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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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✓(2) 1st 155 Gun Battery Command Chronology *Filed Sep*

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Maj L. G. SNYDER (1-23 Jul)  
LtCol J. K. GASTROCK III (24-31 Jul)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Btry  
Btry K, 4th Bn, 13th Marines  
Btry L  
  
Btry M

Capt C. M. DAVIS (1-31 Jul)  
Capt J. D. EVANS (1-31 Jul)  
Capt T. E. SWNEY (1-21 Jul)  
Capt P. B. GAYNOR (22-31 Jul)  
Capt O. J. CREWS (1-30 Jul)

ATTACHED UNITS

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

Capt M. M. BAIG (1-31 Jul)  
Capt J. L. LATHROP (1-31 Jul)

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Maj R. S. VARNEY (1-23 Jul)  
Maj J. W. CAMPBELL (24-31 Jul)  
SgtMaj L. J. CYR (1-31 Jul)  
2dLt R. D. ESMOND (1-31 Jul)  
GySgt C. G. HOWELL (1-31 Jul)  
Capt D. E. VOWELL (1-31 Jul)  
2dLt R. D. HAWKINS (1-31 Jul)  
Capt H. W. KERN (1-31 Jul)  
Capt H. W. KERN (1-26 Jul)  
1stLt R. P. HORNE (27-31 Jul)  
Capt W. W. HAMMOND (1-7 Jul)  
MSgt P. A. MORITZ (8-16 Jul)  
Capt J. P. ATHERTON (17-31 Jul)  
MSgt W. W. COOK (1-31 Jul)  
1stLt D. H. GOAD (1-31 Jul)

SgtMaj

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SupplyO

CommO

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MTO

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
36		753

OFFICERS

0

ENLISTED

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

On 4 July, the 3d section, 3d platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery was assigned OPCON to this Battalion. The searchlights were placed at Hill 180 (YD 855133). On 20 July, the 2d section, 3d platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery was assigned OPCON to this battalion. The search lights were emplaced on the 4th Battalion Sector of the PHU BAI perimeter.

On 1 July, one platoon from 1st 155 Gun Battery was displaced from the 3d Engineer Base Camp at GIA LE (YD829153) to NAM HOA (YD 717105) in support of Operation CUMBERLAND. The platoon rejoined the 1st 155 Gun Battery at PHU BAI (YD 893129) on 18 July.

On 31 July, a platoon of L/4/12 and a platoon of the 1st 155 Gun Battery were chopped OPCON to 1st FAG for support of Operation CUMBERLAND. Also on 31 July, M/4/12 was chopped ADCON to 1/12.

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

PART IIIPART IIINARRATIVE SUMMARYSEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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- 1-31 Jul 67 - B/1/13 continues D/S of 2/26.**  
**1-31 Jul 67 - L(-)/4/12 continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.**  
**1-31 Jul 67 - 1st 155 Gun Battery continues G/S of PHU BAI AO.**  
**1-31 Jul 67 - 3d Platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery assigned OPCON to this Battalion. The searchlights were placed at Hill 180 (YD 855133).**  
**1-18 Jul 67 - 2d Platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery assigned OPCON to this Battalion. The search lights were emplaced on the 4th Battalion Sector of the PHU BAI perimeter.**  
**31 Jul 67 - Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry - Operation CUMBERLAND.**  
**31 Jul 67 - 3d Plt L/4/12 - Operation CUMBERLAND.**  
**31 Jul 67 - 2d Plt L/4/12 - Operation CUMBERLAND.**  
**1-31 Jul 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn - 50 KIA (Prob).**  
**9 Jul 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry in support of 3d Recon Bn - 15 KIA (Prob).**  
**27 Jul 67 - B/1/13 in support of 3d Recon Bn - 15 KIA (Prob).**

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d. Casualties sustained.

