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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER	LOCATION
1stBn, 12thMar(-)(Rein)	Lt Col W. H. RICE	CamLo/061545
SUBORDINATE UNITS		
HqBtry, 1stBn, 12thMar(-)(Rein)	Capt G.M. GARDNER (1-11Apr) 1stLt D.P. MARTIN (11-30Apr)	CamLo/061545
BtryA, 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	Capt L. LOPEZ (OpCon 1-6Apr)	CamLo/061545
BtryB, 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	Capt E.L. GARNER (OpCon 28-30Apr)	CamLo/983543
BtryC, 1stBn, 40thArty(USA)	Capt J.R. REYNOLDS (OpCon 1-28Apr)	CamLo/983542
BtryF, 2ndBn, 12thMar(-)(Rein)	Capt G. GOLDEN (OpCon 1-24Apr) (OpCon 20-30Apr)	KheSanh/815415
BtryG, 3rdBn, 12thMar(-)(Rein)	Capt T. KIRLAND (OpCon 6-30Apr)	CamLo/061545
ATTACHED UNITS		
BtryM, 4thBn, 12thMar(-)(Rein)	General Support/Reinforcing	

2. STAFF OFFICERS

1. Battalion Executive Officer: Maj L.J. CAVALLO (1-8Apr)
   Maj R.D. JONES (8-30Apr)

S-1: WO W.J. BIDDER
S-2: 1stLt B.B. SKWIERCZ (1-27Apr)
Capt H.L. RICHEY (28-30Apr)
S-3: Capt M.G. O'NEILL
S-4: Capt M.G. O'NEILL (1Apr)
Capt H.N. MEANS (2-30Apr)
LNO: Capt H.L. RICHEY (1-27Apr)
Capt J.W. SCHWANTES (28-30Apr)

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHS

	USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
Headquarters Battery	[illegible]	164	1	5
Battery C	[illegible]	158	0	2
Battery G-3-12	[illegible]	128	0	2
Battery F-2-12	[illegible]	142	0	2
Mortar Battery 3-12	[illegible]	85	[illegible]	[illegible]
1stBn, 12th Marines	44	669		

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY
1 April

The battalion began the month with operational control of Battery F-2/12, Battery A-1/40, and Battery C-1/40. From 0030 to 0421 BatteryF-2/12 fired one mission and Battery K-4/12 fired 2 missions of illumination for L-3/3 as they made their way to their defensive positions. From 0710 to 1200 Battery A-1/40 fired 6 missions and Battery F-2/12 fired 10 missions as prep fires and recons by fire in the YD 0966/YD 0865 area in support of L-3/3, 1/4 and 3/4 LNO. From 1300 to 1500 Battery F-2/12 fired 7 missions as prep fires in the YD 1565/ YD 1564 area in support of 3/4 LNO. From 1700 to 1900 Battery A-1/40 fired 3 missions and Battery C-1/40 fired 3 missions as defensive concentrations in support of 3/9 and 3/3. At 1930 Battery A-1/40, Battery F-2/12, and Battery K-4/12 massed fires on a suspected enemy battalion based on an intelligence report from 3rd Mar 24. From 1945 to 2115 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9560 area in support of 3/3 LNO. From 2135 to 2215 Battery K-4/12 fired 2 missions on a suspected enemy battalion based on an intelligence report from 3rd Mar 24. The battalion fired 39 unobserved missions in support of 1/4, 3/4, 3/3, and 3/9 throughout the day.

2 April

From 0437 to 0455 Battery A-1/40 fired 2 missions called for by 3rd Mar 24 in support of a med-evac at YD 091515 resulting in good illumination,area well covered. From 0946 to 1010 Battery A-1/40 fired 3 prep fires in the YD 0862 area in support of L-3/3. At 1025 Battery K-4/12 fired on 25 enemy in a tree line in support of recon patrol PATH TITLE II resulting in 2 KIA (conf) and 8 KIA (prob). From 1700 to 2100 Battery C-1/40 fired 8 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 8658 area in support of M-3/5 and 3/3 LNO. From 2300 to 2345 Battery A-1/40 fired 6 missions and Battery B-1/40 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy mortar positions in support of 3/9 LNO. The battalion lost operational control of Battery F-2/12 and assumed operational control of Battery B-1/40, who laid in Battery F-2/12 position in Cam Lo. The battalion fired 20 observed missions and 175 unobserved mission in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

3 April

From 0317 to 0395 Battery A-1/40, Battery C-1/40, and Battery M-4/12 each fired 1 mission on a known enemy position with bunkers and fighting holes at XD 969598 called for by 3rd Mar 24. From 0723 to 0735 Battery A-1/40 and Battery B-1/40 saturated an area target at YD 104614 again called for by 3rd Mar 24.

