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 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1. In compliance with References (a) through (c), the March 1967 Command Chronology is hereby submitted as Enclosures (1) through (7).

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

## 1. Designation

a. 1-31 March 1967  
HEADQUARTERS (FWD)  
3d Battalion, 12th Marines

Location: Coordinates YD 539318 Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam

b. 1-31 March 1967  
HEADQUARTERS (Rear)  
3d Battalion, 12th Marines

Location: Coordinates YD 885127, Phu Bai Base Camp

## 2. Period Covered: 1-31 March 1967

## 3. Battalion Commander and Staff:

## a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

(1) Lieutenant Colonel J. L. MILES, 046209/0802/2070/6704 USMC  
Battalion Commander  
(2) Major J. E. TOWNSEND 050185/0802/6704 USMC, Battalion X.O.  
(3) Second Lieutenant E. J. MAZZEI 087105/0130 USMC 1-20 Mar 1967  
S-1/Adjutant  
WO W. G. JACOBSON 089212/0130 USMC, 21-31 Mar 1967 S-1/Adjutant,  
Personnel Officer (1-31 Mar 67)  
(4) Captain C. W. CHEATHAM 089036/0802 USMC, S-2 1-6 Mar 67,  
First Lieutenant C. D. COOKSEY 091152/0802 USMC, S-2 7-31 Mar 67  
(5) Major B. T. CHAMBLESS 064290/0802, USMC, S-3 1-7 Mar 67,  
Captain R. A. FURTEO 077663/0802/0430 USMC, S-3 8-31 Mar 67  
(6) Captain J. P. JOHNSON 087863/0802 USMCR, S-4  
(7) Captain R. A. LIST 085430/0802/2502 USMC, Communications Officer  
(8) First Lieutenant G. W. DAVIDSON III 092539/3502 Motor Transporta-  
tion Officer  
(9) First Lieutenant M. M. DUFFY, 092190/0802 USMCR, Supply Officer  
(10) Second Lieutenant R. L. PORTER 087133/0803 USMC Survey Officer  
(11) GySgt W. F. TAYLOR Jr. 1117393/2131/0441/1811 USMC Ordnance  
Officer

## b. Battery Commanders

(1) Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, Captain C. W.  
CHEATHAM 089036/0802 USMC 1-6 Mar 67; First Lieutenant G. K. MYRUS  
090930/0802 USMCR 7-31 Mar 67  
(2) Battery "D" (2d Bn, 12th Mar) ADCON/OPCON 1-31 Mar 67 Captain L. T.  
GUNDLACH, 078621/0802/0805 USMC  
(3) Battery "E" (2d Bn, 12th Mar) ADCON/OPCON 1-31 Mar 67 Captain W. R. HART  
081816/0802 USMC  
(4) Battery "I" 3d Battalion, 12th Marines ADCON, Captain A. MEDIAVILLA  
081374/0802 USMC (1-20 Mar) Captain G. D. BLACK  
(5) Btry "C", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines ADCON/OPCON 1-9 March  
Captain J. T. RICKLIN, III  
075342/0802, USMC

## c. Officers Enlisted

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ENCLOSURE (1)

## C-1 MATTERS

1. Personnel and Administrative

This Battalion has maintained an operating level of personnel at approximately 91% of its authorized T/O strength during the month of March.

	T/O	O/H	PERCENTAGE
Officer	44	34	78%
SNCO's	32	38	119%
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This Battalion joined 2 Officers and 26 enlisted personnel of various ranks and MOS's while rotating 3 Officers and 36 enlisted to CONUS. Transferred 18 enlisted out of the battalion to other units in the 12th Marine Regiment. and also had 1 KIA and 10 WIA and 1 non-hostile death.

2. Morale & Discipline

The state of morale still runs high consistent with the conditions under which the unit serves. There was no electricity during the latter two weeks of March for running the movie or for reading. However movies were available in the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines area. The moving into hardbacks will improve morale as it will be cooler and the men will be living up off the ground. R&R both in country and out of country continues to be a high factor in morale. The PX has contributed to the morale factor but there seems to be shortages in certain items such as cigarettes, deodorants etc. The supply of beer and soda was adequate during March.

There was one office hours conducted during March for violation of Articles 86, 92 and 134. There were no Summary Courts Martial and only one Special Courts Martial for violations of Articles 113 and 134. There was no Medical Doctor nor chaplain assigned to this Battalion in March.

The foregoing while pertaining generally to the Headquarters Battery rear echelon at Phu Bai is, to an extent, applicable to the Battalion Command Group and two firing batteries in the Chinook operating area. With the advent of hot weather, meals have been reduced to two on a brunch schedule: 0730-1000 and 1600-1800. Milk has been added to the menu, and work has been secured between the hours of 1300 to 1500. Volleyball, horseshoes, football and baseball games are popular after sundown. It is planned to bring a reefer into the area as a further improvement in food service and to permit longer storage in the event the resupply convoy schedule is interrupted.

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

From 1 March to 31 March the S-2 section has been involved in the gathering of information on friendly and enemy troop activity.

The information on enemy movement was gathered from the Fourth Marines S-2, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines S-2, along with reports from Third MARDIV G-2; while the friendly situation was reported from the Fourth Marines S-3 and the S-3 of the Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines.

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## S-4 Section

A. Logistics. The overall logistics situation remains fair. The overall supply situation is fair. There are approximately 3000 requisitions outstanding. Of these 67 are priority one, 100 priority two, approximately 200 priority five. During March approximately 300 requisitions were filled giving a 10% level of requisitions filled. Figures are approximate due to Battalion Supply being closed during move from Dong Ha to Phu Bai.

B. Maintenance.

a. <u>Prime Movers</u>	<u>T/E</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>ON D/L</u>	<u>% D/L</u>
Hq Btry	19	19	2	11%
"D" Btry	17	17	4	24%
"E" Btry	17	15	7	47%
"I" Btry	17	15	6	40%
Total	70	66	19	29%

b. Of the 19 vehicles deadlined 4 are for second echelon repair and 15 for third echelon.

c. The difference between number of prime movers by T/E and the number on hand is accounted for by 2, M-35 trucks on order for Battery "E", the order for one M-35 truck for Battery "I" which was cancelled because of the expected receipt of Multi-Fuel vehicles, and two M-422's of Battery "I" which were turned in to FLSG "A" in January as a result of mortar damage and an accident. All other vehicles are deadlined as a result of mechanical failure.

d. Causes contributing to equipment failure include:

(1) Extreme climatic and geographical factors.

(2) A requirement for continuous support of extended operation.

(3) A shortage of qualified mechanics and the necessity to employ OJT Marines.

(4) The fact that many battery motor pool shops are below their T/E in regard to both tools and test equipment.

(5) The fact that authorized vehicular wash points are non-existent in the Phu Bai TAOR.

(6) The unavailability of second echelon repair parts, such as DK items such as torque rods and brake shoes, which shop stores at FLSG "A" does not presently have on hand.

(7) The unavailability of third echelon repair parts, such as engines and transmissions, at FLSG "A" motor transport maintenance, which is precluding the expeditious repair and return to the using units of items turned in for third echelon repair.

b. The primary reason for vehicles remaining on deadline for extended periods of time is the difficulty encountered in obtaining the necessary repair parts.

C. Food Service. Rations served during this reporting period has been approximately 75% "A" Rations, 25% "B" Rations.

D. N/A

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. Water. Water is being received by the forward CP from the LSA Water Point in the Operation Chinook Area and by the rear CP from the Phu Bai Water Point.

H. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport Status is Poor. Motor transport is elaborated on in paragraph B. above.

