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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

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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 August 1967

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*

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

✓ Tab 1 - *Extracts from S-3 Journal*
✓ TAB 2 - *A/A RPT (OPN RUSH)*

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4-28 Brd/12-26 hours
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

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

Commander

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

Subordinate Units

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

Capt C. M. DAVIS (1-31 Aug)
Capt J. D. EVANS (1-2 Aug)
Capt F. A. BENDRICK (3-31 Aug)
Capt P. B. GAYNOR (1-31 Aug)

Btry L

Attached Units

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

Capt M. M. BAIG (1-31 Aug)
Capt J. L. LATHROP (1-31 Aug)
Capt E. ASANOVICH (2-20 Aug)

2. Location

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

3. Staff Officers

XO
SgtMaj
S-1
S-2
S-3
S-3A
S-4
SupplyO
CommO
MaintO

MTO

Maj J. W. CAMPBELL (1-31 Aug)
SgtMaj L. J. CYR (1-31 Aug)
1stLt R. D. ESMOND (1-31 Aug)
GySgt C. G. HOWELL (1-31 Aug)
Capt D. E. VOWELL (1-31 Aug)
1stLt R. D. HAWKINS (1-31 Aug)
Capt H. W. KERN (1-31 Aug)
1stLt R. P. HORNE (1-31 Aug)
Capt J. P. ATHERTON (1-31 Aug)
MSgt W. W. COOK (1-5 Aug)
1stLt R. P. FOSTER (6-31 Aug)
1stLt D. N. GOAD (1-31 Aug)

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>			
<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
32		531	0	14

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PART II

Narrative Summary

As of the first of August, 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/4/13, L/4/12, and the 1st 155mm Gun Battery.

On 3 August, one platoon of the 1st 155mm Gun Battery was returned from Operation CUMBERLAND to the operational control of the 1st 155mm Gun Battery (YD 893128).

W(-)/1/13 (4 weapons) was assigned OPCON to the 4th Battalion on 2 August. The Battery was positioned at PHU BAI (YD 884127) and assigned the mission of general support of the PHU BAI AO. On 11 August, one weapon of W(-)/1/13 was chopped OPCON to the 26th Marines. OPCON of the remainder of W(-)/1/13 (3 weapons) was chopped to 3/12 on 20 August.

On 5 August, the 4th Battalion was assigned the mission of general support of Operation RUSH. B/1/13 was given the mission of direct support of 2/4 and displaced to YD 908045. Operation RUSH terminated on 9 August and B/1/13 returned to PHU BAI (YD 884127).

The 2d Section, 3d Platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery was chopped OPCON on 15 August to the 1st Searchlight Battery. The 3d Section remained emplaced on Hill 180 (YD 844137) and continued the mission of general support of the PHU BAI AO.

At 0152, 30 August, the PHU BAI Vital Area was attacked with 82mm mortars. Approximately 100 incoming rounds fell in the vicinity of the airfield (YD 885150). The 4th Battalion returned counter-mortar fires with B/1/13 and L(-)/4/12.

Commencing 30 August, the 4th Battalion was assigned a general support mission for Operation LIBERTY. H&I fires were increased for operation LIBERTY and additional H&I fires were assigned to support ARVN forces.

As the month of August 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 155mm Gun Battery remained under the operational control of the

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. a. Combat missions assigned:

- 1 - 4 Aug 67 - B/1/13 continues D/S of 2/26
- 5 - 9 Aug 67 - B/1/13 D/S of 2/4
- 10-31 Aug 67 - B/1/13 continues D/S of 2/26
- 2 - 20 Aug 67 - W(-)/1/13 G/S of PHU BAI AO
- 1-31 Aug 67 - L(-)/4/12 continues G/S of PHU BAI AO
- 1-31 Aug 67 - 1st 155mm Gun Battery continues G/S of PHU BAI AO

b. Significant operations conducted:

- 1 - 3 Aug 67 - Plt/1st 155mm Gun Btry - Operation CUMBERLAND
- 1 - 31 Aug 67 - 2d and 3d Plt/L/4/12 - Operation CUMBERLAND
- 5 - 9 Aug 67 - 4th Battalion (-)(Rein) - Operation RUSH
- 1 - 31 Aug 67 - 4th Battalion (-)(Rein) - Operation LIBERTY

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

- 4 Aug 67 - B/1/13 in support of CAC (A/1/C). 5 KIA (Prob)
- 12 Aug 67 - L(-)/4/12 in support of 3d Recon Bn. 1 KIA (Prob)

d. Casualties sustained:

- 1 Aug 67 - K/4/13 sustained 1 WIA during hostile mortar/artillery attack at GIA LIHN
- 11 Aug 67 - L/4/12 sustained 1 WIA during enemy attack on vehicle convoy to CUMBERLAND area
- 19 Aug 67 - Hq/4/13 sustained 1 KIA and 1 WIA when vehicle struck a mine enroute to PHU LOC
- 28 Aug 67 - K/4/13 sustained 1 KIA and 2 WIA from enemy artillery attack on GIA LIHN
- 30 Aug 67 - K/4/13 sustained 1 WIA from enemy artillery attack on GIA LIHN

e. Logistics

1. Logistical Situation. Currently, 4/12 has ADCON of three medium artillery batteries; K/4/13, L/4/12, 1st 155 Gun Battery, one light artillery battery, B/1/13, and Headquarters Battery, 4/12. 4/12 dropped ADCON of M/4/12 during the last reporting period.

