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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DesignationCommander

3d Battalion, 12th Marines (-) Rein.
3d Marine Division (Rein)

LtCol J.A. COMO
059588/0802
1-31 Mar 68

Subordinate Units

Battery "G" 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt R.J. LUCAS
083878/0802
1-20 Mar 68
Capt G.V. THURMOND
081233/0802
21-31 Mar 68

Battery "I" 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt G.C. HEARN
076973/0802
1-31 Mar 68

Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt N.D. HAMILTON
091615/0802
1-5 Mar 68
WO-4 J.P. FELL
043735/2010
6-31 Mar 68

1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)

Capt S.J. HAYES
093169/0802
1-31 Mar 68

2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)

1stLt C.R. RASOR
095006/0802
1-31 Mar 68

Attached Units

240th Field Artillery Group
Counter Mortar Radar
U.S. Army

GWO F.W. CROSBY
W2215890/211A8
1-31 Mar 68

Battery "C" 1st Battalion
11th Marines, 1st Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt. P.A. MacLAUGHIN
079551/0802
1-31 Mar 68

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Battery "W" 2nd Battalion
11th Marines, 1st Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt J.T. WINKLER
091578/0802
1-15 Mar 68

Battery "W" 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

Capt F.X. SULLIVAN
081078/0802
15-31 Mar 68

Detachment Battery "W" 1st Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)

1stLt M.M. VATER
0100008/0802
1-31 Mar 68

1st Platoon, 1st Armor
Amphibious Company, FMF

2ndLT J.T. FOWLER
0101908/1802
1-31 Mar 68

2. Location

1-31 March 1968 Command Group "A" YD 346697 Cua Viet,
Republic of Vietnam

1-3 March 1968 Headquarters (Rear) YD 336502 Quang Tri
Province, Republic of Vietnam

4-31 March 1968 Headquarters (Rear) YD 300551 Quang Tri
Province, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

a. Executive Officer

Major G.E. ELLIOTT
074987/0802
1-31 Mar 68

b. S-1 Adjutant/Legal Officer

WO-1 F.P. DURBINO
098602/0130
1-31 Mar 68

c. S-2 Officer

1stLt C.P. JAMESON
092878/0802
1-31 Mar 68

d. S-3 Officer

Major D.E. VOWELL
076105/0802
1-31 Mar 68

e. S-3A

Capt S.B. GRIMES
082336/0802
1-31 Mar 68
Capt G.V. THURMOND
081233/0802
3-20 Mar 68
1stLt A.A. FINLEY
094691/0802
21-25 Mar 68

f. S-4 Officer

Capt A.D. NASTRI
082249/0802
1-31 Mar 68

g. Communications Officer

Capt G.E. CADMAN
091721/2502
1-31 Mar 68

h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt L. LUDWIG
0101245/3502
1-31 Mar 68

i. Supply Officer

1stLt J.D. BLEVINS
095582/3002
1-31 Mar 68

j. Survey Officer

1stLt A.A. FINLEY
094691/0802
1-25 Mar 68
1stLt R.W. MARSTELLER
0101268/0802
26-31 Mar 68

k. Liaison Officer

Major J.C. DEEMER
076888/0802
1-31 Mar 68

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC
Off Enl
36 502

USN
Off Enl
0 11

OTHER
Off Enl
0 0

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PART II

As the month of March opened, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines found it's role expanded to three simultaneous missions: (1) Direct support of the 3d Marines on Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE in the Cua Viet area; (2) General support-reinforcing of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, U.S. Army, on Operation JEB STUART in the Quang Tri area; and (3) defense of the Quang Tri airfield complex.

A command group composed of the Commanding Officer, S-2, S-3, S-4, and Liaison Officer, along with necessary communications and operations personnel, was displaced 1 March to the 3d Marine Headquarters at Cua Viet. The command group established an FSCC and a tactical Fire Direction Center to support Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE. Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company, Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, and a detachment (3 weapons) of Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines were placed under the operational control of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. Tactical fire direction was centralized but technical fire direction remained decentralized.

On 1 March, Captain S.J. HAYES replaced Captain J. TAYLOR, who had been evacuated from Khe Sahn because of fragment wounds, as Commanding Officer of the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (Rein). W.O.-1 F.R. DURBINO replaced Captain HAYES as Battalion S-1.

