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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion(-) 12th Marines Major R.W. BOLVES(1-31 Jan)
3d Marine Division

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1stLt J.H. TATE(1-12 Jan)
Battery L	2dLt F.W. COWDRY(13-31 Jan)
Battery M	Capt P.B. GAYNOR(1-31 Jan)
Battery B, 1st Battalion,	Capt H.W. KERN(1-31 Jan)
13th Marines	Capt C.M. DAVIS(1-12 Jan)
Battery K, 4th Battalion,	1stLt G.W. WOOD(13-31 Jan)
13th Marines	Capt F.A. BENDRICK(1-31 Jan)
1st 155mm Gun Battery(SP)	
(1-14 Jan)	Maj N.J. BECKMAN(1-14 Jan)

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun 1stLt M.C. KALIN(20-27 Jan)
Battery(SP)(20-27 Jan)

2. LOCATION

1-17 Jan: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 885129)
17-31 Jan: DONG HA, RVN (YD 214597)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj B.F. STEWART(1-31 Jan)
SgtMaj	SgtMaj M.C. McMANUS(1-31 Jan)
S-1	1stLt A.L. THORNTON(1-31 Jan)
S-2	2dLt D.J. BERENTSON(1-31 Jan)
S-3	Maj A.J. McCARTHY Jr.(1-31 Jan)
S-3A	Capt D.G. PURDY(1-31 Jan)
S-3A/AO	1stLt J.C. UECKER(1-31 Jan)
S-4	1stLt J.H. TATE(1-12 Jan)
CommO	Maj G.O. KENNEDY(1-31 Jan)
MTO	Capt B.F. METCALFE(1-31 Jan)
MaintO	Capt D.N. GOAD(1-31 Jan)
SupplyO	1stLt R.P. FOSTER(1-31 Jan)
	2dLt F.W. COWDRY(1-31 Jan)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
29	528

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

As of 1 January 1968, the 4th Battalion exercised operational control of B/1/13, L/4/12, and 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP). The 4th Battalion exercised administrative control of B/1/13, K/4/13, L/4/12, M/4/12 and 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP). On 14 January 1968, operational and administrative control of 1st 155 Gun Battery (SP) was dropped to 1st FAG.

On 17 January 1968, the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of B/1/13. On 20 January 1968, the 4th Battalion assumed operational control of 1st Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP). On 21 January 1968, the 4th Battalion assumed operational control of M/4/12 from the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. On 27 January 1968, the 1st Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) was dropped from the operational control of the 4th Battalion.

Commencing on 3 January 1968, the 4th Battalion displaced to DONG HA, RVN (YD 214597) from PHU BAI, RVN (YD 885129). Convoys on 3 January 1968 and 9 January 1968 carried equipment exclusively. A convoy on 6 January 1968 carried additional equipment and the advance party. On 17 January 1968, subsequent to the arrival of the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines in PHU BAI, the main body with the remaining equipment displaced to DONG HA.

The 4th Battalion relinquished control of the PHU BAI TAOR FDC on 16 January 1968 to the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. On 17 January 1968, at DONG HA, the 4th Battalion, commenced centralized FDC operations.

On 31 January 1968, one platoon of L/4/12 was displaced from the battery position at DONG HA to a firing position at C-1 in order to support operations farther north.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1-16 Jan: 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines - general support of 3d Marine Division (PHU BAI TAOR).

17-31 Jan: 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines - general support of 3d Marine Division - reinforcing the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

During the month of January, the 4th Battalion participated in the following operations: PHU BAI TAOR(1-16 Jan); CHECKERS (6-17 Jan); LANCASTER(17-20 Jan); OCEOLA(17-21 Jan); KENTUCKY (17-31 Jan); NAPOLEON(17-31 Jan); LANCASTER II(21-31 Jan); OCEOLA II(21-31 Jan); HIGHRISE(20-31 Jan).

3. FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDEDa. Recapitulation of Fire MissionsMissions Fired PHU BAI (1-16 Jan) Rounds Expended

<u>CALIBER</u>	<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	28	5	404	437	1346	50	1	1397
155 How	9	6	211	226	723	0	34	757
155 Gun	15	20	141	176	590	66	11	667
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>756</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>2659</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>2821</u>

DONG HA(17-31 Jan)

105 How	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4
155 How	37	113	157	307	2892	0	23	2915
155 Gun	8	25	34	67	227	0	17	244
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>3123</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>3163</u>
GRAND TOTAL	98	169	947	1214	5782	116	86	5984

b. During the month of January, the 4th Battalion supported 9 patrols of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, elements of CAC "A" and "H", various ARVN forces, and both ARVN and USMC "Rough Riders".

c. The 4th Battalion provided observers for 3 "Rough Rider" convoys during the month.