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From 1100 to 1600 Battery A-1/40 fired 3 missions and Battery B-1/40 fired 2 missions as spotting rounds for recon patrol PAGE TITLE III. From 1600 to 1900 Battery C-1/40 fired 4 missions as spotter rounds and defensive concentrations in support of recon patrol PUNCTUATE II. From 1900 to 2106 Battery C-1/40 fired 8 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of 3/3 LNO. From 2230 to 2240 Battery A-1/40 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of 3/9 LNO and 3rd Mar 24. The battalion fired 19 observed and 243 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

4 April

From 0001 to 0800 Battery C-1/40 fired a continuous mission on enemy movement in support of recon patrol PEERAGE I, expending 74 HE throughout the night. From 0422 to 0555 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of 3/3 LNO. From 0600 to 0848 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions as prep fires in support of M-3/3. At 0945 Battery C-1/40 began a mission in support of recon patrol PEERAGE I, continuing their support until 1445 resulting in 781 HE expended and 10 KIA (prob). From 1115 to 1600 Battery C-1/40 fired 9 mission as prep fires in support of a patrol from M-3/3. From 1900 to 2015 Battery C-1/40 fired 6 missions on suspected enemy positions called for by the 3/3 LNO. The battalion fired 30 observed missions and 337 unobserved missions throughout the day.

5 April

From 0045 to 0138 Battery B-1/40 fired 5 missions on enemy troop locations based on intelligence report and called for by the 12th Marines. From 0250 to 0323 Battery B-1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy infiltration routes in support of M-3/3. From 0753 to 0820 Battery C-1/40 fired 3 missions as recons by fire in the XD 9650 area in support of I-3/3. From 1150 to 1700 Battery A-1/40 and Battery B-1/40 both fired 1 continuous defensive mission in support of recon patrol PERSPECTIVE III resulting in beautiful coverage, no further movement seen or heard. From 1800 to 1900 Battery B-1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy positions in support L-3/3 and 3/3 LNO. From 2110 to 2400 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions on suspected enemy mortar and rocket positions called for by the 3/3 LNO. The battalion fired 29 observed missions and 185 unobserved missions throughout the day in support of 3/3 and 3/9.

6 April

From 0012 to 0448 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions on suspected enemy mortar and rocket positions in the XD 9149/XD 9148 area called for by the 3/3 LNO. From 0710 to 0820 Bat-

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tery C-1/40 fired 4 missions in the XD 9250 area in support of I-3/3. At 1115 Battery A-1/40 fired 1 mission on 10 enemy in a tree line (YD 087609) in support of I-3/9 resulting in 10 KIA (prob). From 1140 to 1225 Battery A-1/40 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy movement (YD 0859) in support of I-3/9, resulting in good coverage, negative surveillance on enemy movement. At 1300 the battalion assumed opcon of Battery G-3/12, who arrived on the plateau to relieve Battery A-1/40. At 1530 Battery A-1/40 received the march order and returned to Dong Ha. The battalion also lost opcon of Battery B-1/40 as that unit left their position in Cam Lo and returned to their parent unit in Dong Ha. From 1740 to 2140 Battery C-1/40 fired 14 missions expending 500 rounds, on suspected enemy positions called for by M-3/3. The battalion fired 25 observed missions and 19 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

7 April

From 0715 to 0928 Battery C-1/40 fired 2 missions as prep fire in support of M-3/3 in the XD 9658 area. From 1008 to 1104 Battery G-3/12 fired 2 missions as recons by fire in support of L-3/9 resulting in good coverage of both targets. From 1225 to 1250 Battery C-1/40 fired 2 missions on enemy positions with bunkers, supporting recon patrol PUNCTUATE I resulting in good coverage of both positions. From 1630 to 1840 Battery C-1/40 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of L-3/3, resulting in good effect on both targets. From 1905 to 2005 Battery C-1/40 fired 5 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of M-3/3 and 3/3 LNO. From 2015 to 2040 Battery G-3/12 fired 2 missions on enemy movement reported by the advisor to the ARVN unit in Cam Lo resulting in good coverage of the target area. The battalion fired 20 observed missions and 6 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

8 April

From 0150 to 0205 Battery G-3/12 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions based on intelligence report forwarded from 12th Marine Headquarters. From 1300 to 1334 Battery C-1/40 fired 1 mission expending 120 HE as a prep fire in support of recon patrol PAGE TITLE II. From 1910 to 1930 Battery G-3/12 and Battery M-4/12 again participated in a practice of the camp counter mortar plan. From 1930 to 2000 Battery G-3/12 fired 3 missions as defensive concentrations in support of L-3/9 resulting in good effect, all rounds on target. From 1849 to 1854 Battery C-1/40 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of I-3/3, resulting in good effect on both targets. At 2200 Battery G-3/12 fired 1 mission, expending 72 HE on an estimated enemy company, reported by Cam Lo advisor; the area was well covered, but an accurate surveillance was unavailable. The battalion fired 13 observed missions and 129 unobserved missions throughout the day in support of 3/3 and 3/9.

