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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Designation and Location

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

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

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

Location: Coordinates YD 885127 Phu Bai Base Camp

2. Period Covered: 1-31 May 19673. Battalion Commander and Staff:

a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

- (1) Lieutenant Colonel J. L. MILES, 046209/0802/2070/6704 USMC, Battalion Commander
- (2) Major K. D. HOLLEN, 052068/0802/0805 USMC, Executive Officer
- (3) WO W. G. JACOBSON, 089212/0130 USMC, S-1/Adjutant 1-19 May 1967
Second Lieutenant J. M. YORK, Jr., 096286/0802 USMC, S-1/Adjutant/Legal Officer 20-31 May 1967
- (4) WO W. G. JACOBSON, 089212/0130 USMC, Personnel Officer
- (5) First Lieutenant C. D. COOKSEY, 091152/0802 USMC, S-2
- (6) Major F. R. ALLEN, 069797/0802/3010 USMC, S-3
- (7) Captain J. P. JOHNSON, 087683/0802 USMC, S-4
- (8) Captain L. M. MATED, 089710/2502 USMC, Communications Officer
- (9) First Lieutenant J. R. HALL, Jr., 092106/3502 USMC, Motor Transport Officer
- (10) Second Lieutenant K. S. CHMIELEWSKI, 095581/3002 USMCR, Supply Officer
- (11) Second Lieutenant A. A. FINLEY, 094691/0802 USMCR, Survey Officer
- (12) Captain G. E. ELLIOTT, 074987/0802/0302/0430 USMC, Liaison Officer
- (13) Second Lieutenant J. G. HULSEY, Jr., 094128/0801 USMC, Assistant Liaison Officer
- (14) Lieutenant W. H. SMITH, 659460/1100 USN, Naval Gunfire Officer

b. Battery Commanders

- (1) Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, 1st Lt M. L. HODDER, 092572/0802 USMCR
- (2) Battery "B" (1st Bn, 13th Mar) ADCON 1-31 May 1967, OPCON 1-15 May 1967, Captain J. L. LATHROP, 077838/0802/0240 USMC
- (3) Battery "H" (3d Bn, 12th Mar) ADCON/OPCON 1-31 May 1967, Captain B. F. WESTFALL, 089903/0802 USMCR
- (4) Battery "G" (3d Bn, 12th Mar) ADCON/OPCON 30-31 May 1967 Captain T. P. KIRLAND, 078068/0802 USMC
- (5) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) OPCON 1-31 May 1967 Major P. E. RAUSH, 072976/0802 USMC
- (6) 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery OPCON 1-31 May 1967 Captain W. J. DOWD, 084386/0802 USMC
- (7) 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery OPCON 6-31 May 1967 Captain J. H. GILLESPIE, 087968/0802 USMC 6-19 May 1967, Captain W. C. SHAW, 079839/0802 USMC 20-31 May 1967
- (8) Battery "E" (2d Battalion, 12th Marines) OPCON 1-18 May 1967 Captain W. R. HART 081816/0802 USMC

c. Average Monthly Strength

OFFICER

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ENLISTED

386

ENCLOSURE (1)

1 May 1967

At 0905H Battery "L" and the 8" Battery expended 12 rounds of 155mm HE and 24 8" HE on VC attacking an ARVN unit at YD 490210. This unobserved mission was called in by the ARVN Forward Observer Team O'LEARY BRAVO.

At 0918H again Battery "L" and the 8" Battery fired 36 155mm and 12 8" rounds on more VC attacking the same ARVN unit at YD 495213. This mission was called by an A.O. There was no surveillance given.

At 1115H Battery "L" fired 3 HE rounds on a suspected VC position at YD 496216. There was no surveillance on this mission called by O'LEARY BRAVO.

At 1125H Battery "L" fired one HE round on a suspected VC concentration at YD 467216. There was no surveillance on this mission called by O'LEARY BRAVO.

At 1135H Battery "L" fired 3 HE round on a suspected VC position at YD 490220. No surveillance on this mission also fired for O'LEARY BRAVO.

At 1150H Battery "L" expended 18 HE rounds on suspected VC positions at YD 490499. O'LEARY BRAVO called this mission and again there was no surveillance.

At 1820H Battery "P" fired 1 "Illumination" for a defensive concentration adjustment at YD 527176. This mission was fired in support of elements of 2/26.

At 1900H Battery "B" fired 108 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 5 VC in the open at YD 523273. Surveillance was 5 KIA (probable) on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 2205H Battery "B" fired 45 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on flashlights spotted at YD 523273 by elements of 2/9. Rounds were on target and the lights extinguished.

2 May

At 1250H Battery "L" fired 14 WP and 6 HE rounds on a suspected VC OP at YD 537212. Fair effect on target was reported by 2/26's FSCC.

At 1600H Battery "L" expended 2 WP and 12 HE rounds on a VC camp at 405244. Rounds on target was the surveillance called in by elements of 2/4.

At 1730H Battery "P" fired 8 HE rounds on possible VC movement at YD 575186. The mission was called in by the recon team SPICE BERRY, who gave rounds on target as their surveillance.

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At 1620H Battery "F" fired 4 HE rounds on VC in the open at YD 575186. Due to the long wait for clearance the target was obscured by darkness, and the Recon patrol "SPICE RUMPS" were unable to obtain a surveillance.

3 May

At 0645H Battery "H" expended 42 rounds on preparation fires at YD 405236. The mission was fired in support of elements of 2/4.

At 1622H Battery "L" fired 4 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of WP on a camp site at YD 481243. This mission was called in by the A.O. "SAGEBOO OSCAR" and rounds were on target.

