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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April 67

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

LtCol D. G. JONES (1-6 Apr)
Maj L. G. SNYDER (7-30 Apr)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry
Btry K

Capt J. H. GILLESPIE (1-30 Apr)

Capt G. G. GARWICK (1-4 Apr)

Capt D. G. CADIZ (5-30 Apr)

Btry L

Capt T. E. SWYNEY (16-30 Apr)

Btry M

Capt O. J. CREWS (1-30 Apr)

1st Provisional Btry

Capt W. J. DOWD (1-30 Apr)

2d Provisional Btry

1stLt M. C. BELL (1-30 Apr)

ATTACHED UNITS

1st 155 Gun Btry (-)(Rein)
Btry C, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

Maj E. D. LITZENBERGER (1-30 Apr)

Capt J. T. BRACKMAN (1-4 Apr)

1stLt D. J. RICHMAN (5-30 Apr)

1st 8" How. Btry

Maj P. E. ROUSH (1-30 Apr)

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Maj L. G. SNYDER (1-6 Apr)

Maj R. S. VARNEY (7-30 Apr)

SgtMaj

SgtMaj L. J. CYR (1-30 Apr)

S-1

2dLt R. D. ESMOND (1-30 Apr)

S-2

GySgt C. G. HOWELL (1-30 Apr)

S-3

Maj R. S. VARNEY (1-30 Apr)

S-3A

2dLt R. D. HAWKINS (1-30 Apr)

S-4

Capt D. G. CADIZ (1-4 Apr)

Capt J. T. BRACKMAN (5-27 Apr)

SupplyO

1stLt R. P. HORNE (1-30 Apr)

CommO

Capt W. W. HAMMOND (1-30 Apr)

MaintO

MSgt W. W. COOK (1-30 Apr)

MTO

1stLt D. H. GOAD (1-30 Apr)

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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> |
| 38 | 898 | 0 | 18 |

PART IINarrative Summary

As of the first of April, the 4th Battalion was exercising operational control of C/1/13, the 1st 155 Gun Battery, and the 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries. Administrative control was exercised over C/1/13, K/4/12, M/4/12, and the 1st 155 Gun Battery. The 1st and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries administratively functioned as detachments of Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

On 9 April the Battalion chopped OPCON of the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery to 3/12. On 16 April the battalion assumed ADCON of L/4/12 and on 28 April, assumed ADCON of the 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery.

On 6 April, the 1st Provisional 155 How Btry (Rear) and the 8 inch Platoon from the 1st 155 Gun Btry were attacked at their position at PK 17 (YD 648279) by an estimated two companies of VC. After an initial mortar attack, the VC attacked with small arms and satchel charges. The elements suffered 2 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 7 USMC WIA, and 1 USN WIA. In addition, an 8 inch howitzer was damaged by a direct hit during the mortar attack. Fire was returned (including direct fire from the remaining 8 inch howitzer) and as a result, there were 20 confirmed and 40 probable VC KIA. The following night (7 April), PK 17 was hit by mortars again and the elements sustained 8 WIA.

On 28 April, the PHU BAI vital area received approximately 150-82mm mortar rounds, of which this battalion received approximately 60. The battalion fired counter mortar fire and the mortars were silenced within two minutes. The battalion sustained 9 WIA during the attack. In addition, eight vehicles were damaged.

On 29 April, a vehicle from the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery struck a mine resulting in 4 WIA, and the vehicle destroyed.

On 30 April, K/4/12 rotated to Okinawa and was replaced by K/4/13.

As the month of April 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 C/1/13, 1st 155 Gun Battery, and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. a. Combat missions assigned.

- 1 Apr 67 - C/1/13 continues D/S of 3/26.
- 1 Apr 67 - 2d Provisional 155 How Btry - continues G/S of PHU BAI
- 1 Apr 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry - continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.
- 1 Apr 67 - 1st Provisional 155 How Btry - continues GS/Rein 3/12.

b. Significant operations conducted.