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9 April

From 0024 to 0704 Battery C-1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9948 area in support of 3/3 LNO. From 0825 to 0855 Battery C-1/40 fired 3 missions on suspected and known enemy areas in support of M-3/3, resulting in rounds on target for all missions. From 1300 to 1400 Battery C-1/40 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of L-3/3 and M-3/3. From 1700 to 1900 Battery C-1/40 continued its support of 3/3 by firing 9 missions on suspected enemy mortar and rocket positions in support of I-, K-, and M-3/3. At 1900 the battalion participated in a counter mortar drill with Battery G-3/12 and Battery M-4/12 each firing sectors in the counter mortar plan. A simulated mortar position was fired on by Batttery G-3/12 after completion of its assigned sector. Reaction time was satisfactory by all participating units. From 1900 to 2200 Battery C-1/40 fired 10 missions on suspected enemy positions in a proposed operational area called for by the 3/3 LNO. From 2220 to 2245 Battery G-3/12 fired 3 missions on possible enemy mortar positions in the YD 1253 area in support of 3/9 LNO. The battalion fired 39 observed missions and 296 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

10 April

From 0100 to 0135 Battery G-3/12 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions based on intelligence report passed down by the 3rd Marine Division Headquarters. At 0205 Battery G-3/12 fired 1 mission on suspected enemy movement at YD 071572 expending 23 WP and 49 HE, observed from the Camp CARROLL defense perimeter resulting in 2 known secondary explosions. At 0520 unexplained rounds impacted near the camp perimeter, and Battery G-3/12 and Battery M-4/12 fired designated sectors from the camp counter mortar plan. At 0832 recon patrol PEERAGE II made contact at XD 923507, and Battery C-1/40 began a continuous mission in support. The mission lasted until 1500 and resulted in 10 KIA (prob) and the successful extraction of the patrol. From 1235 to 1420 Battery G-3/12 fired in 4 defensive concentrations in the YD 0750 area in support of L-3/9. At 1425 Battery G-3/12 fired 1 mission on enemy in a defensive position, adjusted by 3rd Marine Division AO resulting in outstanding coverage of the target area. From 1900 to 1930 the battalion again participated in a rehearsal of the camp countermortar plan, with Battery G-3/12 and Battery M-4/12 firing selected sectors of the plan. From 2103 to 2128 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions on lights on a ridge at XD 991605 in support of K-3/3 resulting in good effect on the area, lights out.

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11 April

From 0950 to 1200 Battery C-1/40 fired 7 missions on suspected enemy positions in a proposed operational area in support of 3/3 LNO. At 1300 3 companies of 3/3 and a command group were lifted into the operational area as Battery M-4/12 fired 4 missions and Battery C-1/40 fired 13 missions as prep fires in the area to the southwest of the Rock-pile/Razorback complex. From 1550 to 1725 Battery C-1/40 fired 3 missions as recons by fire in the XD 0948 area, in support of L-3/9. From 1820 to 1957 Battery C-1/40 fired 5 missions as defensive concentrations in the XD 9348 area in support of J and L-3/3. The battalion fired 15 observed missions and 180 unobserved missions throughout the day in support of 3/3 and 3/9.

12 April

From 0038 to 0745 Battery C-1/40 fired 8 missions on suspected enemy positions and assembly areas in support of I and L-3/3. Throughout the morning Battery G-3/12 fired 4 practice missions in the YD 1258 area called for by Mortar Battery 3/12 in the XD 2039 area, with reinforcing fire from general support artillery. There was no positive surveillance. From 1540 to 1639 Battery C-1/40 fired 439 HE as a prep fire at XD 743476 in support of 3/3 LNO. From 1858 to 2036 Battery C-1/40 fired 5 missions as recons by fire in the operational area, in support of L-3/3. At 2010 Mortar Battery 3/12 fired an illumination mission on suspected enemy activity at YD 175405 in support of K-3/3 resulting in good lighting, no movement observed. The battalion fired 23 observed missions and 159 unobserved missions throughout the day in support of 3/3 and3/9.

13 April

From 0927 to 0955 Battery C-1/40 fired 1 mission on 6 enemy moving through a tree line in support of M-3/3 resulting in good coverage of the target area, no further movement observed. At 0720 Battery C-1/40 displaced a platoon to Ca Lu in support of the current sweep by 3/3. At 1200 Battery C-1/40 began firing on automatic weapons firing in the vicinity of XD 96064710. The mission was sent to the forward platoon at 1210, while Battery C-1/40 began firing on a suspected enemy mortar position (XD 955593), called for by M-3/3 as they received approximately 6 incoming rounds. The forward platoon ended their missions at 1230, with good coverage, and Battery C-1/40 ended their mission at 1220 with good area coverage, incoming ceased. From 1850 to 1920 Battery G-3/12 fired in 2 defensive concentrations in support of I-3/9. At 2115 Battery G-3/12, Battery M-4/12, Battery K-4/12, and Battery B-1/40 fired TOT on a suspected enemy battalion, based on intelligence data reported by the advisor at Cam Lo. From 2130 to 2310 Battery C-1/40 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of M-3/3. The battalion fired 13 observed missions and 331 unobserved missions in support of 3/9 and 3/3 throughout the day.

