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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. October to 31 October

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

4th Battalion, 12th Marines Lt.Col. B.F. STEWART (1-15 Oct)
 Lt.Col. E.W. BAILEY (16-31 Oct)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	Capt. B.F. METCALFE (1-22 Oct)
Battery "K"	Capt. D.M. BUGBEE (23-31 Oct)
Battery "L"	Capt. J.B. ZIMMERMAN (1-31 Oct)
Battery "M"	Capt. S.K. SMITH (1-31 Oct)
	1stLt. J.J. BUTERA (1-31 Oct)

2. LOCATION

1-31 October: CAMP CARROLL, RVN (YD 062548)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO	Maj. S.H. HELMS (1-31 Oct)
Sgt Maj.	SgtMaj. F. VIOLETTE (1-31 Oct)
S-1	1stLt.A.L. THORNTON (1-31 Oct)
S-2	1stLt.E.L. GARNETT (1-4 Oct)
	1stLt. M.F. SHIELDS (18-31 Oct)
S-3	Maj. J.D. MCNAMARA (1-31 Oct)
S-3A	1stLt. M.F. SHIELDS (1-31 Oct)
S-4	Capt. D.M. BUGBEE (1-4 Oct)
	Maj. J.H. LAWSON (5-31 Oct)
MaintO	Capt. D.M. BUGBEE (1-31 Oct)
CommO	Capt. B.F. METCALFE (1-30 Oct)
	1stLt. R.F. HOOGERWERS (30-31 Oct)
MTO	1stLt. B.J. RENFROW (1-31 Oct)
SupplyO	2ndLt. T.J. MORRIS (1-31 Oct)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
25		518	0		12

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During October, the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines retained the primary mission of General Support of 3d Marine Division. Again, it provided "Quick Fire Channels" to four Direct Support Battalions (1/12, 2/12, 3/12, and 5/4). These unofficial reinforcing roles again accounted for the large number of observed missions, with minimum response time. Direct Support fires were also furnished to 62 Recon teams.

The battalion continued to control the tactical fires of the 2d Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery located at LZ PETE and later at the ROCKPILE. The 4th Battalion continued to control the General Support fires in the Lancaster II (3d and 9th Marines) and Scotland II (4th and 9th Marines) A.O.'s.

The tactical and technical fire direction of the three organic batteries were again centrally controlled in the Battalion FDC at CAMP CARROLL. This again provided the battalion with the capability of massing fires instantaneously over a whole front.

On the 5th, Lima 4/12 displaced from the ROCKPILE to DONG HA, and Mike 4/12 displaced from DONG HA to the ROCKPILE.

On the 20th, 3 guns from Mike displaced from DONG HA to DIE MARKER bunker site C-1 to provide support for 1st ARVN. Also on the 22d, the 8" Platoon at LZ PETE displaced to the ROCKPILE. On the 24th, the 3 guns at DIE MARKER bunker site C-1 returned to DONG HA.

The battalion's fire support capability was greatly enhanced with the addition of four new M109 155mm Howitzers (SP). Two were given to Kilo 4/12, one to Lima/4/12, and one to Mike 4/12.

Throughout the month, the battalion controlled the tactical fires of four firing units and technical fires of three. General Support fires for the entire Division were provided in the usual timely and accurate manner.

On the 31st of October, Kilo displaced to A-3 to assume a primary mission of counter battery fire. Also on the 31st three guns of Mike displaced to CON THIEN to assume the role of counter battery fire.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1-31 October: 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) - General Support of 3d Marine Division.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

During the month of October, the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines participated in the following operations: EIGHRISE (1-31 Oct); THOR (1-31 Oct); LANCASTER II (1-31 Oct); SALINE II (1-31 Oct); KENTUCKY (1-31 Oct); SCOTLAND II (1-31 Oct).

3. FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED

a. Recapitulation of Fire Missions:

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
Confirmed	271	6,270
Acquired	260	2,167
Preparation	92	2,933
Special Purpose	182	1,304
Grand Total	805	12,674
HE Total		11,360
WP Total		560
Illum Total		230
M49 Total		24

4. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY (OPCON UNITS)

a. KIA: 1 b. WIA: 3

5. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (ADCON UNITS)

a. HOSTILE: KIA-0 WIA-2
b. NON-HOSTILE: DEATH-0 INJURY-2

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

a. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines: 1-31 Oct., OPCON and ADCON to 12th Marines.

7. EQUIPMENT

The battalion received a most needed "shot in the arm" when it received four new M109 Howitzers this month; it gave us a greater degree of flexibility and enhanced our weapons readiness

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posture. Kilo received two M109's on 160800Z September, Lima received one M109 on 200800Z September, and Mike received one M109 on 150800Z September.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following significant entries are excerpts from the Operational Status Report File (OPSTAT):

OPSTAT 041 of 011500Z - Chopped ADCON of E/4/12 (108 enlisted and 4 officers) to 9th MAB effective 011500Z. Assumed ADCON of K/4/12 (145 enlisted and 5 officers) from 9th MAB at same time.

OPSTAT 042 of 061500Z - L/4/12 displaced from DONG HA (214597) to (982446) at 050345Z. M/4/12 displaced from (982446) to (211596) at 050545Z.

OPSTAT 043 of 150001Z - One 155 How SP of K/4/12 deadlined for recoil cylinder and one 155 How SP of M/4/12 deadlined for recuperator.

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

- 040010H - "M" fired 2 WP and 30 HE on enemy movement at 911564 for F/2/12, resulting in 2 huge secondary explosions and surveillance 100/100, excellent coverage of target.
- 041025H - "M" fired 4 WP and 73 HE on enemy bunkers at 913561 for F/2/12, resulting in 3 bunkers destroyed and 2 secondary explosions.
- 041600H - "M" fired 3 WP and 75 HE on enemy bunkers at 910565 for F/2/12, resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed.
- 062058H - "M" fired 2 WP and 49 HE on enemy bunkers at 000652 for C/1/3, resulting in 20 bunkers destroyed.
- 090255H - "L" fired 89 HE on suspected artillery position at 973660 for G/2/26, resulting in 4 secondary explosions.
- 131615H - "M" fired 3 WP and 22 HE on a bunker complex in tree line at 157472 for Recon team (Stein Song) resulting in 1 secondary explosion and three bunkers destroyed.
- 240954H - "M" fired 1 WP and 31 M49 on 6 NVA at 160502 for Regimental Observer at GIO LINH resulting in 1 KIA (c).
- 241320H - "M" fired 2 WP and 60 HE on enemy living area at 183778 for Recon team (Bulldozer) resulting in 1 hootch destroyed and 20 meters of trenchline destroyed.

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271555H - "K" fired 2 WP and 8 HE on NVA building and bunkers
at 999640 for E/1/3 resulting in 3 bunkers destroyed.

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