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) One- Trk, Cargo, 3/4 Ton, M-37
- (e) Two- Trk, Utility, M-422

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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. Both of the Bulter Buildings allocated to 4/12 have been completed with the exception of a concrete ramp for the Bulter Building in Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Command Post Area.

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

6. Mdt or Transport. Motor Transport 1st and 2d echelon maintenance is satisfactory. 3d echelon maintenance is poor due to the shortage of repair parts at FLSG "A".

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

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

9. Civic Action. During the month of August, fill dirt was hauled to THUY PHU village for the playground project. The school was finished in the village of LOC BON. Eight pigs were given to the LOC BON villagers who had built the best pig pens.

MEDCAPS were held every day in LOC BON. Also, weekly treatment by a dentist was provided. Weekly MEDCAPS were held in THUY PHU and a shower unit was built at the old MEDCAP site in THUY PHU.

10. Administration. This Battalion currently has ADCON 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:	8 Officers	70 enlisted
Number of personnel rotated:	8 Officers	167 enlisted
Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:	2 KIA	6 WIA (1 non hostile med evac)

Promotions: 5 to PFC; 39 to LCPL
21 to CPL; 15 to SGT
1 to SSGT; 1 to GYSGT
3 to 1stLt;

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

B/1/13 1-4 Aug - D/S of 2/26
 5-9 Aug - D/S of 2/4
 10-31 Aug - D/S of 2/26
 W(-)/1/13 2-20 Aug - G/S of PHU BAI AO
 L(-)/4/12 1-31 Aug - G/S of PHU BAI AO. D/S of assigned Recon Patrols

13. Recapitulation of fire missions.

PHU BAI AREA 1-31 AUG 67

	<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 GUN	26	30	470	526	1083	109	39	1221
155 HOW	33	4	598	635	1803	50	49	1902
105 HOW	130	18	1390	1538	6008	408	172	6895
TOTAL	289	52	2458	2699	8894	567	360	9982

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

- 010001H - Journal opened at PHU BAI, RVN.
- 021515H - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol NETTLERASH I from 290800H Jul to 021515H Aug. No missions were fired.
- 021705H - Joined W(-)/1/13 (4 weapons) OPCON. Assigned general support of PHU BAI AO.
- 032300H - Platoon of the 1st 155mm Gun Battery returned OPCON to 1st 155mm Gun Battery from 1st TAG.
- 040730H - W(-)/1/13 emplaced at PHU BAI (YD 884127)
- 042200H - B/1/13 fired for Combined Action Company (Tiger Alpha One Charlie) at grid 873203; squad of VC; expended 27 HE. 5 KIA(Prob)
- 050730H - B/1/13 placed in D/S of 2/4 for operation RUSH. Displaced to YD 908045.
- 050730H - 4/12 assigned G/S for operation RUSH.
- 051735H - Explosions occurred in ammo bunker at 878128. All necessary precautions were taken.
- 071700H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PUNCTUATE I from 050730H to 071700H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 111730H - Chopped 1 weapon of W(-)/1/13 OPCON to 26th Marines.
- 120530H - L/4/12 supported Recon Patrol MORBID I from 091100H to 120530H Aug 67. 2 missions were fired
- 151200H - 4/12 radio call sign changed to HERSHEY BAR. 1st 155 Gun Btry changed to PEAFOWL.
- 151535H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol PARTYLINE II from 100755 H to 151535H Aug 1967. 1 mission was fired.
- 151700H - Chopped OPCON of 2d Section, 3d Platoon, 1st Searchlight Battery to 1st Searchlight Battery.
- 191400H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol INK HORN I from 170830H to 191400H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.

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- 200900H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol EMPRESS ALICE II from 151500H to 200900H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 201330H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol EMPRESS ALICE I from 190800H to 201330H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 202000H - Chopped W(-)/1/13 (3 weapons) OPOON to 3/12.
- 251130H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol GALLOWAY BLUE II from 210830H to 251130H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 261400H - B/1/13 supported Recon Patrol INK HORN II from 221000H to 261400H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 281030H - 1st 155 Gun Btry supported Recon Patrol EMPRESS ALICE I. Patrol extracted after insertion. No missions were fired.
- 281215H - L(-)/4/12 supported Recon Patrol EMPRESS ALICE II from 240900H to 281215H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 300152H - Received approximately 100 mortar rds (82mm) from YD 873165. Executed counter mortar plans by B/1/13 and L(-)/4/12.
- 300900H - L(-)/4/12 supported Recon Patrol INK HORN I from 251030H to 300900H Aug 1967. No missions were fired.
- 312400H - Journal closed at PHU BAI, RVN.

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