Headquarters Battery displaced to YD 300551 on 4 March. The Battalion Fire Direction Center moved into a new bunker and continued centralized tactical and technical control of Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, Battery "I", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, and the 2d Provisional 155mm Battery (-).

On 5 March, W.O.-4 J.P. FELL relieved Captain N.D. HAMILTON as Headquarters Battery Commander.

On 6 March, Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines displaced to grid YD 282668.

The Visual Airborne Target Locating System (VATLS) was employed on 6 March to survey all the firing positions in the operation NAPOLEON/SALINE area. The batteries were

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registered and the data for the 105mm Howitzer batteries entered in the Gun Direction Computer, M18 (FADAC). As a result, the full capability of the computer, two calibers and five batteries, was put to use.

Operational control of Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion 11th Marines was chopped on 16 March and operational control of Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was assumed. Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines occupied the position vacated by Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.

The 3d Marine Regiment conducted a sweep north in the NAPOLEON/SALINE area of operations commencing 29 March. The operation was a joint U.S.-ARVN effort that extended to the southern boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. The 1st Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company displaced to grid YD 311722 to support the operation. In addition, two mortars from Mortar Battery 3d Battalion, 12th Marines were displaced to YD 310723, to join the detachment from Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

Throughout the month, extensive improvements were made in the positions at the Quang Tri airfield complex including the construction of an underground communications center, preparation of alternate gun positions, and improvement of perimeter and individual fighting positions.

During March, Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, and Battery "I", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, each received one 81mm mortar to assist in defense of the Quang Tri airfield complex. Positions were prepared and crews trained in mortar gunnery.

The month of March closed with the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continuing its three assigned missions.

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COMBAT REPORT PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

1. Combat missions assigned

a. 1-31 March 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Operation Napoleon/Saline

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

a. KIA (C) 35

b. KIA (P) 15

4. Casualties sustained

a. KIA 0

b. WIA 10

c. Died (NBC) 0

5. Equipment. Seven of the Battalions motor transport prime movers are deadlined. One TD-15 is still deadlined at Camp Evans for extensive 3d echelon repairs. 3d Engineer Battalion has been tasked with movement of the vehicle to a maintenance facility. The overall maintenance situation is good.

6. Logistics. Overall logistics support remains good. T/E combat essential equipment shortages continue to be the key problem area. Electrical generators and communications equipment are the most urgently needed items. "Red Ball" supply action has been taken in most cases where circumstances dictate. A more efficient supply/logistics functioning is anticipated due to battalion supply being located at Quang Tri and consolidation is now taking place.

a. Food Services. The Battalion has served 65% "A" rations, 32% "B" rations, and 3% "C" rations during the reporting period. The battalion now operates three mess halls.

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b. Medical. There were 164 out patients treated by the BAS during the month. The Battalion had 10 WIA's and no KIA's during March.

7. Administration

a. The transition to Battery Administration within the Battalion took place on 1 March 1968. All batteries are now functioning in an excellent manner. The transition was smooth and orderly with no deficiencies or obstacles to mar the change over. Training of new administration personnel is being carried out in compliance with the training schedule.

b. There were four Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishments awarded during March. There were no courts-martial

- (1) Article 91, UCMJ
- (2) Article 92, UCMJ
- (3) Article 108, UCMJ
- (4) Article 113, UCMJ

8. Personnel. The average strength for the month was 86% of the authorized manning level. The battalion is currently operating at 87% of the manning level. During the month the battalion joined 3 officers and 52 enlisted. There were 4 officers rotated. There were 52 enlisted Marines either transferred or rotated.

9. Intelligence

a. Enemy Activity. The enemy has pulled back into the base areas in the Hai Lang National Forest and the Ba Long Valley. Occasional mortar and rocket attacks have taken place around the Ai Tu complex with little or no resulting damage. In the Cua Viet area, the NVA forces have dug in and are setting up a resupply route from North Vietnam in the area YD 269703 to YD 283671. As a means of interdicting the river traffic on the Cua Viet River between Dong Ha and the ocean, enemy forces have sniped at, ambushed, and mined convoys near the area slightly north of the DMZ, YD 180849, has shelled and rocketed Dong Ha, Marine units north of the Cua Viet River near YD 2869, and the Marine units at the mouth of the river, YD 3469.