At 1650H the 8" Battery expended 3 HE rounds for a defensive concentration adjustment at YD 622235. This mission fired for the recon team "MUSTARD ONE" who reported good coverage of the target.

At 1845H again the 8" Battery fired 4 more HE rounds for another defensive concentration at YD 610216. This mission was fired for "MUSTARD 1". Good coverage on the target was reported.

At 2235H Battery "H" fired 2 Illumination rounds on a suspected VC troop movement. Elements of 2/26 called for this mission but could give no surveillance.

4 May

At 0645H Battery "H" expended 9 HE and 12 WP rounds on a recon by fire. The mission was fired at YD 571216 in support of 2/26. Good effect on target was reported.

At 0825H Battery "L" went out of action in preparation to move out. Operational control of the Battery reverted back to its parent unit.

At 1100H the 8" Battery expended 38 rounds on suspected mines and booby traps at YD 565213. There was no surveillance available on this mission called by 2/26's FSCC.

At 1505H Battery "P" fired 1 HE and 3 WP rounds for defensive concentrations in support of the Recon patrol, "SUMMER SALT" at grid YD 367265. Rounds were reported on target.

At 1550H Battery "T" fired 2 rounds of WP and 12 of HE on 2 VC taking cover in the brush at YD 526259. Surveillance was 2 KIA (probable) on this mission fired in support of 2/9.

At 1555H the Battery expended 3 HE rounds for another defensive concentration in support of the Recon patrol, "MUSTARD ONE". The mission was fired at YD 596243.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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5 May

At 0815 Battery "P" went out of action in preparation to move. By 1015H the Battery had displaced to the rear position (YD 5331) and reported 1 platoon laid and ready to fire.

At 1025H Battery "H" went out of action and at 1200H the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery went out of action. Both moved to the Battalion's rear position.

At 1513H the Headquarters 3/12 CP group also moved to the rear position at (YD 5332).

6 May

At 1500H the Battalion assumed Operational Control of the 2nd Provisional Battery. Battery "T" is equipped with 155mm Howitzers (TD).

Between 1600 and 1630H Battalion Headquarters, Batteries "H", "T", and the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SF) moved to a staging area in preparation for a move to YD 3841.

At 1830H the Battalion arrived at a bivouac area near Hai Lang at YD 414477.

At 1605H Battery "P" fired 5 rounds of WP and 9 of HE at an unknown number of VC spotted in a treeline at YD 535180 by an AO, SACRED MIKE. The report was no surveillance.

7 May

Between 0730 and 0800H Battery "P" fired 120 rounds of HE at YD 583279, 520280, 535273, 550263, 578248, and 590240. This mission was fired as counter flak suppressed and excellent coverage of target on this mission fired in support of 4th Marines.

At 0845H the Battalion CP group, 8" Howitzer Battery, Batteries "H", "T" and supporting units arrived at the new positions YD 384417.

At 1200H all batteries reported laid and ready to fire.

At 1335H Battery "T" expended 3 rounds of WP and 1 of HE firing in a defensive concentration for the Recon patrol, SPICE BERRY. Rounds were reported on target which was located at YD 375329.

At 2145H Battery "B" began fixing the counter-mortar plan into the Southwest sector responding to in-coming mortars in the 4th Marines area. The mortar fires were ceased after 131 rounds were expended on these. There was no surveillance on these missions fired on grids, YD 535295, 525295, and in the vicinity of YD 542306.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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At 2300H the 8" Howitzer Battery expended 6 HE rounds on VC movement at YD 262050. Rounds on target was the surveillance from 2/9 elements.

6 May

At 1527H Battery "H" fired 12 rounds of HE on VC/NVA radio transmission coming from grids YD 545219 and 544232. The mission reported by 4th Marine FSCG was unobserved.

At 1712H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 48 rounds 8 HE on a suspected VC post at YD 300348. This mission fired for 2/9 elements was unobserved.

At 2330H Battery "H" fired one illuminating round on suspected VC movement at YD 581416. No movement observed was the report from 2/4 elements.

7 May

At 0050H the forward artillery position (YD 581417) received approximately 35 enemy 82/105mm mortar rounds from grid YD 375389. Sector "P" of the counter mortar plan went into effect and the mortar fire ceased. A total of 10 105mm HE and 36 82mm HE rounds were expended on the counter mortar plan. Two Marines from Battery "H", 3/12 were injured, but not critically. B-2-4 also received 4 non-critical casualties.

At 0648H Battery "H" expended 6 rounds of HE on a recon by fire at YD 300348. This unobserved mission was fired for 2/9 elements.

At 0800H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 15 HE rounds on another recon by fire at grid YD 306352. Elements of 2/9 did not give a surveillance.

At 1035H 8" Howitzer Battery and Battery "T" expended 6 8" and 29 105mm rounds of HE, also 6 155mm WP, on a preparation fire at YD 358323. This mission fired for 4th Marines FSCG was unobserved.

At 1130H 8" Howitzer Battery expended 27 HE rounds on recon by fire at YD 306353. Elements of 2/9 reported rounds on target.

At 1135H Battery "P" expended 59 rounds of HE on 2 VC squads on line spotted at YD 540248 by the Recon patrol, SUMNER SAIL. There was no surveillance on this mission.

At 1250H Battery "T" expended 11 HE rounds on a recon by fire at YD 309355. Elements of 2/9 reported rounds were on the target.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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10May

At 0745H Battery "T" expended 49 HE rounds on a recon by fire at YD 324339. This mission was fired in support of 2/9 elements who ~~were~~ unable to give a surveillance.

At 0910H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 3 HE rounds on a Recon by fire at YD 308344. This mission was fired for elements of 2/9.