- 1-4 Apr 67 - 1st Provisional 155 How Btry - Operation CHANOOK II.
- 5-9 Apr 67 - 1st Provisional 155 How Btry - Operation BIG HORN.
- 25 Apr 67 - C/1/13 LAMSON 152
- 29 Apr 67 - C/1/13 LAMSON 46

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

- 6 Apr - 1st Prov 155 How Btry and 1st 155 Gun Btry in defense of PK 17 - 20 KIA (Conf); 40 KIA (Prob)
- 12 Apr - C/1/13 in support of 3/26 - 5 KIA (Prob)
- 13 Apr - C/1/13 in support of 3/26 - 3 KIA (Prob)
- 13 Apr - C/1/13 in support of 3/26 - 5 KIA (Conf); 3 KIA (Prob)
- 17 Apr - 1st 155 Gun Btry in support of 3d Recon Br. - 7 KIA (Prob)
- 25 Apr - C/1/13 in support of 3/26 - 2 KIA (Conf)
- 26 Apr - C/1/13 in support of ARVN - 30 KIA (Conf)

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d. Casualties sustained.

6 Apr - 1st 155 Gun Btry - 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 7 USMC WIA.

1st 155 How Btry - 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA, 1 USN WIA.

The above casualties were sustained during enemy attack on position at Pk 17 (YD 648279)

7 Apr - 1st 155 Gun Btry - 1 USMC WIA.

1st Prov 155 How Btry - 7 USMC WIA

2d Prov 155 How Btry - 1 USMC WIA.

The above casualties were sustained during mortar attack on position at PK 17 (YD 648279)

13 Apr - C/1/13 - sustained 1 USMC WIA during infantry sweep.

14 Apr - 1st Prov 155 How Btry - sustained 1 USMC KIA from small arms fire at PK 17 (YD 648279)

28 Apr - Hq 4/12 - 2 USMC WIA
C/1/13 - 2 USMC WIA
1st Prov 155 How Btry - 5 USMC WIA

The above casualties were sustained during hostile mortar attack on the PHU BAI TAOR.

28 Apr - K/4/12 Sustained 4 USMC WIA during hostile mortar attack.

29 Apr - 1st Prov 155 How Btry - sustained 10 WIA when vehicle detonated mine.

29 Apr - L/4/12 sustained 3 USMC WIA during hostile mortar attack.

e. Logistics.

1. Logistical Situation - Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of seven G/S artillery batteries; K-4-12, L-4-12, M-4-12, 1st 155 Gun Battery, 1st 8-inch Howitzer Battery, 1st and 2d Provisional 155mm Detachments; one D/S artillery battery, C-1-13, and Headquarters Battery 4/12.

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

- (a) Two - Generator Sets PU-462/M
- (b) One - Generator Set PU-348 A/G
- (c) Two - Tractor, Full tracked, TD-15

3. Maintenance. Six Month Maintenance has been completed on all 155mm Towed Howitzers. At the present time this unit has nine 155mm Towed Howitzers with the speed shifting device. Modification of the tenth is in progress.

4. Food Services. Headquarters 4/12 opened a Battalion Mess Hall on 18 April 1967. The 4/12 Mess Hall provides messing facilities for Headquarters Battery, C/1/13, 2d Provisional 155mm Detachment and 3/12 Rear.

5. Cantonment. The Artillery Cantonment was completed during the month of April.

6. Bunkers and Perimeter Security. On 1 May 1967, Division Engineers will commence construction of one 20' x 30' bunker, and two 12' x 24' bunkers for the Artillery Cantonment.

7. All batteries truck water to their positions.

8. Motor Transport. This section is receiving special attention to assist in reducing the deadline vehicle rate.

f. Civic Action. During the month of April, the proposed plans for the THUY PHU area were approved for building a dispensary, widening an existing road, and the construction of homes for about 15 families who were forced to leave their hamlet due to VC terrorism. No further action can be taken in this area until the Vietnamese governmental agencies begin construction.