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b. Enemy Intentions. With the withdrawal of the enemy forces into the base areas, activity has dropped considerably. It appears that they are retraining, regrouping, and getting ready for the rest of their Winter-Spring Offensive. The interdiction of the Cua Viet River and the shelling of the ammo dumps at Cua Viet and Dong Ha indicate the enemys desire to weaken our position logistically in I Corps. The build up of troops in the area north of the Cua Viet (YD 270704, YD 293684, and YD 270650) is for the purpose of staging the supplies and troops necessary for the assault on Quang Tri City. An indication of the enemys intention to do battle in the Quang Tri area can be seen by the increased numbers of medical personnel in the Gia Dang area (YD 4359) which is a reputed VC/NVA R&R-hospital area.

c. Administration. A study was initiated on the reliability and general effectiveness of the counter mortar and counter rocket plans for the Quang Tri vital area. The training program for the S-2 clerk was continued.

10. Communications-Electronics

a. During the month of March the battalion supported both the 3d Marine Division Rear located at Quang Tri, and the 3d Marine Regiment located at Cua Viet.

b. The battalion established a forward command group at Cua Viet, with communications for both the FDC and FSCG being co-located at the position.

c. The battalion displaced its FDC from the air strip to its new position near the edge of the perimeter at Quang Tri. Transition of communications was effected smoothly and professionally.

d. Communications, both wire and radio, were installed in the new Base Defense COC, located at Quang Tri. The battalion rear FSCG is located in the COC bunker.

e. The battalion communications section built an underground communications bunker. All radios for the battalion FDC are located in this bunker and are remoted into the FDC. Two sets of remote lines were installed, one set was for a back-up in the event that the other set of remote lines is knocked out by hostile fire. The bunker also has KY-8's bench mounted for use by the command. All radio gear is run by power from a PP-388.

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f. An inspection was held by the Communications Officer and the Communications Chief of all records and equipment of batteries located at Quang Tri. All units were found to be in a good state of readiness and operation.

g. The Forward Command Group displaced all communications from their original position at Cau Viet to a new Command bunker. No serious difficulties were encountered.

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PART IV

DEFENSE OF QUANG TRI

MARCH

1 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

2 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

3 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

4 March

Quang Tri Base Defense reported that sector 6 was receiving incoming small arms fire from YD 298573. At 2140H Battery "I" expended 29 rounds of illumination. Good illumination was the only surveillance.

At 1035H Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to YD 300551.

5 March

On 5 March Capt N.D. HAMILTON was relieved of command by WO-4 J.P. FELL. WO-4 J.P. FELL became the new CO of Headquarters Battery, 3/12 Marines.

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

6 March

COUGAR 8 (Army Air Calvary) requested a time on target on a rocket supply cache at YD 244495. At 2325H Battery "I" expended 10 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

7 March

At YD 28805285 Counter Mortar Radar requested fire on an active mortar site. At 2234H Battery "I" expended 18 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

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At 1035H Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines

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No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

9 March

Counter Mortar Radar reported mortars firing from YD 251619. At 0425H Battery "G" expended 10 rounds of HE. No surveillance was given for this mission.

10 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

11 March

Counter Mortar Radar reported an active mortar position at YD 348628. At 2350H Battery "I" expended 12 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

12 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

13 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

14 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

15 March

Between the hours of 0057H and 0142H Batteries "G" and "I" expended 423 rounds of HE on counter rocket fires. Quang Tri Base Defense reported that the incoming rockets were coming from YD 284553, YD 257554, YD 315520, and YD 284543. These missions were unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

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16 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

17 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

18 March

COUGAR 8 (Army Air Calvary) requested fire on a confirmed NVA position at YD 296450. At 0004H Battery "I" expended 18 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

19 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

20 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

21 March

At 2120H Battery "I" expended 18 rounds of HE on an NVA living area. COUGAR 8 (Army Air Calvary) called this mission in at YD 283482 and could give no surveillance.

