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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 4th Battalion(-)12th Marines MAJ. B.F. STEWART (1-30 June)
 3d Marine Division

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1st Lt. R.P. FOSTER (1-16 June)
	Capt. B.F. METCALFE (16-30 June)
Battery L	1st Lt. J.H. TATE (1-23 June)
	Capt. D.G. PURDY (23-30 June)
Battery M	Capt. W.D. JONES (1-30 June)
Battery B, 1st Battalion	Capt. J.C. UECKER (1-24 June)
13th Marines	Capt. F.R. FRANZEN (24-30 June)
Battery K, 4th Battalion	1st Lt. G.W. WOOD (1-30 June)
13th Marines	

2. LOCATION

1-30 June: DONG HA, RVN (YD 214597)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj. G.O. KENNEDY JR. (1-30 June)
Sgt Maj	Sgt Maj. F. VIOLETTE (1-30 June)
S-1	1st Lt. A.L. THORNTON (1-30 June)
S-2	1st Lt. F.J. McGRATH (1-17 June)
	1st Lt. D.H. WILLARD (17-30 June)
S-3	Capt. D.G. PURDY (1-17 June)
S-3A	1st Lt. F.J. McGRATH (1-17 June)
	1st Lt. D.H. WILLARD (17-30 June)
S-4	Capt. F.R. FRANZEN (1-24 June)
	1st Lt. R.P. FOSTER (24-30 June)
CommO	Capt. B.F. METCALFE (1-30 June)
MTO	2nd Lt. B.J. RENFROW (1-30 June)
MaintO	1st Lt. R.P. FOSTER (1-30 June)
SupplyO	1st Lt. H.J. RADOW (1-30 June)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
31		501	0		12

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June, the 4th Battalion was considerably less active than in the previous month. Observed missions were few in number, reflecting both decreased enemy activity in the 3d Marine Division AO, and the westward movement of infantry elements of the 3d Marine Division. Most significant in the month of June was an accentuated emphasis on the use of Firecracker munitions, both on observed targets and on suspected/acquired targets. Results have been relatively high kill rates on relatively small groups of troops.

The 1st Platoon of Battery "M" remained at Die Marker site C-1 (YD 209673) during the month of June. K/4/13 (OPCON to 2/12) remained at Die Marker site C-2 (YD 1364). B/1/13 moved from DONG HA to Die Marker site C-2 on 4 June. Battery "L" remained OPCON to Task Force Hotel in a general support/reinforcing role. Area of operations remained KHE SANH, with the battery shuttling between KHE SANH and LZ HAWK as necessitated by fire support requirements.

Three persons were observed approaching perimeter wire at 2330 on 8 June. After continued observation these individuals were taken under fire with an 61mm mortar by 2/12, with negative results. No damages or casualties were sustained from the incident, and no casualties were inflicted.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1-6 June: 4th Battalion(-) 12th Marines - general support of 3d Marine Division-reinforcing the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

6-30 June: 4th Battalion(-) 12th Marines-general support of 3d Marine Division.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED (OPCON Units)

During the month of June, the 4th Battalion participated in the following operations: LANCASTER II (1-30 June); KENTUCKY (1-30 June); HIGHRISE (1-30 June); SALINE II (1-30 June).

3. FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED

a. Recapitulation of fire missions (OPCON Units)

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
CONFIRMED	105	1593
ACQUIRED	328	1389
COUNTERBATTERY	89	488
PREPARATION	46	105
HARASSING AND INTERDICTION	394	801
SPECIAL PURPOSE	34	208
SUPPORT OF ARVN	10	138
GRAND TOTAL		4769
HE TOTAL		4112
WP TOTAL		92
ILLUM TOTAL		48
M49 TOTAL		517

b. The 4th Battalion supported numerous patrols of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, and provided reinforcing fires to the following direct support artillery battalions: 2d Battalion, 12th Marines; 3d Battalion, 12th Marines; 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (U.S.A.) and 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery (U.S.A.).

