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(2) 1st 155 Gun Battery Command Chronology *Filed Sep*

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion (-)(Rein) 12th Marines Maj L. G. SNYDER (1-30 Jun)
3d Marine Division

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry	Capt R. G. HERMS (1-4 Jun)
	Capt C. M. DAVIS (5-30 Jun)
Btry K, 4th Bn, 13th Marines	Capt J. G. EVANS (1-30 Jun)
Btry L	Capt T. E. SWINEY (1-30 Jun)
Btry M	Capt O. J. CREWS (1-30 Jun)
1st Provisional Btry	Capt W. J. DOWD (1-15 Jun)
2d Provisional Btry	Capt W. C. SHAW (1-15 Jun)

ATTACHED UNITS

1st 155 Gun Btry (-)(Rein)	Capt M. M. BAIG (1-30 Jun)
Btry C, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	Capt F. X. FARRINGTON (1-12 Jun)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines	Capt J. L. LATHROP (6-30 Jun)
1st 8" How Btry	Maj P. E. ROUSH (1-10 Jun)

2. LOCATION

1-30 Jun: PHU BAI, RVN (YD885 129)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj R. S. VARNER (1-30 Jun)
SgtMaj	SgtMaj L. J. CYR (1-30 Jun)
S-1	2dLt R. D. ESMOND (1-30 Jun)
S-2	GySgt C. G. HOWELL (1-30 Jun)
S-3	Capt D. E. VOWELL (1-30 Jun)
S-3A	2dLt R. D. HAWKINS (1-30 Jun)
S-4	Capt H. W. KERN (1-30 Jun)
SupplyO	1stLt R. P. HORNE (1-16 Jun)
	Capt H. W. KERN (17-30 Jun)
CommO	Capt W. W. HAMMOND (1-30 Jun)
MaintO	MSgt W. W. COOK (1-30 Jun)
MTO	1stLt D. H. GOAD (1-30 Jun)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
46	1015	0	20

PART IINarrative Summary

As of the first of June, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of C/1/13, L/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery. Administrative control was exercised over C/1/13, K/4/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, 1st 155 Gun Battery and 1st 8" How Btry. The 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries continued to function as detachments of Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

On 6 June the battalion was assigned OPCON/ADCON of B/1/13. On 10 June ADCON of 1st 8" How Btry was chopped to 12th Marines. On 12 June OPCON/ADCON of C/1/13 was chopped to 26th Marines and on 15 June ADCON of the 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries was chopped to 3/12.

During June one platoon from L/4/12 and one platoon from 1st 155 Gun Battery remained at the 3d Engineer base camp at GIA LE (YD 829153) in support of Operation CUMBERLAND. On 24 June the platoon of L/4/12 was chopped OPCON to 3/12 and displaced to YD 716113 still in support of Operation CUMBERLAND.

On 10 June the battalion was inspected for embarkation readiness. All aspects were highly satisfactory.

As the month of June closed, the 4th Battalion continued to function as the senior artillery headquarters in the PHU BAI TAOR. Batteries under the operational control of the battalion were B/1/13, L/4/12 (-), and the 1st 155 Gun Btry.

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1. a. Combat missions assigned.

1-12 Jun 67 - C/1/13 continues D/S of 3/26.

1-30 Jun 67 - L/4/12 continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.

1-30 Jun 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry - continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.

6-30 Jun 67 - B/1/13 - D/S of 2/26.

b. Significant operations conducted.

1-30 Jun 67 - Plt/L/4/13 and Plt/1st 155 Gun Btry - Operation CUMBERLAND.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

17 Jun 67 - B/1/13 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 7 KIA (Conf); 4 KIA (Prob)

d. Casualties sustained.

19 Jun 67 - K/4/13 sustained 5 WIA from hostile mortar/artillery attack.

25 Jun 67 - K/4/13 sustained 1 WIA from hostile mortar attack.

26 Jun 67 - K/4/13 sustained 1 WIA from hostile mortar/artillery attack.

30 Jun 67 - K/4/13 sustained 2 WIA from hostile mortar/artillery attack.

e. LOGISTICS

1. Logistical situation. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of four G/S artillery batteries; K/4/13, L/4/12, M/4/12, 1st 155mm Gun Battery, one D/S artillery battery, B/1/13; and Headquarters Battery 4/12. On 6 Jun this battalion assumed OPCON/ADCON of B/1/13. On 10 June this battalion relinquished ADCON of 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, on 12 June this battalion relinquished OPCON/ADCON of C/1/13, and on 15 June this battalion relinquished ADCON of 1st and 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Detachments. On 26 June, K/4/13 had one M109 Howitzer (SP) destroyed by enemy artillery

2. Supply. The overall supply situation is satisfactory. Major items of equipment on requisition for units of this organization include:

- (1) One - Generator Set PU-482/M
- (2) One - Generator Set PU-348A/G
- (3) One - Tractor, Full Tracked, TD-15
- (4) One - Trk, Cargo, 3/4 Ton, M-37

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3. Food Service. The 4/12 Mess Hall provides messing facilities for Headquarters Battery, B/1/13, L/4/12, 3/12 Recon, and 1st Field Artillery Group Hq.