22 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

23 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

24 March

COUGAR 8 (Army Air Calvary) requested fire on moving objects at YD 242528. At 2325H Battery "I" expended 30 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

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No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

26 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

27 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

28 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

29 March

QUICK COUGAR 8 (Army Air Calvary) requested fire on an NVA sleeping area at YD 267478. At 2020H Battery "I" expended 18 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

30 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

31 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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AND MISSIONS FIRED

DEFENSE OF QUANG TRI

MARCH

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	1	2	2	1	5	15	7	3	
Unobs	3		3	2		3	5		8
H&I's	69	74	96	93	79	100	69	70	46
TOTAL	73	76	101	96	84	118	81	73	54
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	314	452	426	333	357	642	564	125	181
WP		16			19	10	12	2	
ILL				29		2		52	
HC Smk	2	13							
155 HE									
WP									
ILL	1					12			
TOTAL	315	470	439	362	376	666	576	179	181
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									
KIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Obs	3	8	1	5	1	2		
Unobs	4	2	2			6		
H&I's	67	70	62	45	60	63	58	43
TOTAL	74	80	65	50	61	71	58	43
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE	117	275	204	121	94	544	118	132
WP	11	16		11	2			
ILL								
HC Smk								
155 HE								
WP								
ILL								
TOTAL	161	291	204	132	96	544	118	132
SURVEILLANCE								
KIA (C)								
KIA (P)								

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AND MISSIONS FIRED

DEFENSE OF QUANG TRI

MARCH

MISSIONS FIRED	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Obs	2	1			3	2	7	5
Unobs	1			4				
H&I's	83	75	50	69	71	66	58	41
TOTAL	86	76	50	73	74	68	65	46
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE	197	233	97	273	120	89	126	178
WP								10
111					1	1	31	14
HC Smk	2	3			3	1	6	
155 HE				16				
WP								
111								
TOTAL	199	236	97	289	124	91	170	202
SURVEILLANCE								
KIA (C)								
KIA (P)								

MISSIONS FIRED	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
Obs	16	5	2	2	2	5	108
Unobs	2			1	4		50
H&I's	44	32	51	43	43	32	1922
TOTAL	62	37	53	46	49	37	2080
AMMO EXPENDED							
105 HE	295	134	152	190	232	95	7440
WP	24	12			4	4	156
111	4	4	5	6	3	2	154
HC Smk	2	4				4	40
155 HE							16
WP							
111							
TOTAL	352	154	157	196	239	105	7826
SURVEILLANCE							
KIA (C)							0
KIA (P)							0

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NAPOLÉON/SALINE
MARCH

1 March

At 0800H Operation Napoleon/Saline commenced.

The Battalion Commander, the S-3, S-4 along with part of Headquarters 3/12 FDC section departed the CP to Cua Viet where they would take part in Operation Napoleon/Saline.

At 0800H, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed opcon of C/1/11, W/2/11, a detachment of W/1/12, and the 1st Platoon 1st Armor Amphibious Company.

2 March

WHISKEY MIKE (Mortar FO) requested fire on VC movement at YD 274673, YD 264674, YD 272663, YD 272657, and YD 276672. At 0304H Batteries "W" 2/11 and "C" 1/11 expended 11 rounds of WP and 170 rounds of HE. Movement stopped was the only surveillance reported.

BADMIT 64 (FO for 1st Amtracks) reported that they were receiving incoming recoilless rifle rounds from YD 265649. At 1435H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 5 rounds of WP and 51 rounds of HE. Rounds on target was the only surveillance.

Elements of 2/4 reported incoming mortars and artillery were coming from YD 285755 and YD 282760. At 1715 the LVT H-6 Platoon and "W" 1/12 expended 81 rounds of HE. No surveillance could be given on this unobserved mission.

John Brown Forward requested a prep fire in a tree line at YD 272657. At 1738H Battery "G" expended 16 rounds of WP and 210 rounds of HE with excellent coverage of target and one secondary explosion as the surveillance.

3 March

At 0920H "W" 1/12 expended 12 rounds of HE at 1 NVA in open. Whiskey MIKE (mortar FO) called this mission in at YD 297749 but could give no surveillance.