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4. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY (OPCON Units)

a. KIA: 54; WIA: 5

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (ADCON Units)

a. HOSTILE - KIA: 3 WIA: 10

b. NON-HOSTILE-DEATH: 0 Injury: 4

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

a. 4th Battalion(-) (Rein), 12th Marines
1-30 June: OPCON & ADCON to 12th Marines

7. EQUIPMENT

Major items of T/E equipment received during June were 31 M151 ½ ton trucks. 29 of these vehicles were initial issue, and with the dropping from the inventory of 2 older vehicles, 4/12 was put at T/E for this vehicle.

During June, 4/12 had continued use of two M109 155mm howitzers that were made available by the U.S. Army. These temporarily loaned weapons made possible a greater degree of flexibility in the maintenance program and a higher level of operational readiness in the M109 howitzers than would have otherwise been the case.

8. LOGISTICS

With the exception of a shortage of PD fuzes early in the month, there were no ammunition resupply problems during the month of June.

Repair parts for the M109 were increasingly available during June, with a consequently high level of maintenance status. Motor transport maintenance was similarly satisfactory.

The main water supply point continued to be that of the 12th Marines in DONG HA, but 2/12 water point was also available for emergency resupply.

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1. The following significant entries were taken from the S-3 Work Sheet (Record of Mission) and the Artillery Counterfire Information Form for June:

- 011006H - YD233785 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on NVA in bunkers, observed by American Beauty "A". Surveillance of two bunkers and three fighting holes destroyed. 1 WP 23 HE expended. Additional comment on Work Sheet: fuze delay not available.
- 021752H - YD199792 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on a suspected machine gun position in a bunker for American Beauty "S". Surveillance of one bunker partially destroyed. 12 HE expended. Additional comment on Work Sheet: fuze delay not available.
- 022150H - YD 25117340 Battery "M" and 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 100 NVA for Early Flower Bravo 63. 32 rounds of HE and 16 rounds of M449 were expended. Surveillance of 20 KIA, excellent coverage of target area.
- 072208H - YD23827066 Battery "M" and 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on squad of troops moving northwest. Movement was picked up by TPS 25 radar, and the mission was unobserved. 18 rounds of M449 were expended.
- 072235H - YD234699 Battery "M" and 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on a squad of troops moving northeast. Movement was picked up by TPS 25 radar, and the mission was unobserved. 16 rounds of M449 were expended.
- 080635H - YD 246795 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 10 NVA for American Beauty 62. Surveillance of 1 confirmed KIA; further surveillance of not possible because of tree-line obscuring target. 2 rounds of HE and 18 rounds of M449 were expended.
- 092115H - YD209694 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 3 NVA moving northeast. Movement was picked up by TPS 25 radar and mission was unobserved. 6 rounds of M449 were expended.
- 100625H - YD239803 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 13 NVA in water for American Beauty 62. 2 confirmed KIA. 5 rounds of HE and 21 rounds of M449 were expended.
- 121300H - YD162513 Battery "M" fired one round of WP as spotter round for Clemson Song. Round on target.
- 121745H - YD251708 Battery "M" fired on regimental CP for Fighting Mad 61. Mission ended with no surveillance. 8 rounds expended.

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- 130720H - YD15627774 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 30 NVA in open for American Beauty 62. Surveillance of 1 WIA, 2 probable KIA, 2 confirmed KIA. 60 rounds of M449 expended.
- 151333H - YD174789 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 2 NVA for American Beauty "S". Surveillance of 1 WIA. 6 rounds of M449 expended.
- 181850H - YD234785 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 5 NVA in tree line for Sand Box 62. Surveillance of 1 confirmed KIA and 2 probable KIA. 3 rounds of HE and 10 rounds of M449 expended.
- 201820H - YD126771 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on company of NVA for Klondike Romeo. 4 confirmed KIA, and "probably many more." 2 HE and 38 M449 expended.
- 220640H - YD157776 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 10 NVA with packs and weapons for Sand Box 62. Surveillance of 3 confirmed KIA, 4 probable KIA. 6 rounds of HE and 20 rounds of M449 expended.
- 251840H - YD177795 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 5 NVA for Toasted Fritter 62. Surveillance of good coverage of target. 7 rounds of HE expended.
- 270345H - YD11007372 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on "lights" for Eagle Eye. Surveillance of "lights went out". 2 WP and 5 HE expended.
- 270705H - YD181695 Battery "M" fired on bunker complex for Ananda 24. Surveillance of good coverage of target. 2 WP and 27 HE expended.
- 281035H - YD134495 Battery "M" fired on 14 NVA moving in brush for Cosmic Wave. Surveillance of 3 secondary explosions. 9 HE and 14 M449 expended.
- 290605H - YD155774 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 5 NVA in open for Sand Box 62. Surveillance of 3 KIA. 2 HE and 10 M449 expended.
- 290647H - YD 1567763 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 4 NVA in open for Sand Box 62. Surveillance of 1 confirmed KIA, 1 confirmed WIA, 2 probable KIA. 2 HE and 8 M449 expended.
- 300638H - YD 182797 1st Platoon of Battery "M" fired on 4 NVA for Sand Box 62. Surveillance of 1 confirmed KIA, 3 probable KIA. 2 HE and 4 M449 expended.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