4. Cantonnement. During the month of June, construction commenced on one of the two Bulter Buildings allocated to 4/12. Construction of the 6,275 square yards of AC (Hardstand) is scheduled to start during the month of July.

5. Water. All batteries truck water to their positions.

6. Motor Transport. Motor transportation maintenance is improving with increased input of repair parts.

7. Embarkation. All batteries ADCON to this battalion are reviewing and updating their embarkation data. Inspection by CG 3d MarDiv was completed on 10 June with satisfactory results.

8. Civic Action. During the month of May, some of the proposed plans were modified. Material was given for displaced refugees to build homes in the THUY PHU village. Plans were made and materials delivered for the purpose of building a combination wash pit, water hole, and boat dock for the loading and unloading of supplies at the market.

Each week a MEDCAP is held in PHU BAI III and treatment is given to approximately 125 persons. It is significant to note that more adults are coming in for treatment. Approximately 75% of the persons treated have "Tropical Ulcers" caused by the infection of mosquito bites or small scratches. Soap has been distributed and lectures have been given through the interpreter for the purpose of reducing these infections. Also, there has been a significant increase in the amount of intelligence received from the villagers.

9. Administration. This Battalion currently has ADCON of B/1/13, K/4/13, L/4/12, M/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Btry.

10. Personnel.

Number of replacements received:	40 Enlisted
Number of personnel rotated:	35 Enlisted
Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:	14 Enlisted (Med-Evac)

Promotions: 14 to Sgt; 13 to Cpl
26 to 1Sgt; 5 to Pfc

11. Fire support. This Battalion provided fire support during the month of June as follows:

C/1/13	L-12 June	-	D/S 3/26
L/4/12	L-30 June	-	G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon Patrol
1st 155 Gun Btry (-)	L-30 June	-	G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon Patrol
Plt/L/4/12	L-26 June	-	G/S Operation CUMBERLAND/Reinf G/3/12
Plt/1st 155 Gun Btry	L-30 June	-	G/S Operation CUMBERLAND/Reinf G/3/12
B/1/13	L-30 June	-	D/S 2/26

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12. Recapitulation of fire missions.

PHU BAI AREA 1-30 June 1967

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155 Gun	51	5	473	529	849	18	179	1046
105 How	86	19	284	389	2337	73	40	2450
155 How	72	5	410	487	1131	0	98	1229
TOTAL	209	29	1167	1405	4317	91	317	4725

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1. The following chronological supporting entries were extracted from the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines S-3 Journal.

- 010001H - Journal opened at PHU BAI RVN.
- 021635H - Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 291010H May to 021635H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 031600H - C/1/13 supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 300830H May to 031600H Jun 1967. One mission was fired resulting in one secondary explosion.
- 050945H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 011450H to 050945H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 060845H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 041045H to 060845H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 061000H - Assigned ADCON/OPCON of B/1/13.
- 061230H - Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 021630H to 061230H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 080945H - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 041045H to 080945H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 101045H - Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 061200H to 101045H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 101500H - Chopped ADCON 1st 8" How Btry to 12th Mar.
- 120800H - C/1/13 chopped OPCON/ADCON to 26th Marines.
- 151653H - Chopped ADCON 1st and 2d Prov 155 How Btrys to 3/12.
- 170910H - B/1/13 fired on LO VC in opan for 3d Recon Bn (YD 837092) 7 KIA (Conf); 4 KIA (Prob).
- 180900H - Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 141215H to 180900H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.
- 181030H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 141300H to 181030H Jun 1967. Two missions were fired.
- 201415H - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 181045H to 201415H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.

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201445H - Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 161545H to 201445H Jun 1967. No missions were fired.

240700H - One platoon of L/4/12 chopped OPCON to 3/12.

241530H - Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 200800H to 241530H Jun 1967. Two missions were fired on VC bunker complex. One mission on NVA. Results unknown.

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