At 0940H to 1110H 8" Howitzer Battery expended 29 HE rounds on 3 recon by fire's at YD 318351, 313348, and 318353. These missions were all fired for 2/9 with no surveillance.

At 1050H Battery "P" fired 80 rounds of HE at 12 VC on line at YD 559250. SUMMER SAIL spotted the VC but could not obtain a surveillance

At 1140H Battery "H" expended 78 rounds of HE on preparation fires at YD 315358. This mission was fired for 2/9 elements.

At 1315H Battery "H" fired 17 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of WP upon 6 VC in the open at YD 438396. Elements of 2/26 reported excellent coverage of the target and 6 KIA (probable).

At 1350H Battery "T" expended 18 rounds on a Recon by fire at YD 31303376. 2/9 elements reported rounds on target.

At 1450 H Battery "T" expended 23 HE rounds on VC with automatic weapons at YD 321341. 2/9 elements could not give a surveillance.

At 1600H Battery "H" fired 32 HE on VC snipers at YD 438396. Excellent effect on target and 2 KIA (probable) was the surveillance by elements of 2/26.

At 1655H Battery "H" fired 8 rounds of WP and 44 rounds of HE on 20 VC in the open at YD 414423. The Recon Patrol, "GREAT DIVIDE", reported enemy losses at 2 KIA (confirmed).

At 1720H Battery "T" expended 6 rounds of WP and 5 rounds of HE on a Recon by fire at YD 316337. This mission was fired for 2/9.

At 1740H again Battery "T" expended 4 WP rounds on a Recon by fire at YD 30203326. No surveillance was reported by 2/9.

At 1820H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 1 round on a recon by fire at YD 304354. Elements of 2/9 had to call end of mission because of friendly troops.

At 2058H Battery "T" fired 3 illuminating rounds on suspected VC movement at YD 323325. 2/9 FSCC reported the mission but it was unobserved.

At 2115H Battery "T" fired 4 illuminating rounds on suspected VC movement at YD 318354. This mission was also reported by 2/9's FSCC.

ENCLOSURE (1)

11 May

At 0607H Battery "T" expended 36 HE rounds on a Recon by fire at YD 323367. Elements of 2/9 could not observe the mission.

At 0726H Battery "H" expended 44 HE rounds on a Recon by fire at YD 323367. This mission which was called by elements of 2/9 was unobserved.

At 0835H Battery "H" expended 6 WP rounds to check their sheaf. The mission fired at YD 410470 was observed by Battery "H" personnel.

At 0945H Battery "H" fired 1 HE round on a defensive concentration for the recon patrol, GREAT DIVIDE, at YD 398396. Rounds were reported on target.

At 0930H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 4 rounds of HE on a suspected VC position at YD 326368. Elements of 2/9 could not observe the mission they had called.

At 1030H Battery "T" fired 13 HE rounds on a Recon by fire at YD 315337. Units of 2/9 reported the mission but could not observe it.

At 1126H Battery "T" fired 22 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 5 VC spotted gathering rice at YD 566251 by the Recon patrol, SUMMER SAIL, surveillance was 3 KIA (probable).

At 1130H Battery "H" expended 21 rounds of HE on preparation fires at YD 311364. The mission was called in support of elements of 2/9.

From 1145H to 1230H Battery "H" expended 83 rounds of HE on preparation fires at YD 317366 and 322373. Rounds on target was the surveillance from 2/9 elements.

At 1145H Battery "P" fired 28 rounds of HE on VC in a building at YD 566251. Surveillance was 6 KIA (confirmed) 2 KIA (probable) on this mission observed by the Recon patrol, SUMMER SAIL II.

At 1235H Battery "T" expended 10 rounds of HE on a Recon by fire at YD 328340. The mission was fired in support of 2/9 units who could not give a surveillance.

At 1445H Battery "H" fired 39 rounds of HE on 12-15 VC's at YD 347378. Rounds were reported on target but the Recon patrol, STAIN SPOT, could give no other surveillance.

At 1530H Battery "T" fired 1 round of illumination to mark grid YD 328337 for elements of 2/9.

ENCLOSURE (1)

At 1645H Battery "T" fired 3 HE rounds on a recon. by fire. This mission for 2/9 units was fired at grid YD 32233382.

At 1825H 8" fired 1 round adjusting a defensive concentration for the Recon patrol, AMBRIDGE.

At 1855H Battery "T" fired 17 illuminating rounds on a marking mission at YD 336349. This mission was fired for units of 2/9.

At 1945H 8" Howitzer Battery expended 10 rounds of HE. The Battery fired direct fire on grids YD 370404 and YD 368413. This mission was fired on possible VC positions.

At 2100H Battery "T" fired 7 illumination rounds on a marking mission at YD 340360. There was no surveillance on this mission called in by elements of 2/9.

At 2140H the 8" Howitzer Battery fired 14 HE rounds upon an elephant supply line at YD 358324 to YD 35538 to YD 351320 and YD 353322. The mission was reported by elements of 2/4 but no surveillance was obtained.

At 2150H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 3 rounds on a defensive concentration adjustment at YD 254343. The mission was for the Recon patrol, AMBRIDGE, and no surveillance was given.

At 2216H Battery "H" expended 26 HE rounds with fuze VT on elephants on the move at YD 350325. Excellent effect on the target was the surveillance reported by units of 2/4.

12 May

At 0735H Battery "H" fired an illuminating round to assist 2/26 in orienting themselves at YD 385397.

At 0835H 8" Howitzer Battery expended 11 HE rounds on VC huts located on a ridgeline at YD 257349. There was no surveillance on this mission fired for the Recon patrol, AMBRIDGE I.