I. Embarkation. Up to date embarkation data continues to be held at Battalion level.

J. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

(1) There were 277 treatments of military personnel rendered at the Battalion Aid Station during March. This figure includes inoculations.

(2) There were one (1) KIA and six (6) WIA's in this Battalion during March. However those casualties occurred while the personnel were attached to 2/9 and were processed by 2/9. Thus they were beyond the scope of this report.

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## [REDACTED] COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. General. a. Normal operating routines continued throughout the month of March. No unusual problems have been encountered. Preparations continue for the turn over of the Communications Section to the new Communications Officer early in April.
2. Radio. Marginal SSB Communications were finally made with Twelfth Marines. Apparently, weather conditions and the range involved as well as the frequency employed have a decided influence on SSB Communications between Dong Ha and the Chinook operating area. No MRC-3 Radio sets have been available so we have had to rely on lower powered AN/PRC-47's. The second of the five additional PRC-47's has arrived.
3. Wire. No unusual problems have arisen. There is a continuing need for a T/E increase in the number of TA-312's. Also have requirement for one additional S-22. The recent increase (by special allowance) of TA-1's is considered to be only a stop-gap measure to satisfy requirement for additional TA-312's.
4. Message Center. The major problem continues to be personnel. Presently have one 2541 Sgt. acting as Message Center Chief who rotates in April. Also we have one 2543 L/Cpl with very limited experience and two 2531 PFC's to augment the Message Center. Both PFC's have limited experience but excellent potential. We have a requirement for one fully qualified and experienced E-4 to supervise Message Center operations and train other personnel.
5. Special Problem Areas. The great majority of Comm gear of this Battalion continues to be stored in mount-out boxes pending construction and assignment of semi-permanent buildings at the rear CP in Phu Bai. Once construction is completed and buildings available, semi-permanent facilities for maintenance, a Comm Center, and a switch board will be constructed. Temporary facilities both in the rear and in the field will be gradually transferred as the situation permits. It is hoped that this will be accomplished prior to the inspection which is scheduled for the last week of April.

[REDACTED] Enclosure (7)

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At 1250H Battery "C" fired eight rounds of HE on 1 VC in a tree line at YD 572260. Surveillance was 1 VC KIA (probable) on this mission fired in support of 3d Battalion, 26th Marines (3/26).

At 1351H Battery "C" fired eighteen rounds of HE on 2 VC in the open at YD 580253. Surveillance was rounds on target on this mission fired in support of 3/26.

At 1502H 4 VC were seen at YD 578248 by elements of 3/26. Battery "C" expended ten rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, with a surveillance 1 KIA (probable).

At 1530H an aerial observer, SACRED MIKE, reported a suspected VC supply point at YD 477318. Battery "C" expended thirty-eight rounds of HE and six of WP on this mission with good effect on target. The area was to be plotted with H&I's.

2 March

At 0800H Battery "D" fired fifty-two rounds on VC positions spotted by elements of 3/26 at YD 568268 and 572268. While the rounds were reported on target, there was no casualty assessment due to heavy vegetation in the area.

At 1024H Battery "D" fired ten rounds of HE on 1 VC at the edge of a stream at YD 553264. Excellent coverage of target was reported, with 1 KIA (probable) on this mission fired in support of 3/26.

At 1255H Battery "D" fired thirty rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 3 VC in the open at YD 580256 that were reported by elements of 3/26. Good effect on target and 1 KIA (probable) was the surveillance.

At 1335H Battery "D" fired forty-five rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on VC sniper positions at YD 57342670 and 56642702 with good effect on target, silencing the snipers. The mission was fired in support of 3/26.

At 1857H Batteries "C" and "D" fired one hundred and eighteen rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and Delay on a target area containing twenty to thirty foxholes and field fortifications at YD 605262. The target was observed by an AO, SACRED MIKE, who reported five bunkers destroyed or damaged. VC were seen in the area during the adjustment phase; however, the gathering dusk prevented a casualty count.

Enclosure (2)

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At 0800H the Battalion assumed operational control of 3d Platoon, Company "C", 3d Tank Battalion, whose Platoon Commander is 1st Lt R. H. VOIGHT.

At 0905H Battery "C" fired nine rounds of HE at 3 VC reported by an FO with 3/26 at YD 543262. Surveillance was 1 KIA (probable).

At 1022H Battery "C" fired fifteen rounds on 3 VC in a tree-line at YD 536262. There was no surveillance due to heavy foliage on this mission fire in support of 3/26.

At 1225H Battery "C" expended eighteen rounds of HE on 1 VC in a field at YD 574253. Surveillance on this mission fired in support of 3/26 was 1 KIA (probable).

At 1440H Battery "C" fired sixty-two rounds of HE in support of 3/26 on 5 VC observed at YD 581253. Surveillance was 4 KIA (probable).

At 1535H Battery "C" expended twenty-two rounds of HE on 5 VC with packs and weapons spotted at YD 572253. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 3/26.

At 1555H Battery "C" expended twenty-two rounds of HE on 7 VC at YD 581253. There was no surveillance due to heavy foliage.

4 March

At 0920H elements of 3/26 reported receiving small arms and fire from YD 602262. Battery "D" expended fifty-two rounds of HE on the target, silencing the fires.

At 1030H the Liaison Section of 4th Marines reported a VC/NVA radio transmission coming from YD 420241. Battery "T", 4/12 expended eighteen rounds of HE on this unobserved mission.

At 1120H Battery "D" silenced sniper fire coming from YD 597-264. Two rounds of HE were expended on this mission fired for mission fired for elements of 3/26.

At 1609H Battery "D" expended twenty-six rounds of HE on VC digging in on a hill top at YD 450335. The mission was fired in support of 3/26 and surveillance was 1 KIA (confirmed).

At 1630H Battery "D" and Battery "C" expended fifty rounds of HE and thirty-two of WP on a suspected VC mortar position at YD 550300. There was no surveillance on the mission fired in support of 3/26.

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At 1710 3d Recon Battalion patrol, NETTLE RASH II, spotted 5 VC in the area of YD 463. Battery "D" fired sixty rounds of HE on the targets, with 5 KIA (confirmed) as surveillance.

At 1733H Battery "D" fired twenty-six rounds of HE at the same coordinates for NETTLE RASH II, who had spotted more VC dragging off dead bodies from the other mission. 1 KIA (confirmed) and 1KIA (probable) was the surveillance on this mission.

5 March

At 1030H the Battalion Commander pulled the lanyard on the forty thousandth round. Fired by Battery "D" 2/12 since its arrival in country.

At 1641H the Battalion fired a Time-on-Target mission on a suspected VC bastion located in the vicinity of YD 492258. A total of one hundred and twenty rounds was expended by Batteries "C", "D", and "T" on a visual served mission reported by 4th Marines FSOC.

At 0300 6 March, one hundred and eighty-one rounds of illumination to enable a company of 3/26 to make a strong crossing. After the crossing, illumination was continued to provide light for emergency medical treatment for a Marine with a broken leg.

At 1030H Battery "T", 1/3, fired sixteen rounds of HE against mortar and small arms fire in support of 3d Recon Battalion patrol MUSTARD I. There was no surveillance on the mission.

At 1030H elements of 3/26 reported incoming sniper fire from YD 575. Battery "C" expended sixteen rounds of HE on the target with good effect, silencing the fire.

At 1052H Battery "T" again fired in support of the Recon patrol, MUSTARD I, who were again receiving small arms fire. Twelve rounds of 155mm HE ammunition were fired on YD 553178 with no surveillance.

At 1109H Battery "T" fired in support of Mustard I at YD 565-182 and 572181. Eighteen rounds of HE were expended on suspected mortar and weapon positions with no surveillance.