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14 April

At 0830 Battery G 3/12 fired 1 mission on a suspected enemy OP at YD 046513 in support of L/3/9, resulting in excellent coverage of the target area. At 1000 Battery C 1/40 displaced its forward platoon back to battery position at Thon Son Lam. From 1755 to 1915 Battery C 1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of I/3/3 and M/3/3. From 1928 to 1949 Battery G 3/12 fired in 3 defensive concentrations in support of I/3/9 in the YD 1256 area resulting in all rounds on target. The battalion fired 21 observed missions and 366 unobserved missions in support of 3/9 and 3/3 throughout the day.

15 April

During the morning a contingent from Co C 3rd Recon Battalion was given a tour of 2/94 Battalion FDC prior to a service practice shoot fired by Battery G 3/12 throughout the afternoon. From 1809 to 1912 Battery C 1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of I/3/3 and M/3/3. At 2000 Battery G 3/12 fired one HE mission on a suspected enemy platoon, in support of the Army advisor from Cam lo, resulting in rounds on target, no further movement observed. From 2000 to 2323 Battery C 1/40 fired five more missions on suspected enemy positions in the area around Thon Son Lam in support of M/3/3 and the 3/3 LNO. The Battalion fired 14 observed missions and 339 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

16 April

From 0002 to 0615 Battery C 1/40 fired 32 missions, expending 291 HE on suspected enemy positions in support of M 3/3 and 3/3 LNO. From 0830 to 1020 Battery G 3/12 fired 3 practice missions in support of L/3/9. From 1700 to 1910, Battery C 1/40 fired 8 more missions on suspected enemy positions in support of I/3/3 and 3/3 LNO. The Battalion fired 23 observed missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 through out the day.

17 April

From 0840 to 0850 Battery G 3/12 fired a practice mission in support of L/3/9. From 1450 to 1512, Battery K/4/12 reinforced the Battalion on a suspected enemy company in the YD 164645 area, in support of 3/9 LNO. From 1805 to 1825, Battery C 1/40 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9550 area in support of M/3/3. The Battalion fired 3 observed and 174 unobserved missions, throughout the day, in support of 3/9 and 3/3.

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18 April

From 1840 to 1917 Battery C 1/40 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9759 area in support of I/3/3 and M/3/3. At 2130 Battery C 1/40 fired 1 mission on lights on a hill, observed by 3/3 LNO, resulting in excellent coverage of the target area, lights out. The Battalion fired 3 observed missions 173 unobserved missions in support of 3/9 and 3/3 throughout the day.

19 April

From 1030 to 1055 Battery C 1/40 fired on 1 enemy on a ridge line (XD 965578) in support of I3/3 resulting in rounds on target, no further movement observed. From 1050 to 1135 Battery G fired 1 mission on a suspected enemy position in the XD 0253 area in support of 3rd Marines LNO. From 1210 to 1440 Battery C 1/40 fired 2 more missions on suspected assembly areas and mortar positions in support of I/3/9. From 1845 to 1925 Battery C 1/40 fired two missions on suspected enemy positions, in the XD 9050 area in support of M/3/3. The Battalion fired 15 observed missions and 159 unobserved missions in support of 3/9 and 3/3 throughout the day. Operation PRAIRIE III ended at 2400 this date.

20 April

The Battalion assumed operational control of Battery F/2/12 at Khe Sanh. This move was made necessary as the 3rd Marines AOR was extended to the west as Operation PRAIRIE IV began. At 0605 Battery C 1/40 fired a recon by fire on a suspected enemy position in support of I/3/3. From 1030 to 1220 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy movement in the XD 9346 area in support of recon patrol RATTLER, resulting in 1 WIA (CONF), 4 KIA (PROB). From 1300 to 1500 Battery F 2/12 fired 7 missions as recons by fire in support of BP 12. From 0700 to 1355 Mortar Battery 3/12 fired 19 missions as recons by fire and prep fires in support of K/3/9 in the Ba Long area. At 1250 Battery M 4/12 displaced two guns to D-5 to support the relief of K/3/9 in the Ba Long area. The platoon is under the operational control of this Battalion. From 1310 to 1425 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy movement in the XD 7346 area in support of recon potrol RATTLER, resulting in excellent coverage of both targets, no further movement observed. From 1800 to 2000 Battery G 3/12 fired 5 missions as defensive concentrations in support of I/3/9. From 1845 to 1910 Battery C 1/40 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of I/3/9. From 1910 to 1940 Mortar Battery 3/12 fired in 3 defensive concentrations in support of K/3/9 in the Ba Long area. From 1925 to 1955 Battery F 2/12 fired in 3 defensive

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concentrations in support of recon patrol HAWK. From 2100 to 2149 Battery F 2/12 fired two missions on lights observed at YD 187488, in support of B/1/9 resulting in good effect on target, lights extinguished. The Battalion fired 58 observed missions and 217 unobserved missions in support of 3/9 and 3/3 throughout the day.

