

HEADQUARTERS

3d Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)
 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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1. In compliance with references (a) through (c), the July 1966 Command Chronology is hereby submitted as enclosures (1) through (9).

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Headquarters

3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)

3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Location: Coordinates YD 87631455, Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam

2. Period covered. 1 July 1966 to 31 July 19663. Battalion Commander and Staff

a. 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines

- (1) Major S. M. MORROW 052130/0802 USMC Battalion Commander
- (2) Major W. J. HALLISEY 056670/0802 USMC Battalion Executive Officer
1 July 1966 to 13 July 1966
Major H. C. SOMMERVILLE 060802/0802 USMC 15 July 1966 to 31 July 1966
- (3) 1stLt M. W. JOHNSON 088880/0802 USMCR S-1/Adjutant
- (4) 1stLt R. R. CRAIG 087751/0802 USMCR S-2
- (5) Major B. N. BITTNER 064637/0802 USMC S-3
- (6) 1stLt J. P. JOHNSON 087863/0802 USMCR S-4

b. Battery Commanders

- (1) Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)
Capt W. H. PARKER III 065573/0802 USMC 1 July 1966 to 8 July 1966
1stLt R. R. CRAIG 087751/0802 9 July 1966 to 31 July 1966
- (2) Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) Capt J. K. OSGOOD 077503/0802 USMC
- (3) Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) Capt P. T. SUDMEYER 075679/0802 USMC
- (4) Battery "I", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) Capt B. T. CHAMBLESS 064290/0802 USMC
- (5) 107mm Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)
Capt R. A. FURTADO 077663/0802 USMC
- (6) Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) Capt J. B. WAY 081103/0802 USMCR
- (7) 1st 155mm Gun Battery (-)(Rein)(SP) FMF Capt W. H. WANTLAND 081341/0802 USMC
- (8) Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Capt F. S. CARR Jr. 072702/0802 USMC - OPCON 1 July 1966 to 31 July 1966

4. Average Monthly Strength: 49 Officers - 745 Enlisted~~SECRET~~

Enclosure (1)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~DAILY CHRONOLOGY1 July

Operation "Jay" came to a close at 1230H. Hq Btry and Btry "M" returned to the battalion CP led by the battalion S-3. The battalion CO went to Cam Lo to visit Battery "H". Battery "G" remained in position at YD 524365 in support of the 2d Bn, 4th Marines. For details of Operation "Jay", see enclosure (8).

At 1600H word was received by the S-3A that a briefing would be held at 1900H in the 4th Marines CP for the CO and S-3 on Operation "Holt", scheduled to commence the next day.

At 2030H, upon returning from their briefing the battalion commander and S-3 held a briefing for the battalion staff and battery commanders on Operation "Holt". The battalion command group, Batteries "I" and "M" were to leave at 0400H on 2 July 1966.

2 July

At 0400H the battalion departed for Operation "Holt". See enclosure (9) for details of Operation "Holt".

3 July

At 0900H Battery "B" displaced from YD 872138 to firing position # 20 at YD 930059. Battery "B" was in position, laid on azimuth 4400.

At 1530H the platoon from the 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery displaced from YD 871144 and returned to YD 811160.

4 July

At 2300H a message was received from the 12th Marines suspending certain ammunition lots. This information was relayed to all 105mm batteries in the battalion.

5 July

At 0700H the battalion XO departed for Cam Lo to inspect Battery "H", returning at 1500H.

6 July

Operation "Holt" secured at 0800H. Hq Btry and Btry "M" displaced from the Holt area and returned to the 3dBn, 12th Marines CP at 1620H. Btry "M" occupied its position at YD 876144 and laid on azimuth 3750. Battery "I" remained in

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position in the "Holt" area covering the returning convoys. Btry "I" displaced at 1530H and returned to the battalion CP area. By 1800H Btry "I" was in position at YD 871140, laid on azimuth 4500.

7 July

At 1030H the Bn CO and SgtMaj departed for Da Nang to call on the new Commanding Officer of the 12th Marines, Col Ben S. REED. After visiting the regimental area, they returned at 1800H.

8-9 July

Recon patrol "IRONHORSE", operating in the vicinity of YD 7606 requested fire on an unknown number of VC at 1030H on 8 July. The 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery fired seven (7) rounds of 155mm HE on YD 769069. No casualties were reported, but two (2) VC were captured as a result of the mission.

An aerial observer located several VC in a tree line in the vicinity of YD 7808 at 1330H on 8 July. Btry "G" expended ninety-four (94) rounds of 105 HE on the target. Surveillance reported one (1) KIA and three (3) WIA as a result of the mission.

10 July

The Bn S-3 was called to the 4th Marines area to be briefed on an upcoming operation. At 1700H the S-3 briefed the bn staff and battery commanders on the operation. Known as Operation "HASTINGS", it was to commence the following day, 11 July. Batteries "H", "I", "M", and "B" would participate along with others yet to be designated. "Hastings" would be a combined ARVN, USMC operation in the Dong Ha, Cam Lo area. The designated batteries prepared to road march to the objective area on 11 July 1966.

11 July

At 110020H a request for rules of engagement in case of hostile artillery or mortar fire from the DMZ was sent to the 12th Marines.

At 110400H word was received from the 4th Marines that a bridge at coordinates YD 461399 had been dynamited by VC. The battalion was notified of the plan to transport Batteries "I" and "M" to Dong Ha via fixed wing aircraft. A request for six 105mm helo slings was made at the same time.

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At 111925H Battery "G" fired sixteen rounds at VC under the canopy at coord YD 956986. The mission was called by reconnaissance patrol. Surveillance resulted in two VC KIA and three VC VIA.

12 July

At 0800H the battalion commander made a reconnaissance of the CP site and gun positions at Cam Lo in conjunction with the Commanding Officer, 4th Marines.

At 0830H the 107mm Mortar Battery commenced a service practice shoot. The purpose was to train selected NCO's from Recon Company in artillery FO procedures. At 1500H the FO shoot was secured after a highly successful service practice.

At 0900H the battalion S-3 attended a planning conference at the 4th Marines CP, concerning alternate transportation to the "Hastings" area.

Battery "M" commenced moving personnel and equipment to the Phu Bai airstrip for transport to Dong Ha via fixed wing aircraft at 1100H.

At 1130H Battery "I" moved to the Phu Bai airstrip for further transport to Dong Ha via fixed wing aircraft.

The battalion commander returned to the battalion CP at 1200H after making his reconnaissance of the "Hastings" operating area.

At 1500H the battalion XO directed the CO of the 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery to move a composite platoon (one 8" howitzer, one 155 gun) to the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines CP area and occupy a position at coord YD 8757 1441 in order to support reconnaissance patrols operating to the southeast, south, and southwest.

At 1600H the composite platoon from 1st Provisional 155 Gun Battery arrived and occupied the designated position.

At 1700H the battalion CO, the battalion S-3A, and the battalion FDC section departed Phu Bai for Dong Ha via fixed wing aircraft.

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At 1900H the battalion S-3 attended a planning conference at the 4th Marines CP, concerning the latest developments on "Hastings".

At 2100H the battalion S-3 briefed the battery commanders and the battalion staff on Operation "Hastings". Headquarters Battery and Battery "B" were scheduled to move to the area of operations by convoy along Highway 1 at 0630H the following morning. Operation "Hastings" will be covered in detail under a separate after-action report.

13 July

The battalion convoy consisting of Headquarters Battery and Battery "B" loaded aboard vehicles at 0600H and departed at 0630H. Battery "G" assumed control of the CP area (rear).

At 0900H the 107mm Mortar Battery again held a service practice for the Recon FO personnel. They fired until 1500H.

14 July

At 0730H Major H. G. SOMMERVILLE arrived from Da Nang to act as Officer-In-Charge of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (rear).

At 1330H Major SOMMERVILLE briefed the battery commanders on Operation "Hastings". Emphasis was placed on rear area security while the operation was in progress.

A Rough Rider convoy was scheduled to leave Da Nang on 15 July and proceed north to the Dong Ha - Cam Lo area. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was directed to pre-position three (3) liaison teams at Phu Loc (ZD 088008), Pho Trach (YD 521348), and Hai Lang (YD 415481) to cover the convoy.

15 July

The liaison teams were heli-lifted into position at 0530H.

At 0630H the Rough Rider arrived from Da Nang without incident.

At 1300H the Rough Rider departed the Phu Bai area for return to Da Nang instead of proceeding further north. The liaison teams remained in position overnight as no transportation was available for their return.

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At 0230H the Officer in Charge of the battalion (rear) was notified by the 4th Marines to provide two liaison teams in support of a newly scheduled supply convoy going to Cam Lo. The mission of these teams is to coordinate ARVN artillery fire in support of the convoy if it should be needed. The liaison teams already in position were notified of their new mission.