At 1835H Battery "D" expended forty-six rounds of HE on snipers firing at YD 595295. The mission in support of the 4th Marines was unobserved.

Enclosure (2)

7 March

At 1115H Battery "C" expended ~~fourteen~~ HE on 3 VC fleeing down a trail at YD 546253. Good effect on target was reported on this mission fired in support of 3/26.

At 1200H Battery "C" 1/13 displaced from the Battalion position and moved by convoy to Phu Bai where it will be under operational control of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1220H Battery "D" reported four guns ready to fire, laid on azimuth 3200. Batt "D", which had arrived at the Battalion position earlier in the morning, replaces Battery "C" and will be under operational control of 4th Battalion. The battery is commanded by Capt W. F. [redacted].

9 March

At 1738H Battery "D" expended eighteen rounds on a VC sampan at YD 577257 spotted by an observer, SACRED MIKE. There was no surveillance on this mission.

During the night, Battery "E" and the 3d Tank Platoon expended five hundred and fifty rounds of HE on 5 VC's fired in support of 4th Marines and 2d Battalion, 12th Marines 1/1, which is replacing 3/26 in the CHINOOK Task Force.

10 March

At 0900H Battery "E" 4/12 arrived at the Battalion position to replace Battery "D". 4/12, attached to 1/12, will be under operational control of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1510H Battery "E" expended sixteen rounds on an undetermined number of VC in a treeline at YD 529271. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1653H Battery "D" expended eighteen rounds of HE on 5 VC with observer (USA) and 2d Battalion, 12th Marines 1/1, which is replacing 3/26 in the CHINOOK Task Force.

At 2150H Battery "D" expended 23 rounds of HE on a suspected enemy position reported by elements of 2/9. Rounds were reported on target, but additional surveillance was not available.

11 March

At 1130 the Battalion Commander departed for the 12th Marines.

Enclosure (2)

At 1710H 3d Recce Battalion patrol, NETTLE RASH II, spotted [REDACTED] VC in the open at ID 463266. Mortar "D" fired sixty rounds of HE on the target, with 5 KIA (confirmed) as surveillance.

At 1733H Battery "D" fired twenty-six rounds of HE at the same co-ordinates for NETTLE RASH II, which had spotted more VC dragging off dead bodies from the other mission. 1 KIA (confirmed) and 1 KIA (probable) as surveillance on this mission.

5 March

At 1030H the Battalion Commander pulled the lanyard on the forty thousandth round fired by Battery "D" 2/12 since its arrival in country.

At 1100H 3d Battalion fired a Time-on-Target mission on a suspected VC Battalion located in the vicinity of YD 492258. A total of one hundred and twenty rounds was expended by Batteries "C", "D", and "T" on this unobserved mission reported by 4th Marines FSCC.

At 0900H Battery "C" expended one hundred and eighty-one rounds of illumination to enable a company of 3/26 to make a stress crossing. After the crossing, illumination was continued to provide light for emergency medical treatment for a Marine with a broken leg.

At 1025H Battery "T" 4/12 fired sixteen rounds of HE against Mortar and sniper fire in support of 3d Recce Battalion patrol MUSTARD I. There was no surveillance on the mission.

At 1036H elements of 3/26 reported incoming sniper fire from YD 575264. Battery "T" expended sixteen rounds of HE on the target with good effect in the fire.

At 1050H Battery "T" fired in support of the Recce patrol, MUSTARD I, who were again receiving small arms fire. Twelve rounds of 155 mm ammunition were fired on YD 553178 with no surveillance.

At 1100H Battery "T" fired in support of Mustard I at YD 565-182 and 57-1. Eighteen rounds of HE were expended on suspected mortar and sniper positions with no surveillance.

At 1600H Battery "D" expended forty-six rounds of HE on snipers firing at YD 595295. The mission in support of the 4th Marines was unobserved.

Enclosure (2)

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At 1147H Battery "C" expended fourteen HE on 3 VC fleeing down a trail at YD 546253. Good effect on target was reported on this mission, fired in support of 3/26.

8 March

At 1200H Battery "C" 1/13 displaced from the Battalion position and moved by convoy to Phu Bai where they will be under operational control of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1220H Battery "E" reported four guns ready to fire, laid on azimuth 3200. Battery "E", which had arrived at the Battalion position earlier in the morning, replaces Battery "C" and will be under operational control of this Battalion. The battery is commanded by Capt W. F. [redacted].

9 March

At 1738H Battery "E" expended eighteen rounds on a VC sampan at YD 577257 spotted by an aerial observer, SACRE MIKE. There was no surveillance on this mission.

During the night, Battery "E" and the 3d Tank Platoon expended five hundred fifty rounds of HE on H&I's fired in support of 4th Marines and 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (2/9), which is replacing 3/26 in the CLINOOK AOZ.

10 March

At 0630H Battery "E", 4/12 departed at the Battalion position, replacing Battery "E", 4/12, commanded by Capt W. F. [redacted], is under the operational control of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1510H Battery "E" expended sixteen rounds on an undetermined number of VC in a fireline at YD 529171. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9 from the Battalion position and moved by convoy to Phu Bai where they will be under operational control of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. At 1653H Battery "E" expended eighteen rounds of HE on 5 VC with packs at YD 603256. Surveillance on this mission observed by an aerial observer (USA) was "not present". Four guns ready to fire, laid on azimuth 3200. Battery "E", which had arrived at the Battalion position. At 2150H Battery "E" expended 23 rounds of HE on a suspected enemy position reported by elements of 2/9. Rounds were reported on target, but additional surveillance was not available.

11 March

At 1130 the Battalion Commander departed for the 12th Marines to YD 577257 spotted by aerial observer, SACRE MIKE. There was no surveillance on this mission.

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During the night, Battery "E" and the 3d Tank Platoon expended five hundred fifty rounds of HE on H&I's fired in support of 4th Marines and 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (2/9), which is replacing 3/26 in the CLINOOK AOZ.

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CP for a Regimental Commander's conference. He returned at 1715H.

At 1500H Battery "E" fired twenty-one rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on suspected VC movement at YD 529301. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 2106H elements of 2/9 reported VC movement at YD 529292. Battery "E" expended six rounds of HE and six of WP on this mission, which was unobserved.

12 March

At 1022H Battery "E" fired thirty-three rounds on VC moving in a treeline at YD 529292. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1500H Battery "E" fired twenty-four rounds of 155mm HE on VC digging in on a hilltop at YD 628325. A Recon Battalion patrol, PARTY LINE II observed the mission but could see no casualties.

Batteries "D" and "E" expended a total of 103 rounds of HE on a suspected enemy of VC, apparently moving in to strike the ARVN. At 1500H 4th Marines reported an assembly of VC at YD 600100. At 1822H, Battery "E" expended twenty-four rounds of HE on this assembly. All of these missions were unobserved and there was no surveillance.

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13 March

At 0220H Battery "E" expended fifteen HE and ten WP on VC moving southward at YD 523303. The mission, reported by 2/9 FSCC, was unobserved. At 0245H Battery "E" expended twenty-four rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on suspected VC movement at YD 523303. There was no surveillance. Between 0220H and 0400H Battery "E" expended a total of fifty-four rounds of HE in counter-mortar fires in support of the ARVN at Pho-Trach. One mortar ceased firing, likely concentration. These were fired as interdiction fires into grids YD 5035, 5134, and 5034.

At 0715H Battery "E" expended twenty-six rounds of HE neutralizing small arms fire from YD 585265. There was no additional surveillance in this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 2025H Battery "E" expended fifty-seven rounds of illumination at YD 550202 and 543202. Good coverage of target area was reported by 2/9.

At 1500H Battery "E" expended a total of 150 rounds of HE on VC moving in the hilltop area of Pho-Trach. A Recon Battalion patrol, PARTY LINE II observed the mission but could see no casualties.