21 April

From 0725 to 0815, the platoon of Battery M 4/12 at D-5 fired 4 missions as recons by fire in the YD 1243 area in support of I/3/9 as that unit moved toward a relief of K//3/9 at Ba Long. From 0745 to 0845 Mortar Battery 3/12 fired 4 missions as recons by fire in support of K/3/9 in the YD 1942 area. From 1415 to 1455 Battery C 1/40 fired two missions reinforcing Battery M 4/12 in the YD 8951 area in support of recon patrol PERSPECTIVE II. From 1625 to 1640, Battery F 2/12 fired 1 mission on enemy sniper fire in support of Khe Sanh AO resulting in good coverage of the target area. From 1655 to 1923 Battery C 1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9559 area in support of I/3/3. From 2045 to 2340 Battery M 4/12 (FWD D-5) fired 4 missions and Mortar Battery 3/12 fired 5 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of K/3/9 in the XD 2041 area. The Battalion fired 27 observed missions and 240 unobserved missions in support of 3./3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

22 April

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At 0255 Battery C 1/40 fired a mission on enemy voices around recon patrol PERSPECTIVE II in the XD 8850 area resulting in screaming heard and voices ceased. (unknown number of WIA (PROB). From 0800 to 0905 Battery M 4/12 (FWD D-5) fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of K/3/9 in the Ba Long area. From 0934 to 1000 Battery C 1/40 fired 1 mission on 9 enemy in support of recon patrol PERSPECTIVE II resulting in 3 KIA (CONF). From 0930 to 1028 Battery M 4/12 (FWD D-5) fired 2 missions and Mortar Battery 3/12 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in the Ba Long area in support of K/3/9. From 1105 to 1405 Mortar Battery 3/12 fired 2 missions and Battery M 4/12 (FWD D-5) fired 3 missions on suspected enemy movement in support of K/3/9 in the Ba Long area. At 1500 M/3/9 was helo lifted into XD 8851 area to link up with recon patrol PERSPECTIVE II and Battery C 1/40 fired 6 missions and Battery F 2/12 fired 5 missions as prep fires for that company operation. From 1515 to 1640 Battery F 2/12 fired 1 mission on 10 enemy at XD 830 478 in support of recon patrol SHARK resulting in 4 KIA (PROB). From 2145 to 2300 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of M/3/3 in XD 8849 area. The Battalion fired 40 observed missions and 281 unobserved missions throughout the day in support of 3/3 and 3/9. During the day the platoon of Battery M 4/12 displaced from D-5 to Camp Carroll; no longer under the operational control of 1/12.

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23 April

From 0715 to 0735 Battery G 3/12 fired 2 missions as recons by fire in support of a patrol from M/3/9. From 0940 to1425 Battery C 1/40 fired 2 missions and Battery F 2/12 fired 5 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of M/3/3 in the XD 8850 area. From 1515 to 1707 Battery C 1/40 fired 2 missions and Battery M 4/12 fired 1 mission on suspected enemy movement in the XD 8852 area in support of M/3/3. From 1732 to 1836 Battery G 3/12 fired 1 mission on suspected enemy movement in a tree line at YD 135523 in support of L/3/9 resulting in good coverage, no further movement observed. From 1855 to 1955 Battery C 1/40 fired 4 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of I/3/3 and M/3/3. From 2130 to 2145 Battery G 3/12 fired 1 mission on suspected enemy movement at YD 041575 in support of M/3/9 resulting in excellent coverage of the target area, no further movement observed. The Battalion fired 28 observed missions and 223 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

24 April

From 0002 to 0655 Battery C 1/40 fired 10 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 8852 area in support of M/3/3. From 0700 to 1000 Battery G 3/12 fired 4 missions as recons by fire in support of a patrol from M/3/9 resulting in good effect on target on all missions. From 1240 to 1345 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy in the open (XD 776519) in support of recon patrol SHARK resulting in 5 KIA (PROB) and 2 secondary explosions. From 1310 to 1600 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy dug in (XD 993457) in support of B/1/9 and a Khe Sanh AO with a negative surveillance for both missions. From 1200 to 1630 Battery C 1/40 fired 4 missions as recons by fire on suspected enemy positions in the XD 8751 area in support of M/3/3. From 1630 to 1705 Battery G 3/12 fired 2 missions on suspected troop concentrations in the YD 1153 and YD 1351 areas based on intelligence reports forwarded by the 3rd Marines LNO. From 1935 to 2000 Battery C 1/30 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9857 area in support of I/3/3. The Battalion fired 32 observed and 6 unobserved missions in support of 3/9 and 3/3 throughout the day.