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4. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

2 Jan - L/4/12 firing - 1 VC KIA (C)
 11 Jan - B/1/13 firing - 25 VC KIA (P)
 11 Jan - B/1/13 firing - 10 VC KIA (P)
 20 Jan - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry firing - 2 NVA KIA (C)
 20 Jan - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry firing - 10 NVA KIA (P)

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

- a. Hostile - None
- b. Non-Hostile - One (1) MedEvac

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

- a. 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines

1-17 Jan: OPCON to 3d MarDiv; ADCON to 12th Marines
 17-31 Jan: OPCON/ADCON to 12th Marines

- b. Subordinate/Attached Units

(1) As of 1 January, the 4th Battalion exercised OPCON/ADCON of the following units: HQ/4/12, L/4/12, B/1/13, 1st 155 Gun Battery; and ADCON only of M/4/12 and K/4/13, both OPCON to 2/12.

(2) At 140800H, 4/12 dropped OPCON/ADCON of 1st 155 Gun Battery to 1st Field Artillery Group.

(3) At 171800H, 4/12 dropped OPCON of B/1/13 to 2/12.

(4) At 201200H, 4/12 assumed OPCON of 1st Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun Battery from 1st 8-inch Howitzer Battery.

(5) At 211800H, OPCON of B/1/13 transferred from 2/12 to 1/13.

(6) At 211800H, 4/12 assumed OPCON of M/4/12 from 2/12.

(7) At 271200H, 4/12 dropped OPCON of 1st Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun Battery to 1st Air Cavalry Division (USA).

7. EQUIPMENT

No significant change in equipment status occurred during the month of January. The average deadline rate for artillery weapons stood at approximately 25%, for motor transport equipment at approximately 13%. Two rebuilt M-37 3/4 ton cargo trucks were

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received. Major items of T/E equipment on order were as follows: one generator set, PU-482/M; one generator set, PU-348/G; one generator set, PE-214; two $\frac{1}{2}$ ton utility trucks, M422, one, M109 (SP) 155mm Howitzer.

9. LOGISTICS

The logistical situation during January was satisfactory in most respects. Repair parts for the 155mm howitzer, M109 continues in short supply. Brief shortages of 155mm howitzer and gun ammunition occurred on two occasions. The 4th Battalion received the first "Criti-pak" delivered to a 3d Marine Division unit during the month.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following significant entries were taken from the S-3 Journal and S-3 Work Sheet (Record of Mission) for January:

- 021335H - L-4-12 fired destruction mission on VC in bunker observed by Recon Team Church View. 1 KIA (C), bunker destroyed.
- 022350H - L-4-12 and B-1-13 fired closed defensive fires in support of Recon Team Church View. Mission in progress until 031010H. Expended 194 rounds: 155mm HE, 343 105mm HE.
- 041415H - 1st 155 Gun Btry fired mission on sampan observed by Recon Team Parasol. No surveillance.
- 051729H - L-4-12 fired mission on 50-60 VC observed by Recon Team Salinas. No surveillance.
- 052033 - L-4-12 fired mission on suspected VC movement observed by Recon Team Salinas. No surveillance.
- 052052H - L-4-12 fired mission on muzzle flashes observed by Recon Team Salinas. No surveillance.
- 110137H - B-1-13 fired mission on VC platoon observed by CAC "A". No surveillance.
- 111754H - B-1-13 fired mission on VC in open observed by Recon Team West Orange. No surveillance.
- 111800H - B-1-13 fired mission on VC in open observed by Recon Team West Orange. 25 VC KIA (P).
- 111840H - B-1-13 fired mission on VC in open observed by Recon Team West Orange. 10 VC KIA (P).
- 121000H - L-4-12 fired mission on 3 NVA with weapons observed by Recon Team West Orange. No surveillance.
- 121150H - 1st 155 Gun Btry fired mission on 5 VC in open observed by 3d Mar Div AO. No surveillance.
- 121812H - B-1-13 fired mission on 10 VC in open observed by Recon Team West Orange. No surveillance.

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- 141730H - 1st 155 Gun Btry fired mission on suspected enemy movement observed by Recon Team Swift Scout. No surveillance.
 - 141735H - 1st 155 Gun Btry fired mission on 3 VC observed by Recon Team Constitution. No surveillance.
 - 151005H - 1st 155 Gun Btry fired mission on suspected enemy movement observed by Recon Team Swift Scout. No surveillance.
 - 201545H - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry fired mission on 15 NVA in open observed by GIO LINH OP. No surveillance.
 - 201725H - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry fired mission on suspected mortar position observed by CON THIEN OP. No surveillance.
 - 201815H - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry fired mission on suspected mortar position observed by GIO LINH OP. 2 NVA KIA (C).
 - 201920H - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry fired mission on NVA in bunker observed by GIO LINH OP. 10 NVA KIA (P).
 - 251654H - M-4-12 fired mission on ambush site observed by A-1-4 FO. No surveillance.
 - 251925H - L-4-12 fired mission on suspected NVA company observed by B-1-4 FO. No surveillance.
 - 261040H - M-4-12 and L-4-12 fired three missions on a fortified village observed by 2/12 FO. No surveillance.
 - 261325H - M-4-12 fired mission on VC position observed by FO with SLF. No surveillance.
 - 261620H - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry fired mission on suspected NVA bunkers observed by A-1-4 FO. No surveillance.
 - 270855H - M-4-12 fired mission on NVA escape route observed by B-1-4 FO. No surveillance.
 - 270930H - M-4-12 fired mission on suspected NVA CP observed by 3/3 FO. No surveillance.
 - 271020H - Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry fired mission on fortified village observed by 12th Marines AO. No surveillance.