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At 1717H Battery "P" expended ten rounds of 155mm HE on VC in the open at YD 576192. The mission was reported by an aerial observer, who reported no further movement.

At 2127H Battery "P" expended forty-five rounds of HE on VC at YD 472310, where a helicopter reported receiving small arms fire. There was no surveillance on this mission reported by 4th Marines FSCC.

15 March

At 0716H Battery "E" expended one hundred and ten rounds of HE on a suspected VC base camp located at YD 486322. An FO with 2/9 reported VC "running all over"; however, there was no body count.

At 1019H Battery "E" fired thirty-six rounds of HE on VC in a treeline at YD 576264. Surveillance on this mission fired for elements of 2/9 was rounds on target.

At 1210H Battery "E" again fired on the suspected VC base camp at YD 486322. There were no visible casualties, but the FO reported screams and cries of pain.

16 March

At 1331H elements of 2/9 spotted a VC squad at YD 465330. Battery "D" fired twenty rounds of HE on the target, and results were 1 KIA (confirmed) and 2 KIA (probable).

At 1351H prior to an infantry sweep in the area, 14 rounds of HE were expended by Battery "D" as preparation fires on YD 4848-3218. The area was the suspected site of a VC bivuac area.

At 1656H Battery "D" covered the extraction of 3d Recon Battalion patrol, NETTLE RASH I after it had been inserted into a VC infested area. One hundred and fifty rounds of HE were expended on this unobserved mission.

At 1700H Battery "P", 4/12 fired 6 rounds of 155mm HE at YD 595195 and 586191 as interdiction fires in protection of 3d Recon Battalion patrol, NETTLE RASH II, which shortly thereafter was extracted. Upon their extraction Battery "P" fired twenty rounds of HE, zone fire at YD 588197, saturating the area where the VC who surrounded the patrol were detected. The 1st Provisional Gun Battery at PK17 also fired ten rounds of 155 HE, zone fire on this mission. There was no surveillance.

The Battalion was alerted during the evening that the ARVN installation at Pho Trach (YD 525358) anticipated an attack by VC that night. On-calls were double checked and an illumination on-call was adjusted. The 3d Platoon "C" Company, 3d Tank Bn. was to be used as a reaction force, and consequently, no H&I's were fired by the tanks during the night. There was no attack, however.

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At 1000H Battery "E" expended forty-two rounds on a suspected VC movement reported by elements of 2/9. While rounds landed on target, there were no visible casualties. The target was reported at YD 542274.

At 1940H one-hundred and fifty-six rounds were fired upon 200 VC located at YD 477311 and 473305. Batteries "D" and "E", were the two firing units on this target reported by 4th Marines FSCC. The mission was observed.

18 March

At 1000H Battery "D" fired eight rounds of HE and seven of WP on VC snipers at 561246. Rounds were reported on target, and sniper fire ceased on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1049H Battery "D" fired thirty-one rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 2 VC snipers in at YD 561293. 2 KIA (probable) was the surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1155H Battery "D" expended twenty-four rounds of HE on VC in the open at YD 564299. Surveillance on this mission was 1 KIA (probable) and 1 WIA (probable) on this mission fired for 2/9.

At 1230H Battery "D" silenced sniper fire coming from YD 476222 with seven rounds of HE and six of WP. The mission was fired in support of 2/9.

At 1305H Battery "D" fired forty-five rounds of HE on VC who were dragging bodies from the recently fired concentration at YD 56543000. Excellent coverage of target was reported as well as a secondary explosion; but no body count was available on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1335H 7 to 8 VC were spotted at YD 479342 by elements of 2/9. Seventeen rounds of HE were fired by Battery "E" on the target, and surveillance 100 rounds on target.

At 1905H 4th Marines FSCC reported 2 VC companies at YD 477311 and 473304. Batteries "D" and "E" fired one hundred and ninety-six rounds of HE on this unobserved mission.

19 March

During the twenty-four hour period, the Battalion fired one hundred and sixty-two HE concentrations; however, there were no significant missions fired during that time.

20 March

At 0900H Battery "D" expended twenty-five rounds of HE at 6 VC in a tree-line at YD 557196. Elements of 2/9 reported and observed the mission, but there was no surveillance.

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At 1200H CPT C. J. D. BLACK referred Capt A. MEDIAVILLA as Commanding Officer of Battery "E", 3d Battalion, 18th Marines.

At 1335H Battery "E" expended seventy-two rounds at VC who were encamped in a ridge line and elements of 2/9 reported the target area well covered. Elements of 2/9 reported the target area well covered. There were no casualties reported.

21 March

At 0900H the Battalion Commanding Officer, accompanied by the Battalion S-Major, visited the district chief at Phong Dien. He returned to the Battalion position at 1100H.

At 1100H General B. A. HOGGITH, Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, visited the Battalion position. The Battalion Commander accompanied the General on a motor tour of the Battalion area, and they ate the noon meal at Battery "D" mess hall, and the General was briefed by the Battery "D" Commanding Officer. The General departed the Battalion position at 1400H.

At 1400H elements of 2/9 reported in-coming sniper fire from YD 579226. Battery "E" expended four rounds of WP and twenty-six of HE. Rounds were reported on target and silenced the sniper fire.

At 1437H 3d Recon Battalion patrol NETTLE RASH I sighted 4 VC moving south at YD 464336. Battery "E" expended seven rounds of HE from one gun as requested. All rounds were reported on target, but there was no other surveillance.

At 1452H NETTLE RASH I spotted additional VC located at YD 464336 and again requested fire. Battery "E" expended forty-nine rounds of HE on the mission. After end of mission was given, the patrol requested an additional fire for effect that resulted in enemy casualties of 1 KIA (probable) and 1 WIA (probable).

At 1528H elements of 2/9 again reported receiving sniper fire from a troeline located at YD 579269. Battery "E" fired seventy-two rounds of HE and WP to silence the fire. No other surveillance was available at the time.

At 1720H Battery "P" expended four WP and four HE on 2 VC located at YD 579269. 3d Recon Battalion patrol BROADMINDED reported no surveillance except rounds on target.

Very light defensive concentrations were fired for recon patrols, elements of 2/9 and ARVN forces located within the Battalion's THOR.

At 2156H Batteries "D" and "E" expended sixty-one rounds of HE during the counter-mortar plan in a reaction drill conducted by 2/9.

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At 1000H Battery "E" expended forty-two rounds on ~~VC~~ reported by elements of 2/9. While rounds landed on target, no visible casualties. The target was reported at YD 542214.

At 1940H one-hundred and ninety-six rounds were fired upon 200 VC located at YD 477311 and 473305. Batteries "D" and "E" were the two firing units on this target reported by 4th Marines FSCC. The mission was unobserved.

18 March

At 1021H Battery "D" fired eight rounds of HE and seven of WP on VC snipers at 561298. Rounds were reported on target, and sniper fire ceased on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1049H Battery "D" fired thirty-one rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 2 VC fighting in at YD 561298. 2 KIA (probable) was the surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1155H Battery "D" expended twenty-four rounds of HE on VC in the open at YD 561299. Surveillance on this mission was 1 KIA (probable) and 1 WIA (probable) on this mission fired for 2/9.

At 1230H Battery "D" silenced sniper fire coming from YD 47834 with seven rounds of HE and six of WP. The mission was fired in support of 2/9.

At 1300H Battery "D" fired forty-five rounds of HE on VC who were down to 2 bodies from the recently fired concentration at YD 565430. Excellent coverage of target was reported as well as a second mission; but no body count was available on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1335H 7 to 8 VC were spotted at YD 479342 by elements of 2/9. Seventeen rounds of HE were fired by Battery "E" on the target, and surveillance was rounds on target.

