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 Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February to 29 February 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion(-) 12th Marines Major R. W. BOLVES(1-29 Feb)
3d Marine Division

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	Capt J. C. UECKER(1-29 Feb)
Battery L	Capt P. B. GAYNOR(1-29 Feb)
Battery M	Capt H. W. KERN(1-29 Feb)
Battery B, 1st Battalion	
13th Marines	1stLt G. W. WOOD(1-29 Feb)
Battery K, 4th Battalion	
13th Marines	Capt F. A. BENDRICK(1-29 Feb)

2. LOCATION

1-29 Feb: DONG HA, RVN (YD 214597)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj B. F. STEWART(1-29 Feb)
SgtMaj	SttMaj M. C. McMANUS(1-29 Feb)
S-1	1stLt A. L. THORNTON(1-29 Feb)
S-2	2dLt D. J. BERENTSON(1-29 Feb)
S-3	Maj A. J. McCARTHY Jr.(1-29 Feb)
S-3A	Capt D. G. PURDY(1-29 Feb)
S-4	Maj G. O. KENNEDY(1-29 Feb)
ComMO	Capt B. F. METCALFE(1-29 Feb)
MTG	Capt D. N. GOAD(1-7 Feb)
	2dLt B. J. RENFROW(8-29 Feb)
MaintO	1stLt R. P. FOSTER(1-29 Feb)
SupplyO	2dLt F. W. COWDRY(1-29 Feb)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
33	556

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
0	12

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February, the 4th Battalion continued to perform its mission of general support of the 3d Marine Division/ reinforcing the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Headquarters Battery, L-4-12(-), and M-4-12 remained in position 2000 meters west of DONG HA (YD 214597), with one platoon of L-4-12 at C-1 (YD 209673). K-4-13 (OPCON to 2/12) and B-1-13 (OPCON to 1/13) remained in position at C-2 and KHE SAMH, respectively.

February marked the first occasion of the employment of selected munitions. Fired on four separate occasions during the month, this new ammunition proved extremely effective against personnel targets.

Maximum effort was directed toward improvement of positions, with emphasis on organization of battery areas, construction of personnel shelter, improvement of messing facilities, and completion of a new battalion FDC/CP bunker. Gun emplacements were also improved, and a new consolidated battalion motor park was completed and occupied.

An increase in average monthly strength of four officers and 28 enlisted during February significantly improved the personnel situation of the battalion.

As the month of February closed, unavailability of repair parts for the 155mm howitzer (SP) ML09 remained the most significant problem affecting the accomplishment of the assigned mission.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1-29 Feb: 4th Battalion(-), 12th Marines - general support of 3d Marine Division - reinforcing the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

During the month of February, the 4th Battalion participated in the following operations: LANCASTER II (1-29 Feb); OCEOLA II (1-29 Feb); KENTUCKY (1-29 Feb); NAPOLEON (1-29 Feb); HIGHRISE (1-29 Feb); SALINE (1-29 Feb).

3. FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDEDa. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>MM49</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MISSIONS	120	360	601	1081					
ROUNDS	1656	2542	2334	6532	6322	15	73	122	6532

b. During the month of February, the 4th Battalion supported 6 patrols of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, various ARVN forces, and both ARVN and USMC "Rough Riders".

c. The 4th Battalion provided observers for one "Rough Rider" convoy during the month.

4. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

a. KIA(C) - 31

b. KIA(P) - 35

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

a. Hostile - 2 WIA

b. Non-Hostile - One (1) MedEvac

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

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

1-29 Feb: OP CON/ADCON to 12th Marines

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b. Subordinate/Attached Units

During the month of February, the 4th Battalion exercised OPCON/ADCON of the following dates: HQ/4/12, L/4/12, and M/4/12; and ADCON only of B/1/13 (OPCON to 1/13), and K/4/13 (OPCON to 2/12).

7. EQUIPMENT

No significant change in equipment status occurred during the month of February.