During the last part of April elections were held, down to and including the hamlet level.

Medcap is being conducted every Tuesday afternoon and is receiving a good response. Treatment was administered to 461 Vietnamese during April.

g. Administration. This Battalion currently has ADCOM of C/1/13, K/4/12, L/4/12, M/4/12, Hq/4/12, the 1st 155 Gun Battery, and the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery. The 1st and 2d Provisional batteries function as detachments of Hq Btry 4/12.

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h. Personnel

Number of replacements received: 10 Officers 65 Enlisted
 Number of personnel rotated: 3 Officers 23 Enlisted
 Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 4 Enlisted KIA
 3 Officers WIA (2 Med-Evacs)
 46 Enlisted WIA (8 Med-Evacs)

Promotions: 15 to Sgt; 23 to Cpl
 33 to LCpl; 2 to Pfc

i. Fire support.

This Battalion provided fire support as follows:

C/1/13 1-30 Apr 67 - D/S 3/26
 C/1/13 26 Apr 67 - D/S ARVN Operation LAMSON 152
 C/1/13 29 Apr 67 - D/S ARVN Operation LAMSON RD 46
 2d Prov Btry 1-30 Apr 67 - G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon insert
 1st Prov Btry 1-4 Apr 67 - GS/Rein 3/12-Operation CHINOOK II
 1st Prov Btry 5-9 Apr 67 - GS/Rein 3/12 Operation BIG HORN
 1st 155 Gun Btry 1-30 Apr 67 - G/S PHU BAI AO. D/S Recon inserts

j. Recapitulation of fire missions.

PHU BAI AREA 1-30 April 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 G | 27 | 92 | 125 | 242 | 440 | 32 | 40 | 512 |
| 155 H | 17 | 325 | 211 | 553 | 1042 | 39 | 16 | 1097 |
| 105 H | 87 | 41 | 1349 | 1477 | 3749 | 231 | 33 | 4013 |
| 8" H | 2 | 23 | 1 | 26 | 62 | | | 62 |
| Total | 133 | 481 | 1686 | 2298 | 5293 | 302 | 89 | 5684 |

CHINOOK II/BIG HORN Area 1-9 April 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> |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 8" H | 13 | 5 | 121 | 139 | 393 | | | 393 |
| 155 H | 14 | 15 | 255 | 284 | 441 | 258 | 68 | 767 |
| Total | 27 | 20 | 376 | 423 | 834 | 258 | 68 | 1160 |

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|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Grand Total | 160 | 501 | 2062 | 2721 | 6127 | 560 | 157 | 6844 |
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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

010001H - Journal opened at PHU BAI Area CP.

030700H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 300700H Mar to 030700H April 67. No missions were fired.

030830H - 1st Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 291630H Mar to 030830H April 67. No missions were fired.

030900H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 300830H Mar to 030900H April 67. No missions were fired.

042400H - Operation CHINOOK terminated.

050001H - Operation BIG HORN began.

060055H - 1st 155 Prov How Btry & 8" Plt at PK 17 were engaged by an estimated two companies of VC with mortars, satchel charges, and S/A fire. One 8" How was damaged by mortars and grenades. VC were repulsed by S/A fire, grenades, and direct fire by 8" How: 13 VC KIA (Conf) and 50 KIA (Prob). Captured two AK-47, one 45 pistol, and B-40 RL. Casualties sustained were:

1st 155 Gun Btry: 1 USMC KIA

1 USN KIA

7 USMC WIA

1st Prov 155 How Btry: 1 USMC KIA

6 USMC WIA

1 USN WIA

071515H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 030830H to 071515H April 67. No missions were fired.

071750H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 031600H to 071750H April 67. No missions were fired.