At 1150H the resupply convoy to Cam Lo departed the Phu Bai area. The liaison teams at Pho Trach and Hai Lang again remained in position overnight. The Phu Loc team returned to the CP at 1330H.

At 1300H WO MCCLURE, USA, visited the CP to inform the battalion of the projected dates the 8th Radio Research Unit antenna system would push into the 3dBn, 12th Marines area. By the end of September construction would be built approximately one-thousand feet in front of Battery "M" in two to three weeks.

At 1400H the 12th Marines informed 3d Battalion, 12th Marines that 3d MAF required a daily ammo expenditure on Operation "Hastings". Methods to insure they were immediately initiated.

At 1550H the 1st Provisional 155 Gun Battery fired ten rounds of 155mm HE at a suspected VC battalion at coord YD 764110. There was no surveillance. This mission was fired in support of ARVN forces.

At 1720H Battery "G" fired eighteen (18) rounds of 105mm HE at a suspected VC battalion at coord YD 770110. There was no surveillance. This mission was fired in support of ARVN forces.

At 1750H the 1st Provisional 155 Gun Battery fired ten rounds of 155mm HE at a suspected VC battalion in the vicinity coord 760110. There was no surveillance. This mission was fired in support of ARVN forces.

At 1830H word was received from the 4th Marines that a Rough Rider would arrive from Da Nang tomorrow. The 3d Battalion, 12th Marines would be required to establish a liaison team at Phu Loc to support the convoy with ARVN artillery if required.

At 1930H the Pho Trach and Hai Lang liaison teams returned to the CP area.

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The Phu Loc liason team was helilifted in position at 0600H.

At 0950H the Rough Rider arrived at Phu Bai without incident. It remained several hours and returned to Da Nang at 1230H.

At 1030H the Officer in Charge of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (rear) visited the artillery batteries remaining in the Phu Bai TAOR and inspected defensive positions.

At 2000H the Officer in Charge of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (rear) was notified by the 4th Marines of the possibility of a mortar attack tonight. All batteries were notified to be particularly alert.

At 2300H the 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery fired twelve rounds of 155mm HE at a VC company in the vicinity of coord YD 960234. The mission was fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The surveillance was two VC KIA.

18 July

"OPERATION HASTINGS" ammunition expenditure reports were initiated as directed.

At 1400H the 4th Marines notified the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines of the requirement for two liason teams in support of the resupply convoy to Cam Lo at 0630 in the morning. The teams were to be pre-positioned once again at Pho Trach and at Hai Lang. The mission of these two teams remained as before.

At 1830H the 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery fired fifteen rounds of 8" HE at a VC concentration coord YD 675088. The surveillance was one VC KIA. The mission was fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

At 1930H the 107mm Mortar Battery reported the malfunction of a cartridge primer. One man was medevacted from the position with a seriously injured hand. The 12th Marines were notified and the ammo lot was suspended locally.

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At 1150H the resupply convoy to Cam Lo departed the Phu Bai area. The liaison teams at Pho Trach and Hai Lang again remained in position overnight. The Phu Loc team returned to the CP at 1330H.

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At 1930H the Pho Trach and Hai Lang liaison teams returned to the CP area.

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At 0515H the two liaison teams scheduled to be pre-positioned in support of the re-supply convoy to Cam Lo were heli-lifted into position at Pho Trach and Hai Lang.

At 0630H the convoy departed for Cam Lo.

At 1800H the two liaison teams were returned via helicopter to the CP area.

20 July

At 1000H it was decided by the Officer in Charge of 3d Battalion rear to position two 155 howitzers (SP) in Battery "M" gun pits to be manned in an emergency.

Just before noon the battalion S-4 was assigned the responsibility of moving ammunition and other material from gun position # 20 (YD 930059). Company "M", 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, the security element at this position, was scheduled to participate in Operation "HASTINGS" which would leave Btry "B" (rear) unprotected. Btry "B" (rear) was moved to the CP area during the afternoon.

Battery "G" conducted a direct fire shoot in impact area "Bravo". Over 100 rounds of 105mm of various types were fired. The shoot lasted from 0800H-1330H.

At 1425H Battery "G" fired six rounds of 105mm HE at a VC company in the vicinity of YD 928187. Two VC were captured. The VC had five hand grenades and numerous documents on their person. This mission was fired in support of ARVN forces.

Battery "G" fired sixty-two rounds of 105mm HE at a VC mortars, coord YD 872238 again for the ARVN at 2215H. Surveillance was 3 VC KIA.

21 July

At 0340H Battery "G" fired sixty-eight rounds of 105mm HE at a VC company in the vicinity of YD 839213. The mission was fired in support of ARVN forces. Surveillance was one VC KIA.

At 2300H Battery "G" fired ninety-one rounds of 105mm HE at sixty VC in the vicinity of YD 868190. Surveillance was six VC KIA, two machine guns, and one cartline destroyed.

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At 1030H Battery "G" fired a total of three-hundred and forty-two rounds at two separate VC companies in the vicinity of YD 970162 and YD 962138. The missions were fired in support of ARVN forces. The immediate surveillance was small arms destroyed, literature, clothing scattered over area. No bodies were found at this time.

23 July

At 0800H word was received from the 4th Mar that a bridge on Highway 1 at coord ZD 015026 had been knocked out the previous night. Traffic at this point is impassable except to foot traffic.

At 1050H Battery "G" fired twenty rounds of 105mm HE at a VC company in the vicinity of YD 949176. This mission was fired in support of ARVN forces. Surveillance was five VC KIA, one carbine uncovered, and medical supplies destroyed.

At 1600H the 1st Provisional 155mm Gun Battery reported a wire team received nine rounds of small arms fire while in the vicinity of coordinates YD 825157. Fire was not returned and the team proceeded on its mission.

At 2056H the 4th Marines reported certain units at Da Nang had been mortared a few minutes earlier. The Phu Bai area was alerted to the possibility of the same type of attack.

24 July

At 0900H this unit was notified by the 4th Marines of a helicopter being forced down by mechanical failure at coord YD 969079. The 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was notified to be prepared to fire in support of the downed helicopter should the need arise. Accordingly, two M109 howitzers from Battery "M" were laid on azimuth 3400.

25 July

At 0900H this unit received word from the 4th Marines that Operation "Hastings" had been extended for approximately two weeks.

At 1715H the Commanding Officer of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines ordered the dispatch of a TD-15 to the Cam Lo position by the next convoy.

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At 2200H 3d Marine Division notified the 4th Marines of a convoy tomorrow from Da Nang to Cam Lo. The 3d Battalion, 12th Marines would be required to furnish three liaison teams to support the convoy with ARVN artillery if needed. The teams were again to be positioned at Phu Loc, Pho Trach, and Hai Lang.

26 July

The three previously assigned liaison teams were heli-lifted into position at 0630H.

The 107mm Mortar Battery occupied Gun Position #17 coord YD 832147 for a service practice at 0900H.

At 1200 the supply convoy departed Phu Bai for Cam Lo, including the TD-15 requested.

At 1630H the 107mm Mortar Battery secured from its service practice and returned to its primary position at YD 810152.

27 July

At 1000H the S-3, 12th Marines notified the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (rear) of a requirement to furnish one FO and a MK-37 Radio Jeep to escort ARVN convoys through the Phu Bai TAOR. Commencing at 1300H this requirement would continue for the next three days. The 107 Mortar Battery was assigned responsibility for providing the FO and MK-37 radio.

At 1300H the re-supply convoy from Cam Lo departed Phu Bai for Da Nang.

At 1330H an outpost of Battery "G" received three rounds of small arms fire. The outpost was located vicinity coordinates YD 872138. A physical search for VC in the immediate vicinity was conducted with negative results.

After remaining overnight, the three liaison teams were returned to the CP area by 1800H.

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At 1045H the Commanding Officer of the 4th Marines visited the CP area. The Officer-In-Charge conducted a briefing and then escorted the Colonel to the Battery "G" position area.

At 1105H Battery "G" expended thirty-four rounds of HE at a reported VC battalion in the open. The mission was fired in support of ARVN forces. There was no surveillance.

A Rough Rider convoy was scheduled to leave Phu Bai for the Cam Lo and Dong Ha area on 29 July. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was directed to pre-position two liaison teams at Hai Lang (YD 415481) and Pho Trach (YD 521348) to cover the convoy.

At 2200H the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was informed that the convoy scheduled for tomorrow had been delayed twenty-four hours.

29 July

At 0900H the 4th Marines informed the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines the convoy that had been scheduled to depart today would leave the Phu Bai area at 300630H.

At 1400H a helicopter request was submitted to the Air Officer, 4th Marines for the pick up of the two liaison teams at 300500H.

At 2300H the Bn S-3 directed the Officer-In-Charge of 3dBn rear to send forward two 105mm howitzers and crews with the convoy tomorrow. The howitzers and crews were from Battery "G".