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271345H - L-4-12 fired mission on suspected VC position observed by M-3-3 FO. No surveillance.

271345H - M-4-12 fired mission on suspected VC in trenches observed by 1/9 FO. No surveillance.

281610H - L-4-12 fired mission on NVA bunker observed by B-1-9 FO. Bunker partially destroyed.

281640H - L-4-12 fired mission on suspected NVA movement observed by A-1-4 FO. No surveillance.

311005H - L-4-12 and M-4-12 fired mission on NVA OP observed by SLF FO. No surveillance.

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

K Btry, 4thBn, 12th Marines

COMMANDERH. D. SULLIVAN, Capt
(1Jan-31Jan)SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-31Jan: Camp Carroll, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1stLt J. C. HOWELL
(1-31Jan)

Asst Executive Officer

1stLt R. E. ABOLT
(1-31Jan)

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt R. H. FREEMAN
(1-31Jan)

Liaison/Forward Observer

1stLt R. N. BARSNESS
(1-31Jan)4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFF
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100USNOFF
0ENL
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month January, this battery continued to support the 1st Battalion 12th Marines. The battery gave direct support to the 3rd Marines and the 4th Marines. Division and Force Reconnaissance patrols were supported as well as Operations Lancaster, Lancaster II, and Dye Marker.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 1 January fired mission during new years ceasefire. It was cleared by 12 th Marines.

On 2 January Registered Battery.

On 9 January gun-monkeys shown how FDC operates.

12 January Battery K fired its 25,000th round since September.

On 13 January fired missions in support of convoy ambush between the Rock Pile and Ca Lu.

On 15 January Registered on RP #3. Fired TOT with 1/12 and also fired mission for division AO.

On 16 January fired mission for division AO 30 NVA in open. Battery K credited with 6 KIA.

On 18 January registered with time fuze.

On 20 January two trucks received sniper fire returning from Cam Lo on Highway 9. Camp Carroll received incoming rocket and artillery. Battery K completed direct fire shoot. At 2400 today Operation Lancaster ended.

On 21 January as of 2401 Operation Lancaster II started. Total number of rounds rocket and artillery approximately 50.

On 22 January Camp Carroll received one round of incoming of unknown type and caliber.

On 23 January registered and had 8 secondary explosions.

On 24 January Camp Carroll received rockets and artillery approximately 15. Battery Commander's vehicle ambushed on Route #9 east of Camp Carroll. Two members of battery medevac. Size force unknown.

On 25 January Camp Carroll received 25 rounds of incoming.

On 27 January Battery K fired mission on bunker; bunker destroyed. Fired mission for AO 5 bunkers destroyed.

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On 28 January Camp Carroll received 4 rounds of 75mm artillery. One tent destroyed but no other damage.

On 29 January fired prep fires for convoy from Camp Carroll to Rock Pile.

On 30 January Camp Carroll received 2 rounds of incoming. Unknown type and caliber.

On 31 January convoy received recoilless rifle fire between Dong Ha and Camp Carroll.

1. EMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT

a. Combat missions and ammunition Expenditures

K-4-12

Observed	60	HE	7412
Unobserved	313	WP	229
H&I	220	ILL	25
TOTAL	593		7665

b. Operations

Lancaster 1-20 January
Dye Marker 1-31 January
Lancaster II 21-31 January

c. Casualties inflicted on Enemy

6 KIA, NVA

d. Casualties sustained

1 WIA MEDEVAC
2 WIA returned to duty

f. Command Relations

OPCON to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

g. Equipment

MRC 110 Combat Loss
4 Caliber 45 Pistols Combat Loss

h. Logistics

Tubes for all vehicles remain in critical supply

i. Civic Action

Lt FREEMAN attended a hamlet celebration on the opening of a village school.

j. Administration

Office Hours 1
Extension of Enlistment 1
Reenlistment 1
Extension of overseas tour 2

k. Personnel

Critical shortages of personnel by MOS

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<u>MOS</u>	<u>M / L</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>FEB LOSSES</u>
0811	53	43	3
0844	9	7	0
1345	2	0	0
2131	1	0	0
3531	10	7	1

1. Communications
Radio operators attended a radio security school
2. FMF organizations not committed to combat
None

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