At 1905H 4th Marines FSCC reported 2 VC companies at YD 477311 and 473304. Batteries "D" and "E" fired one hundred and ninety-six rounds of HE on this unobserved mission.

19 March

During the twenty-four hour period, the Battalion fired one hundred and sixty-two H&I concentrations; however, there were no significant missions fired during that time.

20 March

At 0900H Battery "D" expended twenty-five rounds of HE at 6 VC in a tree-line at YD 557196. Elements of 2/9 reported and observed the mission, but there was no surveillance.

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At 0800H Capt G. D. BLACK relieved Capt A. MEDIAVILLA as Commanding Officer of Battery "E", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

At 1335H Battery "E" fired forty-two rounds at VC who were encamped in a ridgeline at YD 579201. Elements of 2/9 reported the target area well covered. 1 KIA (probable), 1 WIA (probable) casualty count.

21 March

At 0900H the Battalion Commanding Officer, accompanied by the Battalion Sgt Major, visited the district chief at Phong Dien. He returned to the Battalion position at 1100H.

At 1200H General B. A. HODGES, Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, visited the Battalion position. The Battalion Commander and his party met the General on a motor tour of the Battalion area. The party ate the noon meal at Battery "D" mess hall, and the General was briefed by the Battery "D" Commanding Officer. The General departed the Battalion position at 1400H.

At 1220H elements of 2/9 reported in-coming sniper fire from YD 579206. Battery "E" expended four rounds of WP and twenty-six of HE. Rounds were reported on target and silenced the sniper fire.

At 1337H 3d Recon Battalion patrol NETTLE RASH I sighted 4 VC moving south at YD 464266. Battery "E" expended seven rounds of HE from one gun as requested. All rounds were reported on target, but there was no other surveillance.

At 1452H NETTLE RASH I spotted additional VC located at YD 4642 and again requested fire. Battery "E", expended forty-nine rounds of HE on the mission. After end of mission was give, the patrol requested an additional fire for effect that resulted in enemy casualties of 1 KIA (probable) and 1 WIA (probable).

At 1621 elements of 2/9 again reported receiving sniper fire from a tree line located at YD 579209. Battery "E" fired seventy-two rounds of HE and WP to silence the fire. No other surveillance was available at the time.

At 1721 Battery "P" expended four WP and four HE on 2 VC located at YD 579235. 3d Recon Battalion patrol BROADMINDED reported no surveillance except rounds on target.

At 1800H defensive concentrations were fired for recon patrol. Elements of 2/9 and ARVN forces located within the Battalion's TACR.

At 2156H Batteries "D" and "E" expended sixty-one rounds of HE firing the counter-mortar plan in a reaction drill conducted by 2/9.

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At 0900H the Battalion Commander, accompanied by the Battalion SgtMajor, visited PK 17, returning to the Battalion area at 1200H.

At 1143H Battery "D" expended eighteen rounds of HE on 6 VC who were taking cover in a treeline at YD 608248. 3d Recon Battalion patrol BROADMINDED reported good coverage of the target area, but there was no additional surveillance.

At 1242H BROADMINDED spotted 11 NVA who were carrying automatic weapons at YD 537248. Battery "D" attacked the target, expending ninety rounds of shell mixed, fuzes Quick and VT with excellent effect on target. The VC were pinned down by the fire in a grove of trees, which prevented a casualty count, and could not escape from the area without traversing open ground. BROADMINDED requested H&I's every fifteen minutes, then every five minutes, to keep them from forming for an escape while the patrol waited to direct an airstrike in the area. Air, however, was not immediately available, and accordingly, the Battalion massed its fires to saturate the grove at 1327H. Batteries "D", "E" and "P" expended one hundred and thirty-three rounds of 105mm HE and WP and twenty rounds of 155mm WP on the target, covering the area thoroughly. Recon observed no movement in the area, but requested continued H&I fire, nevertheless.

At 1435H the patrol reported that 16 more VC were approaching the target area, apparently unaware of the mission that had been fired there before. An artillery ambush was planned, and Battery "D" expended forty rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, and six of WP on the target area. The VC carried foliage on their backs in addition to their gear, and surveillance was difficult. An aerial observer, "SACRED LIMA", had arrived in the area and spotted 1 KIA (confirmed). At this time, fixed wing aircraft was on the way, and the patrol requested continued fires in the area until their arrival. However, the Battalion was unable to fire until 1555H due to resupply choppers in the area. At that time Batteries "D" and "P" expended a total of thirteen rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and Delay in a single fire for effect. In the meantime, the patrol had spotted additional enemy troops at the base of their OP, and about 20 of them were advancing up the hill. Air was used, rather than artillery, to fend off and destroy the enemy until the patrol could be extracted. After the extraction at 1710H Battery "D" saturated the OP area at YD 593234 with forty-four rounds of HE. Total surveillance was 1 KIA (confirmed), 10 KIA (probable) and 6 WIA (probable).

At 0320H Battery "E" expended fifteen rounds of HE and fifteen rounds of WP on snipers firing at YD 598253. Surveillance of this mission fired in support of 2/9 indicated that the firing had ceased. At 0330H Battery "E" expended twenty rounds of HE and twenty rounds of WP on snipers firing at YD 598253. Recon requested continued fire for the next fifteen minutes, to keep them from forming for an escape while the patrol waited to direct an airstrike in the area. At 0345H Battery "E" expended twenty rounds of HE and twenty rounds of WP on snipers firing at YD 598253. Recon requested continued fire for the next fifteen minutes, to keep them from forming for an escape while the patrol waited to direct an airstrike in the area. At 0355H Battery "E" expended twenty rounds of HE and twenty rounds of WP on snipers firing at YD 598253. Recon requested continued fire for the next fifteen minutes, to keep them from forming for an escape while the patrol waited to direct an airstrike in the area.

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At 1640H elements of 2/9 observed 5 VC with weapons at YD 528-265. Battery "E" expended forty-four rounds of HE at the target with excellent coverage; however, no casualties were reported.

Between 1828 and 1838H Battery "E" fired fifty-four rounds of HE in several reconnaissance by fire missions in grid squares YD 4535 and 4734. There was no surveillance on these missions fired in support of 2/9.

24 March

At 1222H Battery "D" expended forty-two rounds of HE firing on 9 VC spotted at YD 475337 by elements of 2/9. The target area was reported as well covered, but there was no casualty count.

At 1600H the Battalion Commander attended a briefing held at 4th Marines CP for 3d Marine Division Commanding General, MajGeneral B.A. HOCHMUTH.

At 1720H an aerial observer, CAT KILLER 20, spotted 6 VC in a treeline at YD 558252. Four adjusting rounds were fired on the target by Battery "D", but the mission was cancelled due to a medevac in the area.

At 1800H Battery "D" expended thirty rounds of HE while covering the extraction of 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH. The mission was unobserved.

At 1935H Battery "D" silenced sniper fire coming from YD 52327 with 3 rounds of WP. The mission was fired in support of 2/9.

At 2100H Batteries "D" and "E" expended nine rounds of HE while participating in a perimeter alert drill that was held by 2/9. The rounds were fired as a reaction drill for the countermortar plan.

Between 0300H and 0005H Battery "P", 4/12 expended fifty-one rounds of 155mm HE during a series of missions fired in support of ARVN forces, who had reported concentrations of enemy troops in grid squares YD 4841, 4842 and 4941. Later surveillance passed to 4th Marines FSCC indicated that Vietnamese villagers in the area had heard the sounds of screaming during the night, and an ARVN sweep the next day discovered blood and bandages littering the impact area. The ARVN forces reported 10 KIA (probable).

