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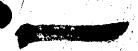
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#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET



#### 1. Designation and Location

a. 1-30 June 1967 HEADQUARTERS (FWD) 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

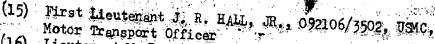
Location: Coordinates ID 539318 Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam

b. 1-30 June 1967 HEADQUARTERS (REAR) 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

location: Goordinates YD 885127, Phu Bai Base Camp

- 2. Period Covered: 1-30 June 1967
- 3. Battalion Commander and Staff:
  - a. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
    - (1) Lieutenant Colonel J. L. MILES, 046209/0802/2070/6704, USMC Battalion Commander
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    - (3) Second Lieutenant J. M. YORK, Jr., 098286/0802, USMC, S-1/Adjutant/Legal Officer
    - (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 R. R. WRIGHT, 083926/0802, USMC, S-3A, 4-30Jun67
    - (8) Captain J. P. JOHNSON, 087683/0802, USMCR, S-4
    - (9) First Lieutenant H. W. LINDHOIM, 090724/0802, USMC, S-4A, 27-30Jun67
    - (10) Captain L. M. MAXTED, 089710/2502, USMC, Communications Office
    - (11) Second Lieutenant J. D. BLEVINS, 095582/3002, USMC Supply Officer, 22-30Jun67
    - (12) Second Lieutenant A. A. FINLEY, 094691/0802, USMC Survey
    - (13) Captain G. E. ELLIOTT, 074987/0802, 0302/0430, USMC, Liaison Officer
    - (14) Second Lieutenant J. G. HULSEY, JR. 094128/0802, USMC Assistant Liaison Officer





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- (1) Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, First Lieutenant M. L. HODDER, 092572/0802, USMCR
- Battery G, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines ADCON/OPCON 1-30 Jun67, Captain T. P. KIRLAND, 078068/0802, USMC
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- (4) 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, OPCON 1-30Jun67 ADCON 15-30 Jun67, Captain W. J. DOWD, 084386/0802, USMC. 1-27Jun67, Captain R. A. CRANE, 086631/0802, USMC 28-30 Jun 67
- 2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery OPCON 1-30Jun67, ADCON 15-30Jun67, Captain W. C. SHAW, 079839/0802, USMC
- Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, OPCON 8-28Jun67, Captain D. J. HARRINGTON, 082430/0802, USMC
- Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, OPCON 8-28Jun67 Captain Sandy PATTERSON, USMC

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#### DAILY CHRONOLOGY

#### 1 June

At 0155H Battery "G" fired 16 rounds of 155 HE on VC lights spotted on a hillaide at grid YD 515223 by members of the Battalion FDC.
Brands were on target, and the lights were extinguished.

Battery "H" firing in support of the AO, SACRED MIKE, expended 54 rounds of HE at 1806H on a VC supply area. The mission resulted in two secondary explosions in the target area.

At 1808H elements of 1/4 called in fire on a VC bunker at grid YD 543275. Thirtsen rounds of HE were expended on the target with a surveillance of good coverage.

At 1905H SACRED MIKE, again called for fire on a VC supply area at grid YD 481325. Battery "H" attacked the target with 20 rounds of HE, and surveillance was rounds were reported on target.

At 1920H SACRED MIKE, spotted 6 rafts on a river bank at grid YD 487325. Soven rounds of HE, fuzes quick and VT, were expended and rounds were reported on target.

At 1958H elements of 2/4 reported receiving small arms fire and in-coming mortars from grad VD 603354. Battery "H" responded with 36 rounds of HE, silencing the fire. Surveillance was to be made the following day.

Between 2112H and 23:0H Battery "P" fired 22 WP and 87 HE rounds, fuzes Quick and VT, on VC lights spotted in the vicinity of YD 594216. Separal fire for effects were called for by the rocon team, MONBID I, who observed the mission, and no lights reappeared after end of mission was given.

#### 2 June

Elements of 1/4 reported receiving sniper fire at 0850H from grid YD 576244. Bettery "G" fired 11 rounds of HE on the target and the firing ceased.

At 0905H Battery "G" fired 15 rounds of HE as preparation fires for elements of 1/4 who were moving to a new location. The grid was YD 586245, and rounds were on target.

At 0935H Battery "G" fired 2 rounds of WP and 8 rounds of HE on an enemy bunker at grid YD 549249. Excellent coverage of the tanget was reported on this mission fired for an element of 1/4.

At 1345H elements of 2/4 observed a platoon of VC in a trecline near a village at gold YD 476424. The Second Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired Tround of WP and 12 rounds of HE on the target, destroying four huts and causing 10 Klais (probable).

At 1600H elements of 2/4 reported taking sniper fire an grid 10.578246.

Battery "G" fired 16 rounds of HE on the target, silencing the sniping.

At 1730H Battery "H" fixed 1 round of wP and 13 rounds of HE on a reconnaissance by fire mission into the ruins of a village at YD 521265. Excellent coverage of the target was the surveillance on this mission fixed in support of 1/4.

At 1855H elements of 2/4 observed 4 VC in the open at YD 437372. Battery "I'm fired 1 round of WP and 9 of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on the target, and surveillance was to follow. At 1912H, the 4 VC appeared again, having taken cover during the mission fired against them at grid YD5579. Battery "I" fired 8 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on the target, and surveillance was 2 KIA (confirmed) and 1 KIA (probable).

From 2310H to 0325H Batteries "P" and "T" fired a total of 2 WP and 25 HE, fuze VT, on an enemy platoon in a treeline at YD 467432 and 455434. Excellent effect on target was reported by elements of 2/4 who observed the mission, and additional surveillance was to follow.

#### 3 JUNE

Four WC were observed by elements of 2/4 at 1936H and Battery "T" fired 3 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE on the target at grid YD 423386. A sweep made later by Company "G", 2/4 discovered two large blood trails at grid YD 435393 and the surveillance was 2 KIA (probable).

At 2055H elements of 2/4 had trapped a body of 30 VC troops in a wooded area at grid YD 455434. Battery "T" fired thirty-five rounds of HE, fuze VT, on the troops, but there was no surveillance on this mission.

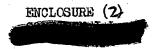
While firing H&I's to the south of the CHOCTAW area, the 40mm anti-eircraft detachment observed a large secondary explosion due to one of their volleys. This information was relayed to FDC by the FSCC at 1/4, and an unobserved mission was fired on grid YD 529287 by Battery "H". 9 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of WP were fired. Observation indicated that there might have been another secondary explosion, however it was not confirmed.

Battery "T" fired 15 rounds of illumination on suspected VC movement in support of elements of 2/4 at grid YD 466415. No VC were detected, and end of mission was given.