8. LOGISTICS

The logistical situation during February was satisfactory in most respects. However, repair parts for the 155mm howitzer (SP) M109 remain in critically short supply. The average deadline rate of approximately 33%, due primarily to the lack of repair parts, has hampered performance of the assigned mission and command interest. The Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific was briefed on the continuing problem during February.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following significant entries were taken from the S-3 Worksheet (Record of Missions) for February:

- 011740H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on suspected active artillery observed by OP2 (CON THIEN) at YD 120750; 2 secondary explosions, expended 54 HE.
- 022338H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on lights observed by OP2 (CON THIEN) at YD 135785; 1 secondary explosion, expended 7 HE.
- 031325H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on suspected artillery observed by OP3 (CON THIEN) at YD 135790; 1 secondary explosion, expended 25 HE, 2 WP.
- 040114H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 NVA in open observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 215800; 2 KIA(C), 5 KIA(P), expended 12 HE, 2 WP.
- 041815H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 NVA in open observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 175815; 3 KIA(C), 4 KIA(P), expended 24 HE, 2 WP.
- 051620H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 NVA in open observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 3 KIA(C), 4 KIA(P), expended 19 HE, 3 WP.
- 051855H - M/4/12 fired on bunkers observed by 3/1 FO at YD 277611; 4 bunkers destroyed, 3 secondary explosions, expended 93 HE, 13 WP.
- 070810H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 NVA in open observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 255800; 4 KIA(C), 4 KIA(P), expended 9 HE, 2 WP.
- 071138H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA in bunkers observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 236783; 2 bunkers destroyed, expended 34 HE.
- 071714H - M/4/12 fired on bunkers observed by Army AO at YD 091616; 3 bunkers destroyed, expended 20 HE, 2 WP.
- 121908H - M/4/12 fired on bunkers observed by K/3/3 FO at YD 176700; 1 bunker destroyed, expended 13 HE.
- 130810H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 NVA observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 229792; 2 KIA(C), 2 KIA(P), expended 14 HE.

- 140850H - M/4/12 fired on bunker complex observed by 12th Marines AO at YD 268699; 2 bunkers and 2 huts destroyed, expended 13 HE.
- 140900H - M/4/12 fired on bunker complex observed by 12th Marines AO at YD 283688; 3 bunkers destroyed, expended 9 HE.
- 141455H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on bunker complex observed by 12th Marines AO at YD 250790; 3 bunkers destroyed, expended 10 HE.
- 141620H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA in bunkers observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 183780; 2 KIA(C), 1 KIA(P), expended 15 HE.
- 151620H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on mortar position observed by 12th Marines AO at YD 135724; 1 mortar and 1 bunker destroyed, expended 14 HE.
- 210840H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA and boats observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 236804; 1 boat destroyed, 1 secondary explosion, expended 8 HE, 3 WP.
- 210925H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 NVA with pack animals observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 165792; 1 KIA(C), expended 12 HE, 4 M449.
- 211400H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA in bunkers observed by 12th Marines AO at YD 165750; 3 KIA(C), 2 bunkers destroyed, expended 14 HE.
- 211905H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA assembly area observed by 1/3/3 FC at YD 181758; 2 large secondary explosions, expended 14 HE.
- 241445H - M/4/12 fired on NVA in bunkers observed by Army AO at YD 175614; 3 KIA(C), 2 secondary explosions, 3 bunkers destroyed, expended 109 HE.
- 250830H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA in troops observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 233770; 6 KIA(C), 3 KIA(P), expended 32 HE.
- 271410H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on rocket sites observed by 12th Marines AO at YD 292754; 3 secondary explosions, 2 rocket sites destroyed, expended 32 HE.
- 281210H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 6 NVA in bunker observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 242775; 6 KIA(P), 1 bunker destroyed, expended 12 HE.
- 281605H - 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 7 NVA with weapons observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 188806; 5 KIA(P), expended 3 M449, 5 WP.