30 July

The two liaison teams, provided in support of the convoy, were heli-lifted into position at 0530H.

At 0645H the truck convoy departed the parking lot for the Dong Ha and Cam Lo area.

At approximately 2300H tactical and technical control of the Battalion FDC was assumed by Battery "H".

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The CO of Battery "G" and two howitzers with crews left with the supply convoy to Cam Lo. Battery "H" returned to the battalion area and went into position at coordinates YD 2708 1401.

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This Battalion has maintained an operating level of personnel at approximately 86% of its authorized T/O strength during the month of July. This figure breaks down as follows:

Officers	80%
Staff NCO's	92%
Enlisted	86%

The Battalion joined ⁸¹~~59~~ personnel of various ranks and MOS's while rotating 68 back to CONUS.

2. Morale and Discipline

The state of morale of the Command remained at a high level consistent with the conditions under which the unit served. The R&R program again continued to be the most effective morale booster, although First Quarter Fiscal Year 1967 promotion quotas received also helped to a marked degree.

Nightly movies were presented on an intermittent basis in the Battalion CP area, when the projector was working, and there were three clubs which operated nightly.

Six non judicial punishments were administered.

Chaplain support was adequate.

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Enclosure (3)

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During July there were two regimental size operations in which the S-2 Section participated. These were operations- JAY and HOLT. At the end of the month Operation "Hastings" was still in progress.

The only intelligence of significance gathered during the month consisted of target surveillance for missions fired as reported in Enclosure (5).

Close liaison with the infantry battalion intelligence officers and the artillery liaison officers was maintained throughout the month.

Air Observation

During July the artillery aerial observer flew 97 hours of aerial observation in support of the 4th Marines and participated in operations- JAY, HOLT, and the Operation "Hastings" which is still in progress.

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S-3 MATTERS

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TAB B: MISSION AND AMMUNITION BREAKDOWN

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d. To: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is closed.

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(1) Important incidents, messages and orders are recorded as they are made known.

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FROM: 3/12			
TO: 4th MARINES (ATTN S-2)			
INFO:			

1. 3/12 ISUM 42
2. PRD ENDING 030800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 021840H "M" BTRY FIRED 17 RDS HE AT 17 VC IN OPEN. COORD YC993999
MISSION CALLED FOR BY 3/4. EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TARGET.
AT 021840H "I" BTRY FIRED 302 RDS HE AT 35 VC IN OPEN. COORD
YD994003. MISSION CALLED FOR BY 3/4. 17 KIA 18 WIA
4. 17 KIA 18 WIA
5. NONE
6. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 IJUM NO. 44
2. PRD ENDING 050800H MAY 1966
3. AT 041413H "C" BTRY FIRED 10 RDS HE AT 25 VCIN RIVER. COORD YD561184. TARGET REPORTED BY RECON. MIS ION UNOBSERVED.
AT 040900H "C" BTRY FIRED 6 RDS HE AT VC CAMP SITE. COORD YD562184.
NO FURTHER REPORT.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
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8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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FROM: 3/12			
TO: 4th MARINES (ATTN S-2)			
INFO:			

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 45
2. PRD ENDING 060800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 051520H A/O ~~REPORTED~~ TARGET OF 40 VC. COORD. YD287528. "H" BTRY FIRED 68 RDS HE, 8 RDS WP. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET.
AT 051440H RECON CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUSP. VC CO. COORD YD508224.
"G" BTRY FIRED 9 RDS HE MIXED. NO FURTHER REPORT.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
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10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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TO: 4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)			
INFO:			

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 46
2. PRD ENDING 080800H MAY 1966
3. AT 071700H ARVN CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON A VC CO. MOVING. COORD. YD875240. "B" BTRY FIRED 18 RDS HE. MISSION UNOBSERVED. AT 072315H 1/4 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON A VC SNIPER. COORD YD897127. "B" BTRY FIRED 1 RD ILL. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
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8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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TO: 3/12

INFO:

4TH MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

1 3/12 1500H
2 PENDING 100800H JUNE 1966
3 AT 0918H 2/4 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC
HARBOR SITE COORD YD 51243, YD 31543497, "G" & "H" BTRYS
FIRED 13 HE, 26 WP EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TARGET
AT 100620H 2/4 REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC LOCATION
COORD YD 454257 "G" BTRY FIRED 18 RDS HE GOOD
EFFECT ON TARGET
AT 100635H 2/4 REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC
LOCATION, COORD YD 396253 "G" BTRY 6 RDS HE
GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET
AT 100646H 2/4 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC LOCATION
COORD YD 744154 "H" BTRY FIRED 5 RDS HE GOOD EFFECT ON
TARGET

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1. 3/12 1500H #46
2. PRD ENDING 100800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 100740H A/D CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON VC IN TREE. COORD. YD 455274. "B" BTRY FIRED 48 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT.
- AT 100800H 2/A CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS. VC. ~~HARBOR SITE~~ LOCATION. COORD. YD ~~455~~ 273276. "H" BTRY FIRED 18 HE. 18 WP. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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1. **PR 3/12 1500 47** 2. **PRD ENDING 110800H JUNE 1966**
3. **AT 100855H 2/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON VC HARBOR SITE COORD YD 5154 2797. "H" BTRY FIRED 72 RDS HE NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 100903H 2/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POS. COORD YD 458 272. "G" BTRY FIRED 10 HE, 4WP NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 100947H 2/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. COORD YD 462 280. "B" BTRY FIRED 10 HE, 4WP NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101000H 2/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. COORD YD 525 243. "G" BTRY FIRED 20 HE, NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101010H 2/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. "G" BTRY FIRED 42 RDS HE NO FURTHER REPORT.**

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TO:

4TH MARINES (ATTN 5-2)

INFO:

3. AT 101050H 2/1 REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS "MYU" FIRED 6 RDS HE, NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101400H 2/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POS. "H" BTRY FIRED 4 HE, 6 WP. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101148H ARVN CALLED FOR A FIRE ON A SUS VC POS. COORD YD 552248. "G" BTRY FIRED 10 HE, 2 WP. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101235H ARVN CALLED FOR FIRE MISS. ON A VC ESCAPE ROUTE. COORD YD 583234. "H" BTRY FIRED 26 HE, 2 WP. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101230H FID REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON 3 VC MOVING IN COORD YD 318 2411. "G" BTRY FIRED 78 HE, Good EF ON TARGET. AT 101500H ARVN CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON VC AUTO WEAPON FIRING. COORD YD 558254. "G" BTRY FIRED 25 HE, 2 WP. Good EF ON TARGET. 101500H ARVN CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON VC IN VILLAGE COORD YD 563246. "H" BTRY FIRED 20 RDS HE, 2 WP, EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TARGET.

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INFO:

3. AT 101515H ARVN REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON VC MOVING IN VILLAGE COORD VD 567253. "H" BTRY FIRED 5 HE, 12 WP EXCELL EF ON TARGET. AT 101530H 3/1 REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. COORD YD 462274. "H" BTRY FIRED 10 WP. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101545H 3/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. COORD YD 454257. "B" BTRY FIRED 8 HE. GOOD EF ON TARGET. AT 101645H 3/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. COORD YD 462253. "G" BTRY FIRED 3 WP. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101745H 3/1 REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON SUSPECTED VC POS. COORD YD 544257. "G" BTRY FIRED 10 HE. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET. AT 101800H 3/1 CALLED FOR FIRE MISSION ON SUS VC POS. COORD YD 462253. "G" BTRY FIRED 30 HE. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 101912H ARVN REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON A VC BN. COORD YD 600239. "G" BTRY FIRED 98 RDS HE. 112 KIA.