"K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines 1-14 June 1968
15-30 June 1968

Commander

P. M. BURTON Capt
H. D. SULLIVAN Capt

Subordinate Units

None

2. Location

Camp Carroll, RVN

3. Battery OfficersDates

Executive Officer:

1stLt R. N. BARSNESS

Assistant Executive Officer

2ndLt L. BOYD

Fire Direction Officer:

1stLt R. E. ABOLT

Liaison/Forward Observer

Battery Officers

13-30 June 1968

1stLt G. A. NEAL

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	127	0	2

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COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE

During the month of June 1968, "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines continued to support 1st Battalion, 12th Marines until the 6th of June at 1200. At this time we became OpCon to 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines and continued to support them for the remainder of the month. Throughout the month "K" Battery participated in Operations LANCASTER II, HIGH RISE, KENTUCKY, DYE MARKER, DUAL BLADE, SCOTLAND II and ROBIN SOUTH.

As of 30 June 1968 the battery has five M109 Howitzers in action. The Army float gun is presently at FLSG-B awaiting an engine.

As of 30 June 1968 K Battery has five 5 tons and three 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons operational. 1 5 ton and 1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton are presently in FLSG-B. The status of rolling stock has improved considerably throughout the month, however, the age and usage is constantly taking the vehicles out of action for parts and adjustments.

Total ammunition expended during the month of June 1968 is as follows:

<u>MISSIONS</u>			<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED</u>				
<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
127	406	358	3700	137	28	51	3917

Damage credited to Kilo Battery:

Secondary Explosions	2
Bunkers Destroyed	16
Out Post destroyed	1
Confirmed KIA	12
WIA'S	3

There were no friendly casualties for the month of June.

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1 June 1968 Guns 2, 3, 5 and 6 in action. Army float gun down for alternator and rectifier.

4 June 1968 Army float gun back in action. 5 guns up.

5 June 1968 K Battery fired a mission at 20 NVA in the open and was credited 9 confirmed kills. Firing at bunkers and automatic weapons K Battery destroyed 9 bunkers.

6 June 1968 At 1200 K Battery went under the operational control of 2d Battalion, 12th Marines.

8 June 1968 K Battery fired a mission at 12 NVA in the open and was credited with 3 confirmed KIA's.

13 June 1968 K Battery was credited with 1 bunker destroyed.

14 June 1968 K Battery was credited with 1 bunker destroyed.

15 June 1968 K Battery was credited with 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 secondary. Army float gun went to FLSG-B for a cracked block. Four guns in action.

18 June 1968 K Battery credited with 1 OP destroyed.

19 June 1968 Gun #5 down for a cam roller and cam spring. 3 guns in action.

25 June 1968 Gun #5 back in action. 4 guns in action.

28 June 1968 Gun # 4 returned from FLSG-B. It was test fired and found to need a torque key. 4 guns in action. Kilo Battery fired a mission for a recon unit which was surrounded. "K" Battery was credited with 1 secondary and 2 WIA's.

29 June 1968 Gun #4 back in action. Five guns up. "K" Battery fired on a mission against NVA in bunkers and was credited with 3 bunkers destroyed and 1 WIA

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