25 March

At 0752H Battery "E" expended fourteen rounds of HE and two of WP on 7 VC in the open at YD 535256. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9, but a ground sweep was being

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made in the area.

At 0813H the same FO with 2/9 spotted 3 VC at YD 535256. After Battery "E" expended thirty-six rounds of HE on the target, the FO reported 2 VC KIA (probable).

At 0813H the same FO with 2/9 spotted 3 VC at YD 536251. Battery "E" expended thirty-six rounds of HE on the target, and the FO reported 2 VC KIA (probable).

At 0844 2 VC were seen in the open at YD 536251. Battery "E" fired six rounds of HE and two of WP on the target with good coverage as the surveillance.

At 1130H Battery "E" fired twelve rounds of HE and four of WP on 3 VC in the open at YD 545242. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1225H an aerial observer, CAT KILLER 26B, observed two groups of VC under brush and in fighting holes at YD 532251. Sixty-two rounds of HE were expended by Battery "E" with excellent effect on target, and 1 KIA (confirmed) was reported.

At 1525H Battery "E" fired fourteen rounds of HE on 4 VC reported by elements of 2/9 at YD 471331. There was no surveillance on this mission.

At 1530H elements of 2/9 spotted VC in a treeline at YD 557241. Eight rounds of HE were fired on the target by Battery "E"; however no casualties were observed.

At 1755H 2 VC were seen in the open by elements of 2/9. Battery "E" fired twenty-three rounds of HE and 1 WP on the target with no surveillance.

#### 26 March

At 0731H Battery "E" fired four rounds of WP and twenty of HE on 4 VC in the open at YD 531272. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1700H Battery "P" fired three rounds of 155mm WP and nine of HE on VC movement in ruins at YD 443273. Excellent coverage of target was reported by 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH, who observed the mission.

During the afternoon, Battery "P" expended four rounds of HE and five of WP firing in two defensive concentrations for WHIPLASH that were located at YD 436235 and 445276.

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At 2007H elements of 2/9 reported receiving in-coming small arms fire from YD 545272. Battery "D" expended one round of WP and thirteen of HE, silencing the fire.

At 2101H Battery "D" again fired the same grid to silence sniper fire, this time expending eighteen rounds of HE.

At 2150H elements of 2/9 conducted reconnaissance by fire missions at YD 531272 and 570268. Battery "D" expended sixty-four rounds of HE on the target with excellent coverage as surveillance.

### 27 March

At 0907H Battery "E" fired fifty-two rounds of HE on enemy buildings at YD 565274. One structure was reported damaged on this mission observed by an aerial observer, SACRED LIMA.

At 1345H Battery "E" expended four rounds of 155mm HE on a VC/NVA radio transmission reported by 4th Marines FSOC at YD 530208. The mission was unobserved.

At 1413H 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH spotted 7 VC on a river bank at YD 450275. Battery "E" expended four rounds of WP and sixteen of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on this mission with a surveillance 1 MIA (probable).

At 1540H an aerial observer, AFTERBURNER 26D, spotted VC fortifications at YD 598259. Battery "E" fired four rounds of WP and twelve of HE on the target, destroying one bunker.

At 1937H Battery "E" expended eighteen rounds of HE on VC movement detected at YD 545250 by elements of 2/9. Good target coverage and cessation of movement was reported.

At 2015H Battery "E" fired seven rounds of WP and thirty-six of HE on VC with lights at YD 454274. 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH, who observed the mission, reported outstanding effect on the target, but there was no other surveillance.

### 28 March

At 1007H Battery "E" expended three rounds of 155mm PE on an intelligence report passed from 3d Marine Division to 4th Marines fscc. The target was located at YD 576438, and the mission was unobserved.

At 1100H 4th Marines relayed that a helicopter pilot reported passing over a concentration of VC troops at YD 558252. Battery "E" expended five rounds of HE on the mission, which was unobserved.

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made in the area.

At 0813H the same FO with 2/9 spotted 3 VC at YD 535256. After Battery "E" expended thirty-six rounds of HE on the target, the FO reported 2 VC KIA (probable).

At 0813H the same FO with 2/9 spotted 3 VC at YD 536251. Battery "E" expended thirty-six rounds of HE on the target, and the FO reported 2 VC KIA (probable).

At 0829H 2 VC were seen in the open at YD 536251. Battery "E" fired six rounds of HE and two of WP on the target with good coverage as the surveillance.

At 1130H Battery "E" fired twelve rounds of HE and four of WP on 3 VC in the open at YD 545242. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1225H an aerial observer, CAT KILLER 26D, observed two groups of VC under brush and in fighting holes at YD 532251. Sixty-two rounds of HE were expended by Battery "E" with excellent effect on target and 1 KIA (confirmed) was reported.

At 1525H Battery "E" fired fourteen rounds of HE on 4 VC reported by elements of 2/9 at YD 471331. There was no surveillance on this mission.

At 1530H elements of 2/9 spotted VC in a treeline at YD 557131. Fifteen rounds of HE were fired on the target by Battery "E"; however, no casualties were observed.

At 1755H 2 VC were seen in the open by elements of 2/9. Battery "E" fired twenty-three rounds of HE and 1 WP on the target with no surveillance.

26 March

At 0731H Battery "E" fired four rounds of WP and twenty of HE on 4 VC in the open at YD 531272. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1700H Battery "P" fired three rounds of 155mm WP and nine of HE on VC movement in ruins at YD 443273. Excellent coverage of the target was reported by 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH, who observed the mission.

During the afternoon, Battery "P" expended four rounds of HE and five of WP firing in two defensive concentrations for WHIPLASH that were located at YD 436285 and 445276.

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At 2000H elements of 2/9 reported receiving in-coming small arms fire from YD 531272. Battery "D" expended one round of WP and thirteen of HE, silencing the

At 2100H Battery "D" again fired the same grid to silence sniper fire, this time expending eighteen rounds of HE.

At 2150H elements of 2/9 conducted reconnaissance by fire missions at YD 531272 and 570268. Battery "D" expended sixty-four rounds of HE on the target with excellent coverage as surveillance.

### 27 March

At 0907H Battery "D" fired fifty-two rounds of HE on enemy buildings at YD 565274. One structure was reported damaged on this mission observed by an aerial observer, SACRED LIMA.

At 1345H Battery "P" expended four rounds of 155mm HE on a VC/NVA radio transmission reported by 4th Marines FSCC at YD 530208. The mission was unobserved.

At 1413H 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH spotted 7 VC on a river bank at YD 450275. Battery "E" expended four rounds of WP and six of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on this mission with a surveillance 1 KIA (probable).

At 1540H an aerial observer, AFTERBURNER 26B, spotted VC fortifications at YD 598259. Battery "E" fired four rounds of WP and twelve of HE on the target, destroying one bunker.

At 1930H Battery "E" expended eighteen rounds of HE on VC movement detected at YD 545250 by elements of 2/9. Good target coverage and cessation of movement was reported.

At 2015H Battery "E" fired seven rounds of WP and thirty-six of HE on VC with lights at YD 454274. 3d Force Recon patrol WHIPLASH, who observed the mission, reported outstanding effect on the target, but there was no other surveillance.

### 28 March

At 0807H Battery "D" expended three rounds of 155mm HE on an intelligence report passed from 3d Marine Division to 4th Marines FSCC. The target was located at YD 576438, and the mission was unobserved.

At 1100H 4th Marines relayed that a helicopter pilot reported passing over a concentration of VC troops at YD 558252. Battery "D" fired forty-five rounds of HE on the mission, which was unobserved.