FIRE RAIDER 64 (FO for 3d Marines) reported that they were taking recoilless rifle fire from YD 267649. At 1350H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 4 rounds of WP and 26 rounds of HE. Rifle fire cease was the surveillance.

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GOLD LEMON (3/1's FSCC) requested a fire mission on NVA fortified bunkers at YD 266660. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 13 rounds of WP and 36 rounds of HE at 1500H. Negative surveillance was reported.

"W" Battery 2/11 at 1745H expended 1 round of WP and 36 rounds of HE on VC in a village. WHISKEY MIKE (mortar FO) called this mission in at YD 271659. Rounds on target was the only surveillance.

4 March

GOLD LEMON (3/1's FSCC) requested fire on a suspected VC ambush at YD 269672. At 0850H Battery "C" 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE. One bunker destroyed was the surveillance.

BADMIT (FO for 3d Marines) called fire on 10-20 NVA in open at YD 319705. At 2245H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 20 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

At 1200H Battery "G" expended 36 rounds of HE on NVA setting up mortars. John Brown Forward called this mission in at YD 263630. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

5 March

Elements of 1/3 requested a prep fire at YD 259631. Battery "G" at 1350H expended 2 rounds of WP and 26 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

SOUTHERN KILO (AO) requested fire on NVA in open at YD 250630. Battery "G" at 1620H expended 12 rounds of WP and 52 rounds of HE with negative results.

6 March

"W" Battery 2/11 displaced to YD 282668 and at 1700H reported that they were laid and ready to fire.

At 0440H Battery "G" expended 74 rounds of HE on 50 NVA in open. Elements of 1/3 called this mission in at YD 256626. No surveillance was given for this mission.

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SOUTHERN KILO (AO) requested fire on NVA in open at YD 253628. At 0755H Battery "G" expended 4 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE which resulted in 4 huts destroyed and 1 hut damaged.

CAT KILLER (AO) called a mission on NVA in a village at YD 253628. Battery "G" at 0925H expended 121 rounds of HE which resulted in 1 KIA (confirmed), 20 huts destroyed and 20 huts damaged.

7 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in a village at YD 264647. At 1129H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 6 rounds of WP and 32 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

Two (2) NVA in open was spotted by elements of 1/3 at YD 297750. "W" Battery 1/12 expended 6 round of HE at 1130H. One (1) KIA confirmed was the surveillance.

Between the hours of 1515H and 1816H Batteries "G" and "I" expended 3 rounds of WP and 108 rounds of HE on heavy automatic weapons fire from YD 29936240, YD 29736243, and YD 30236252. Elements of 1/3 called this mission in and gave as the surveillance 27 KIA's (confirmed) and 14 AK 47's captured.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA dug in at YD 266648. At 1550H "W" Battery 2/11 expended 20 rounds of CS, 36 rounds of WP and 40 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

8 March

Elements of 2/4 called fire on an active rocket position at YD 266648. At 0700H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 48 rounds of HE. Good coverage of target was the surveillance.

Ten (10) NVA in a village were spotted by elements of 2/4 at YD 271655. At 1050H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 80 rounds of HE. No surveillance was given on this mission.

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9 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in tree line at YD 265645. "C" Battery 1/11, at 1005H expended 6 rounds of HC smoke, 10 rounds of WP and 101 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in bunkers at YD 268650. At 1025H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 6 rounds of HC smoke, 25 rounds of WP and 258 rounds of HE. Seven (7) secondary explosions and 2 bunkers destroyed was the surveillance.

At 1404H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 110 rounds of HE on a fortified NVA ville at YD 258646. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in but could give no surveillance.

10 March

At 1801H Battery "G" expended 24 rounds of HE on a NVA fortified position at YD 344633 for John Brown Forward. One (1) KIA (confirmed) and 7 bloody bandages found around the area.

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on an NVA rocket site at YD 292754. At 1900H "W" Battery 1/12 expended 20 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of target was the only surveillance.

Elements of 2/4 requested a prep fire at YD 302681. At 0925H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 31 rounds of WP and 258 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

11 March

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on a VC company dug in at YD 337627. At 0645H Batteries "G" and "I" expended 112 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

"C" Battery 1/11 and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 84 rounds of HE on an active rocket site at YD 273704. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at 1125H but could give no surveillance.