4. 12 KIA 6. NONE 8. NONE 10. NO CHANGE
5. NONE 7. NONE 9. NONE 11. NONE
12. NONE

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FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTNS-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO 48
2. PRD ENDING 120800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 121054H 3/4 REQUESTED BLOCKING FIRE. COORD. YD890990. "I" BTRY FIRED 122 RDS HE. OUTSTANDING EFFECT ON TARGET.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
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10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN S-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO 49
2. PRD ENDING 140800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
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12. NONE

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FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN S-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO 50
2. PRD ENDING 150800H June 1966
3. AT 141020H ARVN REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON SUS. MORTAR POSS. COORD
~~UNK.~~ "M" BTRY FIRED 3 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT.
 AT 142300H ARVN REQUESTED ILL. ON VC IN OPEN. COORD YD825235.
 "M" BTRY FIRED 7 RDS ILL. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET.
4. NONE
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9. NONE
10. NO CHANCE
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TO: 3/12			
4th MARIN (ATTN 3-2)			
INFO:			

1. 3/12 ISUM NO 51
2. PRD ENDING 160000H JUNE 1966
3. AT 152110H 1/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON MOVEMENT ALONG TRAIL.
COORD YD829189. *G* BTRY FIRED 39 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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FROM			
TO 3/12			
INFO: 4th MARINES (ATTN: 3-2)			

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 52
2. PRD ENDING 170800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
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4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 53
2. PRD ENDING 180800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
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9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
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12. NONE

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INFO:			

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 54
2. PRD ENDING 190800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 182325H 2/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS. VC POSS. COORD YD850230. "H" BTRY FIRED 19RDS HE, 19WP. NO FURTHER REPORT.
AT 182340H 2/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS. VC POSS. COORD YD852221. "H" BTRY FIRED 27 RDS HE, 27WP. NO FURTHER REPORT.
AT 182325H ARVN REQUESTED ILL. COORD YD826244. "M" BTRY FIRED 7 RDS ILL. NO FURTHER REPORT.
AT 190200H 2/4 REQUESTED FIRE MISSION ON A SUS. VC POSS. COORD YD852221. "M" BTRY FIRED 5 RDS HE, 9WP. RDS ON TARGET.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

RELEASE <i>B. J. Smith</i>								TOR		TOD		CWO		WO		DATE								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	DATE/TIME GROUP

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OPNAV FORM 2110-29 (10-58)
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MESSAGE NR.

M.T. FERGLISON

ROUTINE

2000107

FROM:

3/12

TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 55
2. PRD ENDING 200800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

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M.T. FERGUSON

PRECEDENCE

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MESSAGE NO

#406

FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN: 8-2)

TO: 21/1330H

INFO:

M.T. Ferguson

1. 3/12 ISUM NO 56
2. PRD ENDING 210800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 201602H 2/1 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POSS. COORD YD750092. "M" BTRY FIRED 7RDS HE, 6 WP. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET. AT 202130H 2/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POSS. COORD YD934158. "M" BTRY FIRED 15 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 202200H 2/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POSS. COORD YD936156. "G" BTRY FIRED 6 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT. AT 202210H 2/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POSS. COORD YD937150. "G" BTRY FIRED 16 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

HAS BEEN SENT

RELEASE								TOR		TOD		CWO		WO		DATE								
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DRAFTED BY M. T. FERGUSON	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	DATE/TIME GROUP 22 07 10 7	MESSAGE NR
FROM: 3/12		22 05 30 7	
TO:			
INFO: 4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)			

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1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 57
2. PRD ENDING 220800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 210945H 2/1 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A SUS VC POSS. COORD YD752087. "M" BTRY FIRED 12 RDS HE, 13 RDS WP. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET. AT 212140H 2/1 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A VC SNIPER. COORD YD928196. "M" BTRY FIRED 21 RDS HE. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

TOR 22/134514

RELEASE <i>[Signature]</i>								TOR		TOD		CWO		WO		DATE								
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DRAFTED BY M. T. FERGUSON	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	DATE/TIME GROUP 0617Z	MESSAGE NR.
FROM:			
3/12			
TO:			
4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)			
INFO:			

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 58
2. PRD ENDING 230800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

4th Mr Comm TOR 23/11/77 HAS BEEN SENT

RELEASE								TOR				TOD				CWO				WO				DATE			
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DRAFTED BY M.T. FERGUSON	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	DATE/TIME GROUP 4/16 Z	MESSAGE NR. 10
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FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN S-2)

INFO:

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1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 59
2. PRD ENDING 240800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 232203H ARVN REQUESTED A FBRE MISSION ON VC IN OPEN. COORD YD804240
"M" BTRY FIRED 4 RDS HE, EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TARGET.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANCE
11. NONE
12. NONE

TOR 240516 Z**HAS BEEN SENT****CCN 458**

RELEASE								TOR				TOD				CWO				WO				DATE	
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FROM:

TO: **3/12**

INFO: **4th MARINES (ATTN S-2)**

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 60
2. PRD ENDING 250800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

RELEASE 1776000								TOR				TOD				CWO				WO				DATE	
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DRAFTED BY: M. T. PERCHISON	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	DATE/TIME GROUP 260320Z	MESSAGE NR. 492
FROM:			15-67
TO:			

4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 0061
2. PRE ENDING 260800H JUNE 1966
3. REG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

HAS BEEN SENT

RELEASE						TOR		TOD				CWO				WO				DATE				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	DATE/TIME GROUP 260320Z

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DRAFTED BY M.T. FERGUSON	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	DATE/TIME GROUP 274624Z	MESSAGE NR. 743
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FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 62
2. PRD ENDING 270800H JUNE 1966
3. NEG. ISUM
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

HAS BEEN SENT

RELEASE 7776						TOR		TOD				CWO				WO				DATE				
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DRAFTED BY W. T. PETERSON	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE	DATE/TIME GROUP 290255Z	MESSAGE NR.
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FROM: **3/12** **514**

TO: **4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)**

INFO:

1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 63
2. PRD ENDING 280800H JUNE 1966
3. AT 280030H ARVN REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A VC PLT. COORD YD991190. "B" BTRY FIRED 6 RDS HE, 6 RDS ILL. NO FURTHER REPORT.
4. NONE
5. NONE
6. NONE
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. NO CHANGE
11. NONE
12. NONE

HAS BEEN SENT

RELEASE								TOR				TOD				CWO				WO				DATE
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FROM:

TO: **3/12**

4th MARINES (ATTN: 3-2)

INFO:

1. **3/12 LSUM NO. 64**
2. **PRD ENDING 290000H JUNE 1966**
3. **AT 281728H ARVN REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON 2VC PLTS, COORD YD20182. "B" BTRY FIRED 57 RDS HE. 11KIA, 3 WEAPONS CAPTURED.**
4. **AT 282330H ARVN REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON A VC FLT. COORD YD915162. "B" BTRY FIRED 12 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT.**
5. **AT 290715H 1/4 REQUESTED A FIRE MISSION ON VC SANPANS. 2 RDS YD908065. "B" BTRY FIRED 12 RDS HE. NO FURTHER REPORT.**
6. **11 KIA, 3 CAPTURED WEAPONS.**
7. **NONE**
8. **NONE**
9. **NONE**
10. **NO CHANGE**
11. **NONE**
12. **NONE**

HAS BEEN SENT

RELEASE								TOR				TOD				CWO				WO				DATE			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	DATE/TIME GROUP			

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MESSAGE NR.

FROM:

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TO:

4th MARINES (ATTN: S-2)

INFO:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. 3/12 ISUM NO. 65 | 7. NONE |
| 2. PRD ENDING 370800H JUNE 1966 | 8. NONE |
| 3. NEG ISUM | 9. NONE |
| 4. NONE | 10. NONE CHANCE |
| 5. NONE | 11. NONE |
| 6. NONE | 12. NONE |

SPOT REPORT NO. 3

HAS BEEN SENT

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| A. POLISH INDIA | Q. PROBING ACTION |
| B. 292245H JUNE 1966 | P. CHECK OF AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. |
| C. YD931059 | |
| D. 2 VC OBSERVED 50m FROM LINE MOVING WEST TO EAST. EXPENDED 1 M26 GRENADE, 8 105mm ILL, 72 RDS 7.62. RECEIVED 1 INCOMING GRENADE DUD. | |
| E. VC PLT DIRECTION UNKNOWN. | |
| F-N. NONE | |

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MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
Prep Fires	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H&I's	40	119	88	73	98	56	73	129	156	83	62	75	53	52	45	61	65	61
FPE	0	0	6	1	0	1	6	0	0	4	3	3	0	9	1	4	1	2
TOTAL UNOBS	40	121	94	74	98	57	79	129	156	87	65	78	53	61	46	65	66	63
Tgt of Opp	4	9	6	12	7	1	10	6	11	10	4	20	1	1	4	1	1	4
Regis	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Def Conc	0	6	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	3
TOTAL OBS	4	17	8	12	7	5	14	7	11	11	4	23	1	1	5	2	1	7
GRAND TOTAL	44	138	102	86	105	62	93	136	167	98	69	101	54	62	51	67	67	70

AMMO EXP

107HE	23	77	78	74	51	62	64	92	20	66	17	151	15	49	50	45	45	44
ILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
105HE	180	339	202	236	164	143	737	277	216	757	210	292	80	57	142	121	75	187
ILL	3	0	7	6	33	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WP	0	9	63	15	40	16	41	2	0	3	16	6	0	0	2	0	0	6
155H HE	0	239	79	45	36	0	36	5	0	20	59	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
ILL	0	19	0	9	0	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WP	0	0	12	37	8	17	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
155G HE	8	6	0	0	0	0	10	10	19	12	1	0	0	21	13	19	0	8
ILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8" HOW HE	6	30	7	8	9	0	0	7	0	0	4	6	19	0	4	26	7	31
TOTAL	120	719	448	430	341	242	892	400	266	861	307	479	114	127	211	211	144	276

MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF

4th Mar	0	4	8	5	4	4	1	17	20	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
1/4	16	30	18	28	21	18	19	19	39	24	13	17	20	34	20	19	12	30
2/4	18	14	15	17	13	15	16	30	51	26	14	18	19	18	22	29	45	28
3/4	0	50	45	20	56	24	31	42	47	14	17	15	10	0	2	0	6	6
2/1	1	1	0	5	0	1	23	25	0	24	20	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	9	37	13	6	11	0	3	42	9	7	5	3	5	10	5	18	4	4
ARVN	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	51	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
CAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	44	138	102	86	105	62	93	136	167	98	67	101	54	62	51	67	67	70

SURVEILLANCE

KIA	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3

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MISSIONS FIRED	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
rep. Fires	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
AI's	59	63	60	71	68	34	51	65	58	51	51	52	46	2118
FE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	43
TOTAL UNOBS	59	63	60	83	68	34	51	65	60	51	51	52	47	2176
et of Opp	3	8	6	8	5	1	1	0	1	4	3	4	3	159
egis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
Def Conc	0	0	0	5	4	0	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	48
TOTAL OBS	3	8	6	13	9	1	4	13	1	4	3	4	4	213
GRAND TOTAL	62	71	66	96	77	35	55	78	61	55	54	56	51	2389

AMMO EXP

107HE	55	66	52	52	26	42	42	293	93	66	30	12	0	1852
ILL	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
WP	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	58
105HE	159	171	424	598	140	149	108	79	122	236	288	131	143	6863
ILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
WP	1	0	48	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	315
155H HE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	536
ILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
WP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
155G HE	5	18	6	13	14	15	10	17	10	9	28	13	19	304
ILL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WP	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	13
8" HOW HE	0	10	2	17	4	6	9	4	10	0	0	0	8	234
TOTAL	220	265	532	727	185	118	169	427	235	211	352	156	170	10355

MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF

4thMar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	79
1/4	37	31	42	56	34	18	39	30	35	24	28	31	28	830
2/4	17	34	15	15	23	7	16	41	21	27	14	8	8	654
3/4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	0	399
2/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
Recon	5	3	2	19	12	10	0	4	4	0	2	1	9	222
ARVN	3	3	5	6	8	0	0	3	1	4	5	6	6	66
CAC	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	62	71	66	96	77	35	55	78	61	55	54	56	51	2389

SURVEILLANCE

KIA	0	0	4	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
VIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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ENCLOSURE (6)
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1. Logistics

a. Supply. For the month of July 1462 requisitions were submitted and 530 were filled making the percentage of filled to submitted requisitions 36%. However the total number of outstanding documents remaining is 4873 which makes an overall percentage of filled to submitted requisitions of only 11%. The percentage of repair parts filled was approximately 60%, but this Battalion is still critically low on high usage items due to the large number of vehicles we are supporting. Spare parts for the M109 SP are coming in very slowly, but the situation looks better than at anytime in the past. This Battalion currently has outstanding 101 priority 02 and 632 priority 05 requisitions.

b. Maintenance. Overall maintenance is satisfactory. Motor transport deadline is presently 12%. Spare parts for the M109 SP remain a problem. Of the 46 major ordnance pieces in the Battalion, only 2 155 Howitzer towed is deadlined for 3d echelon repair.

c. Food Services. Due to the fact that the majority of the Battalion has been in the field on Operation Hastings only 45% of the total meals served were "A" rations.

d. N/A

e. N/A

f. N/A

g. Water. This command obtains potable water from 8th RRU and FLSU #2 water point.

h. Motor Transport. All M422's have been replaced by A1's. The warm dry weather and the state of the roads continues to cause a problem with vehicle maintenance.

i. Embarkation. Embarkation data for each battery is compiled and held on the battalion level. Encampment garrison is included in the present data.

j. Hospitalization and Evacuation

(1) There were 642 treatments of military personnel rendered by the Battalion aid Station during the month of July, and 33 patients were referred to "A" Company, 3d Medical Battalion. 19 members of this battalion were admitted to the hospital during this period.

(2) During the reporting period there were 3 KIA's: Donald G. DAVENPORT, GySgt 1138506 USMC, "H" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar. Shot by sniper while approaching Phu Bai Airport on a KC 130 USMC aircraft on 23 July 1966. Gene S. McMULLEN, 2dLt 092189 USMC, R.

"H" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar of multiple gunshot wounds received on Operation Hastings on 16 July 66. Ernest D. MITCHELL, Pfc 2168571 USMC, "M" Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar, of shrapnel wounds received from premature burst of 155 HE round on 20 July 1966.

(3) During the reporting period there were 11 WIA's: Patrick H. BENT, Cpl 1973549 USMC, "M" Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar, of shrapnel wound, left leg, from premature 155 Howitzer burst on 20 July 1966. George R. HOAGLAND, Pfc 2091784 USMC, "I" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar of gunshot wound right leg on 17 July 66. Anthony W. LONG, Pfc 2130775 USMC, "I" Btry 3d Bn, 12th Mar, of shrapnel wounds right and left hands from mortar attack on 18 July 66. Patrick E. McDANIEL, Pfc 2132229 USMC, Hq Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar, of punji stake wound right foot on 25 July 66. Dewitt C. MOSBY, Cpl 1994402 USMC, "I" Btry 3d Bn, 12th Mar, of shrapnel wound right hand from mortar attack on 18 July 66. James E. REID, Pfc 2145077 USMC, "B" Btry 1st Bn, 11th Mar, of puncture wound in left arm from opening canister during fire mission on 14 July 66. Charles O. STEINBERG, LCpl 2099262 USMC, "I" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar, of shrapnel wound left leg from mortar attack on 18 July 66. Robert S. WAGNER, LCpl 2102121 USMC, "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Mar, laceration of left eyebrow from recoil of 105mm Howitzer during fire mission on 15 July 66. Louis T. WANDOR, Cpl 2058606 USMC, "M" Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Mar, abrasion left foot from round dropped during fire mission on 17 July 66. HenryN. WILLIAMS, Cpl 2021718 USMC, "H" Btry 3d Bn, 12th Mar, sprained right knee from blast concussion on 23 July 66. Robert W. WILSON, 2dLt 092255 USMCR, "I" Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar of shrapnel wounds in chest and legs on 18 July 66.

COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS MATTERS

1. Work Scheduled. 1 - 31 July 1966.
 - a. Relocation of operational comm and crypto.
 - b. Relocation of storage space.
 - c. Completion of operational comm bunker.
 - d. Re-distribution of communications personnel.
 - e. Erection of permanent antenna system.
2. Work Accomplished. Relocation of comm and crypto spaces was delayed due to operational commitments of JAY, HOLT, and HASTINGS. Comm office space completed. Comm office work area completed. Estimated time of relocation: 7 working days with all hands available for work. Relocation of storage spaces is dependent upon the setup of operational comm and crypto bunker. At present, comm and crypto bunker is 90% complete inside and 80% complete outside. Communications personnel were re-distributed throughout the battalion to effect a more even rotation percentage of battery personnel. Antenna siting and erection was delayed due to operational commitments.
3. Lessons Learned. CP communications installation should be made of locally procured material so as to free organic equipment for deployment and operations etc.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

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Subj: Combat After Action Report (Operation JAY)

Ref: (a) 4thRegtO 3120.3B
(b) 4thRegtOpO 47-66

Encl: (1) Daily Chronology of Events
(2) Table of Ammunition Expenditures, Types of Missions Fired, and Damage and Casualty Assessments
(3) S-3 Journal

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), the following Combat After Action Report is submitted for the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (-)(Rein).

2. Name of Operation. JAY.

3. Inclusive Dates of the Operation. 25 June 1966 to 1 July 1966.

4. Location. Operation JAY was conducted in the old Operation ORIGON area. The tactical area of operations was generally defined as being bounded by Route 1 on the south, the Song O Lau River on the west and north, the Pha Tam Giang Bay on the north, and on the east a line connecting the following two points: YD 622303 and YD 670384.

5. Command Headquarters. 4th Marines (-) (Rein).

6. Task Organization and Reporting Officers

- a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Rein)- Maj S. M. MORROW
- b. Hq Battery(-)- Capt G. J. SOMERVILLE
- c. Battery "G"- Capt J. K. OSGOOD
- d. Battery "M" 4/12 (155mm howitzer SP)- Capt W. J. FEIND

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7. Intelligence.

a. Intelligence indicated that the 812th VC Main Force Battalion was operating in the vicinity of YD 5543.

b. The area of operations was a very heavily populated and built up area in the north. The many houses, hedge rows, and tree lines gave a definite advantage to the enemy. The southern three quarters of the area was sparsely populated with occasional rice paddies. The entire area was flat affording no one any advantage for observation.