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Between 1120H and 1211H Battery "P" expended fifty rounds of 155mm HE on preparation fires for the insertion of a 3d Recon Battalion patrol. Grids fired were YD 515219, 522215, 526215, 528213 and 536213. The missions were unobserved.

At 1225H elements of 2/9 spotted 3 VC on a ridgeline at YD 581-277. Battery "P" expended two rounds of WP and eighteen of HE on the target. Surveillance was good coverage of target area; however, no body count could be made.

29 March

Between 0730 and 0900H Battery "P" expended thirty rounds of 155mm HE in preparation fires for the insertion of 3d Recon Battalion patrol. The impact areas were located in grid squares YD 5221, 5321 and 5121.

Between 0925 and 1017H Batteries "D" and "E" expended two hundred and ninety-seven rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, thirty-three rounds of WP, and thirty-five rounds of HC smoke on diversionary preparation fires for 4th Marines FSCC. Targets were located in the following grid squares: YD 4525, 4624, 4625, 4725, 4726, 5824, 5924 and 6024. The missions were unobserved.

At 1509H Battery "P" expended six rounds of 155mm HE on a NVA radio transmission reported by 4th Marines FSCC at YD 53020.

At 1554H elements of 2/9 requested a smoke screen at YD 55540. Battery "E" expended six rounds of WP and six of HC smoke on the target area with good coverage reported.

At 1907H Battery "E" fired ten rounds of WP and twenty HE on VC at YD 573260. Surveillance was rounds on target on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 2230H elements of 2/9 reported suspected VC movement at YD 573260. Battery "E" expended ten rounds of HE on the target with surveillance of good coverage of target area.

At 2322H 4th Marines FSCC reported a 3d Marine Division intelligence target at YD 524238. Battery "E" expended five rounds of HE on this unobserved mission.

30 March

From 0630 to 0730H Battery "D" fired forty rounds of HE as preparation fires for the insertion of a Recon team. Grids fired were as follows: YD 515219, 522215, 526215, 528213, 536213 and 530220.

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Between 0805 and 0855H Battery "D" expended thirty rounds of HE and ten of WP on recon by fire missions at YD 518273, 518282 and 522266. The missions were fired for elements of 2/9, and rounds were reported on target.

At 0859H Battery "D" fired four rounds of HE and two of WP firing on 5 VC in a treeline at YD 527305. The mission was observed by the Commanding Officer of Battery "D", who was conducting an FO school in that area.

Throughout the morning an FO school was conducted for personnel with Battery "D". Battery "D" expended twenty-two rounds of WP and thirteen rounds on various practice missions.

At 1030H the 3d Marine Division Band held a concert at the Battalion CP. At 1130H the Battalion Commander, accompanied by the SgtMajor, departed the CP for Phu Bai, returning at 1415H.

At 1315H 4th Marines FSCC reported a VC/NVA radio transmission emitting from YD 4991C2. Tank #3 fired four rounds of 90mm HE on this unobserved mission.

At 1332H Battery "D" fired thirty-four rounds of HE on a VC siren sighted on a river at YD 590260 by an AO, CAT KILLER. End of mission was called after two volleys had hit in close proximity to the boat, which had been pulled to the shoreline under foliage. The AO was unable to assess damage.

At 1630H the Battalion Commander attended a briefing held at 4th Marines CP for the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, MajGeneral R. A. HOCHMUTH. fire missions at YD 518273, 518282 and 522266. The missions were fired for elements of 2/9, and rounds were between 1630 and 1758H. Battery "D" expended thirty-two rounds of shell mixed in three reconnaissance by fire missions called by an FO with 2/9. The targets were located at YD 572279, 571268 and 584-262. Good coverage of target as the surveillance on each mission by the FO was conducted by the FO with 2/9.

At 1830H the same FO with 2/9 reported receiving fire from a machine gun placed at YD 575255. Battery "D" expended four rounds of WP and six of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on the mission. Silencing the fire.

At 1830H Battery "D" expended twenty-two rounds of WP and thirteen rounds on various practice missions.

At 2000H a 3d Marine Division intelligence report of a target at YD 5224 was passed through the 4th Marines FSCC to the Battalion. Battery "D" expended thirty-six rounds of 155mm HE on the target, which was described as an LZ with heavy canopy and punji stakes.

At 2115H 4th Marines FSCC reported a VC/NVA radio transmission unit. At 2130H Battery "D" fired twenty-four rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on eight lights observed in a treeline at YD 577264 by elements

At 2200H Battery "D" fired thirty-four rounds of HE on a siren sighted on a river at YD 590260 by an AO, CAT KILLER. The mission was called after two volleys had hit in close proximity to the boat, which had been pulled to the shoreline under foliage. The AO was unable to assess damage.

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Between 1120H and 1211H Battery "P" expended fifty rounds of 155mm HE on preparation fires for the insertion of a 3d Recon Battalion patrol. Grids fired were YD 515219, 522215, 526215, 528213 and 536213. The missions were unobserved.

At 1225H elements of 2/9 spotted 3 VC on a ridgeline at YD 581277. Battery "D" expended two rounds of WP and eighteen of HE on the target. Surveillance was good coverage of target area; however, no body count could be made.

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Between 0730 and 0900H Battery "P" expended thirty rounds of 155mm HE in preparation fires for the insertion of 3d Recon Battalion patrol ~~UNADMINDED~~. The impact areas were located in grid squares YD 5221, 5321 and 5121.

Between 0925 and 1017H Batteries "D" and "E" expended two hundred and ninety-seven rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, thirty-three rounds of WP, and thirty-five rounds of HC smoke on diversionary preparation fires for 4th Marines FSAC. Targets were located in the following grid squares: YD 4525, 4624, 4625, 4725, 4726, 5824, 5924 and 6024. The missions were unobserved.

At 1509H Battery "P" expended six rounds of 155mm HE on a NVA radio transmission reported by 4th Marines FSAC at YD 5002.

At 1554H elements of 2/9 requested a smoke screen at YD 555400. Battery "E" expended six rounds of WP and six of HC smoke on the target area with good coverage reported.

At 1907H Battery "E" fired ten rounds of WP and twenty HE on 7 VC at YD 573260. Surveillance was rounds on target on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 2230H elements of 2/9 reported suspected VC movement at YD 573260. Battery "E" expended ten rounds of HE on the target with surveillance of good coverage of target area.

At 2322H 4th Marines FSAC reported a 3d Marine Division intelligence target at YD 524238. Battery "E" expended five rounds of HE on this unobserved mission.

30 March

From 0630 to 0730H Battery "D" fired forty rounds of HE as preparation fires for the insertion of a Recon team. Grids fired were as follows: YD 515219, 522215, 526215, 528213, 536213 and 530220.

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Between 0805 and 0855H Battery "D" expended thirty rounds of HE and ten of WP on recon by fire missions at YD 518273, 518282 and 522266. The missions were fired for elements of 2/9, and rounds were reported on target.

At 0859H Battery "D" fired four rounds of HE and two of WP firing on 5 VC in a treeline at YD 527305. The mission was observed by the Commanding Officer of Battery "D", who was conducting an FO school in that area.

Throughout the morning an FO school was conducted for personnel with Battery "D". Battery "D" expended twenty-two rounds of WP and thirteen of HE on various practice missions.

At 1030H the 3d Marine Division Band held a concert at the Battalion CP. At 1130 the Battalion Commander, accompanied by the SgtMajor, departed the CP for Thu Bai, returning at 1415H.

At 1315H 4th Marine's FSCC reported a VC/NVA radio transmission emitting from YD 499192. Tank #3 fired four rounds of 90mm HE on this unobserved mission.

At 1332H Battery "E" fired thirty-four rounds of HE on a VC span sighted on a river at YD 590260 by an AO, CAT KILLER. End of mission was called after two volleys had hit in close proximity to the boat, which had been pulled to the shoreline under foliage. The AO was unable to assess damage.