#### 4 JUNE

At 0300H Battery "H" fired 12 HE rounds and 2 rounds of WP on 6 VC in the open at grid YD 525293. Surveillance was to follow at first light, however, no kills were reported on this mission fired for 1/4.

Members of Headquarters Battory on the lines detected activity on the outer wire. Several rounds of M-79 discouraged further probing attempts.



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The FSCC of 1/4 reported 2 VC bunkers at grid YD 525269, and Battery "H" fired 1 round of Wand 12 rounds of HE on this target at 0625H. Excellent coverage of the target was the surveillance.

Battery "H" fired 92 rounds of HE in a mission saturating a VC base-camp in the vicinity of grid YD 550240 at 1032H. Elements of 1/4 were to sweep the area the following day.

At 1330H Battery "r" expended 33 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and Delay, while destroying an enemy bunker at grid YD 569245. The mission was fired in support of 1/4.

#### 5 June

The Commanding Officer of the Battalion departed the CP area at 0900H for Phu Bai, where he discussed with the Commanding Officer of 4/12 the location of battery positions during this and forthcomming operations. He returned at 1300H.

Battery "H" expended 19 rounds of HE on 4 VC in the open at YD 565256. Elements of 1/4 requested this mission at 1015H, and the surveillance was good effect on target.

At 1230H Battery "H" fired 1 round of WP and 22 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on 2 VC spotted at grid TD 577244. Surveillance on this mission fired in support of 1/4 was 1 KIA (probable).

Six VC were observed at grid YD 575233 by elements of 1/4 at 1250H. Battery "H" fired 7 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on the VC with good effect on the target.

At 1430H word was received from 12th Marines that no H&I's or unobserved missions were to be fired by 105 Howitzers until further notice.

An AO, SACRED ROMEO, observed several VC in a treeline in the vicinity of grid YD 555244 at 1438H. Battery "H" fired 1 round of WP and 20 HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on the target. There was no surveillance on the mission, and an air strike took the place of artillery attacking the target.

At 1600H the Battalion Commander and the Commanding Officer of Battery "A" 1/12, departed the CP area for the Phu Bai area where they were to conduct a recommaissance of the battery position for the forthcoming OPERATION COLGARS.

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#### 6 JUNE

At 1200H Operational Control of Batteries "A", 1/12, and "W", 2/12 was assumed by this activity. Battery "A" did not set up a position area because it was due to displace for an operation; Battery "W" assumed a position in the vicinity of grid TD 539323 but due to a lack of 4.2" ammunition was not ready to fire.

At 1300H Battery "A", 1/12, and a platoon from the 1st Provisional. 355 Battery displaced from the Battalion position to the Phu Bai area where the composite battery will support exements of 1/3 on OPERATION COLGATE. One gun from the platoom of 155mm Howitzers reverted back to the control of its parent unit, 4/12.

VC in the open were spotted at YD 589255 and Battery "H" fixed 2 rounds of WP and 5 rounds of HE on the target. Good coverage was the only surveillance on this mission fixed at 1500H.

Battery "W" reported taking sniper rounds as they were setting up their position area at approximately 1700H. No fire was returned, and there were no USMC casualties.

Elements of 1/4 reported a target of retreating VC at 1710H in the vicinity of grid YD 572242. Battery "H" fired 15 rounds of HE on the target with good coverage as surveillance.

At 1920H elements of 1/4 reported heavy enemy small arms fire coming from grid YD 589248. Battery "H" fired 5 rounds of WP and 6 rounds of HE on the target causing the fire to cease.

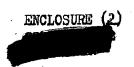
Shortly thereafter, the same FO with 1/4 called in a shift from the last target on renewed small arms fire coming from grid 594243. Three rounds of WP and 6 rounds of HE were fired against this opposition and surveillance were 1 KIA (exafirmed) and 5 KIA (probable). Battery "H" fired this mission.

#### 7 JUNE

At 0658H A forward observer with 1/4 observed enemy troop movement at grid YD 589245. Battery "H" expended 1 round of WP and 14 rounds of HE, fuze VT on the target. The forward observer reported that a surveillance would be sent at a later date.

At 0917H Battery "H" expended 1 round of HE on 3 VC in the open at grid YD 587244. The forward observer, was unable to orientate himself; therefore end of mission was given.

At 1325H an element from 1/4 spotted an enemy bunker at grid YD 581-269. The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 6 rounds of HE on the target. Excellen: effect on the bunker was reported as the surveil-





#### d June

From C035H to C055H The First Provisional 155 Howitzer and Battary "H" fired 6 rounds of 155mm HE and 8 rounds of 105HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on VC in the open at grids YD 583256 and YD 569246. Surveillance on these missions fired in support of 1/4 was 1 KIA (probable).

Recon patrol PEERAGE II reported VC contact at 0900H, and the First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery and Battery "H" fired 4 rounds of 155mm HE on the target at grid YD 497248. Surveillance on this mission was 1 KIA (probable).

At 1035H PFERAGE II reported suspected VC at grid YD 504 248, Battery "H" fired 5 rands of WP and 24 rounds of HE on the target. Good coverage was given as the surveillance.

The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery and Battery "H" fired 6 rounds of 105 HE and 7 rounds of 155mm HE on VC in the open at grid YD 564243. Good target coverage was the surveillance given by elements of 1/4 on this mission fired at 1045H.

At 1345H The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 6 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, on VC in the open spotted at grid YD 582255 by elements of 1/4. No confirmed kills were reported, however 1 VC was known to be wounded.

At least 6 VC were detected at grid YD,53642428 by a TPS-21 manued by alcounts of 1/4, Battery "H" fired 25 rounds of HE on the taxget at 2357H with no surveillance reported.

#### 9 JUNE

At least 4 VC were detected in the open at grid YD 53982430 by the TPS 21 manned by elements of 1/4 on Hill 51 at 0016H, shortly after a mission and been fired on a VC squad in the same area. Battory "H" fired 46 rounds of HE on the target and no further movement was detected.

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Battery "H" fired 1 round of WP and 6 of HE on a suspensed WC position at YD 544215. Surveillance on this mission fired at 1248H in was good coverage of the target.

At 1608H Battery "H" fired 4 rounds of HE, fuze VT, and 2 WP on 2 VC in the open who were spotted by elements of 1/4. No surveillance was given on this target located at YD 567257.

#### 10 JUNE

Prior to the insertion of the recon patrol, PERAGE II, the Second Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, fired 28 rounds of HE between 0810 and 0912H emparing a landing mone for the patrol.

At 1710H VC in the open were reported by elements of 1/4 to be at grid YD 586286. The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 1 round of WP and 8 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT on the target with a surveillance of 2 KIA (probable).