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on 10 NVA in open at YD 283713. At 2350H "W" Battery 1/12 expended 24 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

At 1200H the Battalion CO departed for the rear position and returned on 13 March.

12 March

Major D.E. VOWELL (S-3) departed for the rear position. Capt S.B. GRIMES (S-3A) departed Quang Tri to replace Major VOWELL at Cua Viet.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in ville at YD 285 693. At 1424H "W" Battery 2/11 expended 62 rounds of CS with negative surveillance.

CAT KILLER (AO) requested fire on 25-30 NVA at YD 265 649. At 1450H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 5 rounds of WP and 13 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At 1715H Battery "C" 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 247 rounds of HE on NVA in ville. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 281693. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

13 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA bunkers at YD 279 691. At 1115H "W" Battery 2/11 expended 1 round of WP and 42 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA bunkers at YD 280 692. At 1600H "W" Battery 2/11 expended 381 rounds of HE which resulted in 5 KIA's (confirmed).

14 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on 6 NVA in open at YD 252 653. At 1120H "W" Battery 2/11 expended 19 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

At YD 303707 elements of 1/3 requested fire on 5 NVA. At 1355H Battery "W" 1/12 expended 4 rounds of HE which resulted in 3 WIA's (probable).

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in open at YD 274690. "W" Battery 2/11 expended 69 rounds of HE at 1735H. Five (5) KIA's (probable) was the surveillance.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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Elements of 2/4 requested fire on 2 NVA at YD 283704. At 0940H "C" Battery 1/11 responded by expending 2 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At 1340H elements of 2/4 requested fire on an active rocket position. The LVT H-6 Platoon responded by expending 14 rounds of WP and 22 rounds of HE at YD 270705. Negative surveillance was reported.

16 March

At 1730H, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines chopped opcon of "W" Battery 2/11 to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. At the same time 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed opcon of "W" Battery 3/12.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in a village at YD 261688. At 1538H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 2 rounds of WP and 18 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

Elements of 2/4 reported that they were taking incoming small arms fire from YD 260655. At 1910H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 64 rounds of HE. Small arms fire cease was the surveillance.

17 March

The FDC section from the 2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery departed Quang Tri at 0900H to replace the FDC section from Headquarters Battery at Cua Viet.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in a village at YD 261691. At 1220H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 40 rounds of HE which resulted in 2 KIA's (confirmed) and 3 KIA's (probable) as the surveillance.

At 1305H elements of 2/4 requested a time on target on a suspected NVA position. The LVT H-6 Platoon, "W" Battery 3/12, and "C" Battery 1/11 expended 12 rounds of HE which resulted in 3 KIA's (probable).

IV-12

ENCLOSURE (1)

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Elements of 2/4 requested fire on a suspected NVA position at YD 258685. At 0625H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 8 rounds of WP and 250 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

At 1605H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 33 rounds of HE on a active artillery position. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 270703. No surveillance was reported.

Elements of 2/4 reported that they were taking heavy rifle fire from YD 255653. At 1617H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 27 rounds of HE. Rifle fire cease was the surveillance.

19 March

At 1115H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 40 rounds of HE on counter rocket targets. FIRE RAIDER 24 (FO for 3d Marines) called this mission in at YD 28657592 and YD 286754. No surveillance could be given on this mission.

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on 50 NVA at YD 285705. At 2000H "W" Battery 1/12 expended 18 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

20 March

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on 7 NVA in open at YD 302710. At 1208H "W" Battery 1/12 expended 12 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in ville at YD 274 683. At 1730H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 44 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

21 March

At 1050H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 43 rounds of HE on an active mortar position. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 266700. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

IV-13

ENCLOSURE (1)
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~22 March

The 3d Marines FSCC requested fire on a fortified village at YD 269699 and YD 282712. At 2210H the LVT H-6 Platoon, "C" Battery 1/11, and "W" Battery 3/12 expended 56 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

23 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on 10 NVA in open at YD 262690. At 1050H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 66 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

24 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

25 March

At 1435H The LVT H-6 Platoon and "C" Battery 1/11 expended 125 rounds of HE on counter rocket targets. Elements of 1/3 called this mission in at YD 285755 and YD 283713. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

26 March

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on an active mortar position at YD 261631. At 1900H Battery "G" expended 6 rounds of WP and 30 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

Five (5) NVA in a village were spotted by elements of 2/4 at YD 279692. "W" Battery 3/12 expended 42 rounds of HE which resulted in 1 KIA (confirmed).

