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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

4th Battalion, 12th Marines Lt.Col. E.W. BAILEY (1-30 Nov)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery  
 Battery "K"  
 Battery "L"  
 Battery "M"

Capt. D.M. BUGBEE (1-30 Nov)  
 Capt. J.B. ZIMMERMAN (1-30 Nov)  
 Capt. S.K. SMITH (1-30 Nov)  
 1stLt. J.J. BUTERA (1-30 Nov)

2. LOCATION

1-30 November; CAMP CARROLL, RVN (YD 062548)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO  
 SgtMaj.  
 S-1

S-2  
 S-3  
 S-3A  
 S-4  
 MaintO  
 CommO  
 MTO  
 SupplyO

Maj. S.H. HELMS (1-30 Nov)  
 SgtMaj. F. VIOLETTE (1-30 Nov)  
 1stLt. A.L. THORNTON (1-6 Nov)  
 1stLt. J.A. DIANISH (7-12 Nov)  
 2ndLt. J.V. MORRIS (13-30 Nov)  
 1stLt. M.F. SHIELDS (1-30 Nov)  
 Maj. J.D. MCNAMARA (1-30 Nov)  
 1stLt. M.F. SHIELDS (1-30 Nov)  
 Maj. J.H. LAWSON (1-30 Nov)  
 Capt. D.M. BUGBEE (1-30 Nov)  
 1stLt. R.F. HOOGERWERF (1-30 Nov)  
 1stLt. B.J. RENNOR (1-30 Nov)  
 2ndLt. T.J. MORRIS (1-30 Nov)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
24		508	0		12

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During November, the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines retained the primary mission of General Support of 3d Marine Division. Again it provided "Quick Fire Channels" to three Direct Support Battalions, and in addition, the battalion assumed the responsibility of providing reinforcing fires for the ARVN at DIE MARKER bunker site C-1. These unofficial reinforcing roles accounted for the large number of observed missions, with minimum response time. Additionally, the battalion assumed tactical fire direction of the First 8" Howitzer Battery, with platoons located at GIO LINH, the ROCKPILE, and CON THIEN. The battalion also assumed the role of providing fires for defense of the QUANG TRI Combat Base. Direct support fires were also provided to 65 Reconnaissance Teams.

Until the 21st, the battalion controlled the General Support fires in the Scotland II (4th and 9th Marines) and Lancaster II (3d and 9th Marines) A.O.'s. Also, on the 21st the battalion relinquished control of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery.

The tactical and technical fire direction of the three organic batteries and the tactical fire direction of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery were centrally controlled in the battalion fire direction center located at CAMP CARROLL; however, on the 22d Lima/4/12 established a fire direction center at the ROCKPILE. Tactical fire direction is still maintained by battalion as well as the capability of maintaining technical fire direction. This again provided the battalion with the capability of massing fires instantaneously over a wide front.

On the 2d, Mike/4/12 displaced three guns from CON THIEN to DIE MARKER bunker site C-2. On the 3d, Mike/4/12 displaced three guns from DIE MARKER site C-2 to DONG HA.

On the 4th, Lima/4/12 displaced two guns from the ROCKPILE to CA LU to reinforce 2/12 and 3/12; in addition, Kilo/4/12 displaced from A-3 to DIE MARKER site C-1. On the 11th, Lima 4/12's two guns at CA LU returned to the ROCKPILE.

On the 23d, Kilo/4/12 displaced two guns from DIE MARKER bunker site C-1, to DONG HA. Mike/4/12 displaced from DONG HA to DIE MARKER bunker site C-2 on the 4th.

In the course of the month, this battalion controlled the tactical fire direction of as many as six firing batteries and the technical fire direction of three. General Support fires for the entire Division were provided in a timely and accurate fashion.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1-30 November: 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) - General Support of 3d Marine Division.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

During the month of November, the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines participated in the following operations: HIGHRISE (1-30 Nov); THOR (1-30 Nov); LANCASTER II (1-23 Nov); SALINE II (1-30 Nov); KENTUCKY (1-30 Nov); SCOTLAND II (1-30 Nov); DAWSON RIVER 28-30 Nov).

3. FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED

## a. Recapitulation of Fire Missions:

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
Confirmed	422	10,595
Acquired	490	5,233
Preparation	138	2,612
Special Purpose	262	2,656
Grand Total	1,318	21,096
HE Total		19,798
WP Total		554
Illum Total		182
M449 Total		262

4. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY (OPCON UNITS)

a. KIA: 6      b. WIA: 17

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (ADCON UNITS)

a. HOSTILE: KIA: 0      WIA: 3

b. NON-HOSTILE: DEATH: 0      INJURY: 15

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

a. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines: 1-30 Nov., OPCON and ADCON to 12th Marines.

7. EQUIPMENT

The battalion received two more new M109 Howitzers this month; they gave us another boost by increasing our flexibility. Lima/4/12 received two M109's on 220800Z September.

