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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 95602

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Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

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- (c) Div0 5750.1A

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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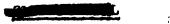
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMADIR

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery
Battery L
Battery M
Battery B, 1st Battalion
13th Marines
Battery K, 4th Battalion
13th harines

Capt J. C. UECKER(1-29 Fob)
Capt P. B. GAYNOR(1-29 Fob)
Capt H. W. KERN(1-29 Fob)

1stLt G. W. WOOD(1-29 Feb)

Capt F. A. BENDRICK(1-29 Feb)

Maj B. F. STLWART(1-29 Feb)

SttMaj M. C. McMANUS(1-29 Feb)

latit A. L. THORNTON(1-29 Fob) 2dlt D. J. BERENTSON(1-29 Feb)

1stLt R. P. FOSTER(1-29 Feb)

2dLt F. W. COWDRY(1-29 Feb)

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Ko SctMaj S-2 S-3 S-3A S-4 Cotmo

Maj A. J. McCARTHY Jr.(1-29 Feb)
Capt D. G. PURDY(1-29 Feb)
Maj G. O. KEHLEDY(1-29 Feb)
Capt B. F. METCALFE(1-29 Feb)
Capt D. N. GOAD(1-7 Feb)
2dLt B. J. RENFROW(8-29 Feb)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

Officer Enlisted
33 556

USN

Officer Inlisted

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NARRATIVI SUPPLARY

During the month of February, the lift Cattalion continued to perform its mission of general supports of the 3d Marine Division/reinforcing the 2d Battalian, 12th Marines. Headquarters Battery, L-4-12(-), and M-4-12 remained in position 2000 meters west of DONG HA (YD 214597), with one plateon 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.

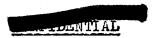
February marked the first occasion of the employment of selected munitions. Fired on four separate occasions during the month, this new amountion proved extremely effective against personned targets.

Maximum offort was directed toward improvement of positions, with emphasis on organization of battery areas, construction of personnel sholter, 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 chlisted 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) M109 remained the most signal nificant problem affecting the accomplishment of the assigned mission.





PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1-29 Fob: 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 PROVIDED

a. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

	OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TO TAL	HE	WITTO	ILL	WP	TOTAL
MISSIONS ROUNDS	120 1656	360 2 542	601 2334	1081 6532	6322	15	73	122	6532

- b. During the month of February, the 4th Battalion supported 6 patrols of the 3d Reconaissance 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 Fob: OPCON/ADCON to 12th Marines





b. Subordinate/Attached Units

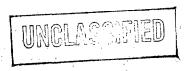
During the month of Ferroscy, the Lth Battalien exercised OPCON/ADCON of the following animal HQ/L/L2, L/L/L2, and M/L/12; and ADCON only of B/1/13 (OPCON to 1/L3), and K/L/13 (OPCON to 2/12).

7. EQUIPMENT

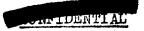
No significant change in equipment status occurred during the month of February.

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.







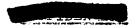
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. The following significant entries were taken from the S-3 Work Sheet (Record of Missions) for February:
- Ol1740H 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on suspected active artillery observed by OP2 (CON THIEN) at TD 120/50; 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/412 fired on suspected artillery observed by OP3 (CON THIEN) at YD 135790; 1 secondary explosion, expended 25 HE, 2 WP.
- OhollhH 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.
- O41815H 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/h/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 WVA 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/412 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 175700; 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
 A0 at YD 268699; 2 beckers and 2 huts destroyed, expended
 13 HE.
- 140900H ~ M/4/12 fired on bunker complex observed by 30th Marines

 AO at YD 283688; 3 bunkers leatroyed, emperced 9 HE.
- 141455H 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired of the for 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 Marinos 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 LIMH) at YD 236804; 1 boat destroyed, 1 socondary explosion, expended 8 ME, 3 WP.
- 210925H 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 10 EVA with pack animals observed by CP 9 (GIO LING) at YD 165792; 1 KIA(C), expended 12 HE, 4 M449.
- NAME Lot Plt, L/4/12 fired on NVA in bunkers observed by 12th Marinos AO at YD 165750; 3 KIA(C), 2 bunkers desuroyed, expended 14 HE.
- 211905H 1st Flt. L/4/12 fired on NVA assembly area observed by 1/3/3 FO 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 MIA(C), 2 secondary explosions, 3 bunkers destroyed, expended 109 HE.
- 250830H Lat 7lt, L/4/12 fired on NVA in trees observed by OP 9 (GIO LINH) at YD 233770; 6 KIA(C), 3 KIA(P), expended 32 HE.
- 271410H lst 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.
- 231210H 1st Plt, L/4/12 fired on 6 NVA 4% 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 LIEH) at YD 188806; 5 KIA(P), expended 3 M449, 5 WP.

BATTERY "K"

4th Battalion, 12th Marines Fleet Marine Force, Pacific FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, FMFPac

Command Chronology for period of 1 Feb 1968 through 29 Feb 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

"K" Btry, 4thBn, 12thMars

1-15Feb68: H. D. SULLIVAN

Capt USMC

16-29Feb68: P. M. BURTON, Jr.

Capt

USMC

SUBORDINATE 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 STRENGTH

USMC

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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 Reconnaisance patrols were supported as well as Operations Lancaster II, and Dye Marker.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1Feb68:
         No significant events occured.
 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 occured.
 6Feb68:
          Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets.
 7 Feb 68:
 thru
11Feb68: No significant events occured.
12Feb68:
          "Kilo" Btry made 1st convoy run to Dong Ha since 24Jan68.
13Feb68:
 thru
14Feb68:
         No significant events occured.
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 occured.
          Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets of 80-100
19Feb68:
          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 occured.
          Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets of 20 rounds.
25Feb68:
          Camp Carroll was under attack by enemy artillery/rockets of 76 rounds.
26Feb68:
27Feb68:
 thru
28 Feb68: No significant events occured.
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1. FMF ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO COMBAT

a. Combat missions and ammunition expenditures

"Kilo" Btry, 4thBn, 12th Marines

 Observed
 96
 HE
 4137

 Unobserved
 201
 WP
 65

 H&I
 307
 ILL
 45

 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 FISG-B on 21Feb68.
Tube replaced and returned to Btry on 23Feb68.
Gun #4, down for sight mount. Submitted to FISG-B on 22Fe68 to have mount leveled.
Gun #5, down because of combat loss on 19Feb68. Evacuated to FISG-B 21Feb68.
Gun #6, down for cracked breach ring, new tube, and engine repairs. Entered FISG-B 16Feb68.

MT, Comm, and Engineer Equipment status submitted by verbal $message_{\bullet}$

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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

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

1. 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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