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(2) 1st 155 Gun Battery Command Chronology FILED SEP

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

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Command Chronology

1 December to 31 December 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DesignationCommanders4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th
Marines, 3d Marine Division

Maj R. W. BOLVES (1-31 Dec)

Subordinate Units

HQ Btry

Capt D.N. GOAD (1-31 Dec)

Capt T.P. HOWE (1-31 Dec)

Btry K, 4th Bn, 13th Marines

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

Btry L

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

Btry M

Capt H.W. KERN (1-31 Dec)

Attached Units

1st 155 Gun Btry(SP)

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

Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

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

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Maj B.F. STEWART (1-31 Dec)

SgtMaj

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

S-1

1stLt A.L. THORNTON (1-31 Dec)

S-2

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

S-3

Maj A.J. McCARTHY Jr. (1-31 Dec)

S-3A

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

S-3A/AO

1stLt J.H. TATE (1-31 Dec)

S-4

Maj G.O. KENNEDY (1-31 Dec)

SupplyO

2dLt F.W. COWDRY (1-31 Dec)

CommO

Capt B.F. METCALFE (1-31 Dec)

MaintO

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

MTO

Capt D.N. GOAD (1-31 Dec)

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCUSNOfficersEnlistedOfficersEnlisted

38

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15

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

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 2 December, the 4th Battalion completed a week-long series of technical inspections conducted by representatives of the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. Overall, the results of these inspections were highly satisfactory.

On 4 December, the 4th Battalion centralized technical fire direction of B/1/13 and L/4/12 to take advantage of the newly received M18 Gun Direction Computer (FADAC). Technical fire direction of the 1st 155mm Gun Battery remained decentralized.

On 29 December, the battalion conducted a combined direct fire/assault fire shoot to familiarize personnel with these procedures. B/1/13, L/4/12, and 1st 155 Gun Battery participated in the exercise.

On 30 December, the battalion completed initial training and zeroing of M16A1 rifles, and prepared for turn-in of all M14 rifles.

As the month of December closed, the 4th Battalion was making preparations to displace to a new position and assume a new mission during early January. At year's end however, it continued to function as the senior artillery headquarters in the PHU BAI TAOR, with no change in its operational or administrative control of subordinate units.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat missions assigned:

1-31 Dec - 4th Battalion(-)(Rein), 12th Marines continues in G/S of PHU BAI TAOR.

2. Significant operations conducted: None

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

17 Dec 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn Patrol - 6 KIA (C), 7 KIA (P)

24 Dec 67 - L/4/12 in support of 3d Recon Bn Patrol - 1 KIA (P)

25 Dec 67 - L/4/12 in support of 3d Recon Bn Patrol - 15 KIA (C)
6 KIA (P).

4. Casualties sustained: None

5. Logistics

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

b. Supply. The overall supply situation is satisfactory. Major items of equipment on requisition for the organization include:

- (1) One - Generator Set PU-482/M
- (2) One - Generator Set PU-348/G
- (3) One - Generator Set PE-214
- (4) Two - Trk, Cargo, 3/4 Ton, M-37
- (5) Two - Trk, Utility, M42

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

d. Cantonment. Construction of the access road from Headquarters Battery to Battery "L" has been started but not completed. Construction of the concrete ramp for the Bulter building in Headquarters 4/12 Command Post has not been started. A request for engineer assistance has been initiated to "wall-in" the east side of the Bulter building.

e. Water All batteries truck water to their positons.

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f. Motor Transport. The motor transport situation is satisfactory.

g. Artillery Maintenance. Artillery maintenance will not support operational objectives due to the shortage of repair parts for the 155mm Howitzer (SP) M109. This situation has shown improvement as a result of a limited influx of repair parts during the month.

h. Embarkation. All batteries are submitting changes in their embarkation data monthly.

6. Administration. The 4th Battalion continues to exercise ADCON of HQ/4/12, L/4/12, B/1/13, K/4/13, M/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery.

7. Personnel

- a. Number of replacements received: 3 Officers, 95 Enlisted
- b. Number of personnel rotated: 1 Officer, 58 Enlisted
- c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 2 Evacuated
- d. Awards received: 1 Navy Commendation Medal
- e. Promotions: 1 to Pfc, 9 to Sgt, 6 to 1stLt, 2 to Capt.
- f. Legal: 1 SCM, 6 SPCM, 6 NJP

8. Fire Support

a. During the month of December the 4th Battalion provided fire support throughout the PHU BAI TAOR to include:

- (1) 2d Bn, 26th Marines (resident infantry battalion) (1-31 Dec)
- (2) CAC "A" and CAC "H" (1-31 Dec).
- (3) 26 Patrols of the 3d Recon Battalion.
- (4) ARVN Forces, when requested.
- (5) 19 ARVN and USMC convoys.

b. The Battalion provided observers for 6 ARVN convoys and one USMC "Rough Rider" during the month.

9. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

PHU BAI AO 1-31 Dec 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>
105 How	57	1	440	498	1578	305	64	1947
155 How	44	8	284	336	907	187	24	1128
155 Gun	40	7	422	469	776	207	47	1030
TOTAL	141	16	1146	1303	3261	709	135	4105

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10. Training. The 4th Battalion conducted one-day forward observer training for 3d Marine Division units as follows:

- a. 3d Recon Bn - 7 days - 365 men
- b. CAC Hq, PHU BAI - 2 days - 85 men

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following entries are taken from the S-3 Journal:

- 010001H Dec67, - Journal opened at PHU BAI, RVN.
- 010140H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of 2/26.
- 012045H Dec67 - L/4/12 and 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of 2/26.
- 032250H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of F/2/26.
- 041905H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of H/2/26.
- 042000H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of CAC "A".
- 042106 Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of H/2/26.
- 042115H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of H/2/26.
- 042155H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of Recon team HUNGARIAN.
- 042110H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired unobserved group of fires in support of 2/26.
- 042135H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of Recon Team SELBY.
- 042335H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of H/2/26.
- 050145H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of H/2/26.
- 051158H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at VC firing small arms reported by Recon Team SELBY, observed 1 secondary explosion.
- 051725H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at voices in valley reported by Recon Team SELBY, no surveillance.
- 061900H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at muzzle flashes reported by Recon Team NURSE, no surveillance.
- 062325H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon Personnel at NAM HOA.

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- 070020H Dec67 - 155 Gu Btry fired illumination in support of Recon Team SELBY.
 - 071314H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at VC huts reported by 4/12 AO, one hut destroyed, two heavily damaged.
 - 072100H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of CAC "A".
 - 081800H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired three unobserved missions at suspected VC movement reported by Recon Team CHECK POOL.
 - 081555H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at NVA company with mortars reported by 2/26 FSCC, no surveillance.
 - 091945H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of FLSG "A" patrol.
 - 101415H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at 3 VC in open reported by Recon Team DELMAR, no surveillance.
 - 102325H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
 - 130030H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of CAC-A-3.
 - 131115H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired 2 unobserved missions at VC base camps reported by Division FSCC.
 - 131730H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at VC in open reported by Recon Team NURSE, no surveillance.
 - 142205H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of CAC-A-3.
 - 161740H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at bunker reported by Recon Team TARZAN, bunker destroyed.
 - 161923H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at moving lights reported by Recon Team JAWBREAKER, lights extinguished.
 - 171110H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at 6-7 VC reported by Recon Team TARZAN, no surveillance.
 - 171335H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at VC in open, no surveillance 6 KIA (O), 7 KIA (P).

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- 171440H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at VC in open, reported by Recon Team TARZAN, no surveillance.
- 172100H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at suspected VC movement reported by F/2/26.
- 172200H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of Recon Team HUNGARIAN.
- 190434H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at suspected VC movement reported by Recon Team HUNGARIAN, no surveillance.
- 191140H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at SNVA reported by Recon Team MARSHALL HALL, no surveillance.
- 191550H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired unobserved mission on NVA positions reported by Recon Team MARSHALL HALL.
- 191932H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
- 192100H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of E/2/26.
- 192208H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of GAG-A-6.
- 211945H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
- 212030H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at lights on road reported by F/2/26, lights extinguished.
- 222100H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at mortar flashes reported by 2/26, no surveillance.
- 222140H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at mortar flashes reported by Recon Team HUNGARIAN, no surveillance.
- 222145H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of E/2/26.
- 222211H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at VC with automatic weapons reported by E/2/26, no surveillance.
- 222345H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of FLSC "A" patrol.
- 231828H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at suspected VC movement reported by Recon Team SALINAS, no surveillance.

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- 231933H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at suspected VC movement reported by Recon Team SALINAS, no surveillance.
- 232252H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
- 241637H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at 3 VC reported by Recon Team HUNGARIAN, 1 KIA (P).
- 242215H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of F/2/26.
- 251746H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at 31 VC in open reported by Recon Team NURSE, 15 KIA (C), 6 KIA (P).
- 252000H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired mission at mortar position reported by E/2/26, no surveillance.
- 252001H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
- 252010H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at suspected VC movement reported by Recon Team HUNGARIAN, no surveillance.
- 252040H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of E/2/26.
- 260735H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at 20 VC reported by Recon Team NURSE, no surveillance.
- 271545H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at 14 NVA in open reported by Recon Team SELBY.
- 272000H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
- 272045H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of CAC "A".
- 272210H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired unobserved mission at VC company reported by Division FSCC.
- 282000H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired mission at VC in area of earlier contact, no surveillance.
- 282112H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of Recon Team PARASOL.
- 290328H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of ARVN in contact.

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- 292110H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired mission at suspected VC movement reported by Recon Team SALINAS.
- 292110H Dec67 - 155 Gun Btry fired illumination in support of artillery and Recon personnel at NAM HOA.
- 302015H Dec67 - B/1/13 fired illumination in support of E/2/26.
- 302240H Dec67 - L/4/12 fired illumination in support of 2/26.
- 312400H Dec67 - Journal closed at PHU BAI, RVN.

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