- 3 Jul 67 - K/4/12 sustained 4 WIA from hostile mortar/artillery attack.
- 6 Jul 67 - K/4/12 sustained 2 WIA from hostile mortar attack.
- 11 Jul 67 - 1st 155 Gun Btry sustained 1 WIA from hostile mortar attack.
- 13 Jul 67 - L/4/12 sustained 1 WIA during fire mission.
- 14 Jul 67 - K/4/12 sustained 1 WIA from hostile mortar/artillery attack.
- 15 Jul 67 - L/4/12 sustained 1 WIA from hostile rocket attack.
- 18 Jul 67 - L/4/12 sustained 1 WIA during fire mission.
- 31 Jul 67 - K/4/12 sustained 5 WIA from hostile artillery attack.

e. LOGISTICS.

1. Logistical Situation. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of three medium artillery batteries; K/4/12, L/4/12, 1st 155 Gun Battery, 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 units of this organization include:

- (1) One - Generator Set PU-482/M
- (2) One - Generator Set PU-348/G
- (3) One - Tractor, Full Tracked, TD-15
- (4) One - Trk, Cargo, 3/4 Ton, M-37

3. Food Services. The 4/12 Mess Hall provides messing facilities for Headquarters Battery, B/1/13, L/4/12, 3/12 Rear, 1st Field Artillery Group, and 2d Topographic Section.

4. Cantonment. Both of the two Butler Buildings allocated to 4/12 are being constructed. Construction of the 6,275 square yards of AC (Hardstand) was not started during the month of July. Construction of the combination Volleyball-Basketball court allocated to 4/12 is scheduled to start during the month of August.

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

6. Motor Transport. Motor Transport Maintenance is improving with the increased input of repair parts.

7. Embarkation. All batteries ADCON to this battalion are submitting changes in their embarkation data to this battalion monthly.

8. CIVIL ACTION. During July, one of the Civic Action projects, the steps going down to the river from the market place, was completed. Plans were finalized for the building of a dispensary to be used by the people of the village. One of the nurses in the village will stay in the dispensary permanently.

MEDCAPS are still being held weekly and treatment has been extended to about 150 persons despite the fact that school has started and most of the children are attending.

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One elderly woman with a cataract on her eye was inspected by our Medcap Team. The team made arrangements for a cornea transplant; this should be of a great propoganda value.

The Battalion also increased the Civic Action of Responsibility by adding the village of LOC BON.

9. ADMINISTRATION. This Battalion currently has ADCON of HQ/4/12, B/1/13, L(-)/4/12, K/4/12 and the 1st 155 Gun Battery.

10. PERSONNEL

Number of replacements received:	13 Officers	31 Enlisted
Number of personnel rotated:	2 Officers	32 Enlisted
Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:	0 KIA	17 WIA (4-Med Evacs)

Promotions: 5 to Pfc; 8 to LCol; 27 to Col; 8 to Sgt; 2 to SSgt; 2 to 1stLt.

11. Fire Support. This Battalion provided fire support during the month of July as follows:

B/1/13	1-31 Jul - D/S of 2/26. D/S of assigned Recon Patrols.
L(-)/4/12	1-31 Jul - D/S of PHU BAI AO. D/S of assigned Recon Patrols.
CONFIDENTIAL	1-31 Jul - G/S of PHU BAI AO. D/S of assigned Recon Patrols.
1st 155 Gun Btry	1-18 Jul - G/S - Reinforcing G/3/12 (Operation of CUMBERLAND) D/S of assigned Recon Patrols.

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12. Recapitulation of fire missions. This Battalion provided fire support during the month of July as follows:

PHU BAI AREA 1-31 JUL 67

9. ADMINISTRATION. This Battalion currently has ADCON of HQ/4/12, B/1/13, L(-)/4/12, OBS, UNOBS, H&I, 1st 155 Gun Battery.