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At 1630H the Battalion Commander attended a briefing held at 4th Marines CP for the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, MajGeneral B.P. At HOCHMUTH. Fire missions at YD 518273, 518282 and 522266. The missions were fired for elements of 2/9, and rounds were between 1630 and 1758H. Battery "D" expended thirty-two rounds of shell mixed in three reconnaissance by fire missions called by an FO with 2/9. The targets were located at YD 572279, 571268 and 584-262. Good coverage of target was the surveillance on each mission by the Commanding Officer of Battery "D", who was conducting an FO school. At 1730H the same FO with 2/9 reported receiving fire from a machine gun emplaced at YD 575255. Battery "D" expended four rounds of WP and thirty-six of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on the mission. At 1830H Battery "D" expended twenty-two rounds of WP and eight of HE on various practice missions.

At 2000H a 3d Marine Division intelligence report of a target at YD 4-5224 was passed through the 4th Marines FSCC to the Battalion. Battery "D" expended thirty-six rounds of 155mm HE on the target, which was described as an LZ with heavy canopy and punji stakes.

At 1315H 4th Marine's FSCC reported a VC/NVA radio transmission emitting from YD 499192. Tank #3 fired four rounds of 90mm HE on this unobserved mission. At 2130H Battery "D" fired twenty-four rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on lights observed in a treeline at YD 577264 by elements

At 1332H Battery "D" fired thirty-four rounds of HE on a VC span sighted on a river at YD 590260 by an AO, CAT KILLER. The mission was called after two volleys had hit in close proximity to the boat, which had been pulled to the shoreline under foliage. The AO was unable to assess damage.

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of 2/9. Rounds were reported on target, and the lights extinguished H&I illumination was fired over this area throughout the night.

1200H

At 0156H Battery "D" fired six rounds of HE on suspected VC activity in a treeline at YD 577264. Rounds were reported on target by the FO with 2/9.

At 0635H Battery "E" expended six rounds of HE, fuze VT, on suspected VC at YD 577264. Rounds were on target on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 0941H Battery "P" expended two rounds of WP and one of HE on 4 VC spotted by 3d Force Recon patrol STRIKER at YD 458232. End of mission was given due to gun failure.

At 1100H the same VC were spotted by an AO, SACRED PAPA, and Battery "P" expended six WP and twenty HE on YD 458232. All rounds were on target, and surveillance was to be made later.

At 1100H the Battalion Commander, accompanied by the SgtMajor, departed the Battalion position for the 12th Marines CP at Dong Ha. He returned at 1730H.

At 1100H word was received that Pvt J. M. RINGLE died due to an accidental discharge of an M-14 rifle at 1030H while on the perimeter near the Battalion area. Pvt RINGLE was attached to 2/9 as a member of a provisional guard platoon. An investigation will be held by 4th Marine Regiment.

From 1253 to 1320H Batteries "P" and "E" expended fifteen rounds of 105mm HE and three rounds of 155mm HE on possible LZ sites emplaced with punji stakes. The location of the targets passed from Division Recon to the 4th Marines FSCC were as follows: YD 472232, 472237, 475234, 475238, and 477234.

At 1332H Battery "E" expended thirty-seven rounds of WP on a house at YD 522274. Rounds could not be brought accurately on top the target, although they were hitting close to it, and end of mission was given. The mission was fired in support of 2/9.

At 1543H Battery "E" expended three rounds of WP and ten of HE on 6 VC in the open reported by an AO, OLD GATE. There was no surveillance on the mission, which was fired at YD 589270.

At 1610H Battery "E" expended two rounds of WP and twenty of HE fuzes Quick and VT, on a target of 3 VC near a treeline at YD 573-278. The VC plunged into the treeline, and the second volley of VT burst over their estimated location. There was no other surveillance on the mission.

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on this target, fired in support of 2/9. Between 2045 and 2335H Battery "E" expended eight rounds of illumination on YD 531344. All rounds were fired as on-call H&K fires by the ARVN forces at Lang Dien.

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MISSIONS FIRED 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th

H&I'S	160	54	137	166	331	208	276	190	221	176	200
FFE	11				38	41	25	35	34	30	21
Total Unobs	171	61	137	165	372	233	311	224	251	197	227
Tgt of Op	7	12	9	9	2	1		3	10	4	
GRAND TOTAL	178	76	145	213	34	235	312	224	254	207	231

## AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	67	305	446	474	592	353	162	364	478	400	406
WP	6									5	5
111	1	6				20-181				7	7
90mm HE					48	98	50	21		87	32
WP						6					
GRAND TOTAL	624	311	446	551	710	598	483	424	550	499	444

## SURVEILLANCE

KIA (CONF)	1										
KIA (PROB)	2	2	6	1							

MISSIONS FIRED 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th

H&I'S	112	263	275	2	124	148	156	162	168
FFE	16	4	17	20	14	12	20	15	21
Total Unobs	128	247	192	230	138	160	176	177	175
Tgt of Op	2	8	1	7	4	4	4	16	
GRAND TOTAL	130	256	193	234	142	164	192	177	182

## AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	426	546	226	381	436	67	111	210	224
WP	18			8	3	12	22		26
111		59			2	3	53		
90mm HE	2	71	78	47	32	91	34	75	61
WP				8	4		17		
GRAND TOTAL	481	700	305	444	477	777	537	285	511

## SURVEILLANCE

KIA (CONF)					1						
KIA (PROB)					2		10				

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MISSIONS FIRED	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
H&I'S	196	182	226	198	287	143	315
EE	17			19	24	10	36
TOTAL UNOBS	213		23	217	311	153	351
Tgt of Op	14	16	8	12	8	6	7
GRAND TOTAL	227	201	261	219	319	159	358
AMMO EXPENDED							
105 HE	458	648	383	630	531	477	358
WP	32	102	32	11	30	32	33
III	7	16	3	8			
90mmHE	12	70	86	66	114	75	53
WP	4	50		19			
GRAND TOTAL	543	886	504	515	697	394	450
SURVEILLANCE							
KIA (CONF)		1			1		
KIA (PROB)	1	10		10	4		1

MISSIONS FIRED	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
H&I'S	238	268	226	202	609
FFE	27	55	27	20	666
TOTAL UNOBS	265	323	253	222	6760
Tgt of Op	3	4	22	10	205
GRAND TOTAL	268	327	275	232	6965
AMMO EXPENDED					
105 HE	375	349	677	380	13306
SWPONG FIRE	49	98	249	250	648
III	2	2	7	12	393
90mmHE	126	114	80	124	1976
AMMO EXPENDED	34		30	198	153
GRAND TOTAL	606	563		593	16521
SURVEILLANCE					
KIA (CONF)				1	
KIA (PROB)	154	36	150	48	338
EE	12	102	117	117	332
III	4	6	65	114	175
90mmHE	56	53	53	57	394
GRAND TOTAL	204	196	236	236	490
SURVEILLANCE					
KIA (CONF)					
KIA (PROB)					
EE					
III					
90mmHE					

MISSIONS FIRED	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
H&I'S	238	268	226	202	609
FFE	27	55	27	20	666
TOTAL UNOBS	265	323	253	222	6760
Tgt of Op	3	4	22	10	205
GRAND TOTAL	268	327	275	232	6965
AMMO EXPENDED					
105 HE	375	349	677	380	13306
SWPONG FIRE	49	98	249	250	648
III	2	2	7	12	393
90mmHE	126	114	80	124	1976
AMMO EXPENDED	34		30	198	153
GRAND TOTAL	606	563		593	16521

ENCLOSURE (5)

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