072240H - 1st Prov 155 How Btry Rear & 8" Plt of 1st 155 Guns at PK 17 received approximately 40 rounds of eighty-twomm mortars plus B-40 rockets (seven), and received small arms fire from 500 meters to the north west. Fired 3/12 155mm How on the mortars to the south. Illuminated several enemy running to the west. Fired on them with twin 40's and 50 cal M/G.

Suffered 9 WIA as follows: 1st 155 Gun Btry 1 USMC WIA

1st Prov 155 How Btry 7 USMC WIA

2d Prov 155 How Btry 1 USMC WIA

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- 091100H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol SCAVENGER I from 060900H to 091100H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 091455H - 4th Marines assumed responsibility of PK 17's ground defense.
- 091545H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 081400H to 091545H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 092400H - Chopped OPCON of 1st Prov 155 How Btry to 3/12.
- 111730H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 071430H to 111730H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 121140H - C/1/13 fired on 7 VC in support K/3/26 at grid (YD 894077) 5 KIA (Prob)
- 131100H - C/1/13 FO with 3/26 WIA.
- 131325H - C/1/13 fired in support of 3/26 on 4 VC at grid (YD 924053). 5 KIA (Conf) 3 KIA (Prob)
- 131500H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 131400H to 131500H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 141120H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 091030H to 141120H April 67. One mission was fired.
- 141200H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS I from 101245H to 141200H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 141900H - 1st Prov 155 How Btry at PK 17 sustained one USMC KIA from small arms fire.
- 161400H - Assumed ADCON of L/4/12.
- 161930H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER I from 121330H to 161930H April 67. One mission was fired.
- 171315H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKER II from 141230H to 171315H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 171435H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol DONAHUE I from 141130H to 171435H April 67. Four missions were fired. 7 KIA (Prob)
- 202400H - Operation BIG HORN terminated.
- 210001H - Operation SHAWNEE began.

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- 211000H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 170900H to 211000H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 211600H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 171330H to 211600H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 221230H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER I from 191230H to 221230H April 67. Two missions were fired.
- 251430H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKED I from 211030H to 251430H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 251647H - C-1-13 in support of 3/26 fired on 9 VC. 2 KIA (Conf).
- 261305H - C-1-13 fired in support of ARVN forces 30 USMC KIA (Conf).
- 271000H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NIGHTSTICKED II from 221500H to 271000H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 271730H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol DONAHUE I from 271000H to 271730H April 67. One mission was fired.
- 280001H - Assumed ADCON of 1st 8" How Btry.
- 280130H - PHU BAI TAOR began receiving incoming mortar fire - 10, C-1-13, & 2d Prov received approximately 60 incoming rounds, fired counter mortar plan.
Casualties sustained: Hq 4/12 2 USMC WIA
C/1/13 2 USMC WIA
1st Prov How 5 USMC WIA
- 281130H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol DONAHUE I from 281145H to 281130H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 290930H - 1st Prov 155 How Btry sustained 10 USMC WIA when a vehicle struck a mine.
- 290300H - K/4/12 sustained 4 USMC WIA from a hostile mortar attack.
- 291030H - Hq 4/12 Patrol found one M-1 anti-tank mine at grid (YD 874112)
- 291925H - L/4/12 sustained 3 USMC WIA from a hostile mortar attack.
- 281700H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol DONAHUE II from 271030H to 281700H April 67. One mission was fired.
- 301000H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER III from 251115H to 301000H April 67. No missions were fired.
- 302400H - Journal Closed at PHU BAI Area CP.

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- 300755H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE II from 271400H to 300755H. No missions were fired.
- 300900H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PRIMNESS II from 261000H to 300900H. No missions were fired.
- 310800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol TOUCHDOWN from 261115H to 290845H. One mission was fired; 10 HE resulting in 2 KIA (Prob).
- 310810H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MUSTER II from 241330H to 290810H. One mission fired; 14 HE resulting in 5 KIA (Prob).
- 310815H - 2d Prov 155 How Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE I from 260910H to 281815H. Two missions were fired; 49 HE with unknown results.

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