25 April

From 0825 to 0935 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy troop movement in the XD 8044 area in support of B/1/9. During the morning K/3/3 and a command group from 3/3 were helo-lifted to the area west of Khe Sanh (XD 8044). The command group took control of B/1/9 forming a composite battalion (-) in that area. From 1325 to 1615 Battery F 2/12 fired 3 missions as recons by fire in the XD 7944 area in support of 3/3 LNO and B/1/9.

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From 1645 to 1755 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy mortars and automatic weapons fire in the XD 8044 area in support of 3/3 LNO. From 1900 to 1930 Battery K 4/12 fired 1 mission on an antiaircraft site observed by 3rd MarDiv AO, resulting in 2 KIA (PROB). From 1900 to 1915 Mortar Battery 3/12 fired in 2 defensive concentrations for I/3/9 in the Ba Long area. From 1900 to 1945 Battery F 2/12 fired 6 missions on enemy avenues of escape in the XD 8044 area in support of 3/3 LNO. The Battalion fired 24 observed missons and 28 Harassment and Interdiction missions throughout the day in support of 3/9 and 3/3.

26 April

From 0130 to 0555 Battery F 2/12 fired 5 missions as countermortar fire and blocking fires in support of K/3/3 and 3/3 LNO in the XD 7943 area, expending 500 rounds on the various missions. Again at 0730, 3/3 received incoming mortarr rounds and Battery F 2/12 fired 5 more missions as countermortar fire and blocking fires on enemy escape routes, in their support. From 1120 to 1850 Battery M 4/12 fired 6 missions and Mortar Battery 3/12 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in support of L/3/3, I/3/9 and M/3/9. From 1920 to 2000 Battery M 4/12 fired 2 more missions on suspected enemy positions in support of M/3/3 and L/3/9. The Battalion fired 14 observed missions and 4 unobserved missions in support of 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day. During the day a Rough Rider was dispatched to Khe Sanh with the purpose of moving B 1/40 to that position. Rough Rider reached CA Lu and spent the night, with intentions to continue to Khe Sanh in the morning.

27 April

From 0600 to 0700 Battery F 2/12 fired 3 missions as recons by fire in the XD 8094 area in support of 3/3 LNO. At 0830, Battery F 2/12 fired 1 mission on enemy troops at XD 782448 observed by a Khe Sanh AO resulting in rounds on target, no further movement observed. From 1200 to 1500 Battery M 4/12 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 9661 area in support of I/3/3. From 1200 to 1800, Battery F 2/12 fired 3 missions on enemy movement in the 8044 area in support of 3/3(-). At 2055 Battery M 4/12 fired 1 mission on a suspected enemy position in support of I/3/3 in the XD 9455 area resulting in rounds on target. The Battalion fired 11 observed missions and 52 Harassment and Interdiction missions in support of 3/9, 3/3 and 2/3 throughout the day.

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28 April

At 0400, Battery G 3/12 fired 6 missions and Battery M 4/12 fired 7 missions as counter-mortar fire in the Dong Ha-Dong Ha mountain complex. From 0650 to 0815 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on enemy bunkers and trenches in the XD 8044 area in support of G/2/3 and 2/3 LNO. From 1300 to 1600 Battery B 1/12 fired 3 missions on enemy bunkers in the XD 8044 area in support of E/2/3 and G/2/3. From 1850 to 1955 Battery G 3/12 fired 1 mission on 20 enemy in a trench line at YD 034505 observed by a 3dMarDiv AO, resulting in outstanding coverage of target area, 4 KIA (PROB). From 1850 to 2100 Battery B 1/12 fired 2 missions on enemy mortar positions in the XD 7944 and XD 7844 area in support of E/2/3 and G/2/3. From 2000 to 2012 Battery M 4/12 fired 2 missions on a suspected enemy battalion size force located at YD 138545 based on intelligence data forwarded by the 3dMar LNO. From 2000 to 2240, Battery F 2/12 fired in 6 defensive concentrations in the Khe Sanh area in support of K/3/9 and 3/3 LNO. The Battalion fired 26 observed missions and 64 harassment and interdiction missions throughout the day in support of 3/3, 2/3 and 3/9.

29 April

From 0800 to 0830 Battery M 4/12 fired in 3 on call concentrations in support of recon patrol PAGE TITLE III. From 0915 to 1045 Battery F 2/12 fired 1 mission on 10 enemy in the open at XD 783449 in support of E/2/9. From 1032 to 1144 Battery B 1/12 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 7845 area in support of L/3/3 and 3/3 LNO, resulting in good effect on all missions. From 1620 to 1745, Battery M 4/12 fired 3 missions on suspected enemy positions in the rockpile-razorback area in support of I/3/3 and K/3/3, resulting in good effect, all rounds on target. From 1930 to 2050 Battery B 1/12 and Battery F 2/12 each fired 1 mission on enemy in the open at XD 778438 and XD 777447 in support of M/3/3 resulting in 50 KIA (PROB). From 2300 to 0005 Battery F 2/12 fired 2 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 8039 area in support of M/3/3 resulting in good effect on both targets. The Battalion fired 16 observed missions and 59 harassment and interdiction missions in support of 2/3, 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

