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Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data
 ✓(2) Strength Report
 ✓(3) Chronological Summary of Significant Events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are submitted.

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CONFIDENTIAL**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA, 4TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES****1. Commanders and Principal Subordinates****a. Battalion Staff**

CO	Lt. Col. E. H. HUDZIS
XD	Maj. W. J. SPIESSEL
S-3	Maj. R. W. HEBSON
S-3A	Maj. E. G. PATTERSON
S-1	1/Lt J. R. PARKER
S-2	1/Lt R. J. KUCHINSKAS
S-4	Capt. J. L. ROACH
CommO	1/Lt E. J. HANSSINGER
SuppO	1/Lt D. E. EDWARDS
MYO	1/Lt L. D. MATTHEWS

b. Battery Commanders

HQ Battery	Capt. J. L. ROACH (1 - 29 Nov)
	Capt. F. S. CASE (29, 30 Nov)
M Battery	Capt. W. J. FESHO
I Battery	1/Lt W. P. SCHAEFFER
107mm Howtar Battery	Capt. D. E. CONNERS

2. Attachments and Detachments**a. Attachments**

I Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
 107mm Howtar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines
 Counter Meartar Radar, HQ Battery, 11th Marines
 Shore Fire Control Party, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
 Aerial Observer

b. Detachments

K Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
 L Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

3. Location of Units

I Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (XD 88891410) As Fire 3772
 M Battery (SF), 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (XD 87601445) As Fire 4150
 107mm Howtar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines (XD 88621479) As Fire 6400
 HQ Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (XD 877245) As Fire 3750

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	<u>HQ Battery</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>O/H</u>		<u>M Battery</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>O/H</u>
OFFICERS (MC)		14	13		5	4	
ENLISTED (MC)		179	151		110	123	
OFFICERS (N)		2	1		0	0	
ENLISTED (N)		3	3		2	2	
	<u>I Battery</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>O/H</u>		<u>107 Battery</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>O/H</u>
OFFICERS (MC)		9	7		4	3	
ENLISTED (MC)		133	116		82	66	
OFFICERS (N)		0	0		0	0	
ENLISTED (N)		2	2		2	2	

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CONFIDENTIALCHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

During the month, 6590 rounds were fired by the battalion. Of these, 3783 were expended on adjusted or area missions, and 2807 were fired on E & I missions.

The cannon batteries of the battalion conducted 21 displacements to forward firing positions, in order to fire beyond the normal range limits of the guns, provide direct support for ground forces on operations, and conduct service practice shoots for the training of personnel. M and I Batteries each conducted six of these displacements, and the Howler Battery displaced forward nine times.

At 0245 H on 1 Nov, 3/4's Combined Action Company (CAC) requested illumination when they came under small arms attack. The attack ceased, and the VC withdrew when the area was illuminated. Another mission was fired at 011830 to reinforce ARVN artillery, which was firing on a suspected VC battalion movement at (YD 798177). M Battery expended 30 rounds but no surveillance was obtained.

On 3 Nov the 4th Battalion provided adj.FDC and AG for an indirect fire shoot of the tank platoon attached to 3/4. Three missions were fired. Later on the third, the Battalion Liaison Officer conducted a two hour class for the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants of 3/4 on artillery support of ambushes.

At 040900 H, M Battery fired a destruction mission on a boat at (YD 864207) for the AG. The boat was destroyed. At 2015 H, local ARVN forces requested and observed two missions on VC assembling at (YD 854206) and (YD 864207). Excellent effect on the target area was reported.

Two unobserved missions were fired for ARVN on VC activity at (YD 896999) and (YD 899999) at 050730 H. No surveillance was obtained.

On 6 Nov, training was conducted for new scout observers. M Battery displaced to (YD 859218) and I Battery to (YD 883092) in support of the OP group.

An artillery demonstration was held on 7 Nov for officers and NCO's from 3/4. The visiting personnel toured the battalion FDC and M Battery, where they observed fire missions involving the M109 (SP) Howitzers.

On 9 Nov, a battalion CPX/FIRMI was held, which emphasized reinforcing missions, passing the battalion fires, and requiring the batteries to assume fire direction control of the battalion. The Howler Battery displaced to (YD 881136) for the exercise. At 1400, the AG adjusted on a VC position at (YD 800066). One structure was destroyed and a secondary explosion was observed.