At 0850H Battery "H" fired an illuminating marking mission at YD 385397. Rounds were reported on target by elements of 2/26.

At 0915H Battery "P" fired 28 rounds of HE on 22 VC tunnels found at YD 555245 by the Recon patrol, SUMMER SAB. II. Excellent coverage of the target area and tunnels was the surveillance.

At 0935H Battery "H" and "T" fired 105 illumination round and 155 illumination for a three point intersection at YD 321367, YD 329357, and YD 343340. No surveillance was given.

ENCLOSURE (1)

At 1135H 8" Howitzer Battery expended 11 HE rounds on noises heard from a treeline at YD 263344. Noises ceased according to the surveillance given by the Recon patrol, AMBRIDGE I.

At 1140H Battery "H" expended 79 rounds on preparation fires at YD 355360. This unobserved mission was fired for elements of 2/9.

At 1225H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 1 round HE on a defensive concentration for the Recon patrol, SPRING WHEAT, at YD 265417.

At 1400H one gun from 8" Howitzer Battery displaced to Dong Ha.

At 1650H 8" Howitzer Battery fired 2 HE rounds on VC in a treeline at YD 236337. This mission called by the Recon patrol, AMBRIDGE I, had to be cancelled due to the closeness of friendly troops.

At 1725H AMBRIDGE I, reported themselves surrounded by VC and requested supporting fire. The 8" Battery fired 6 rounds of HE on YD 26053414, but the mission was discontinued due to the proximity of the rounds to the patrol.

13 May

At 1550H Battery "B" fired 64 rounds of HE on a suspected VC base camp and food dump located at YD 583264 by elements of 2/26. Good effect on target was the surveillance.

At 1745H Battery "H" fired 3 rounds of WP and 13 of HE, fuze Quick on VC position at YD 353413. Rounds were reported on target by elements of 2/9.

At 1810H a pack elephant was spotted at YD 26404264. The Recon patrol, SPRING WHEAT, spotted the target but target was out of sight by the time the mission was cleared for 8" Howitzer Battery to fire.

At 1940H Battery "T" fired 72 rounds of HE on a VC base camp that had been spotted when 2/4 elements passed through earlier that day. Outstanding coverage of the target was reported.

At 2000H Battery "H" expended 16 illumination rounds to illuminate the area at YD 338373 for friendly troops. The mission was called by elements of 2/9.

At 2015H Battery "H" fired 3 illumination rounds on a defensive concentration adjustment for elements of 2/9. The mission was fired at grid YD 352360.

At 2130 Battery "B" fired 31 rounds of HE and 2 of illumination on 10 to 20 VC at YD 492284 for elements of 2/26. There was no surveillance.

OPTION (1)

At 2110H Battery "H" expended 3 illumination rounds on a suspected VC movement at YD 352354. Negative movement was observed by elements of 2/9.

Between 2220H and 0100H Battery "P" fired 85 rounds of HE on VC who were attacking the Recon patrol, PRIMNESS II's position near YD 605215. No casualty count was available.

14 May

At 0800H Battery "H" expended 4 WP and 54 HE rounds on VC positions at YD 356421. Good coverage on the target was reported by elements of 2/9.

At 0815H expended 1 WP and 54 HE rounds on preparation fires for a 2/9 unit. This mission was fired at YD 350386 and good coverage was reported.

At 0925H Battery "T" expended 3 WP and 67 HE rounds on a VC Base Camp at YD 363337. Good coverage on target with more information to follow was reported by elements of 2/4.

At 0935H the 8" Howitzer Battery fired 9 HE rounds on a recon by fire at YD 367365. Good coverage on target was reported by elements of 2/9.

At 1030H Battery "H" fired 1 illumination marking round at YD 355425 for elements of 2/9.

At 1600H Battery "E" passed operational control of the 3/12 to rear to the 1st 155 Provisional Battery.

At 1955H Battery "H" expended 2 WP and 8 HE rounds on a VC sniper at YD 250378. Sniper fire ceased was the surveillance given by elements of 2/9.

15 May

At 0755H the 8" Howitzer Battery displaced from the Forward Artillery position to Dong Ha.

At 1340H Battery "F" fired 21 rounds of HE on VC in the open at YD 550249. Rounds were reported on target by the Recon patrol, "SUMMER SAIL II", but there was no other surveillance.

At 1435 Battery "P" fired 21 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT and 12 WP on a VC camp site which was located at YD 566252. The Recon patrol, "SUMMER SAIL II", reported the VC had dispersed.

ENCLOSURE (1)

At 1600H Battery "P" expended 3 rounds of WP and 8 of HE on 4 to 6 VC spotted at YD 560251. Excellent coverage of the target was the surveillance given by SUMMER SAIL II.

Between 1640H and 1750H Battery "P" fired 2 WP and 21 HE on VC near a building at YD 568245 and 566251. There was no casualty assessment made, but rounds were reported on target. The mission was also fired for SUMMER SAIL II.

At 1725H Battery "T" fired 5 illuminating rounds at YD 315338, for orientation purposes for 2/9.

At 1740H SUMMER SAIL II spotted 15 VC or more in a treeline at YD 559250, Battery "P" fired 32 rounds of HE with a surveillance of 10 KIA (probable).

At 2140H Battery "H" expended 5 illuminating rounds at YD 406415. Elements of 2/4 reported good illumination.

At 1015H Battery "H" expended 3 WP and 24 HE rounds upon an undetermined amount of VC's at YD 367393. The FSCC of 2/9 reported good coverage on target.

At 1330H one platoon from Battery "E" displaced to La Vang, YD 343506 and reported they were laid and ready to fire.

