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4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (-)(Rein) FMF  
(2) Commanding General, III MAF  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 October 1967 (U)

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Command Chronology  
✓(2) 1st 155 Gun Battery Command Chronology FILED SEP

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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) and (2) are submitted.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

4th Battalion(-)(Rein) 12th Marines  
3d Marine Division

Commanders

LtCol J.K. GASTROCK III  
(1-31 Oct)

Subordinate Units

Hq Btry

Capt J.P. ATHERTON (1-30  
Oct)

Btry K, 4th Bn, 13th Marines

1stLt D.N. GOAD (31 Oct)

Capt F.A. BENDRICK (1-31  
Oct)

Btry L

Capt P.B. GAYNOR (1-31  
Oct)

Btry M

Capt O.M. CREWS (1-16 Oct)  
1stLt G.E. PACKWOOD (17-  
31 Oct)

Attached Units

1st 155mm Gun Btry(-)(Rein)

Maj N.J. BECKMAN (1-31  
Oct)

Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

Capt C.M. DAVIS (1-31 Oct)

Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Capt E.P. RICHTER Jr. (19-  
24 Oct)

2. Location

1-31 Oct: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 885129)

3. Staff Officers

XO

Maj J.W. CAMPBELL (1-3 Oct)

SgtMaj

Maj B.F. STEWART (4-31 Oct)

S-1

SgtMaj L.J. CYR (1-31 Oct)

1stLt R.D. ESMOND (1-11  
Oct)

1stLt J.A. JOHANN (12-31  
Oct)

S-2

2dLt D.J. BERENTSON (1-31  
Oct)

S-3

Maj D.E. VOWELL (1-31 Oct)

S-3A

Capt D.G. PURDY (1-31 Oct)

S-4

Capt H.W. KERN (1-30 Oct)

Capt G.A. KUPETS (31 Oct)

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SupplyO  
CommO

MaintO

MTO

2dLt F.W. GOWDY (1-31 Oct)  
Capt J.P. ATHERTON (1- 20  
Oct)

1stLt B.F. METCALFE (21-  
31 Oct)

1stLt R.P. FOSTER (1-31  
Oct)

1stLt D.W. GOAD (1-31 Oct)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

Officers    Enlisted

43

591

USN

Officers    Enlisted

0

15

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## PART II

Narrative Summary

As of 1 October, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of B/1/13, L/4/12, and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery(-)(Rein). Administrative control was exercised over B/1/13, K/4/12, I/4/12, M/4/12 and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery.

A platoon of the 1st 155mm Gun Battery remained in position at GIA LE (YD 829151) to provide support for the 3d Recon Battalion and to support the forces protecting the class 60 bridge and rock crusher at YD 756135 until 28 October, when it displaced to the battery's primary position at PHU BAI (YD 888128).

A liaison team was maintained throughout the month at NAM HOA (YD 762129) to assist in coordinating supporting fires from the ARVN 105mm Battery (2 Guns) located there.

On 19 October, OPCON of B/1/12 was chopped to this Battalion from SLF "B" (BLT 2/3). B/1/12 was assigned the independent mission of direct support of BLT 2/3 for Operation LIBERTY II from its position 14 km Southeast of PHU BAI (YD 996044) until OPCON was returned to SLF "B" (BLT 2/3) on 24 October.

There was continued emphasis throughout the month on the improvement of the Battalion's defensive posture. Perimeter positions and tactical wire were relocated and repaired. The Battalion was in an alert defensive status for 20 days during the month.

As the month of October closed, the 4th Battalion continued to function as the senior artillery headquarters in the PHU BAI TACB. B/1/13, L/4/12, and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery remained under the operational control of the battalion.

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## PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

## 1.a. Combat missions assigned:

1-31 Oct-B/1/13 continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.  
 1-31 Oct-L/4/12 continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.  
 1-31 Oct-1st 155mm Gun Battery continues G/S of PHU BAI AO,  
 19-24 Oct- B/1/12 in D/S of BLT 2/3.

## b. Significant operations conducted:

8-9 Oct-4th Battalion(-)(Rein) - Operation LAMSON 134.  
 16-19 Oct-4th Battalion(-)(Rein) - Operation LAMSON 137.  
 17-23 Oct-4th Battalion(-)(Rein) - Operation LIBERTY II.