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Atty K, 4/12

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PART I

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"K" Btry, 4thBn, 12thMars

COMMANDER1-15Feb68: H. D. SULLIVAN
Capt USMC16-29Feb68: P. M. BURTON, Jr.
Capt USMCSUBORDINATE UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-29Feb68: Camp Carroll, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam

3. BATTERY OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1stLt. J. C. HOWELL 1-29Feb68

Asst Executive Officer

1stLt. R. E. ABOLT 1-29Feb68

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt. R. H. FREEMAN 1-29Feb68

Liaison/Forward Observer

1stLt. R. N. BARSNESS 1-29Feb68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOffEnlOffEnl

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February 1968, this battery continued to reinforce 1stBn, 12th Marines. The 1stBn provided direct support to the 4th Marines. Division and Force Reconnaissance patrols were supported as well as Operations Lancaster II, and Dye Marker.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1Feb68: No significant events occurred.
- 2Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets. "Kilo" Btry suffered ~~seven~~ ⁽⁷⁾ WIA's. Gun #4's parapit received direct hit.
- 3Feb68: thru
- 5Feb68: No significant events occurred.
- 6Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets.
- 7Feb68: thru
- 11Feb68: No significant events occurred.
- 12Feb68: "Kilo" Btry made 1st convoy run to Dong Ha since 24Jan68.
- 13Feb68: thru
- 14Feb68: No significant events occurred.
- 15Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets.
- 16Feb68: "Kilo" Btry's M54 truck was destroyed by mine while enroute to Dong Ha. No casualties. Captain P. M. BURTON assumed duties as Btry C. O.
- 17Feb68: thru
- 18Feb68: No significant events occurred.
- 19Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets of 80-100 rounds. "Kilo" Btry suffered nine ⁽⁹⁾ WIA's and Gun #5 was destroyed by a direct hit from a 122mm rocket and was evacuated to Barstow.
- 20Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery.
- 21Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery.
- 22Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery.
- 23Feb68: thru
- 24Feb68: No significant events occurred.
- 25Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets of 20 rounds.
- 26Feb68: Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets of 76 rounds.
- 27Feb68: thru
- 28Feb68: No significant events occurred.

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"Kilo" Btry, 4thBn, 12th Marines

Observed	96	HE	4137
Unobserved	201	WP	65
H&I	<u>307</u>	ILL	<u>45</u>
Total	604	Total	4247

b. Operations

Dye Marker 1-29Feb68
 Lancaster II 21Jan-29Feb68

c. Casualties inflicted on Enemy

KIA 20

d. Casualties Sustained

Four (4) WIA MEDIVAC
 Eleven (11) WIA returned to duty

e. Command Relations

OPCON to 1stBn, 12th Marines

f. Equipment Losses

M54, USMC, 302481-destroyed by road mine 16Feb68
 M109 How, USMC, 361528-destroyed by rocket 16Feb68

g. Logistics

M109 How-Gun #1, up
 Gun #2, up
 Gun #3, down 2/16 for new tube. Entered FLSG-B on 21Feb68.
 Tube replaced and returned to Btry on 23Feb68.
 Gun #4, down for sight mount. Submitted to FLSG-B on 22Feb68
 to have mount leveled.
 Gun #5, down because of combat loss on 19Feb68. Evacuated to FLSG-B 21Feb68.
 Gun #6, down for cracked breech ring, new tube, and engine repairs. Entered FLSG-B 16Feb68.

MT, Comm, and Engineer Equipment status submitted by verbal message.

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h. Civic Action

None for the month of February 1968

i. Administration

Office Hours-One (1)
 Extension of Enlistment-None (0)
 Reenlistment-None (0)
 Extension of Overseas Tour-Two (2)

k. Personnel

Critical shortages of personnel by MOS

<u>MOS</u>	<u>M/L</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>March Losses</u>
0811	43	40	1
0844	8	7	1
2531	12	1	1
2149	1	1	1

l. Communications

Radio operators attend a radio security school presented by
 1stBn, 12th Marines.

m. FMF Organizations not committed to combat

None

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