8. Mission. The 3d Battalion, 12th Marines provided direct support to the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines and the 1st Battalion, 2d Marines. Reinforcing fires were to be provided to elements of the 1st ARVN Division.

9. Concept of Operations. The concept of operations was to block with units of the 1st ARVN Division on the north; block with the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines on the east after a helo insertion; and sweep to the east after inserting the 2ndBn, 4th Marines on the west. The wide open terrain to the south precluded enemy escape in that direction.

10. Execution

a. Survey. A battalion survey control point was map inspected from an easily identifiable point. Directional control was taken from an astronomic observation of the sun. Utilizing this control the batteries were tied to a common grid.

b. 155mm Howitzer (SP). This operation provided Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines the first opportunity for the deployment of the 155 howitzer (SP) M109 as a battery (5 M109's were deployed) on a battalion-sized operation or larger.

c. GFT Settings. No registrations were conducted during the operation. In order to determine GFT settings for both batteries experience VE's and metro were applied which provided very satisfactory accuracy.

d. Artillery Thrust Lines. Two artillery thrust lines were established. They were used by forward observers for the purpose of position reporting.

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e. VC Ambush. On the 29th of June the battalion was unexpectedly called upon to fire in support of an ARVN Marine Battalion who was caught in an ambush by the 802d VC Main Force Battalion. The battalion was moving by truck from Hue to Dong Ha when it was ambushed in the vicinity of YD 4738. Utilizing aerial observers immediate artillery fire was brought to bear on the VC ambushing force.

f. Fire Support Coordination. During periods when targets were the most abundant excessive cease fires were imposed jeopardizing the ability of the artillery to render effective fire support.

11. Results. Due to the lack of surveillance by artillery observers only 18 KIA (confirmed) and 20 KIA (probable) were credited to artillery during Operation JAY and the VC ambush.

12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. The LSA was established in the immediate vicinity of the battalion and all classes of supply were drawn through supply point distribution. No difficulties were experienced obtaining any classes of supply.

b. Transportation. Organic transportation was employed to move the battalion (-) to the area of operations. The only problem encountered was the difficulty encountered by the 155mm howitzer (SP) crossing the narrow Song Bo River bridge. After slight damage was done to the bridge a fordable area in the river was found where the 155mm howitzers (SP) could cross.

c. Maintenance. The 155mm howitzer (SP) had its normal failures of the automatic breech assembly; however, by fabrication of parts a minimum down time was achieved.

d. Communications. To support this operation two conduct of fire nets were established, one with each infantry battalion. Communications to the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines artillery liaison officer was marginal until a radio set AN/PRC-25 was provided.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

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14. Commanders Analysis. As a general rule there was a lack of coordination between air and other supporting arms. On a number of occasions numerous targets were left unattacked by artillery, naval gunfire, and mortars in order to attack a single target by air. Helicopters resupply and medical evacuations in the objective areas caused excessive delay in attacking targets when, with a little coordination, all activities could have been accomplished more expeditiously.

When air came on station there was seldom any consideration given to other supporting arms, but rather a requirement to cease fire on all supporting arms ordered. One exception to this was an occasion when the artillery battalion S-3 was able to persuade the Tactical Air Controller Airborne to allow the artillery battalion to complete its fire for effect on a target of opportunity before bringing in an air strike on another target.

Also excessive cease fires on artillery missions were generated by routine helicopter flights moving on the gun-target line. This was due to the fact that the LSA was located behind the artillery battalion position and a straight flight to the battalion operating areas carried helicopters down the gun-target line.

This lack of coordination points up the very definite requirement for a fire support coordinator who actually coordinates each of the supporting arms. This authority must be vested in one individual whether he be CO, S-3, artillery officer, or air officer. Once this individual is designated the fire support coordinator it is mandatory at all control of supporting arms funnel through him for coordination.

15. Recommendations

a. That the present automatic breech mechanism currently used on the 155mm howitzer (SP) be replaced and a manual system similar to that used on the 155mm howitzer (towed) be developed for installation on this weapon system.

b. That units dealing in fire support coordination insure that all fire support is being funneled through one central agency which has an intimate knowledge of the tactical situation and can properly coordinate.

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9 July 1966DAILY CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS24 June

At 1230H the Battalion CO and S-3 attended a planning conference concerning Operation JAY at the 4th Marines briefing room. Immediately following the briefing the S-3 joined a small recon party from the 4th Marine Regiment and at about 1430H reconned the area in the vicinity of YD 5334 for the artillery battalion position area.

Upon return from the recon trip the Battalion S-3 conducted a briefing for the battalion staff officers and battery commanders at 1600H. The rest of the evening was spent preparing for an early morning move to the objective area.

25 June

All 0400H the battalion (-) departed the Phu Bai area as one march unit for Operation JAY. The order of march was Battery "M", Hq Battery, and Battery "G". The march unit was led by the Battalion Commander. The battalion arrived in its position area at approximately 0700H and was laid and ready to fire by 0725H.

At 1320H the FO with Company F, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines called a fire mission on VC snipers in a tree line in the vicinity of YD 568435. Battery "G" expended 16 rounds of HE and 64 rounds of WP on the target. Battery "M" expended 35 rounds of WP. The FO reported excellent effect on target, but unable to observe any casualties. The large numbers of WP rounds were used to screen the retrieving of one Marine KIA.

At 1430H Battery "G" expended 4 rounds of WP to screen a helo that had been shot down. Also 9 rounds of HE were expended on VC who had surrounded the chopper.

At 1715H ARVN reported two companies of VC at YD 498394. Battery "M" fired 15 rounds of HE unobserved at this location.

At 1905H the artillery liaison officer with the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines fired 3 rounds from Battery "M" on a VC mortar firing from the woodline. Mortars ceased firing.

At 2135H Battery "M" expended 25 rounds of HE at a VC fortified village located at YD 570428. The mission was

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was unobserved. At 2255H Battery "M" fired 1 round of WP and 12 rounds of HE on VC located at YD 571 428 in a tree line. Observer reported excellent effect on target. During the night a heavy volume of H&I missions were fired in an attempt to seal off certain areas to VC escape.

26 June

At 1230H while firing on VC snipers in a tree line the observer made a correction which caused two rounds of 105mm howitzer ammunition to land in a company CP killing one Marine and wounding three others. One of these Marines later died of wounds. The correction was made by the observer not knowing the location of the adjacent company.

27 June

At 1720H an aerial observer spotted numerous sunken boats camouflaged along the water's edge at YD 532464. Battery "M" fired 49 rounds of HE destroying twelve boats. During the night ARVN reported five cases of snipers in the vicinity of YD 4830 and in each case unobserved fire was brought to bear on the snipers.

At 1800H intelligence was received indicating that the 814th VC Main Force Battalion had moved into two villages to the northwest of the operating area. Since this area was out of range of the artillery and plans were being made to deploy a force to attack this new target it was necessary to recon for a new position area. At 1815H the Battalion Commander, S-3, both battery commanders, and a security party set out to recon position areas to the north. Due to two bridges being out it was determined that no position areas would be satisfactory to the north. It was determined that a position area recon would be conducted at first light the following morning to look for areas to the northwest off of Route 1.

28 June

A recon party, consisting of the same personnel as went on recon the 27th of June, left the CP to recon position areas to the northwest. Satisfactory position areas were found to support infantry operations to the northwest. Upon returning to the CP it was learned from the 4th Marines that the intelligence did not definitely fix the 814th Main Force Battalion in the area and that no operations were to be planned.

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At about 2015H intelligence was warned of a large VC force moving toward the 4th Marines CP from the south. Based on the intelligence a very heavy volume of H&I fires were executed.

29 June

All preparations were made for securing from Operation JAY and all non essential vehicles were staged by 0800H in anticipation of returning to Phu Bai. At approximately 0836H the sounds of automatic small arms and mortars firing were heard at the CP. Two large columns of smoke were observed in the air. The Battalion S-3 immediately ordered action rear on all weapons of the battalion in anticipation of some fire missions. A radio was immediately brought up on the ARVN advisor net where it was determined that an ARVN convoy was being ambushed and in serious trouble. The Battalion S-3 broke into the net and volunteered the services of the battalion. Within a few minutes an ARVN advisor called in a fire mission on what was described as many VC in a draw. The mission was later taken over by an aerial observer. Before the ambush was over seven missions had been fired expending 230 rounds of 105mm howitzer HE and 122 rounds of 155mm howitzer HE. After 1050H no more artillery missions were fired as there was sufficient air support now on hand. Due to this ambush of the ARVN convoy Operation JAY was extended 24 hours.