## c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

5 Oct 67-L/4/12 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 20 KIA(P).  
 5-6 Oct 67-L/4/12 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 25 KIA(P).  
 8 Oct 67-B/1/13 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 1 KIA(C).  
 9 Oct 67-B/1/13 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 3 KIA(P).  
 16 Oct 67-B/1/13 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 2 WIA(P).  
 25 Oct 67-B/1/13 in support of P.R.U. - 2 KIA(C).  
 28 Oct 67-B/1/13 in support of CAG (TA/2B) - 6 KIA(C), 25  
 WIA(P).  
 31 Oct 67-B/1/13 in support of ARVN Advisor - 2 KIA(C).

## d. Casualties sustained:

2 Oct 67-K/4/13 sustained 3 WIA from enemy artillery fire,  
 2 Oct 67-M/4/12 sustained 2 WIA from enemy artillery fire,  
 3 Oct 67-K/4/13 sustained 1 WIA from enemy artillery fire,  
 8 Oct 67-K/4/13 sustained 2 WIA from an enemy land mine,

## e. Logistics

(1) Logistical Situation. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of four medium artillery batteries: K/4/13, L/4/12, M/4/12, and 1st 155 Gun Btry; one light artillery battery, B/1/13; and Headquarters Battery, 4/12.

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

- (a) One - Generator Set PU-482/M
- (b) One - Generator Set PU-348/G
- (c) One - Generator Set PE-214
- (d) Two - Trk, Cargo, 3/4 Ton, M-37
- (e) Two - Trk, Utility, M42

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(3). Food Services. The 4/12 Mess Hall provides messing facilities for Headquarters Battery, B/1/13, L/4/12, 3/12 Rear, and 1st Field Artillery Group.

(4). Cantonment. Construction of the access road from Headquarters Battery 4/12 to Battery "L" 4/12 has not been started. Construction of the concrete ramp for the Bulter Building in Headquarters 4/12 Command Post has not started.

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

(6). Motor Transport. Motor Transport 1st and 2d echelon maintenance is satisfactory. Third echelon maintenance is poor due to the shortage of repair parts at FLSO "A".

(7). Artillery Maintenance. Artillery maintenance will not support operational objectives due to the shortage of repair parts.

(8). Embarkation. All batteries except Headquarters, are currently changing their embarkation data.

(9). Civic Action. For the first two weeks of this month, work on the market place was stopped, due to the lack of funds on the part of the village. A program of giving the village chief wooden boxes in order to sell was set up, the entire profits going toward the completion of the market place. This has proven successful and work has continued.

MEDCAPS are held once a week, with special treatment sessions each Monday. Such sessions have been most successful.

A program has been started to gather clothes and soap for the village. Working directly with the people and not only with the chiefs has created additional good will among the people.

(10). Administration. This Battalion currently has ADOON of HQ/4/12, B/1/13, L/4/12, K/1/13, and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery.

(11). Personnel

Number of replacements received: 4 Officers; 52 Enlisted  
 Number of personnel rotated: 3 Officers; 71 Enlisted  
 Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 9 WIA (4 Med-Evac)

Promotions: 4 to Pfc; 109 to L/Cpl;  
 42 to Cpl; 2 to 1stLt;  
 1 to Capt; 1 to Maj.

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(12) Fire Support. This Battalion provided fire support during the month of October as follows:

B/1/12	19-24 Oct - D/S of 2/3
B/1/13	1-31 Oct - G/S of PHU BAI AO.
L/4/12	1-31 Oct - S of PHU BAI AO. D/S of assigned Recon Patrols.

(13) Recapitulation of fire missions

PHU BAI AREA 1-31 Oct 67

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155 Gun	37	7	364	408	707	165	114	986
155 How	73	18	240	331	2277	189	56	2522
105 How	81	26	1155	1262	4150	846	94	5090
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1759</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>7134</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>8598</b>

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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following entries were taken from the computer records and fire reports:

- 010001H Oct67 - Journal opened at PHU BAI, RVN.
- 021700H Oct67 - Fwd Plt, 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol INK HORN from 310800H Sep to 040900H Oct. No missions were fired.
- 051130H Oct67 L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol GALLOWAY BLUE from 030800H to 051130H. Fired two missions resulting in 20 KIA (P).
- 051245H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on suspected VC base camp. Results unknown.
- 070412H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired mission in support of ARVN forces on active mortars. Mortars silenced, results unknown.
- 070709H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired mission for AO at 3 sampans, 2 sampans destroyed.
- 072020H Oct67 - L/4/12 and 1st 155 Gun Battery fired unobserved TOF on estimated VC Battalion. Results unknown.
- 081200H Oct67 - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol EMPRESS ALICE from 040800H to 081200H. Eight missions were fired resulting in 25 KIA (P).
- 081130H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired three LZ preparations in support of ARVN forces engaged in Operation LAMSON 134.
- 081800H Oct67 - B/1/13 and L/4/12 delivered counter mortar fire in support of ARVN forces engaged in Operation LAMSON 134. Mortars silenced.
- 102224H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on suspected troop concentration. Results unknown.
- 112200H Oct67 - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MIDNIGHT SHIFT from 101400H to 112200H. One mission was fired when patrol was extracted on 200 NVA sighted by Patrol. Results unknown.
- 112300H Oct67 - 1st 155 Gun Battery fired unobserved mission at suspected 18 ammo bunkers. Results unknown.