Battery "G", 3/12 departed the Battalion area at 1230H for its new position area for OPERATION CUMBERLAND at grid YD 717107. The battery arrived at its new position area at 1600H and reported ready to fire at 1700H.



#### 11 JUNE

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

#### 12 JUNE

The Battalion Commander, the Executive Officer, the SgtWejor and the Battalion Operations Chief departed the CP at 0830H for Dong Ha. The purpose of the trip was to visit the Commanding Officer, 12th Marines and to attend a briefing on FADAC.

At 1015H the Battalion S-3 attended a briefing which was held at the Fourth Marines CP for the CG, 3D Marine Division.

The Battalion Commander and party returned to the CP at 1215H.

At 1370H the Battalion Commander departed the Battalion CP on a reconnaisance of a possible Battery position at grid YB 462379 to support 1/3 on an operation in the Hai Lang National Forest Reserve. The recon party consisted of the Battalion S-3, the company commander of Company "B", 3D Engineers, commanding officer, Battery "H", 3D Battalion, 12th Marines, and the commanding officer, Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

The recon party returned to the Battalion CP at 1530H.

At 1813 an air observer, Sacred Mike, reported 12 rafts on the river bank at grid YD 472304. Battery "H" fired 52 rounds of HE which brought a surveillance of 3 secondary explosions.

The Second Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 4 rounds of HE and 9 rounds of WP at 1900H on the same rafts which were reported earlier. The surveillance given by the Air Observer was rounds on target.

#### 13 JUNE

Battery "H", at 0935H, fired on a suspected VC position at grid YD 5200-2392. After observing 3 rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE the recon patrol, 2004 TUATE II was unable to give a surveillance, but reported hearing voices.

At 1636H the recon patrol, PUNCTUATE I spotted VC in holes at grid YD 523243. The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 45 rounds of HE, fuses Quick and VT, before ending the mission because the VC were to close to the patrol.

At 1740H the VC at YD 523243 had spotted the recon position and PUNCTUATE I reported about 20 VC/NVA were moving upon them. The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 41 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT until an extraction from the area was made possible for the patrol.







After the extraction of PUNCTUATE I air and artillery were called to cover the area which had previously been fired on. Following a fixed wing strike, the 1st Provisional and 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Batteries expended a total of 19 rounds of WP and 148 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT. 4th Marine personnel observed 5 secondary explosions and one pyrotechnic explosion with tracers going up as high as 1000 feet. Before being extracted the recon patrol had observed several .50 calibor machine guns and 1t was suggested that possibly a VC arms and ammo cache had been hit.

At 2050H the Commanding Officer of 2/4 reported receiving sniper fire from YD 637314. The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 3 rounds of HE, fuze Quick and VT, on the sniper(s). The mission was continued as an Hal to be fired at 2400H, 0200H, 0400H, and 0600H. No further harassement from the sniper(s) was noted.

#### 14 June

At 1346H elements of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, observed 3 VC in the open at grid YD 415372. The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 8 rounds of HE, fuzes Quick and VT, to obtain a surveillance of 3 KIA (probable) and a secondary explosion.

At 1600H the Battalion sent a liaison team consisting of three enlisted men and one officer to the ARVN artillery compound at Hai Lang to coordinate any fire requested by Company "G", 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, who would move into that area under the cover of darkness.

Between 1600H and 1630H the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired on VC who were attempting to surround the recon patrol, PUNCTUATE I, at grid YD 459255. A total of 18 HE rounds were expended and the recon patrol reported 1 KIA (confirmed).

At 1644H Naval Gunfire elements located on Hill 51 observed 5 VC in the open at YD 569245. Battery "A" had expanded a total of 17 HE, fuse Quick and VT, before a check fire was ordered because of incoming Medical Evacuation helicopter.

At 1650H PUNCTUATE I reported VC were again attempting to surround their position. The 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 2 rounds of HE that interrupted the VC activity and the recon patrol reported excellent effect on the target.

At 1835H elements of 1/3 spotted a suspected VC OP at YD 421365. The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 3 rounds of WP and 18 rounds of HE, afterwhich 4 KIA (probable), 2 KIA (confirmed) and the area neutralized was offered as surveillance.

At 1920H elements of 1/3 observed 5 more VC in the open at grid YD 419-380. The 1st Previsional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 1 round of WP and 8 rounds of HE, fuze Quick and VT, to get a surveillence of 3 KIA (probable).



#### 15 June



The recon patrol, PUNCTUATE I, called a fire mission at 1310H on VC in the open at grid YD 467251. The 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 67 rounds of HE which resulted in a surveillance of 6 KIA (probable).

At 1735H Battery "A" firing in support of PUNTUATE I, expended 8 rounds of HE on VC at grid YD 459260, who were trying to surround the recon patrol.

#### 16 June

Battery "A" in support of an element from 1/3 expended 9 rounds of illumination on suspected VC movement at grid YD 546291.

The Battalian Commander departed the CP at 1300H for Phu Bai and returned at 1530H.

The initial instruction and familiarization firing of the M-16 was completed for members of this Battalian at 1600H. Instructors were trained by Division G-3 on May 30, 1967.

At 1925H the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 1 round of WP and 15 rounds of HE on a VC mortar position at grid YD 418374. There was no surveillance on this mission which was fired for an element of 1/3.

#### 17 June

Battery "H" expended 16 rounds of WP and 18 rounds of HE at 2037H on VC lights located at grid YD 530224. The recon patrol, PEERAGE I, who observed the mission reported the lights extinguished as the surveillance.

At 2147H the Naval Cunfire Team located on top Hill 674 reported seeing a light at grid YD 558252. The light went out after the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired two rounds of WP.

#### 18 June

A call for fire was received from the recon patrol, PEERAGE I, at 0200H. The nature of target given was lights at grid YD 53592287. The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 42 rounds of HE and 22 rounds of WP on the target. The surveillance given was 17 secondary explosions.

The Battalion Commander and the Executive Officer departed the CP by helicopter at 1500H to visit Battery "G" which is located in the Cumberland Operational Area. They returned to the CP at 1705H.

At 1735H the recon patrol, PEERAGE I, reported that they were being surrounded by an undeterminded number of VC and requested to be extracted. A fire mission was prepared by the FDC to cover grids YD 534233, 534227, and 532224. The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 102 rounds of HE after the recon patrol had been extracted. There was no surveillance for the mission.





#### 19 June



The Naval Gunfire Team from 3/12 located on Hill 674 (YD 517219) observed a possible VC bunker located at grid YD 525232. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 37 rounds of HE on the target, resulting in a secondary explosion. The mission was fired at 1025H.

At 1455H elements of 2/4 reported receiving heavy automatic weapons fire from grid TD 658144. The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 2 rounds of WP and 3 rounds of HE on the target, but no observation was possible and end of mission was given.