30 June

Very little activity occurred during the day. Only one mission of any significance was fired. At 2300H the forward observer called a fire mission on VC mortars and sniper fire. Battery "G" fired 6 rounds of HE causing the firing to cease.

1 July

The battalion was staged and moved out for Phu Bai at 0915H. Movement home was uneventful and all vehicles had arrived in Phu Bai by 1215H.

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MISSIONS FIRED AND AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES

1. Missions fired

a. Prep fires	5
b. H&I's	105
c. FFE	68
d. Total unobs	178
e. Tgt of Opp	42
f. Registration	0
g. Fired in Conc	2
h. Total Obs	44
i. Grand Total	222

2. Ammunition expended

a. 105 How HE	1623
WP	81
ILLUM	11
b. 155 How HE	686
WP	78
ILLUM	00
Total	2479

3. Missions in support of	4thMar	2/4	2/1	ARVN	TOTAL
	124	52	9	37	222

4. Surveillance

KIA	20
WIA	18
MATERIAL	12 (boats)

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S-3 JOURNAL

IN	OUT	SERIAL#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACT
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24 June

1130		1	Journal for Operation "JAY" opened.	F
1230		2	CO & S-3 attended planning conference on forthcoming operation at 4thMar CP.	S-3
1430		3	S-3 recon'd by helicopter, vic coord YD 531348.	S-3
1600		4	CO & S-3 briefing for Btry Cmdrs & Bn staff.	F
	2200	5	Arty opns rpt to 4thMar.	F
	2400	6	Journal for 24Jun66 closed.	

25 June

0001		1	Journal for 25Jun66 opened.	
0400		2	Departed Phu Bai area w/HqBtry, Btry "G", & Btry "M".	F
0700		3	Arrived Operation "JAY" area, grid square YD 5636.	F
0705		4	BnCP located coord YD 52603668.	F
0725		5	Fire caps Btry "M" coord YD 5255336655, az of fire 6400.	FDC
0730		6	Fire caps Btry "G" coord YD 5263336655, az of fire 0100.	FDC
0930		7	Bn survey of Btry psns completed.	FDC
1015		8	2dBn, 4thMar reached phase line "Bravo".	FDC
1100		9	Special sitrep#1 submitted to 4thMar.	F
1655		10	Spl sitrep#2 submitted to 4thMar.	F
1700		11	Cease fire fr 4thMar FSCC for medevac.	FDC
1815		12	Cease fire lifted by 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
1935		13	Rec'd overlay for 3/4.	S-3
2015		14	Rec'd H&I's fr 4thMar.	FDC
2120		15	Rec'd cease fire fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
2210		16	Cease fire lifted by 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
2225		17	Rec'd cease fire fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
2254		18	Cease fire lifted by 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
2330		19	Rec'd cease fire east of grid line 57 fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
2355		20	Cease fire lifted east of grid line 57 by 4thMar FSCC.	FDC
2400		21	Journal for 25Jun66 closed.	

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26 June

0001		1	Journal for 26Jun66 opened.	
	0600	2	Arty opns rpt to 4thMar FSCC.	F
0630		3	Rec'd psn rpt fr LnO 2/4.	M
0950		4	Cease fire fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
1120		5	Cease fire lifted by 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
1220		6	Cease fire fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
1225		7	Cease fire lifted by 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
1230		8	FO firing CX12 coord YD 567428 reported 2 rds landed in another unit CP 1 friendly KIA, 1 DOW.	S-3
1338		9	Cease fire fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
1345		10	Cease fire lifted by 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
	1935	11	3/12 fire caps to 3/12 (rear).	F
2225		12	Rec'd frago 2-66 fr 4thMar. 3/12 continue direct arty support as required.	FDO
2237		13	2/1 cancelled all H&I's for 2/1.	FDO
2300		14	Rec'd oncall conc's fr 2/1.	FDO
	2400	15	Journal for 26Jun66 closed.	

27 June

0001		1	Journal for 27Jun66 opened.	
0550		2	Rec'd 2/4 no fire line.	FDO
	0600	3	Arty opns rpt to 4thMar FSCC.	F
1755		4	Rec'd on cal conc's CX 700, CX 701, & CX 702 fr India FO 81.	FDO
1810		5	Rec'd met.	FDO
1930		6	Rec'd H&I's fr 2/1. Cleared by 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
2000		7	2/1 H&I's cancelled by 4thMar FSCC.	F
2025		8	Rec'd on call conc's for 2/1 & 2/4 fr 4th Mar FSCC.	FDO
2235		9	H&I's for ARVN rec'd fr 4thMar FSCC.	FDO
	2400	10	Journal for 27Jun66 closed.	

28 June

0001		1	Journal for 28Jun66 opened.	
	0550	2	Arty opns rpt to 4thMar FSCC.	F
0615		3	Recon party departed CP.	FDO
0915		4	Recon party returned to CP.	FDO
0950		5	Rec'd on call conc's fr Btry "I" FO 41 conc CX 700, CX 701, CX 702, CX 703.	FDO

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1000		6	Rec'd psn rpt fr Btry "I" FO 43 fr thrust line Victor R 1.0 up 0.7.	M
1100		7	Rec'd on calls fr ARVN district Hq via 4th Mar FSCC.	FDO
1745		8	Rec'd on calls fr 2/4 FSCC.	FDO
1800		9	Rec'd 4thMar frago 4-66. Btry "G" detached as of 29Jun.	S-3
1955		10	Rec'd H&I's fr ARVN and 4thMar.	FDO
	2400	11	Journal for 28Jun66 closed.	

29 June

0001		1	Journal for 29Jun66 opened.	
0836		2	ARVN convoy ambushed on Hwy#1.	S-3
0840		3	3/12 commenced direct support missions for ARVN.	FDO
1045		4	CO & S-3 attended briefing at 4thMar CP. Operation extended 24 hours.	F
1100		5	Rec'd met msg.	F
1230		6	Commenced prep fires for ARVN.	FDO
1245		7	Ceased fire on all prep fires.	FDO
1840		8	Rec'd on calls fr 2/4 FSCC.	FDO
2258		9	Rec'd Frago 5-66. Btry "G" d/s of 2/4 during medcap. HqBtry & Btry "M" displace to Phu Bai on order 30Jun.	S-3
	2400	10	Journal for 29Jun66 closed.	

30 June

0900		1	Journal for 30Jun66 opened.	
1110		2	Hotel 2 barrage data, conc's, & psn rpt remain the same.	
	2400	3	Journal for 30Jun66 closed.	

1 July

0001		1	Journal for 1Jul66 opened.	
0915		2	Bn was staged and moved out for Phu Bai.	
	1215	3	All vehicles arrived in Phu Bai.	
	2400	4	Journal for 1Jul66 closed.	

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 Assessments
 (3) S-3 Journal

1. In compliance with reference (a) and (b), the following
 Combat After Action Report is submitted for the 3d Battalion,
 12th Marines (-) (Rein).

2. Name of Operation. HOLT.

3. Inclusive Dates of the Operation. 2-6Jul66.

4. Location. Operation HOLT was conducted in an area
 south of Co Bi Thanh Tan. The area was generally defined
 as being bounded on the north by northing grid line YD 23,
 on the east by easting grid line YD 63, on the south by
 northing grid line YD 16, and on the west by easting grid
 line YD 53. The area consisted of primary jungle with a
 canopy approximately 60 feet high. Jungle was sufficiently
 thick as to slow forward movement to 200 - 300 meters per
 hour. The main artery of communications through the area was
 the Song Bo River which served as a boundary between Marine
 and ARVN forces.

5. Command Headquarters. 4th Marines (-) (Rein).

6. Task Organization and Reporting Officers

a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Rein) - Maj S. M.
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b. Hq Battery (-) - Capt G. J. SOMERVILLE

c. Battery I - Capt B. T. CHAMBLESS

d. Battery M, 4/12 (155mm howitzer SP) - Capt J. B. WAY

7. Intelligence. Intelligence, primarily from prisoner reports on Operation JAY, indicated that the objective area encompassed the operating base for the 802d VC Main Force Battalion and possibly the 806th VC Main Force Battalion.

8. Mission. The 3d Battalion, 12th Marines provided direct support to the 3d Bn, 4th Marines and reinforcing fires to the 3d ARVN Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.

9. Concept of Operations. To accomplish the mission of searching and destroying in the objective area, the ARVN 3d Regiment, 1st Division made a ground sweep moving from north to south on the eastern side of the Song Bo River. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines was helo-lifted into the southern portion of the objective area to the west of the Song Bo River at which time they commenced a sweep to the north.

10. Execution

a. Fire Planning. Prior to the helicopters' landing in the LZ's, a 30 minute artillery preparation, followed by a 30 minute air preparation, was executed.