30 April

From 0001 to 0300 Battery F 2/12 fired 5 missions on suspected enemy positions in the XD 7744 area in support of M/3/3 and the 3/3 LNO. From 0300 to 0530 Battery B 1/12 fired 4 missions on some additional suspected enemy positions in the

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XD 7743 area in support of M/3/3. From 0534 to 1000 Battery B 1/12 fired 8 missions as prep fires in support of M/3/3 in the XD 7844 area, expending 1972 rounds and resulting in 50 KIA (PROB). At 1100, 3/3 began to receive incoming mortars in the XD 7843 area and Battery F 2/12 fired 12 missions as counter mortar fire in their support. By 1600 Battery F 2/12 had fired over 700 rounds in that area in support of 3/3.

The Battalion fired 63 observed missions and 184 harassment and interdiction missions in support of 2/3, 3/3 and 3/9 throughout the day.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. COMBAT MISSIONS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES

		Missions fired	Ammo expended	
a. 105 -	Observed	841	HE	45,726
	Unobserved	5025	WP	2,018
	H&I	3330	Illum	167
	Total	9196		47,911
b. 107 -	Observed	87	HE	2,936
	Unobserved	290	WP	201
	H&I	691	Illum	149
	Total	1,068		3,286
c. 155 (OpCon 1/12)				
	Observed	13	Ammo	310
	Unobserved	10		
	Total	23		310
d. 155 (Rein)				
	Observed	65	Ammo	1550
	Unobserved	34		
	Total	99		1550

e. Total missions and ammunition fired in support of the 3d Marines and Reconnaissance units.

Total missions	10,386	Ammo	53,057

2. ENEMY CASUALTIES

7 KIA (CONF) 159 KIA (PROB)

3. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

KIA 4 — WIA 49 USMC, 2 USN

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 2 April a rough rider convoy was organized for the purpose of moving Battery F 2/12 from Cam Lo to Khe Sanh, replacing Battery I 3/12 in that position. Battery C 1/40 displaced a platoon to Cam Lu to support the convoy and Battery B 1/40 sent

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3 guns to Cam Lo to replace Battery F 2/12. The convoy successfully moved Battery F 2/12 to Khe Sanh and returned Battery I 3/12 to Dong Ha. On 3 April the platoon from Battery C 1/40 returned from Ca Lu to Thon Son Lam. On 6 April Battery G 3/12 arrived at Camp Carroll and Battery A 1/40 displaced to Dong Ha, reverting to operational control of its parent unit. The 3 guns of Battery B 1/40 at Cam Lo also returned to their parent unit at Dong Ha, reverting to that unit's operational control. On 8 April, the Battalion held an FO school for a detachment from 3rd Recon Bn. The personnel were led through an operational FDC in the morning and participated in live practice missions, fired by Battery G 3/12, in the afternoon. On 13 April a platoon from Battery C 1/40 displaced from Thon Son Lam to Ca Lu to support a 3/3 operation. On 14 April Battery G 3/12 moved into position previously occupied by Battery C 2/94 and assumed that unit's responsibilites in the Camp Carroll defensive perimeter. Also on this date the platoon from Battery C 1/40 displaced back to Thon Son Lam. On 19 April Operation PRAIRIE III ended and Operation PRAIRIE IV began. On 20 April the Battalion again assumed the operational control of Battery F 2/12 at Khe Sanh. Also on this date Battery M 4/12 displaced 2 guns to D-5 to support the relief of K/3/9 by I/3/3 in the Ba Long area. On 22 April Battery M 4/12 returned the platoon at D-5 to Camp Carroll. On 26 April another rough rider was organized to transport Battery B 1/40 to Khe Sanh, to be supported by the displacement of a platoon of Battery C 1/40 to Ca Lu. The convoy reached Ca Lu but was unable toproceed any further due to non trafficability of the road past that point. On 27 April Battery B 1/12 was air lifted into Khe Sanh. Battery B 1/40 aborted the attempt to proceed to Khe Sanh and relieved Battery C 1/40 at Thon Son Lam on 28 April as Battery C 1/40 returned to the operational control of its parent unit at Dong Ha. On 30 April, a calibration team arrived at Camp Carrol and performed a sky screen calibration of Battery G 3/12.

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5. LOGISTICS

During the month, the battalion was provided with electrical power. The battalion working spaces were wired and a PU-239, 20 KW generator was installed by 11th Engineers. As a result of this electrical power, the messhall received refrigerated bulk milk dispensers.

The requirements for bunker material for the battalion were again forwarded to Division. Continued improvement of the battalion defensive perimeter has been hampered by a lack of 8 foot stakes and the lack of a TD-15 tractor.