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following significant entries are excerpts from the S-3 Work Sheet (Record of Missions):

- 052305H - "L" fired 60 HE on 150 NVA at 102600 for C/1/3, resulting in 2 secondary explosions, excellent coverage of target.
- 071352H - "L" fired 17 HE on active rockets at 05736690 for K/3/3, resulting in 1 secondary explosion, and excellent coverage of target.
- 081740H - "L" fired 3 WP and 16 HE on a bunker complex at 034656 for Aerial Observer Bulldozer "W" resulting in 3 bunkers destroyed.
- 091910H - "K" fired 67 HE on active mortars at 18637400 for F 2d of the 26th Arty, resulting in 1 secondary explosion, and excellent coverage of target.
- 102005H - "K" fired 45 HE on Recoilless Rifles at 16427245 for F 2d of the 26th Arty, resulting in 1 secondary explosion, surveillance 100/100, and excellent coverage of target.
- 111255H - "L" fired 2 WP and 66 HE on new bunkers at 953621 for B/1/3, resulting in 10 bunkers destroyed.
- 111605H - "L" fired 72 HE on active mortars at 946620 for B/1/3, resulting in mortars silenced, and 2 bunkers destroyed.
- 121105H - "L" fired 2 WP and 54 HE on fresh bunkers at 95436225 for B/1/3, resulting in 5 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, and surveillance of excellent shooting.
- 131000H - "K" fired 1 WP, 29 HE, and 24 ICM on 8 NVA in open at 195748 for Aerial Observer 7 Up "C", resulting in 3 KIA's, 3 secondary explosions, and 1 bunker destroyed.
- 131218H - "K" fired 3 WP and 27 HE on NVA in bunkers at 198788 for Aerial Observer Bulldozer "W", resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and trench line caved in.
- 131336H - "L" fired 1 WP and 51 HE on suspected enemy position at 951621 for Aerial Observer Bulldozer "W", resulting in 1 KIA, and 8 enemy bunkers destroyed.

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- 131545H - "K" fired 5 WP and 60 HE on sniper position and bunkers at 115625 for Aerial Observer Bulldozer "R" resulting in 1 secondary explosion and 2 bunkers destroyed.
- 132110H - "K" fired 2 ILL and 174 HE on bunker complex and NVA element at 23927693 for Regimental OP at GIO LINH, resulting in 16 secondary explosions.
- 141000H - "K" fired 80 HE and 46 ICM on NVA in open at 247778 for Aerial Observer 7 Up "A", resulting in 9 secondary explosions, 2 fires, and 25 meters of trench line destroyed.
- 151253H - "K" fired 7 WP and 89 HE on bunkers at 245776 for Aerial Observer 7 Up "R", resulting in 1 bunker destroyed and small arms silenced.
- 151838H - "K" fired 7 WP, 60 HE, and 30 ICM on NVA in open at 235776 for Aerial Observer "Cat Killer 13", resulting in 2 fires, and 1 KIA.
- 152230H - "K" fired 196 HE on lights at 242760 for B Btry 1/40, resulting in 5 large secondaries and small burning fires.
- 161435H - "K" fired 34 HE and 36 ICM on bunkers and foxholes at 192755 for Aerial Observer 7 Up "A", resulting in bunker complex destroyed, 100 meters of trenchline destroyed, 2 confirmed KIA's and 5 WIA's.
- 161855H - "K" fired 4 WP and 101 HE on small arms, automatic weapons fire and 3 bunkers at 215779 for Aerial Observer Bulldozer "W", resulting in automatic weapons fire silenced, and undetermined number of bunkers and hooches destroyed.
- 162000H - "L" fired 2 WP and 370 HE on NVA bunkers and active mortars at 938628 for C/1/3, resulting in 2 secondary explosions, 3 confirmed KIA's, 5 bunkers destroyed and mortars silenced.
- 171204H - "K" fired 2 WP and 23 HE on anti-aircraft position at 166768 for Aerial Observer 7 UP "A", resulting in 1 automatic weapons position destroyed and 1 bunker destroyed.
- 181310H - "K" fired 3 WP and 87 HE on NVA in bunker at 198789 for Regimental OP at GIO LINH resulting in 4 KIA's.

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- 191320H - "K" fired 55 HE on 1 NVA in treeline at 233783 for Regimental OP at GIO LINH, resulting in 1 KIA, and 1 bunker destroyed.
- 191925H - "K" fired 79 HE on assembly area and NVA in open at 209833 for Regimental OP at GIO LINH, resulting in 2 secondary explosions.
- 191950H - "M" fired 1 WP and 4 HE on enemy movement for Reconnaissance team Colorado, resulting in 2 WIA's.
- 201240H - "K" fired 7 WP and 56 HE on active automatic weapons at 195800 for Aerial Observer 7 Up "H" resulting in 1 bunker destroyed and 75 meters of trench line destroyed.
- 231046H - "M" and "K" fired 8 WP and 40 HE on bunkers at 155666 for Aerial Observer League Leader "M", resulting in 7 bunkers destroyed.
- 231728H - "L" fired 1 WP and 16 HE on bunkers and 50 caliber position at 042643 for Aerial Observer League Leader "O", resulting in 4 bunkers destroyed.
- 240958H - "M" fired 4 WP and 70 HE on bunkers at 027664 for Aerial Observer Bulldozer "J", resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.
- 251212H - "M" fired 2 WP and 14 HE on 50 caliber position at 057656 for Aerial Observer League Leader "T", resulting in 4 bunkers destroyed.

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