16 May

At 0610H Battery "H" expended 60 rounds of HE firing its counter-mortar plan for training grid squares YD 3639 and 3541.

At 0625 Battery "T" fired 42 rounds of HE and 12 of WP at a VC base camp in the vicinity of YD 362365. The mission was unobserved.

At 1330H the Battalion command group displaced from the forward position and returned to the 4th Marine Regiment area, resuming technical and tactical control of the FDC at 2200H.

17 May

There were no significant missions fired during this 24 hour period.

At 1310H Battery "T" reported laid and ready to fire on azimuth 4600.

18 May

At 1000H Battery "E" departed the Battalion position for Dong Ha. Operational control of the battery reverted to its parent unit.

ENCLOSURE (1)

At the same time a platoon from Battery "H" was dispatched to La Vang to relieve the 2 guns from Battery "E" at that position. The platoon is being used in support of Company "G", 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

At 1155 Battery "H" expended 3 WP and 8 HE, fuze VT, on a VC rice gathering party spotted at YD 585277 by elements of 2/4. The surveillance was 2 KIA (probable).

From 1420H to 1430H Battery "H" expended 24 rounds of HE on 2 VC/NVA radio transmissions reported by 4th Marines FSCC at YD 524230 and 524215.

At 1740H Battery "H" fired 48 rounds of WP and 6 of HE on 3 VC in a rice field at YD 553265. The surveillance was 2 KIA (probable).

19 May

From 0350H to 0530H Battery "T" expended 60 rounds of HE, 1 WP and 2 illumination of reinforcing fires for the ARVN. An ARVN artillery post was under heavy attack, and Battery "T" fires covered areas in grid squares 5243, 5343, and 5344. There was no surveillance on these missions.

At 0725H elements of 2/4 spotted 50 VC at YD 5325. Battery "H" fired 5 rounds of WP and 12 of HE on the target dispersing the enemy troops but additional surveillance could not be obtained.

At 0925H Elements of 2/4 reported in-coming mortar fires, and Battery "H" fired 18 HE and 1 WP in response. The mortars were silenced and later a sweep of the impact area revealed a damaged mortar base-plate.

At 0940H Battery "H" fired 1 adjusting round of WP on 11 VC in the open for elements of 2/4. Firing was checked when it was decided that the target was to close for the observer to continue the mission.

At 1145H rounds of HE were fired in the saturation of a VC escape route from YD 526244 to 566230. The surveillance was 2 KIA (probable).

At 1344H Battery "H" fired 27 rounds of HE and 2 of WP on 11-15 VC spotted at YD 577261 by elements of 2/4. The surveillance was 4 KIA (probable).

At 1845H Battery "H" expended 8 WP and 12 HE, fuzes VT on 7 VC in the open at YD 575262 spotted by elements of 2/4. Surveillance was 1 KIA (Confirmed) and 5 KIA (probable).

At 1900H Battery "H" fired on 7 more VC at YD 585262. The same EO spotted the VC and gave a surveillance of 1 KIA (confirmed) and 6 KIA (probable).

ENCLOSURE (1)

At 2032H elements of 2/4 manning a TPS-21 on Hill 51 reported a reinforce squad of VC moving at YD 542272. 12 rounds of HE, fuze VT, were fired on the target, and the movement ceased.

At 2105 the TPS-21 again detected VC on the move at YD 539275. Battery "H" fired 12 rounds of HE on the target with no surveillance.

At 2300H Batteries "H" and "P" expended 7 rounds of 105mm HE, fuzes quick and VT and 18 rounds of 155mm HE, fuze delay on approximately 40 VC on the move at YD 543259. Surveillance on the mission was four secondary explosions.

20 May

At 1040H Battery "H" fired 2 rounds of WP and 18 of HE on VC snipers at YD 602204. Surveillance was 2 KIA (probable). The mission was fired for elements of 2/4.

At 1220H Battery "H" fired 12 rounds of HE on VC snipers firing from 597366. Firing was silenced as a result of this mission fired in support of 2/4.

At 1457H elements of 2/4 reported 25 VC in the open at YD 598286. Battery "H" expended 2 WP and 24 HE, fuze VT, on the target with a surveillance of 5 KIA (probable).

At 1840H Battery "P" expended 12 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on 5 VC in the open at YD 576263. Surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/4 was 1 KIA (confirmed), and 3 KIA (probable).

At 2100H Battery "P" fired 13 rounds of HE, fuzes quick and VT, on VC dug out rice at YD 575266. Good coverage of target was the surveillance on this mission fired in support of 2/4.

21 May

At 2200 (20 May) and 0600H Battery "H" (forward) fired a total of 30 rounds of HE and 1 of WP on a VC company at YD 387557 and 400554 as reinforcing fires for ARVN forces. Surveillance by actual body count was 152 (confirmed), with 68 weapons captured.

At 1148H Battery "P" fired 12 rounds of 155mm ammunition at 20 VC dug in at YD 559230. There was no surveillance on this mission fired in support of Recon patrol PUNCTUATE I.

At approximately 2400H Battery "H" (forward) reported some 30 rounds of 140mm rocket fire impacting to the north and east of their position at the La Vang ARVN compound (YD 5034). No rounds landed in their position and there were no USMC casualties.

ENCLOSURE (1)

3 Daily Chronology

22 May

Operation CHOCTAW began at 0001H this date.

The 2d Provisional 155 Battery expended 2 illuminating rounds at Grid YD 531341 in support of ARVN units at Phong Dien. Rounds were fired at 0135 and 0540H.

Four WP and 16 HE rounds were fired at 3 VC in woods at Grid YD 550260 by Battery "H" at 1015H. This mission was called in by an FO from 2/4, and his surveillance was two KIA(probable).