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- 120900H Oct67 - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol GAME RUNNER I from 080800H to 120900H. Three missions were fired resulting in 1 KIA (C), 3 KIA (P), and an additional number KIA (P).
- 121200H Oct67 - Fwd Plt, 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol INK HORN from 080600H to 121200H. One mission was fired. Results unknown.
- 121745H Oct67 - B/1/13 and L/4/12 fired TOT on suspected 2 VC companies reported by ARVN. Results unknown.
- 140830H Oct67 - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol ARENA STAGE from 090800H to 140830H. No missions were fired.
- 141050H Oct67 - 1st 155 Gun Battery fired mission for AO at suspected VC storage areas and base camp. Results unknown.
- 141810H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired counter-mortar fire on active mortar position for ARVN forces. Results unknown. 4 men from L/4/12 were injured when explosion occurred on one weapon due to improperly installed tube.
- 141824H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired counter-mortar fire on active mortar position in support of ARVN forces. Mortars silenced.
- 141836H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired unobserved mission on suspected VC Battalion. Results unknown.
- 160900H Oct67 - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MARKET PLACE I from 120900H to 160900H. No missions were fired.
- 160900H Oct67 - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol MIDNIGHT SHIFT from 141530H to 16099H. One mission was fired resulting in 1 WIA (P).
- 161025H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired unobserved mission on suspected VC positions. Results unknown.
- 170730H Oct67 - SLP "B" (BLT 2/3) landed in AOA and commenced Operation LIBERTY II with the 4th Battalion in G/S.
- 181815H Oct67 - 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol MARKET PLACE II from 180900H to 181815H. One mission was fired with results unknown.

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- 190800H Oct67 - OPCON B/1/12 chopped to 4/12 from SLF"B" (BLT 2/3).
- 191132H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired mission for AO at 4 sampans. 3 sampans damaged.
- 191500H Oct67 - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol GAME RUNNER II from 141600H to 191500H. Two missions were fired with unknown results.
- 201222H Oct67 - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol CYRUS FIELD from 161240H to 201222H. No missions were fired.
- 220930H Oct67 - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol COMPANY CAR from 170800H to 220930H. One mission was fired with unknown results.
- 221400H Oct67 - III MAF FADAC Project Manager arrived with FADAC computer and equipment and initiated operator training.
- 221915 Oct67 - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on 2 VC companies reported by HUE TOC. Results unknown.
- 230900H Oct67 - FWD Plt, 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol MIDNIGHT SHIFT from 191500H to 230900H. No mission was fired.
- 240800H Oct67 - OPCON B/1/12 returned to SLF"B" (BLT 2/3).
- 252330H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired mission for Provisional Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) resulting in 2 KIA (C).
- 261110H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired mission for AO on VC in bunkers. Results unknown.
- 271430H Oct67 - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MARKET PLACE II from 241400H to 271430H. No missions were fired.
- 271645H Oct67 - FWD Plt, 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol CYRUS FIELD from 250900H to 271645H. Two missions were fired with unknown results, one prior and one after the patrol was extracted.
- 280930H Oct67 - 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol GAME RUNNER I from 220930H to 280930H. No missions were fired.
- 280930H Oct67 - 1st 155 Gun Battery supported Recon Patrol MARKET PLACE I from 241300H to 280930H. Two missions were fired with unknown results.

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- 281300H Oct67 - FWD Plt, 1st 155 Gun Battery fired mission for AO on suspected high level VC political officer meeting. Results unknown.
- 281800H Oct67 - FWD Plt, 1st 155 Gun Battery returned from GIA LE to primary battery position at PHU BAI (YD 888128).
- 282030H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired mission for CAC (TIGER ALPHA 2B) on 2 VC companies. Sweep of area resulted in 6 KIA (C) and 25 WIA (P).
- 311730H Oct67 - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on suspected National Liberation Front HQ. Results unknown.
- 312030H Oct67 - B/1/13 fired mission for U.S. Advisor to ARVN on VC Company in open, resulting in 2 KIA (C).
- 312400H Oct67 - Journal closed at PHU BAI, RVN.

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