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The Marine Corps Birthday was observed by holding a Battalion field meet and formation with cake cutting ceremony. I Battery won the Battalion C.O.'s trophy which was presented at the conclusion of the field meet.

The Recon platoon attached to 3/4 observed an artillery demonstration at HQ and M Battery on 12 Nov.

At 131710 H, an AO fired a destruction mission on a boat at (YD 828 011). The boat was damaged and cast adrift.

During the night on 13 Nov, two missions were fired for ARVN. The first was illumination of a suspect VC platoon at (YD 829224). The illumination was reported "on target", but the ARVN units could not observe any activity.

At 132400 H, M Battery fired on a platoon of VC attacking the ARVN CP near TRDI Bridge. A U.S. Army advisor to the ARVN requested and observed the fire mission at (YD 955060). A reconnaissance of the area the following morning revealed two bodies, as well as numerous blood stains and drag marks.

I Battery departed their primary position for a three day field firing exercise in forward positions at 151900 H. During the three days they executed six MSOP's to new firing positions, and conducted tactical artillery operations in addition to supporting the scout observer training program.

On 17 Nov, the AO fired two destruction missions. The first was on a boat at (YD 813041), which was destroyed, and the second on a bunker and trench line at (YD 775064) which was damaged.

At 0901 H on 18 Nov a platoon of VC attempted to overrun an ARVN outpost at (YD 867258). ARVN requested reinforcing fire in the (YD 7612), (YD 7512), (YD 7615), (YD 7611) grid squares. M Battery fired 51 HE and 7 illumination rounds. A surveillance the next morning revealed 8 VC killed and yielded 7 automatic weapons. Based on the observation of blood stains and drag marks, an additional 25 or 30 VC wounded were estimated.

M Battery displaced to (YD 859097) on 18 Nov and the Howler Battery to (YD 882116) on 19 Nov in the conduct of firing exercises from forward positions.

On 19 Nov two missions were fired at the request of ARVN. On the first, illumination was fired at (YD 806241), and no surveillance was received. The second, fired at a VC contact at (YD 909203), resulted in 2 VC wounded.

During the night of 20 Nov, two illumination missions were fired for ARVN at (YD 970150) and (YD 896236), and one for CAC at (YD 907111). Negative contact was reported on all missions. At 212015 H, CAC forces engaged with VC requested illumination on (YD 871181). When the area was illuminated by the Howler Battery, CAC took 5 VC under small arms fire. Two bodies were observed floating down river.

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On 24 Nov, I Battery displaced to YD 859118 and H to YD 868118, in order to fire on suspected VC positions south of the TAOR.

At 1822 H on 24 Nov, M and I Batteries fired five selected defensive concentrations on likely assembly areas and avenues of approach, during a probe of the OP on HILL 130 (YD 855133). No surveillance was obtained. At 1850 H, reinforcing fires were requested by ARVN west of the TAOR. No surveillance was reported.

On 27 Nov, M and I Batteries displaced to (YD 859118) and (YD 868118) respectively, and conducted field artillery operations in support of scout observer trainees. Both batteries returned to their primary positions by 1700 H.

A survey recon party conducted a recon to determine firing positions between TRDI Bridge (YD 968062) and TAN AN (YD 980005) during the morning of 27 Nov.

At 281400 H, an AG fired on 15 VC crossing the SONG TA TRACH River at (YD 791101). The VC dispersed into trees and no surveillance was possible.

At 292050 H, CAC requested illumination and HE at (YD 906114). A surveillance the next day revealed blood stains and drag marks in the vicinity of the concentrations which had been fired.

On 29 Nov, the Battalion Liaison Officer conducted a class for CAC in FO procedures.

Throughout the month, the 4th Battalion maintained their active civil affairs program. 725 Vietnamese civilians were treated by Battalion Medical personnel.

A program is currently under way to help the refugees in PHU HONG village clear land on which they can plant their next rice crop. The battalion has supplied a bulldozer one day each week for this purpose.

In addition to medical aid, and help in clearing land, many donations have been made of materiel. Twice each week, a trailer of scrap lumber is taken to the village. Tools were obtained from USOM in HUE and given to the farmers. Vitamins, soap, and clothing have been sent to members of the battalion from friends and families in CONUS, and subsequently given to the refugees. Finally, 30 pounds of candy which was left over from the Battalion Thanksgiving dinner was taken to the children.

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