At 1105H Battery "H" fired 8 WP and 8 HE rounds on 2 VC gathering rice at Grid YD 527275. Rounds were reported on target by an element of 2/4.

Ten WP and 4 HE rounds were expended by Battery "H" at 1200H on rice drying in a courtyard located at Grid YD 538271. This mission was fired for SACRED UNIFORM, an AO, who reported that the rice did not burn as anticipated.

At 1330H Battery "H" fired 10 HE rounds for 2/4 on unobserved VC gathering rice at Grid YD 523271.

The 2d Provisional 155 Battery fired 1 HE spotting round at 1845H for a Recon team, AMBRIDGE I. This mission was fired at Grid YD 409353, and the surveillance reported was round on target.

At 1610H the 2d Provisional 155 Battery fired 54 rounds of HE on 30 VC at Grid YD 427341 who were attacking the Recon patrol PUNCTUATE I. Surveillance on this mission was 7 KIA(confirmed) and 10 KIA(probable).

Battery "H" fired 6 rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on 3 VC in the open at Grid YD 563278. The only surveillance on this mission was good coverage.

Between 2100 and 2130H Battery "H" expended 24 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on VC movement at Grids YD 543259, and YD 541257. Movement was detected by a TPS-21 manned by elements of 2/4 located on Hill 51. Good effect on the target was the surveillance.

At 2359H movement was again detected by the TPS-21; however, no rounds were fired due to the truce for Buddha's birthday, which began at 230001H.

ENCLOSURE (2)

23 May

Because of a truce which was established to honor the birth-date of Buddha, no missions were fired during this 24 hour period except for illumination, which was used for orientation. No H&I's were fired during this period, although many rice harvesters, presumably VC, were spotted in the free fire zone.

24 May

At 0001H all firing batteries began an H&I program.

Battery "H" fired 4 rounds of WP and 16 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 2 VC cutting rice at Grid YD 524271. A surveillance of 1 KIA (probable) was reported by an element of 2/4.

At 1508H Battery "H", in support of a unit from 2/4, fired 28 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on 5 VC spotted at Grid YD 524271. There was no surveillance on the mission.

The 1st Provisional 155 Battery fired an unobserved mission at 2240H on a suspected VC assembly area. 14 rounds of HE were expended on the mission.

25 May

Between 0950 and 1025H Battery "H" and the 1st Provisional 155 Battery expended 48 rounds of 105mm HE and 36 rounds of 155mm HE, fuzes Quick and Delay, on a group of VC who had surrounded Recon patrol MORBID I. Grids fired were YD 484253, 488249, 494254, 474255, 476263, 546231 and 553231. The patrol was extracted, and there was no surveillance.

Between 1020 and 1056H Battery "H" fired 12 rounds of WP and 16 rounds of HE on VC snipers at YD 535257 and 580265. Surveillance reported by an element of 2/4 was good coverage of target and firing silenced.

At 1145H Battery "H", firing in support of a unit from 2/4, expended 6 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on VC in the open at Grid YD 579265. Good target coverage was the only surveillance.

Battery "H" fired 45 rounds of HE and 2 of WP at 1910H on VC in a treeline located at Grid YD 575264. Elements of 2/4 gave a surveillance of good target coverage.

Between 1455 and 1715H Battery "H" and the 1st Provisional 155

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Battery expended 30 rounds of 105mm HE and 2 rounds of 155mm HE on a VC sampan at YD 583265. The rounds were not on target, therefore there was no damage to the sampan.

At 1735H Battery "H" expended 72 rounds of HE on a VC assembly area at YD 551256. There was no surveillance on this mission, which was fired in support of 2/4.

26 May

The 1st Provisional 155 Battery expended 14 rounds of WP and 18 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT at 1130H on VC who were firing at Recon patrol PEERAGE I at their insertion. There was no surveillance on the mission.

At 1700H the 1st Provisional 155 Battery expended 50 rounds of HE and 50 rounds of WP in preparation fires for movement of Recon patrol PEERAGE I. The rounds were unobserved.

Two rounds of WP and 8 rounds of HE, fuze VT, were fired by the 1st Provisional 155 Battery at 1948H on 3 VC in the open at Grid YD 522206. An element of 2/4 gave a surveillance of good effect on target.

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27 May

At 0620H the 1st Provisional 155 Battery expended 27 rounds of HE on preparation fires for Recon patrol PEERAGE I at Grid YD 574214.

Battery "H" fired 38 rounds of HE at 0810H on 3 armed VC in the open at Grid YD 535278. There was no surveillance on this mission, which was fired in support of a unit from 2/4.

At 1620H Battery "H" expended 18 rounds of WP and 2 rounds of HE on an undetermined number of VC at Grid YD 522272. The AO, CAT KILLER, was unable to give any significant surveillance.

Twelve rounds of WP and 5 rounds of HE were expended by Battery "H" at 2110H on lights which were observed by Recon patrol MORBID II at Grid YD 481-261. Good coverage of target was reported.

At 2352H Battery "H" fired 1 round of illumination on suspected VC movement at Grid YD 558256. This mission was fired in support of an element from 2/4 who gave a surveillance of no movement observed.

28 May

At 0040H Battery "H" expended 45 rounds of HE firing a counter-mortar plan in support of the ARVN at Phong Dien. Mortars silenced was reported by the ARVN Advisor.

The 2d Provisional 155 Battery fired 9 rounds of illumination at 0050H on suspected VC movement at Grid YD 531341. There was no surveillance on this mission.

Battery "H" expended 16 rounds of HE at 0100H on suspected VC positions at Grids YD 543356, YD 545360, YD 550355 and YD 550360. No surveillance was reported on the target.