#### 20 JUNE

At 0945H the Battalion S-3 departed this position for a reconnaissance of a future position for Battery "A", 1/12, in the vicinity of grid YD 4638. The recon party returned at 1045H.

Elements of 2/4 reported a VC assembly area at grids YD 480235 and YD 488233 at 1000H. The 1st and 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Batteries expended 3 rounds of WP and 82 rounds of HE on the grids with good coverage of target and 3 KIA (confirmed), and 6 KIA (probable) as the surveillance.

An Intelligence report of a VC Battalion was received at 1120H from 4th Marines. The 1st & 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Batteries fired 1 round P and 25 rounds of HE on the target with no surveillance at the time.

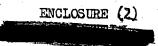
At 1315H elements of 2/4 reported a VC assembly area at grid YD 490233. The 1st and 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Batteries fired 1 round of WP and 25 rounds of HE on the target with no surveillance at the time.

Elements of 2/4 called for counter-morter fires at 2045H on suspected VC morter positions at grids YD 494203 and YD 494206. Good coverage of target was reported on the 15 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of WP that the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired.

#### 21 June

At 0330H the Navel Cunfire Team on Hill 674 called for fire on VC with lights at grid YD 525230. The First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 5 rounds of WP and 6 rounds of HE on the target with good coverage and lights extinguished as surveillance.

At 0600H Battery "." displaced from the Battalion position to a temporary location at grid YD 467385. The Battery reported laid and ready to fire at 0750H.



At 0905H the Battalion Commander departed the Batt son position." for Battery "A", and returned at 1105H.

A VC embush was sprung by elements of 2/4 at 0930H, and the First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery was called upon to deliver support. Forty-three rounds of HE were fired on the target area when end of mission was given, and surveillance was to follow.

At 1055H Battery "A" expended 14 rounds of HE on VC snipers at grid YD 458428. Surveillance on this mission fired for 1/3 was 4 KIA (protable).

At 1805H The First Provisional and Second Provisional 155mm Howitzer Batteries fired 101 rounds of HE on VC assembly areas reported at grids YD 470222, 479219 and 493224. Good target coverage was the surveillance on the mission fired in support of 2/4.

Rocon patrol, MORBID II, spotted 2 motorized sampans moving down the Song Ro River at grid YD 609223. The First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fined 12 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE on the target at 2115H and one direct hit on the sampans was reported.

The Naval Gunfire Team observed VC lights at grid YD 524234, and at 2135H Battery "H" fired 32 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of WP on the target. Surveillance was good shooting, excellent target coverage and lights extinguished.

#### 22 June

Recon patrol, MORBID I' observed a beached VC sampan on the Song Bo River at grid YD 608225. The First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 6 rounds of HE and 6 rounds of WP on the target, sinking the boat and causing 2 KIA (probable).

At 1015H MORBID II spotted 3 VC in the open at grid YD 609225. The First Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 6 rounds of WP and 4 rounds of HE, fuze VT, on the target with a surveillance of 3 KIA (probable)

At 1ACCH Battery "A" returned to the Battalion position from their displacement and reported ready to fire on azimuth 3600.

Elements of 1/3 reported contact with 3 VC with automatic weapons at 1/20H. The First Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 5 rounds of Wilsa the tagget attend ND 500424 with excellent coverage of target reported as the surveillance.

The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 25 rounds of WP and 6 rounds of HE on VC chopping wood at grid YD 453257. Recon patrol, WEBER II, who called the mission at 2010H, reported 1 secondary explosion.

At 2050H MORBID II, observed 4 VC sampens on the Song Be River at good VD 609225. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 15 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE, fuse VT, on the crafts with a surveilance of 2 secondary explosions.

#### 23 June

Between 1745H and 1905H the 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 8 rounds of WP firing in defensive concentrations for elements of 2/4. Grids fired were YD 550293, 555283, 546274 and 542234.

WC lights were observed at 2000H on a hillside at grid YD 520235 by the Naval Gunfire Team of 3/12, located on top Hill 674. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 1 round WP and 18 rounds of HE on the target with excellent coverage, putting out the lights.

The Naval Gunfire Team on top Hill 674 spotted flashes from enemy mortar tubes at grid YD 553245. The 1st 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 4 rounds of HE on the target, but no surveillance was made. The mission was fired at 2145H.

At 0715H the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 7 rounds of WP, one round every 10 minutes to serve as position marking rounds for the recon patrol, PERRAGE.

The 4th Marines FSCC requested a field at grid YD 471252 be set on fire. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 5 rounds of WP on the target at 1620H. No surveillance was given.

#### 24 Juno

The recon patrol, PEERAGE II, observed VC taking cover in a bunker at grid YD 45122580. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery responded with 14 rounds of HE and 24 rounds of WP which were fired on the enemy at 1655H. Excellent coverage of the target was given as surveillance.

#### 25 June

PEERAGE I, a recon patrol, spotted 1 VC at grid YD 578192.

1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 2 rounds of HE on the many troop. Cood coverage was given on the surveillance.





At 1805H the Battalion fired a High Burst Registration using Battery "H". Six (6) rounds of HE, fuse Time, all of which were usable, were expended. The target area was at grid YD 533287. The registration was valid.

At 1955H PEERAGE I, observed a VC sampan on the Song Bo River at grid YD 59362051. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 4 rounds of HE, but the recon patrol was unable to observe damage.

VC lights were sighted at grid YD 451257 by the recon patrol, PEERAGE II. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer expended 10 rounds of WP and 6 rounds of HE. Surveillance was good coverage on target and screams were heard from the enemy. The mission was fired at 2120H.

#### 26June

Recon patrol PEERAGE I, reported a VC sampans at 0045H on the Song Bo River at grid YD 593205. The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 4 rounds of HE on the target with good coverage reported. Darkness prevented further surveillance, however.

From 0655H to 0950H Recon patrol, PEERAGE II, conducted a series of recommaissance by fire missions at grids YD 451254, 452257, and 449259. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 64 rounds of WP and 9 rounds of HE on these missions with good target coverage as a surveillance.

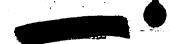
#### 27 June

The 2d Provisional 155 Hewitzer Battery fired 3 rounds of HE and 5 rounds of WP at a VC sampan on the Song Bo River at grid YD 593-205. End of mission was given by the Recon petrol, PEERAGE I, at 0408H after a fifty foot ball of flame erupted from the sampan when it received a direct hit.

An aerial observer, SACRED CHARLIE, spotted VC crossing a stream at 1155H, and Battery "H" fired 8 rounds of WP and 6 rounds of HE, fuse VT, on the target located at grid YD 485243. Surveillance was good coverage of target.