Fire planning during the operation was continuous by forward observers. Concentrations were cancelled promptly when no longer of any use. Numerous concentrations were shot in to insure more accurate pre-planned data.

b. Registrations. Initial GFT settings were derived from Experience VE's plus met. Shortly after the operation commenced, an AO was available and precision registrations were conducted by both batteries.

c. Thrust Lines. One artillery thrust line was used by both artillery and infantry units for purposes of position reporting.

d. Observation Post. The battalion established an observation post on Hill 285 (YD 629223) for purposes of providing additional observation in the northern part of

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the operating area. Only on one occasion was any intelligence received from this observation post.

11. Results. Very little contact was made with the enemy and consequently only two missions were adjusted onto sighted VC. These two missions accounted for 2 VC KIA (confirmed) and 7 VC KIA (probable).

12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. Both batteries carried a minimum of 3 DOA into the objective area. The LSA was established in the immediate vicinity of the battalion and no supply problems developed.

b. Maintenance. During the operation piece number 5 from Battery I lost portions of thirteen lands and the last day of the operation the weapon was deadlined except for emergency use.

c. Transportation and Convoy Movement. Organic transportation was used by all units of the battalion. Three serials were formed and integrated into one battalion march unit. Battery "I" composed the first serial, Battalion Headquarters, the second serial, and Battery "M" the third serial. The convoy was controlled internally on the Battalion Command Net. Movement to the objective area was executed in a very smooth manner. The battalion left Phu Bai at 0400H. After passing through the city of Hue the battalion preceded under black out conditions to the position area.

d. Communications. With only one infantry battalion operating in the objective area only one conduct of fire net was activated. The Battalion Command Net was guarded throughout the operation in order to maintain communications with the battalion rear and Battery "G" which remained in the Operation JAY area until 2 July.

In anticipation of difficulty in communicating with the infantry battalion, artillery LNO, and FO's, a communications relay site was established on Hill 285 (YD 629223). This relay proved to be quite valuable during periods of weak communications to the infantry battalion.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

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14 Commanders Analysis. Since this operation immediately followed Operation JAY it was hoped to apply the lessons learned concerning fire support coordination, but due to the lack of targets no extensive coordination was necessary.

15. Recommendations. None.

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DAILY SUMMARY OF EVENTS

1 July

The Battalion CO and S-3 attended a briefing at the 4th Marines CP at 1900H which covered the details of Operation HOLT. Immediately following the 4th Marines briefing, the S-3 held a briefing for all staff officers and battery commanders.

2 July

The battalion departed Phu Bai for Operation HOLT at 0400H. The battalion march unit was led by the Battalion Commander. The march order was Battery "I", Headquarters Battery, and Battery "M". After going through Hue, the battalion continued to its position area (YD 634251) under black out conditions. Twelve minutes after arrival the battalion was laid and ready to fire.

At 0730H the battalion commenced a 30 minute artillery preparation of the helicopter landing zones.

At 1210H both batteries registered on a map inspected registration point.

At 1240H Battery "M" fired 15 rounds of HE at 8 VC in the open at YD 517178. One VC was KIA (BC) and 2 KIA (possible). Recon elements screening the south west portion of the operations area fired this mission.

At 2010H Battery "I" fired 56 rounds of HE at 6 VC in three boats moving down the Song Bo River. Surveillance was 1 VC KIA (BC), 5 VC KIA (possible) with three boats destroyed.

3 July

At 1100H 4th Marines reported that red haze emissions had indicated a possible VC observation post at YD 515218 and YD 543214. Using direct observation with a BC scope from the artillery battalion FDC the Battalion CO and S-3 adjusted 22 rounds of WP and 3 rounds of HE from Battery "M" on suspected OP's. The effect was good in the target area, but no further surveillance was available.

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4 July

Very little activity occurred during the day. At 1200H and again at 2000H a 4th of July "fireworks" display was put on by Batteries I and M. Combinations of illumination, smoke, WP fuze with time fuze, and HEPT rounds were used to obtain a simple celebration.

5 July

At 1145H an aerial observer fired 28 rounds of WP from Battery I on a suspected VC Company. Rounds were reported to be on target.

At the direction of the CO, 4th Marines two WP missions were commenced in an attempt to start fires at YD 557221 and YD 560225. The attempt was unsuccessful.

At 2040H the forward observer from K Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines adjusted Battery I onto an area by the Song Bo River (YD 608230) where there was reported enemy movement. Sixteen rounds of HE were adjusted when one ARVN soldier on the eastern side of the Song Bo River was superficially wounded. The mission was ended at that time.

6 July

At 1410H the battalion headquarters and Battery M closed stations and march ordered to Phu Bai. Battery I remained in position to cover the withdrawal of the remaining elements of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines from the objective area. At 1530H as the last elements of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines were lifted out of their LZ's. Battery I fired 5 missions expending 90 rounds of HE shortly after the last helos had departed on the old CP sites. This tactic was employed since the VC have set up a pattern of entering CP sites to look for discarded gear shortly after the retraction of a unit.

At 1600H Battery I departed the Operation HOLT area and made an uneventful trip back to the Phu Bai area.

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TABLE OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES, TYPE OF FIRE MISSIONS, AND
DAMAGE AND CASUALTY ASSESSMENTS

1. Missions fired for 2Jul 3Jul 4Jul 5Jul 6Jul Total

4thMar	4	3	5	4	4	20
3/4	50	27	20	35	6	138
Recon	1	6	0	5	0	12
Total	55	36	25	44	10	170

2. Ammunition expended

a. 105 How HE	233	42	39	56	130	500
WP	8	0	15	32	16	71
ILLUM	0	0	6	33	4	43
b. 155 How HE	239	79	45	36	0	399
WP	0	12	37	8	17	74
ILLUM	19	0	9	0	0	28
TOTAL	499	133	151	165	167	1115

3. Missions fired

Prep fires	2					2
H&I	39	33	20	40		132
FFE					5	5
Total unob	41	33	20	40	5	139
Tgt of opp	6	2	5	4	1	18
Registrations	2	1				3
Def conc	6				4	10
Total obs	14	3	5	4	5	31
Grand total	55	36	25	44	10	170

4. Surveillance

KIA						2
WIA						7
MATERIAL (boats)						3

ENCLOSURE (2)

Unit- S-3, 3rd Bn, 12th Marines

Place- Phu Bai

020001H July-022400H July 1966

JOURNAL

IN	OUT	SERIAL #	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
0001		1	Journal for 2 July 1966 Opened
0400		2	Bn departed base camp for "OPERATION HOLT" area
0630		3	Bn arrived Operation area VIC YD 634251
0730		4	Bn commenced Prep fires
0800		5	Received Recon on call concentrations RC 301 & RC302
1210		6	Btry "I" & Btry "M" registered on RP#1 Coord. YD 5827-1988
1240		8	Btry "M" fired 15 rds HE at SVC in open Coord. 517778. One VC KIA, Two Possible KIA Mission fired in support of RECON.
2010		9	Bn fired 56 rds HE at VC in boats Coord 555181 One KIA, Five possible KIA. Mission fired in support of 3rd Bn 4th Mar.
	2400	10	Journal for 2 July 1966 Closed.
0001		1	Journal for 3 July 1966 opened
	0600	2	Artillery Operations Report to 4th Mar. FSCC
1430		3	Received Met Message
1950		4	4th Marines FSCC cleared H&I's
	2400	5	Journal for 3 July 1966 closed
0001		1	Journal for 4 July 1966 opened
0010		2	Received message from 12th Marines temporarily suspending WP Lot # Proj. BD4336-15 Casing RD 32-114X
	0011	3	Btry "H" notified of suspended WP ammo
	0600	4	Artillery OPNS. report to 4th Marines FSCC
0615		5	Received concentrations CI 713, CI 714 & CI 715 as on calls From FSCC 3rd Bn 4th Marines
0945		6	Possible report POLISH 43 R6 UP19 (586209)

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<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>SERIAL #</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS</u>
1730		7	On calls from 3rd Bn. 4th Mar. completed
2130		8	On calls and H&I's received from 3rd Bn. 4th Marines
2135		9	On call concentrations, #7, #11, & #13 cancelled by LNO 3/4 FSOC
	2400	10	Journal for 4 July 1966 closed
0001		1	Journal for 5 July 1966 opened
	0600	2	Artillery OPN's report submitted 4th Marines FSOC
1015		3	Received Met message
1345		4	Received MET message
2301		5	Cease fire on concentration CX44 due to ARVN WIA.
	2400	6	Journal for 5 July 1966 closed
0001		1	Journal for 6 July 1966 opened
	0600	2	Artillery OPN's report to 4th Mar FSOC
1015		3	Received MET message
1410		4	Btry "M" CSMO
1430		5	Bn CSMO from "OPERATION HOLT"
1630		6	Bn arrived PHU BAI TAOR
	1700	7	Journal for "OPERATION HOLT" closed

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