At 0107H the 2d Provisional 155 Battery expended 12 rounds of HE on reinforcing fires for ARVN forces under attack at their LUONG MAI outpost at vicinity Grid YD 5442. The rounds were fired at Grid YD 546432.

Six illumination rounds were fired by Battery "H" at 0115H for the ARVN at Phong Dien.

The 2d Provisional 155 Battery fired 12 rounds of HE at 0200H as reinforcing fires for the ARVN at Luong Mai. Grids fired were YD 537427 and YD 537440.

At 0205H the 2d Provisional 155 Battery expended 60 rounds of HE on known VC positions reported by the ARVN at Phong Dien near their outpost at Luong Mai. There was no surveillance given at that time.

ENCLOSURE (2)

The Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery was called again at 0300H to provide reinforcing fires for the ARVN at Phong Diem. Ninety-three rounds of HE were expended.

The First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 11 rounds of HE at 0530H on reinforcing fires for the ARVN at Phong Diem.

Battery "H" fired 58 rounds of HE at 1240H in support of an element of 2/4 who was receiving a heavy volume of enemy fire from grid YD 636316. The surveillance on this mission was rounds on target with 2 KIA (probable).

At 1325H Battery "H" expended 6 rounds of WP and 14 rounds of illumination in an attempt to burn a rice paddy at grid YD 552259. Elements of 2/4 who observed the mission reported that the rice did not burn.

The Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 1 round of WP and 13 rounds of HE at 1920H on a suspected VC campfire which was located at grid YD 428343. Excellent coverage of the target was reported by elements of 2/4.

29 May

At 0735H Battery "H" expended 4 rounds of WP and 102 rounds of HE on VC in trenches at grid YD 633327. An element of 2/4 reported that the rounds were on target.

From 0737H to 1200H Battery "H" and the Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 121 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, and 5 rounds of WP on preparation fires at grids 480255, 567218, 527231, 525237, 522236, 522240, 518240, 518240, 518245, and 513248. The missions were fired for the Recon patrols, Morbid II, and Peerage I. The surveillance was rounds on target.

The Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 1 round of WP and 7 rounds of HE at 1215H on three VC in the open, grid YD 432374. Surveillance reported by elements of 2/4 was 3 VC KIA (probable).

At 1330H the Second Provisional Battery expended 1 round of WP and 9 rounds of HE on 7 VC in the open at grid YD 434388. The elements of 2/4 observing the mission gave end of mission and reported they lost sight of the target.

At 1357H an element of 2/4 reported that helicopters were receiving enemy small arms fire at grid YD 578262. The First Provisional Battery expended 1 round of WP and 13 rounds of HE, fuze VT, all of which were reported on target and silenced the enemy small arms fires.

ENCLOSURE (2)

The Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 16 rounds of 155mm HE, fuzes VT, at 1435H on 5 VC located at YD 414304. Recon patrols in the area reported rounds on target, but no other surveillance could be obtained.

During the evening various defensive concentrations were fired for the forward observers of 2/4. Concentrations were also fired in for the recon patrols operating in and around the 4th Marines TAOR.

From 2030H to 2050H the Battalion displayed its fire power capabilities in an exhibition for visiting Air Force personnel.

30 May

At 1621H Battery "H" expended 3 rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE on 3 VC in the open at grid YD 555244. Elements of 2/4 reported 1 KIA (confirmed) and good effect on target.

Battery "H" fired 3 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of WP at 2040H on suspected enemy activity at grid YD 52662321. Surveillance by an element of 2/4 was good coverage of target.

At 2115H the Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired on suspected VC mortars at grid YD 409293. Peage II, the recon patrol observing the mission, noted that the 3 rounds of WP and 1 round of HE were on target. No other surveillance could be obtained; therefore, the data was recorded for future use.

During the course of the night the Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery and Battery "H" fired illumination and HE on various suspected VC positions. Excellent coverage was reported on all missions which were fired for the recon patrol, Peage II.

At 1445H Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines arrived at the Battalion position (grid YD 538 322) from Dong Ha. The Battalion assumed OPCON and ADCON of the battery at that time. Battery "G" reported laid and ready to fire at 1550H on an azimuth of 3200. Battery "G" normally supports the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

31 May

At 1215H the recon patrol, Morbid II called a fire mission on enemy movement observed at grid YD 572217. Four rounds of HE were fired on this target by the First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery and excellent coverage was the surveillance given.

ENCLOSURE (2)

Between 1425H and 1550H a forward observer school was conducted for personnel from 2/4. Five rounds of HE and six rounds of WP were expended by Battery "G".

Between 1655H and 1926H Battery "G" expended 25 rounds of WP and 3 rounds of HE on night defensive concentrations in support of elements of 1/4 and 2/4.

Battery "G" fired 13 rounds of HE at 2045H on three lights which were spotted on a hillside at grid YD 543234 by elements of 2/4. Surveillance reported was rounds on target.

ENCLOSURE (2)

S-1 MATTERS1. Personnel and Adminstration

This battalion has maintained an operational level of approximately 92% of the authorized T/O strength during the month of May.

	T/O	O/H	Percentage
Officer	44	33	75%
SNCO's	32	28	87.5%
Enlisted	502	470	93.6%

This battalion joined 3 officers and 26 enlisted personnel of various ranks and MOS's while rotating 4 officers and 9 enlisted to CONUS. This battalion further had 1 enlisted KIA and 2 officer WIA and 4 enlisted WIA during the month of May 1967.

