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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

4th Battalion, 12th Marines LtCol. E.W. BAILEY (1-30 Apr)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1stLt. L. BOYD (1-30 Apr)
Battery "K"	Capt. L.D. WALKER (1-30 Apr)
Battery "L"	1stLt. W.G. HORN (1-30 Apr)
Battery "M"	1stLt. D.E. MELCHAR (1-30 Apr)

2. LOCATION

1-30 April: DONG HA, RVN (YD 227596)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj. T.L. EDWARDS (1-30 Apr)
SgtMaj	SgtMaj. F. VIOLETTE (1-30 Apr)
S-1	2ndLt. J.V. MORRIS (1-30 Apr)
S-2	1stLt. C.J. HOLDZKOM (1-30 Apr)
S-3	Capt. G.L. TELFER (1-30 Apr)
S-3A	1stLt. E.J. MURPHY (1-30 Apr)
S-4	Capt. D.M. BUGBEE (1-30 Apr)
MaintO	1stLt. P. JULICH Jr. (1-10 Apr)
	CWO-4 E.A. ANASZENICZ (11-30 Apr)
CommO	1stLt. R.F. HOOGERWERF (1-30 Apr)
MTO	1stLt. G. WERNER (1-30 Apr)
SupplyO	1stLt. T.J. MORRIS (1-30 Apr)

4. AVERAGE OVERALL MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
24		436	0		14

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5. During the period 1 April 1969 through 30 April 1969 the battalion, within its capability of self-administration, performed its assigned mission in the area of personnel accounting and administration. The following is a compilation of statistical data for the period 1 April - 30 April 1969:

a. Authorized Manning Level

Marine Officer Personnel (025)

Marine Enlisted Personnel (490)

*Navy Enlisted Personnel (008)

*Navy Officer Personnel (001)

b. Distributed Personnel Strength. During the period 1 April 1969 - 30 April 1969 the battalion personnel were distributed and assigned to the following areas in the performance of its general support role:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>DONG HA</u>	<u>FSB ELLIOTT</u>	<u>C-1</u>	<u>C-2</u>
OFFICER	16	4	3	1
ENLISTED	230	79	70	36
<u>USN</u>				
OFFICER	0	0	0	0
ENLISTED	8	2	2	1

c. Personnel Extensions of WestPac Tour. During the period 1 April 1969 - 30 April 1969 there were three (3) personnel extensions of overseas tour of duty.

d. Awards Recommendations. During the period 1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969 the following awards were recommended for personnel of the battalion:

Bronze Star Medal (04)

Navy Commendation Medal (04)

Navy Achievement Medal (24)

* Denotes: By T/O only for USN personnel

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

In the month of April the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines consisted of the following units: Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d Provisional 155mm Towed Howitzer Battery, and the 2nd Provisional 155mm Towed Howitzer Battery. All units were technically controlled from a centralized FDC at DONG HA.

The primary mission of the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines remained as general support of the 3d Marine Division. Modification of this mission included Battery "K's" continued reinforcement of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines and Battery "L's" reinforcement of 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. The battalion continued to be in direct support of Task Force CLEARWATER, Combined Action Platoons, QUANG TRI and DONG HA Combat Base.

Battery "K" located at Fire Support Base ELLIOTT was the workhorse of the battalion, firing 9,882 rounds during the month. In addition to their reinforcing 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, the battery was also in direct support of Operation MONTANA MAULER, which did not end until the 4th of April. On the 21st of April Battery "K" was again firing into the same area, north of Fire Support Base FULLER, in support of a 2nd ARVN Operation in the area.

Battery "L" located at C-2 had the mission of direct support of reconnaissance teams located in, and south, of the DMZ; in addition, on 21 April Battery "L" was in direct support of an ARVN regiment/USMC tank company operation, northwest of C-2. This direct support status lasted through the 30th of April. The battalion supplied an FO, Cpl SUMNER, to the tank company for this operation.

Battery "L" (-) located at DONG HA provided reinforcing fires for 2d Battalion, 12th Marines in the MAI LOC area and continued its direct support of the QUANG TRI and DONG HA Combat Bases.

Battery "M" located at C-1 had the mission of direct support of reconnaissance teams located in the DMZ and of Task Force CLEARWATER.

On the 12th of April three of Battery "M's" howitzers, under the Battery Executive Officer, Lt. M. SHIELDS, displaced from C-1 to DONG HA, where they picked up the battery FDC personnel

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in preparation for a move on the 13th to the old KHE SANH position. This move was made to provide direct support for Task Force REMAGEN, an Army mechanized unit operating in the area.

During the 16 days (13 April to 29 April), that Mike Forward, as the unit was known, was in support of Task Force REMAGEN it displaced a total of five (5) times covering in excess of 120 miles of cross country terrain. All of these displacements were accomplished with the very minimum of maintenance problems due to the excellent work of SSgt REICHLEY, Battery "M's" maintenance chief.

Communications were initially a major problem. But on the 14th a directional antenna was erected, and using a PRC 25 communications with battalion FDC were established. This enabled battalion FDC to run a check chart on nearly all of the missions fired by Mike Forward.

During the period while Mike Forward was in the KHE SANH area, the battalion had a fire capability extending from the Laotian border on the west to the Gulf of Tonkin in the east, better than 67,000 meters.