6. ORDNANCE

Due to lack of 3d echelon spare parts at support maintenance facilities, it has become difficult to effectively decrease the deadlining of the 105mm howitzers. Specific areas of necessary replacement parts include recoil mechanisms and gun tubes.

7. MEDICAL

During the month 310 patients were treated at the battalion sick bay. Of these, 302 were treated and returned to duty while 8 were evacuated to higher medical headquarters.

There were no immunization given during the reporting period. There were 3 preventive maintenance and sanitation inspections performed with satisfactory results in each case. The general health of the battalion continues to be very good.

8. MOTOR TRANSPORT

The vehicles in the battalion travelled a total of 31,435 miles during the reporting period. There were 39 preventive maintenance quarterlies/annuals and 54 individual repairs performed during the month. There were 2 modifications performed on M-422's. Four 2½ ton trucks and 2 M-422 ¼ ton trucks sent to FLSU for repairs and the battalion received 2 M-422's back from that activity.

Critical parts include batteries for 2½ ton trucks, electrolite, hot patches, inner tubes, M37 radiators, and bellcranks and bushings for the M-38 and M-422 vehicles.

9. WEATHER

Continued clear weather enabled 3d Marines to continue to increase its operational commitments. The aerial observer coverage of the 3d Marine AOR continued to increase during this period of good visability.

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10. TRAINING

There was one formal school quota filled by the battalion, as one officer attended Registered Publications School. Four times during the month, the battalion conducted an FO School for personnel from 3d Recon Battalion.

There was a continued effort made on on-the-job informal training conducted by the individual sections of each battery.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

On 1 April the radio-relay shot to Gio-Linh was re-established. On 14 April, Battery G 3/12 moved into the position previously occupied by C 2/94 (USA) and all wire lines from the battalion switchboards, both Admin and FDC, were re-laid to that position. On 19 April a radio-relay shot was established from 3d Marines Headquarters to Khe Sanh, with 1/12 receiving 1 channel enabling us to have a hot line from our FDC to Battery F 2/12 FDC.

There was a total of 841 messages handled by the 1/12 message center. Of these, 481 were classified and 360 were unclassified.

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12. Personnel and Administration

a. Strengths

	Losses				Gains			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative	6	63	0	0	4	15	0	0

Net loss of 2 Off; Net loss of 55 Enl, Net gain 1 Navy Enl.

b. Discipline, Law and Order Battalion Office Hours were held on four individuals. Two individuals were charged with violation of Article 113, UCMJ, one was charged with violation of Article 134, UCMJ, and one charged with violation of Articles 113 and 134, UCMJ. There was one Special Court-Martial for violation of Article 86, UCMJ.

c. Prisoners of War

	VCC	VCS
Captured	0	0
Evacuated	0	0
On Hand	0	0

d. Graves Registration Not applicable

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e. Morale and Personnel Services

(1) This Battalion received a 20 KW generator on the 20th of April. All the working spaces and most of the living spaces are wired for electricity which makes the working and living conditions more favorable. The Battalion only received two pallets of soda during the month of April. Figuring two cans of soda per man per day this Battalion can use 23 pallets of soda per month. During the month of April R&R was granted to 53 officer, enlisted and Navy personnel to the following places:

12 - Hawaii 11 - Bangkok 3 - Manila
9 - Hong Kong 8 - Tokyo 1 - Singapore
4 - Taipei 4 - Okinawa 1 - PeNang

(2) Awards Made. During April five Marines were recommended for the Bronze Star Medal and nine Marines were recommended for the Navy Commendation Medal. Five Purple Hearts were delivered during April. one meritorious mast was presented.

(3) Significant activities for Personnel Services Personnel are continuing to apply for six months extension in Vietnam with 30 days special leave.

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(4) One USMCR 1stLt was promoted to Captain; two Privates were promoted to Private First Class; eight Private First Classes were promoted to Lance Corporal; seven Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal; and thirteen Corporals were promoted to Sergeant.

(5) Unusual events or problems which have occurred:

(a) Currently at C-1, critical shortage of personnel by MOS are:

MOS	T/O	O/H	May losses
0239	1	0	0
0844	75	59	1
0846	12	4	1
0848	20	14	1
0849	12	3	5
2529	5	1	0
2531	77	61	3
3381	1	0	0
3002	1	0	

(b) There is a critical shortage of unit diary forms, promotion certificates, unit punishment forms, record of trial for Special Court-Martial (Summarized), charge sheets, carbon paper (legal size and 8½X10), bond paper, PERSTAT report forms, and 3X5 cards.

f. Personnel Procedures

a. Four requests for extension of overseas tours have been submitted.

b. Four emergency leaves to CONUS were granted, two emergency leaves in connection with POS orders were granted, and four special 30 days leave to CONUS were issued.

g. Interior Management A continuing effort is being made to complete the sand bagging of each of the tents.

h. Civilian Employees Not applicable.

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