2. Morale and Discipline

The state of Morale remained at a high level consistent with the conditions under which the unit has operated. The R&R program continues to be a great morale booster, however a few problems still exist with manifesting the Marines at the R&R Center in DaNang. This battalion is still getting its quotas for R&R at the last of the month thereby not leaving much time for proper control. The supply of beer and soda was adequate. Ice for cooling beer and soda continues to be a problem and the supply is inadequate. There were no office hours or courts-martials conducted during May. No Medical Doctor nor Chaplain was assigned to the battalion for May, however Medical facilities are available at 4th Marines CP. Church services are provided by Chaplains of 4th Marine Regiment.

ENCLOSURE (3)

S-2
Intelligence Matters

During the month of May the S-2 section was involved in operations Shawnee and ~~WOTAW~~. The former being a search and destroy mission.

The primary function of the S-2 section while on these operations was gathering intelligence information concerning enemy movements and troop concentrations. This information was passed on to the S-3 section where it along with the friendly situation was passed to the battery commanders and their staff

Enclosure (1)

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June 1967

S-4 Section

A. LOGISTICS. The overall supply situation is fair. There are 2646 requisitions outstanding. Of these 44 are priority two and 259 are priority five. During May 406 requisitions were filled giving a 15% level of requisitions filled.

B. MAINTENANCE

<u>c. Prime Movers</u>	<u>T/E</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>ON D/L</u>	<u>% D/L</u>
Eq Btry 3/12	20	20	10	50%
Bravo 1/13	17	17	3	18%
Hotel 3/12	17	17	3	18%
	54	54	16	30%

b. Of the 16 vehicles deadlined 9 are for second echelon repair and 7 for third echelon.

c. Causes contributing to equipment failure include:

- (1) A requirement for continuous support of extended field operations which on occasion preclude scheduled preventive maintenance.
- (2) Lack of technical knowledge on the part of OJT mechanics assigned to the motor transport section of Batteries.
- (3) The fact that some Batteries are below their T/O strength of 3516's.
- (4) The unavailability of second echelon repair parts, particularly IX items such as torque rods and brake shoes.
- (5) The unavailability of third echelon repair parts, such as engines, transmissions and differentials necessitating long periods of deadline for vehicles sent to FLSG "A".

d. 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 have been approximately 65% "A" rations, 35% "B" rations.

D. N/A

ENCLOSURE (6)

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. WATER. Water is being received by the forward CP from the LSA Water Point in the Operation 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 in paragraph E. above.

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

J. BCSP ITALIZATION AND EVACUATION

(1) There were 205 treatments of military personnel rendered at the Battalion Aid Station during May.

(2) There was one (1) KIA and five (5) WIA's in this Battalion during May. The personnel that suffered the casualties have all been returned to full active duty.

(3) GAERTEL, Vincent J. Jr died of shrapnel wounds on 22 May 1967.

ENCLOSURE (6)

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May

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Unobs	5	2	2		9	7	10	15	
H&I's	169	123	138	71	130	79	34	59	150
Total Unobs	174	123	140	73	130	88	41	69	165
Obs	12	8	4	9	6	7	8	2	18
Grand Total	186	131	144	82	136	95	49	71	183

AMMO EXPENDITURE

105 HE	360	114	355	343	118	225	336	122	294
WP	2	1		16			6		5
ILL	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
155 HE	138	167	48	1	150		1		216
WP	1	16	1	3	3		3		26
ILL	1								5
8" HOW HE	160	37	45	77	44			18	98
Grand Total	610	336	450	141	336	226	347	141	650

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

KIA (P)

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MISSIONS FIRED	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Unobs	14	13	13	5	2	15	44	11
H&I's	129	141	161	155	180	101	199	94
Total Unobs	143	154	174	160	182	116	243	105
Obs	14	28	16	16	15	3	3	2
Grand Total	157	182	192	176	197	119	246	107

AMMO EXPENDITURE

105 HE	202	101	192	243	332	192	483	89
WP	10	3	4	12	7	3		
ILL	39	6	32	6			1	9
155 HE	95	296	68	127	124	147	229	16
WP	4	10		3			15	
ILL	7	7	2					
8" HOW HE	98	141	127	105	135	21		
Grand Total	416	497	399	519	607	363	728	114

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C) 2 6

KIA (P) 8 5 10

ENCLOSURE (5)

DECLASSIFIED

MISSIONS FIRED	18th	19th	20th	21th	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Unobs	3	20		1	4			7
H&I's	141	221	224	276	264		187	193
Total Unobs	144	241	224	277	272		187	100
Obs	2	16	16	6	11	6	11	14
Grand Total	146	257	240	283	283	6	198	114

AMMO EXPENDITURE

105 HE	172	490	218	251	416		290	310
WP	21	23	18	11	21	2	17	46
ILL	3	0				3		
155 HE	36	125	100	113	184		108	101
WP	2	1	3	21			5	3
ILL	3	6		3		3	1	2
8" HOW HE						3		
GRAND TOTAL	232	643	343	378	645	8	421	462

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)	2	2		7				
KIA (P)	4	17	10		12		1	

MISSIONS FIRED	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31th	TOTALS
Unobs	1	2	43			2	259
H&I's	146	123	101	75	97	130	1005
TOTAL Unobs	147	125	144	75	97	132	4335
Obs	3	11	11	30	13	16	339
GRAND TOTAL	150	136	155	105	110	148	4674

AMMO EXPENDITURE

105 HE	183	200	196	279	148	194	7258
WP	39	56	11	49	11	23	406
ILL	3	23				1	148
155 HE	111	75	253	102	72	115	3319
WP	66	2	17		10	12	227
ILL	10	14			4	1	69
8" HOW HE							1006
GRAND TOTAL	399	344	499	439	245	345	12533

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)		20		1			40
KIA (P)		2	3				82

ENCLOSURE (5)