At 1550H the 1st Provisional 155 Howitser Battery fired 10 rounds of WP and 21 rounds of HE on automatic weapons reported by an elements of 2/4 at grid YD 506226. Excellent effect on target was the surveillance on this mission.

The 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired on an automatic weapons position at grid YD 508224 with 1 round of WP and 12 rounds of HE. Surveillance on the mission fired at 1840H in support of 2/4 was ascellent occurree of target.





At 1915H the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 8 rounds of WP and 1 round of HE on yellow smoke detected by the Recon patrol, PEERAGE I, at grid YD 581188. Good coverage of target was the surveillance on this mission.

#### 28 June

Recom patrol, PARTYLINE I, observed 10 NVA/VC in the open at grid YD 541224. The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 7 rounds of HE and 7 rounds of WP, but the recom patrol was unable to give surveillance because of the smoke. The mission was fired at 1635H.

PRER RE I, a recon patrol, observed a VC assembly area on the banks of the bong Bo River at grid YD 586202. At 1854H the 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 1 round of WP and 25 rounds of HE, fuze VT. on the target. The surveillance was 2 KIA (probable) and one raft destroyed.

Elements of 1/4 called for a mission on 8 VC moving up a ridgeline at grid YD 524215. At 1943H the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 2 rounds of WP and 21 rounds of HE, fuze VT, that resulted in enemy losses of 1 KIA (confirmed) and 4 KIA (probable).

At 2110H the recon patrol, PEERAGE I, observed lights in the area of grid YD 601189. The 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery attacked the target with 18 rounds of WP and 29 rounds of HE. A secondary explosion was the surveillance, and the recon patrol reported good coverage of the target.

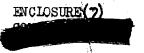
PFEPAGE I, heard noises coming from grid YD 601189 at 2330H. The 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 18 rounds of WP and 36 rounds of HE. Surveillance was 2 secondary explosions.

#### 29 June

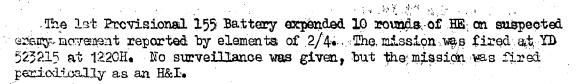
Heavy sniper fire was encountered by elements of 2/4 at Grid YD 622-331. From 1130 to 1235H Battery "H" and the 1st Provisional 155 Battery expended 8 rounds of 105mm WP, 6 rounds of 105mm HE, and 2 rounds of 155mm WP. Good effect on the target was reported.

Elements of 2/4 spotted 1 VC at YD 523215. The 1st Provisional 155 Battery fired on the VC at 1251H using 1 round of WP and 19 rounds of HE. Final surveillance was 1 KIA (Probable).

An element of 2/4 sighted 8 VC on a ridgeline at YD 613209. The 2d Provisional 155 Battery expended 8 rounds of WP and 8 rounds of HE at 1916H. Surveillance could not be obtained due to darkness.



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No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.





#### Daily Chronology

#### 7 June

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), moved to Phu Bai on 6 June where it stayed in preparation for an early occupation of position. At first light on June 7, the battery moved to the eastern end of the Phu Bai runway, grid YD 895148, and was laid and ready to fire by 0790H.

At 1155H the battery fired 2 rounds of HE on VC located in a treeline at grid YD 962176. This mission was called by the forward observer with "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The mission was cancelled and an air strike was conducted.

The Air Observer, SACRED PAPA, called a fire mission at 1325H on a VC morter position at grid YD 961176. The battery fired 4 rounds of HE before the mission was cancelled for an air strike.

At 1449H Battery "A" fired 26 rounds of HE and 20 rounds of WP for an element of Company "R", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The nature of the target was an ipers located at grid YD 963173. The surveillance given was excellent target coverage.

Battery "A", firing in support of the Air Observer, SACRED, expended 6 rounds of 155mm HE and 3 rounds of 155mm WP at 1722H on 7 to 12 VC in an open trench at grid YD 974173. There was no fire for effect.

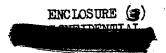
At 1825H a mission was fired for an element of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The nature of the target was 7 VC in the open at grid YD 963126. Battery "A" fired 16 rounds of HE and received a surveillance of 6 KIA (probable).

Three rounds of illumination were fired for the Battalion Liaison Officer at 2120H on a suspected VC mortar position at grid YD 962168. There was no surveillance on this target.

At 2214H another mission was fired for the Battalion Liaison Officer at grid YD 971168. The nature of target was VC mortar position and 5 rounds of illumination were expended with negative surveillance.

#### 8 June

Battery "A" fired 5 rounds of illumination at 0130H for an element of Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Good illumination was reported on this mission which was fired at grid YD 954164.



At 0905H the battery fired 29 rounds of HE and 8 founds of WP on preparation fired at grid YD 968173 for a Forward Oserver with Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Surveillance was good area coverage.

The Forward Observer with Company "A", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines celled a fire mission at 1930H on 5 VC in the open at grid YD 954178. The battery expended 2 rounds of HE smoke and 24 rounds of HE with fuse VT. The surveillance reported was 2 KIA (probable).

The battery fired an illumination mission at 213CH on grid YD 963161.

This mission was fired with one 155mm Howitzer and one 105mm Howitzer.

Eleven rounds of 155mm illumination and 24 rounds of 105mm illumination were expended on this mission. The surveillance given was excellent target coverage.

## 9 June

At 0110H the battery fired 9 rounds of illumination on VC infiltrators at grid YD 945178. This mission was called by a forward observer with Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines who gave no surveillance.

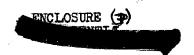
The Battery conducted a registration at 1835H on grid YD 968137. One round of HC smoke and 4 rounds of HE were expended as the forward observer from Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines observed. The Registration was valid.

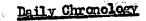
#### 10 June

The forward observer with Company "A", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines reported a target with 17 VC in a trench at grid YD 957173. At 1917H 2 rounds of HC smoke were fired to clear women and children from the target area. Since this did not have the desired results, the company commander refused to continue the mission.

#### <u> 11 June</u>

At 09 00H the battery displaced back to the 4th Merine Regimental CP.





BATTERY "G"

#### 9 June

At 1205H Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines displaced from the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines CP at grid YD 537319 to participate in Operation Cumberland.

Battery "G" arrived at its new battery position at 1845H. The new position was located at grid YD 71644077

#### 10 June

Battery "G" expended 15 rounds of HE at a suspected VC company at grid YD 706163. The mission was called in at 1017H by elements of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. There was no surveillance.

#### 11 June

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

#### 12 June

An element of 1/4 requested a fire mission at 1330H on a suspected VC observation post located at grid YD 664103. Battery "G" expended 4 rounds of HE and 10 rounds of WP on the suspected VC observation post. Surveillance given was rounds on target.