	UNOBS	OBS	H&I	TOTAL	1st 155 Gun Btry	ILL	WP	TOTAL
155 Gun Btry	30	2800	409	1140	42	275	1457	
105 How	55	26	772	853	222	70	2762	
155 How	12	316	382	1350	253	100	1275	Enlisted
								32 Enlisted
TOTAL	75	1368	1663	4760	289	445	5494	

Number of personnel rotated: 2 Officers 32 Enlisted  
 attrition other than rotation: 0 KIA 17 WIA (4-Med Evacs)

Promotions: 5 to Pfc; 8 to 1stLt; 27 to Col; 8 to Sgt; 2 to SSgt; 2 to 1stLt.

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11. Fire Support. This Battalion provided fire support during the month of July as follows: 5 Enclosure (1)

B/1/13	1-31 Jul - D/S of 2/26. D/S of [redacted] Patrols.
L(-)/4/12	1-31 Jul - D/S of PHU BAI AO. D/S of assigned Recon

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

- 010001H - Journal opened at PHU BAI RVN.
- 011200H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE II from 261100H June to 011200H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 020800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE I from 280800H Jun to 020800H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 040900H - Assigned OPCON 3d Sect, 3d Searchlight Plt. Eff 281200H Jul 1967.
- ~~040800H~~ - Fwd Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol ~~PEERAGE III~~ from ~~091330H~~ ~~060800H~~ Jun to ~~040800H~~ Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 040800H -
- 030900H - Lima Battery supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE I from 290800H Jun to 030900H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 062230H - B/1/13 and L/4/12 fired a mission for Combined Action Company (TIGER ALPHA 2 BRAVO) at grid 937148 on 160 VC. Resulted in secondary explosions. 50 KIA (Prob)
- 070800H - 6 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PARTYLINE II from 030800H to 070800H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 091350H - Fwd Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MORBID I from 091330H to 091350H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 091430H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PARTYLINE II from 051100H to 091430H Jul 1967. One mission was fired on one dim light. Results: light extinguished.
- 091630H - Fwd Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NETTLERASH I from 060830H to 091630H Jul 1967. 13 missions were fired. 3 KIA (Prob) 1 KIA (Conf).
- 100900H - Fwd Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NETTLERASH I from 060800H to 100900H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 101130H - 1st 155 Gun Btry was assigned direct support of Recon Patrol PEERAGE II. Insertion was aborted. No missions were fired.
- 101230H - Fwd Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE II from 060845H to 101230H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 110015H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE II from 100800H to 110015H Jul 1967. One mission was fired on VC surrounding patrol.

- 110615H - Fwd Plt 1st 155 Gun Btry took 60 incoming 82mm mortar rounds. One friendly WIA.
- 110800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE I from 070800H to 110800H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 120900H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE II from 080800H to 120900H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 130900H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE I from 090800H to 130800H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 141045H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE I from 101130H to 141045H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 160800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MORBID I from 110800H to 160800H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 170900H - Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry returned from Operation CUMBERLAND and rejoined the battery.
- 171330H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MORBID I from 111030H to 171330H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 171715H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PEERAGE II from 131130H to 171715H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 190800H - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol PARTYLINE II from 141100H to 190800H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 190930H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE II from 150850H to 190930H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 191000H - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE II from 181000H to 191000H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 200700H - 2d Sect 13d Plt, 1st Searchlight Battery assigned OPCON to this Battalion.
- 212075H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol NETTLERASH II from 190900H to 212075H Jul 1967. One mission was fired.
- 230830H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE I from 190900H to 230830H Jul 1967. No missions were fired.
- 241000H - Change of Command ceremony held. LtCol J. K. GASTROCK III assumed command of 4/12.
- 270800H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol MONOTYPE II from 230800H to 270800H Jul 1967. No mission was fired.

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271120H - B/1/13 fired in support of Recon Patrol NETTLERASH I. Resulted in 13 secondary explosions and 15 KIA (Prob).

310800H - Plt of L/4/12 and Plt of 1st 155 Gun Btry chopped OPCON to 1st FAG to support Operation CUMBERLAND.

311200H - M/4/12 chopped ADCON to 1st Bn, 12th Marines.

312400H - Journal closed at PHU BAI RVN.

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