infantry battalion)
(1-30 Nov).

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- (2) CAC "A" and CAC "H", 1-30 Nov.
- (3) 4th Marines(-)(Rein), 17-22 Nov.
- (4) 1st Bn, 4th Marines(-), 22-26 Nov.
- (5) 19 Patrols of the 3d Recon Battalion.
- (6) ARVN Forces, when requested.
- (7) 25 ARVN and USMC convoys.

b. The 4th Battalion provided observers for 9 ARVN convoys and one USMC "Rough Rider" during the month.

9. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

PHU BAI AO 1-30 Nov 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>
105 How	71	0	579	650	2808	437	169	3414
155 How	54	11	270	335	1112	400	69	1581
155 Gun	19	11	176	206	414	26	14	454
TOTAL	144	22	1025	1191	4334	863	252	5449

10. Training. The 4th Battalion conducted one day forward observer training for 3d Marine Division Units as follows:

- a. 3d Recon Bn - 5 days - 150 men
- b. CAC Hq, PHU BAI - 2 days - 75 men
- c. 3d Anti-Tank Bn - 1 day - 105 men.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following entries were taken from the S-3 Journal:

- 010001H Nov - Journal opened at PHU BAI, RVN.
- 012303H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of FLSC "A" patrol in contact.
- 020012H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of FLSC "A" patrol in contact.
- 021058H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired unobserved mission on confirmed VC location reported by 3d Recon Bn.
- 031330H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission in support of 3d Recon Bn patrol. Results 2 KIA(P).
- 051445H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission at large sampan located by Division AO. Results unknown.
- 060330H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of 2/26.
- 061950H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of H/2/26.
- 062100H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of G/2/26.
- 062235H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of CAC "A".
- 071100H Nov - L/4/12 fired observed mission on 10 VC in open located by Air Force AO. Results 2 KIA(C), 1WIA(P).
- 071530H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired observed mission on VC OP and storage area located by M/3/26. Results 2 secondary explosions, 1 bunker destroyed.
- 090655H Nov - L/4/12 fired observed mission on VC in open located by 3d Recon Bn Patrol. Results unknown.
- 091745H Nov - L/4/12 and 155 Gun Btry fired unobserved mission on VC Base camp reported by Division FSGC.
- 092108H Nov - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on 200 VC in open.
- 092129H Nov - L/4/12 and 155 Gun Btry fired unobserved mission on VC huts reported by 3d Bn Recon patrol.
- 092250H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of ARVN artillery position at NAM HOA.

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- 121220H Nov - L/4/12 fired LZ prep on two 3d Recon Bn patrol insertion locations.
- 171923H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of CAC "A" patrol in contact.
- 172005H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed on 30-50 VC located by CAC "A" patrol in contact.
- 172015H Nov - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of CAC "A" patrol in contact.
- 180254H Nov - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission at suspected VC location reported by 3d Recon Bn patrol.
- 180350H Nov - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission at suspected VC location reported by 3d Recon Bn patrol.
- 190310H Nov - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on suspected VC position reported by 3d Recon Bn patrol.
- 181144H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission at VC in forest located by 3d Recon Bn patrol. Results unknown.
- 182245H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of FLSG "A" patrol.
- 191610H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission on VC snipers located by C/1/4. Results unknown.
- 191830H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission on 15 VC snipers located by C/1/4. Results unknown.
- 200040H Nov - L/4/12 and 155 Gun Btry fired two unobserved groups of fires on VC escape routes located by 2/26.
- 201355H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired unobserved mission on 3-5 VC reported by Division FSCC.
- 211515H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired unobserved missions on confirmed VC positions reported by Division FSCC.
- 211625H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired observed mission on VC in 5 anchored sampans located by 3d Recon Bn patrol. Results 2 KIA(P).
- 261500H Nov - L/4/12 fired observed mission on VC located by 3d Recon Bn patrol. Results unknown.
- 282125H Nov - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of CAC "H" patrol in contact.

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- 282147H Nov - B/1/13 fired unobserved mission on suspected VC movement reported by 3d Recon Bn patrol.
- 282255H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of FLSG "A" patrol.
- 291920H Nov - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of F/2/26.
- 292350H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission on VC platoon located by CAC "A" patrol. Results unknown.
- 301945H Nov - B/1/13 fired observed mission on suspected VC movement located by CAC "A" patrol. Results two secondary explosions.
- 302112H Nov - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of ARVN artillery at NAM HOA.
- 302130H Nov - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of 2/26.
- 302240H Nov - L/4/12 fired two groups of targets in support of 2/26 units to block avenues of escape.
- 302400H Nov - Journal closed at PHU BAI, RVN.

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