Suscepted enemy movement was reported by elements of 1/4 at 2323H, at grid YD 663103. Two (2) rounds of illumination were fired. Under the illumination no movement could be detected.

#### 13 June

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

#### 14 June

Flaments of 1/4 requested illumination at grid YD 664104 because of suspected compy movement. Battery "G" fired warse rounds of illumination.

No enemy movement was observed.

#### 15 June

At 1750H elements of 1/4 reported receiving sniper fire from grid
YD 666065. Battery "G" expended eight (8) rounds of WP. The sniper fire
oeased.





Night defensive concentrations were adjusted for elements of 1/4 between 1600H and 1625H.

#### 16 June

No missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

#### 17 June

Elements of 1/4 called in preparation fires at 0915H on grid YD 69931283. Battery "G" fired 2 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE. Good coverage on target was reported.

Two 155mm Howitzers from the 2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery departed from the 3/12 CP and joined Battery "G" to add long range support for 1/4.

Battery "G" expended 12 rounds of HE and 8 rounds of WP on a suspected Viet Cong assembly area located at YD 699128. Elements of 1/4 reported good effect on target. The mission was fired at 1915H.

#### 18 June

Suspected Viet Cong movement located at grid YD 73800681 was reported by elements of 1/4 at 1100H. Two (2) rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE were fired. Surveillance of good effect on target was received.

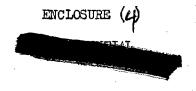
At 1205H Battery "G" again fired on suspected Viet Cong movement at grid YD 73800681. This time 18 rounds of HE were expended and 1/4 reported good effect on target.

Between 1435H and 1500H Battery "G" expended 17 rounds of HE and 15 rounds of WP on preparation fires at grid YD 715136 and YD 724146. Good effect on target was reported as a surveillance.

Four (4) rounds of HE were expended at 1515H on a suspected Viet Cong mortar position located at grid YD 792143. No surveillance was given.

Battery "G" displaced two (2) 105mm Howitzers to a position located at grid YD 688094.

A suspected Viet Cong camp at grid YD 645066 was fired on by Battery "G". Ten (10) rounds of HE and one (1) round of WP were expended. Good effect on target was the surveillance. The time of the mission was 1900H.



#### 19 June

Elements of 1/4 reported sniper fire coming from grid YD 661080. At 0735H Battery "G", along with the two 155mm Howitzers of the 2nd Provisional 155 Battery expended 27 rounds of 105mm HE and 8 rounds of 155mm HE on the sniper position. One secondary explosion was reported as a surveillance.

At 1015H the two 105mm Howitzers of Battery "G" located in the forward position, grid YD 688094, expended 41 rounds on a suspected Viet Cong camp, YD 667075. Elements of 1/4 reported the rounds were on target.

Suspected Viet Cong companies with mortars at grids YD 704132 and YD 691137 were fired on by Battery 40" at 1145H. A total of 144 rounds of HE were expended on the suspected position. Rounds were reported on target.

A suspected Viet Cong base camp was reported by elements of 1/4 at grid YD 67130782. At 1200H Battery "G" expended 8 rounds of HE on the suspected camp. Elements of 1/4 reported they could not observe.

Twenty-one (21) rounds of HE were expended at 1215H on a suspected Viet Cong ambush site located at grid YD 658144. There was no surveillance.

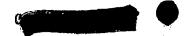
At 1510H there were three (3) rounds of HE and two (2) rounds of WP expended on a suspected VC observation post at grid YP 715135. Elements of 1/4 reported good effect on target.

Battery "G" fired 18 rounds of HE at 1800H on a suspected VC base camp. The mission was requested by the 4th Marines.

The two 155mm Howitzers of the 2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery replaced the two 105mm Howitzers of Battery at grid YD 742143 at 1900H.

Viet Cong lights on a ridgeline, grid YD 715136, were spotted by elements of 1/4. At 2010H Battery "G" expended eight (8) rounds of WP on the enemy, but a surveillance could not be obtained.





#### 20 June

Between 0005 and 1015H Battery "G" expended 42 rounds of HE as preparation fires for elements of 1/4. The rounds were fired on Grids YD 631092, 636093 and 627091. Surveillance on all target areas was good effect on target.

Elements of 1/4 sighted suspected WC positions at YD 683061. Battery "G" and the 1st Platoon of the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 14 rounds of 105mm WP, 66 rounds of 105mm HE and 10 rounds of 155mm HE on the suspected positions between 2000 and 2305H. Good effect on target and one secondary explosion was the surveillance.

#### 21 June

Seven VC were observed in the open at YD 696074 by elements of 1/4, and Battery "G" fired 4 WP and 36 HE, fuzes quick and VT, on the target. There was no surveillance on this mission fired at 1335H.

At 1630H the 1st Platoon of the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 8 HE as preparation fires on grid YD 646093 for elements of 1/4.

#### 22 June

Elements of 1/4 received sniper fire from Grid YD 654086, and Battery "G" fired 6 MP and 12 HE on the target at 113 CH. Surveillance was snipers silenced.

#### 23 June

A VC plateon's base camp was located at YD 728151 by elements of 1/4, and at 0910H Battery "G" fired 54 HE on the target. Observation indicated 1 KIA (Confirmed) during this mission.

At 0915H Battery "G" fired 2 MP and 18 HE on a suspected VC position at YN 725060 reported by elements of 1/4. Surveillance was good coverage of target.

#### 24 June

A VC observation post was taken under fire by Battery "G" with 54 rounds of HE at 09254. Elements of 1/4 observing the mission reported good effect on the target, which was located at YD 728151.

Recon putrol MUSTARD II reported that they were under attack by an undetermined number of VC at 1250H. The 1st Platoon of the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 13 WP on YD 643188, and the patrol reported good effect on target. No further fire support was called for.

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At 0900H a platoon of 155 howitzers (SP) from Battery | 4/12 arrived at the Battery "G" position and relieved the 1st Platoon of the 2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, which returned to the CHOCTAN area of operations.

26 June

There were no significant missions fired during this 24 hour period

PSCC 1/4 reported 3 W base comp located in the vicinity of ID 704135. and Battery "G" fired 108 rounds of HE on the target. The mission fired at 1930H was unobserved.

At 2050H elements of 1/4 observed lights on a possible OP at YD 714136. Battery "G" fired 40 rounds of "P on the target, extinguishing the lights. 

#### 28 June

Elements of 1/4 reported a WC assembly area in the vicinity of YD 728151 at 0630H. Battery "G" fired 27 HE and 27 WP on the target with good effect as surveillance.

At 1730H Battery "G" fired 54 P and 54 HE on a VC platoon assembly area at 10 73115%. Later surveillance on this mission reported by 1/4 FSCC was 4 KIA (Confirmed).