On the 8th of April the battalion chopped OPCON of the 3d Provisional, 155mm Howitzer Battery to the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. During the period the battery was OPCON to the battalion it received some 30 hours of FDC instruction as well as firing battery instruction and was again in a satisfactory operational status upon its departure.

On the 25th of April, the battalion assumed OPCON of the 2nd Provisional, 155mm Howitzer Battery. This unit had just returned from FSB ALPINE and was initially given a well deserved four days R & R at CUA VIET.

The month of April also saw the battalion FDC and Batteries "K" and "L" inspected by the XXIV Corps inspection team. The results of these inspections were quite satisfactory as no unit received a rating of less than satisfactory.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

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

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

During the month of April, the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines participated in the following operations: MAINE CRAG (1-30 Apr); MONTANA MAULER (1-3 Apr); PURPLE MARTIN (1-30 Apr); and HIGHRISE (1-30 Apr).

3. FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED

a. Recapitulation of Fire Missions:

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
Confirmed	244	5,917
Acquired	1,666	11,401
Preparation	70	1,702
Special Purpose	72	733
Counterbattery	20	771
Grand Total	2,072	20,524
HE Total		18,235
Illum Total		693
M449 Total		1,152
WP Total		442

4. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY (OPCON UNITS)

a. KIA: 1 WIA: 12

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (ADCON UNITS)

a. HOSTILE: KIA: 0 WIA: 0

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

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6. MEDCAP VISITS

Five (5) MEDCAP visits were made in the month of April, treating a total of 204 Vietnamese Nationals.

7. COMMAND RELATIONS

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

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following significant entries are excerpts from the S-3 Work Sheet (Record of Missions), and the Fire Direction Officer's Log Book:

- 011415H - "K" fired 48 HE and 1 WP on bunkers and on a mortar position at 892638 for 3/4 FO, resulting in 2 secondaries.
- 041210H - "K" fired 16 HE and 2 WP on a prep fire at 903581 for 3/4 FO, resulting in 1 KIA.
- 041312H - "K" fired 70 HE on a recon team shot out at 960662 for 3/4 FO, resulting in 1 secondary.
- 051825H - "M" fired 36 ICM and 18 HE on 10 NVA at 15817448 for 5/4 FO, resulting in 6 probable KIA.
- 061748H - "M" fired 15 HE on 2 personnel in the open at 15817448 for 5/4 FO, resulting in 2 probable KIA.
- 101137H - "M" fired 53 HE on a suspected mortar position/bunker at 186752 for 5/4 FO, resulting in 1 bunker destroyed and 1 secondary.
- 110845H - "L" fired 25 HE and 5 WP on NVA in a bunker at 075642 for 12th Marines AO, resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.
- 111641H - "L" fired 30 HE and 1 WP on an ammo cache at 09817058 for 1/9 FO, resulting in 10 secondaries.
- 120045H - "M" fired 70 HE on active rockets at 283764 for 5/4 FO, resulting in 2 possible secondaries.
- 121352H - "M" fired 18 HE on 2 NVA in open at 212805 for 5/4 FO, resulting in 2 probable KIA.
- 121716H - "M" fired 22 HE on active small arms at 250795 for 3d Marine Division AO, resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 probable KIA.
- 141310H - "K" fired 20 HE and 1 WP on bunkers at 975646 for 3/4 FO, resulting in 6 bunkers destroyed and 6 bunkers damaged.

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- 150554H - "M" fired 18 HE and 2 HE on 5 NVA at 23507766 for 12th Marines FO, resulting in 1 secondary.
- 151325H - "M" fired 28 HE on bunkers at 175751 for 12th Marines AO, resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed.
- 171436H - "M" fired 24 HE and 2 WP on NVA in open at 248790 for 12th Marines AO, resulting in 1 fire, 1 hootch destroyed, and 1 WIA.
- 180655H - "K" fired 28 HE on prep fire/fighting holes at 89136406 for 3/4 FO, resulting in 4 secondaries.
- 181241H - "M" fired 66 HE on 5-10 NVA moving south at 18777627 for 5/4 FO, resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 damaged, and 1 secondary.
- 200245H - "K" fired 28 HE and 1 WP on bunkers at 929642 for 3/4 FO, resulting in 1 secondary.
- 200749H - "L" fired 56 HE and 2 WP on 13 bunkers at 135514 for 2nd ARVN FO, resulting in 4 bunkers destroyed and 9 bunkers damaged.
- 201700H - "M" fired 1 HE and 5 WP on staging area/bunkers at 23757949 for 12th Marines AO, resulting in 1 secondary and 2 hootches burned.
- 202132H - "L" fired 18 HE and 2 WP on lights at 070580 for 3d Marine Division AO, resulting in 3 secondaries.
- 212000H - "L" fired 50 HE on moving lights at 035588 for 2/9 FO, resulting in 1 secondary.
- 250826H - "K" fired 24 HE and 2 WP on bunkers/treeline at 044585 for 3d Marine Division AO, resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed.
- 270459H - "K" and "L" fired a combined total of 70 illumination at 043638 and 047633 for 2d ARVN FO, assisted in achieving 5 KIA.
- 291651H - "K" fired 6 HE and 4 WP on enemy activity at 858588 for 12th Marines AO, resulting in 1 secondary.

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