27 March

At YD 262700 elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in a village. At 1730H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 46 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

The LVT H-6 Platoon at 1510H expended 17 rounds of WP and 33 rounds of HE on an enemy storage area. AMERICAN BEAUTY GOLF (AO) called this mission in at YD 262688 and gave 1 KIA (confirmed), 1 bunker and 6 structures destroyed as the surveillance.

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ENCLOSURE (1)
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~28 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA bunkers at YD 275 703. At 0730H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 4 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE. Rounds on target was the only surveillance.

29 March

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on 4 NVA in open at YD 276 691. "C" Battery 1/11 at 1305H expended 2 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE which resulted in 4 KIA's (probable).

30 March

"C" Battery 1/11 at 1045H expended 53 rounds of HE on a counter artillery target. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 258748. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

Elements of 2/4 at 1056H requested fire on NVA in a ville. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 40 rounds of HE at YD 271704. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

The LVT H-6 Platoon at 2315H expended 124 rounds of HE on a fortified ville. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 270720. Rounds on target was the only surveillance.

31 March

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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ENCLOSURE (1)
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TABLE OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES
AND MISSIONS FIRED

NAPOLEON/SALINE

MARCH

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	50	31	14	12	27	39	30	19	18
Unobs	6	6	2	6	2	2	6	16	17
H&I's	38	31	50	32	32	34	33	32	32
TOTAL	94	68	76	50	61	75	69	67	67
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	919	546	613	439	410	665	540	459	600
WP	107	57	39	22	86	40	75	29	53
III	14	5			1	5	2		5
HC Smk	12	13			115				6
107 HE	457	96	90	65	12	82	292	143	320
WP	17	8	1			13	41	14	77
III	57		2						
CS									
TOTAL	1646	725	745	526	624	805	1079	645	1089
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)							28		
KIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Obs	16	8	20	30	13	28	17	9
Unobs	33	3	12	2	5	4	7	25
H&I's	40	73	48	48	59	45	55	37
TOTAL	89	84	80	80	77	77	79	71
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE	724	257	995	873	188	320	437	169
WP	51	22	23	82	10	58	17	14
III	3		4			1	2	1
HC Smk			6	27				
107 HE	186	187	402	1115	317	113	200	176
WP	61	4	11	6			3	
III								
CS				27				
TOTAL	1025	470	1441	2130	515	492	659	360
SURVEILLANCE								
KIA (C)				5				
KIA (P)					8			3

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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AND MISSIONS FIREDNAPOLEON/SALINE
MARCH

MISSIONS FIRED	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Obs	19	8	10	6	15	9	3	3
Unobs	37	27	21	24	4	7	2	25
H&I's	44	30	50	35	33	41	20	29
TOTAL	100	65	81	65	52	57	25	57
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE	772	317	209	255	258	221	94	492
WP	16	17	8	4	48	10		2
III		6				4		
HC Smk	5							
107 HE	467	179	283	133	98	175	21	120
WP	5	3	6	4	5	2	1	
III	9							
CS								
TOTAL	1274	522	506	396	409	412	116	614
SURVEILLANCE								
KIA (C)								
KIA (P)				3				

MISSIONS FIRED	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
Obs	12	13	7	19	24	11	540
Unobs	8	29	28	28	30	18	442
H&I's	28	36	37	33	25	38	1198
TOTAL	48	78	72	80	79	67	2180
AMMO EXPENDED							
105 HE	233	391	284	369	1126	577	14752
WP	24	23	89	17	187	39	1332
III	1	2	1	1	2		60
HC Smk						21	205
107 HE	90	111	113	67	112	10	6232
WP	5	1	3	12	20		323
III				2	2		72
CS							184
TOTAL	353	528	490	468	1449	647	23160
SURVEILLANCE							
KIA (C)	1						34
KIA (P)				4			15

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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