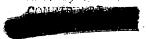
### 29 June

Preparation fires were begun at 0702H for elements of 1/4 on Grids TO 723151 and 728151. Battery "G" fired 6 MP and 30 HE on the target area with excellent effect on target as surveillance.

At 1145H elements of 1/4 called in fire on a suspected VC company in the vicinity of YD 702144. 108 rounds of HE were fired by Battery "G", and rounds were reported to be on target.

Battery "G" fired 69 HE on 10 to 15 VC reported by Recon patrol MONOTYPE II at M 710160. There was no surveillance on this mission fired at 1500H.

From 1930 to 2000H Battery "G" and the 1st Platoon of Battery "L". 4/12 fired 36 rounds of 155mm HE, 80 rounds of 105mm HE and 6 rounds of 105mm illumination on 300 WC reported by 1/4 FSCC to be at YD 720075, Good coverage of target was the only surveillance given on this mission.





Proparation fires for elements of 1/4 were fired at Gride ID 745081 at 17231 Battery "G" expended a total of 18 rounds of W and 14 rounds of NE. Excellent effect on the target was the surveillance.

Elements of 1/4 observed what was thought to be a W assembly area at Grid YD 694153. Bettery "G" expended 18 rounds of HE and 17 kP at 2015H with good effect on target reported.

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On an intelligence report from FSCC at 1/4 of a suspected VC reiding party at Grid YD 686093, Battery "G" fired 8 rounds of HE. The mission fired at 2045H was unobserved.

ENCLOSURE(4)





#### 1. Personnel and Administration

This battalion has maintained an operational level of approximately 94% of the authorized T/O strength during the month of June.

	1. 100	1/0	O/H	Percentage
Officer		45	<b> </b>	82.2%
SNCO1 s		50	<b>31.</b>	62.0%
Enlisted		580	562	96.5%

This battalion joined 6 officers and 25 enlisted personnel of various ranks and MOS's while rotating 2 officers and 20 enlisted to CONUS. This battalion further transferred 2 officers and 17 callstod.

#### 2. Morale and Discipline

The state of morale remained at a high level consistant with the conditions under which the unit has operated. The supply of beer and soda was adequate and ice for cooling purposes has increased a little. RER out of country and in country continues to be a great morale booster. There were a total of six office hours conducted during June for the following violations: (1) Art 86 and 92, (2) Art 92, (3) Art 86, 92 and 121, (4) Art 86, 92 and 121, (5) 86, 92 and 121, (6) Art 91. There was one Special Court Martial conducted for violation of Art 86. There was one Special Court conducted. No Medical Doctor nor Chaplain was assigned to the actualian for June, however hadical facilities are available at the 4th Marines CP. Church services are provided by Chaplains of the 4th Marines.



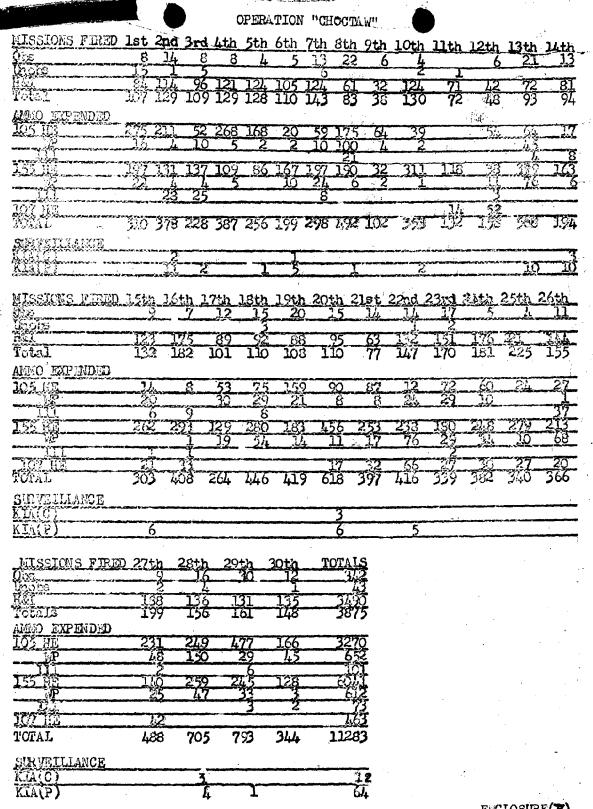


#### 8-2 MATTERS

#### 1. Intelligence.

- a. Heavy Activity. Enemy activity throughout the month of June was primarily small unit contacts of groups of three or four. The general movement of VC to the west and southwest and the utilization of sampens and water buffalo indicates that the enemy may be noving rice and other supplies back into their base areas in the nountlins
- b. Charryation Posts. To increase the observation capabilities within the TAOR, two semi-permanent OP's were established. These OP's were manned by two teams from the Naval Gunfire Section. Both terms were equipped with BC Scopes to increase their fields of observation.
- c. <u>Intelligence Targets</u>. The Battalion fired one (1) intelligence target, a suspected VC battalion, and three counter-norter missions during the month of June. Also, regular H&I's were fired along the trails and roads leading into Base Area 114.





ENGLOSURE(7)

# OPERATION "GOLGATE"

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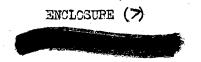
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#### COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

#### S-4 Section

- A. LOGISTICS. The overall supply situation remains fair. During June there were 1419 requisitions completed leaving 1780 to be filled. Of these 59 are priority 02.
- B. MAINTENANCE. The overall maintenance situation is fair. 20% of motor transport prime movers were deadlined at the end of June. The primary cause was a shortage of spare parts.
- C. FCOD SERVICE. Rations served during the reporting period have been approximately 65% "A" rations and 35% "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 Camp Evans Area and by the rear CP from the Phu Bai Water Point.
- H. MOTOR TRANSPORT. The motor transport status is fair.
- I. EMBARKATION. Data currently being updated by all units.

#### J. HOSPITALIZATION AND EVACUATION

- (1) There were 403 treatments of military personnel rendered at the Battalion Aid Station during June.
- (2) There were three (3) WIA's and no (0) KIA's in this Battalion during June. The personnel that suffered the wounds have all been returned to full active duty.





## COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

lo Daring the month of June, the Comm section continued normal operation in support of the Battalian, located at Camp EVANS.

Commerciate items going into FLSG "A" at Phu Bai have been returning on a regular basis now without the usual delay. Supplies of wire and bet teries of sufficient quantities are on hand to support the Battalion's operations.

Comm items from the NGF team at nong Ha have been returning, thus bringing some of the equipment back under the Comm Officer's control.



#### HEADQUARTERS

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> 3/FRA/wb 3100-10 23 June 1967 0/267

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment

Subja Combat After Action Report

Ref: (a) 3d Mar Div0 3100-10

Encl: (1) Daily Chromology of Events
(2) Table of Amno Expenditures & Types of Missions

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

- 2. Code Name. Colgate
- 3. Dates of Operation. 7 June to 11 June 1967

Location. The area of operation was bounded on the northeast by an over-water demarcation line between the districts of Vinh Loc and Phu Vang, from grid ZD 055060 to grid YD 935155. Continuing in a north-western direction, this boundry follows the vater limits of the tidal inlet, Song THEN HOA, from grids YD 935155 to grid YD 908190. Om the northwest, the area of operation was bounded by a line running from grid YD 908190 to YD 935220.

5. Command Headquarters. 4th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF.

6. Task Organization.

#### Unit

Commanding Officer

3d Battalion, 12th Marines LtCol J. L. MILES
Battary "A", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein) Cept D. J. HARRINGTON

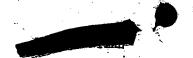
7. Intelligence. The enemy strength in the area was reported to consist of two local force companies and one main force battalion, the 804th. There were two main force battalions, the 806th and the 810th within reinforcing distance.

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The mission of the enemy in this area was to disrupt the GVN control within the Phu Thu/Phu Vang area and to interdict the GVN Revolutionary Development program in the area southeast of Rue.

The area was generally open terrain with good observation and fields of fire. There was a complex tunnel and bunker system which connected the hamlets in the area.

- 8. Concept of Operation. 4th Marines, with one reinferced infantry battalion, conducted helilift into blocking positions and conducted search and destroy operations in the Phu Thu Area of Operation.
- 9. Mission. On order, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (-)(Rein) would displace Battery "A", 1/12 reinforced by two towed 155mm howitzers from the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, 4/12, to the vicinity of PhuBai, Grid YD 895148, to provide direct support artillery to the two committed infantry battalions.

#### 10. Execution.

- a. See Inclosure (1) for a daily chronology.
- b. Survey. The position which was selected for Battery "A" to occupy was located at the northeast end of the runway at the Hue-Phu Bai Airport. Due to the proximity of the position to the runway, a fairly accurate map spot could be made, and the coordinates of the battery center were made from the map spot.
- 11. Results. During this operation, the artillery was credited with 8 KIA (probable).

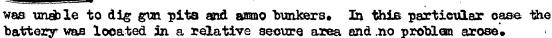
#### 12. Communications.

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- b. Wire. Only internal wire was used, This was placed on a het loop.
- 13. Logistics. Since this operation was conducted in the Phu Bai area, it was necessary that resupply of all classes of supply be provided from that area. Fourth Battalion, 12th Marines, located at Phu Bai, assisted this unit in making arrangements with FLSC "A" to provide "A" rations for the battery. 4/12 also assisted in the resupply of Class V.

#### 14. Commander's Analysis.

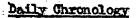
- a. For Operation COLGATE it was possible to locate the battery in an area which was relatively free of air traffic. Thus, clearance on fire requests were given in a minimum of time, which resulted in delivery of rapid and timely fire to the supported unit.
- b. Because the battery was brought ashore by helicopter, it was necessary to leave vehicles and a TD-15 tractor aboard ship. This initial did not prove to be a problem, since adequate trucks were provided to move the battery into position. However, without the TD-15 the battery





It is recommended that on future operations where the SLF will be remaining in country for a period of 20 days or more that vehicles be off loaded so that it doesn't put on undue strain on another unit to provide the transportation.

J. L. MILES



#### 7 June

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), moved to Phu Bai on 6 June where it stayed in preparation for an early occupation of position. At first light on June 7, the battery moved to the eastern end of the Phu Bai runway, grid YD 895148, and was laid and ready to fire by 0700H.

At 1155H the battery fired 2 rounds of HE on VC located in a treeline at grid YD 962176. This mission was called by the forward observer with "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The mission was cancelled and an air strike was conducted.

The Air Observer, SACRED PAPA, called a fire mission at 1325H on a VC morter position at grid YD 961176. The battery fired 4 rounds of HE before the mission was cancelled for an air strike.

At 1449H Bettery "A" fired 26 rounds of HE and 20 rounds of WP for an element of Company "R", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The nature of the target was snipers located at grid YD 963173. The surveillance given was excellent target coverage.

Battery "A", firing in support of the Air Observer, SACRED, expanded 6 rounds of 155mm HE and 3 rounds of 155mm WP at 1722H on 7 to 12 VC in an open trench at grid YD 974173. There was no fire for effect.

At 1825H a mission was fired for an element of Company "C", 1st Battalien, 3d Marines. The nature of the target was 7 VC in the open at grid YD 963126. Battery "A" fired 16 rounds of HE and received a surveillance of 6 KIA (probable),

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Officer at 2120H on a suspected WC mortan position at grid YD 962468 addition.

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At 2214H enother mission was fired for the Battalion Liaison Officer at grid YD 971168. The nature of target was WC mortar position and 5 more rounds of illumination were expended with negative surveillance with 14 company, 13t Deviation, 3d Ferrinas. The mission was cancelled and an

#### 8 June

Battery "A" fired 5 rounds of illumination at 0130H for an element of Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Good illumination was reported on this mission which was fired at grid YD 954164.

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At 0905H the battery fired 29 rounds of HE and 8 rounds of WP on preparation fired at grid YD 968173 for a Forward Oserver with Company "B" 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Surveillance was good area coverage.

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The Forward Observer with Company "A", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines called a fire mission at 1930H on 5 VC in the open at grid YD 954178. The battery expended 2 rounds of HE smoke and 24 rounds of HE with fuze VT. The surveillance reported was 2 KIA (probable).

The battery fired an illumination mission at 2130H on grid YD 963161. This mission was fired with one 155mm Howitzer and one 105mm Howitzer. Eleven rounds of 155mm illumination and 24 rounds of 105mm illumination were expended on this mission. The surveillance given was excellent target coverage.

#### 9 June

At 0110H the battery fired 9 rounds of illumination on VC infiltrators at grid YD 945178. This mission was called by a forward observer with Company "B", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines who gave no surveillance.

The Battery conducted a registration at 1835H on grid YD 968137. One round of HC smoke and 4 rounds of HE were expended as the forward observer from Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines observed. The Registration was valid.

#### 10 June

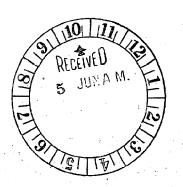
The forward observer with Company "A", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines reported a target with 17 VC in a trench at grid YD 957173. At 1917H 2 rounds of HC smoke were fired to clear women and children from the target area. Since this did not have the desired results, the company commander refused to continue the mission.

#### 11 June

At 09 00H the battery displaced back to the 4th Merine Regimental CP.

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