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## Subordinate Units

Battery "G" 3d Battalion  
12th Marines, 3d Marine  
Division (Rein)Capt G.V. THURMOND  
083878/0802  
1-30 Apr 68Battery "I" 3d Battalion  
12th Marines, 3d Marine  
Division (Rein)Capt G.C. HEARN  
076973/0802  
1-30 Apr 68Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion  
12th Marines, 3d Marine  
Division (Rein)WO-4 J.P. BELL  
043735/2010  
1-30 Apr 681st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery  
3d Battalion, 12th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein)Capt S.J. HAYES  
093169/0802  
1-14 Apr 68  
Capt W.K. LAW  
092636/0802  
15-30 Apr 682nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery  
3d Battalion, 12th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein)1stLt F.W. DRUMMOND  
094400/0802  
1-20 Apr 68  
1stLt J.P. GLASGOW  
094411/0802  
21-30 Apr 68

## Attached Units

240th Field Artillery Group  
Counter Mortar Radar  
U.S. ArmyCWO F.W. CROSBY  
W2215890/211A8  
1-30 Apr 68"A" Battery, 1st Battalion  
40th Artillery U.S. ArmyCapt W.D. WATSON  
05419913/1193  
27-30 Apr 68

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

Capt. P.A. MacLAUGHIN  
079551/0802  
1-7 Apr 68  
1stLt R.L. BUCKHAMMER  
094227/0802  
8-30 Apr 68

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

Capt. F.X. SULLIVAN  
081078/0802  
1-30 Apr 68

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

1stLt M.M. VATER  
0100008/0802  
1-30 Apr 68

1st Platoon, 1st Armor  
Amphibious Company, FME

2ndLt J.T. FOWLER  
0101908/1802  
1-30 Apr 68

2. Location

1-30 April 1968 Command Group "A" YD 346697 Cua Viet,  
Republic of Vietnam

1-30 April 1968 Headquarters (Rear) YD 300551 Quang Tri  
Province, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

## a. Executive Officer

Major G.E. ELLIOTT  
074987/0802  
1-14 Apr 68  
Major D.E. VOWELL  
076105/0802  
15-30 Apr 68

## b. S-1 Adjutant/Legal Officer

WO-1 F.P. DURBINO  
098602/0130  
1-30 Apr 68

## c. S-2 Officer

1stLt C.P. JAMESON  
092878/0802  
1-30 Apr 68

## d. S-3 Officer

Major D.E. VOWELL  
076105/0802  
1-14 Apr 68  
Capt S.B. GRIMES  
082336/0802  
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Capt S.B. GRIMES  
082336/0802  
1-14 Apr 68  
Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY  
082781/0802  
17-30 Apr 68

f. S-4 Officer

Capt A.D. NASTRI  
082249/0802  
1-30 Apr 68

g. Communications Officer

Capt G.E. CADMAN  
091721/2502  
1-20 Apr 68  
1stLt W.T. FITCHFORD  
095452/2502  
21-30 Apr 68

h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt L. LUDWIG  
0101245/3502  
1-30 Apr 68

i. Supply Officer

1stLt J.D. BLEVINS  
095582/3002  
1-5 Apr 68  
2ndLt S.M. EASTON  
0103464/3002  
6-30 Apr 68

j. Survey Officer

1stLt R.W. MARSTELLER  
0101268/0802  
1-30 Apr 68

k. Liaison Officer

Major J.C. DEEMER  
076888/0802  
1-30 Apr 68

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
37	505

USM	
Off	Enl
0	11

OTHER	
Off	Enl
0	0

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PART II

The month of April opened with the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continuing the three simultaneous missions of direct support of the 3d Marines on Operation Napoleon/Saline in the Cua Viet area, general support-reinforcing of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, U.S. Army, on Operation Pegasus and Jeb Stuart II in the Quang Tri area, and direct Support for the defense of the Quang Tri airfield complex.

The entire month was highlighted with several moves by complete batteries and portions of batteries. The first move started on the 1st day of April with the 1st Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibious Company returning to YD 745697. This unit had been moved to the C-4 position during March to maintain close and continuous artillery support for elements of the 3d Marines on a sweep to the Northern boundaries of the 3d Marines A.O. This gave the added capability to fire up to the Ben Hai River.

On 3 April, one (1) 4.2 inch mortar from Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was chopped to Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine.

On 15 April, Major D.E. VOWELL replaced Major G.E. ELLIOTT, who rotated to CONUS, as the Executive Officer of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. The Assistant S-3, Capt. S.B. GRIMES then became the S-3 Officer.

The 17th of April, Capt. R.G. HOLLIDAY reported in to the Battalion and was assigned the duties of Assistant S-3. Also on this day, India Battery displaced to YD 474564 to support the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines operating in the Wunder Beach area.

In order to fill the void left by the displacement of India Battery, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed Operational Control of "A" Battery, 1st of the 40th, an M108 SP Battery. This unit arrived on 17 April in the Quang Tri area and occupied the previous position of India Battery, at YD 313544.

The 21st of April, 1st Lt. W.F. PITCHFORD reported in to the Battalion as the Communications Officer, vice Capt. G.E. CADMAN.

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## OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE

JUNE

MISSIONS FIRED	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
Obs	9	3	1	9	9	4	7	6	4
Unobs	22			7	1	1		3	3
H&I's	31	17	72	31	36	20	17	26	22
TOTAL	62	20	73	47	46	25	24	35	29
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	136	75	128	265	285	49	309	447	90
WP	2	3	2	2	10		9	32	4
ILL						12	19		
HC Smk	3	1					27		
Firecracker									
155 HE									
WP									
ILL									
107 HE	18	28	16	18	42	12	8		33
WP	10			3			5		
ILL									
TOTAL	169	107	146	288	337	73	377	479	127
SURVEILLANCE									
XIA (C)								60	
XIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	30th	TOTAL
Obs		211
Unobs		352
H&I's	19	785
TOTAL	19	1348
AMMO EXPENDED		
105 HE	64	6543
WP		228
ILL		46
HC Smk		35
Firecracker		206
155 HE		54
WP		
ILL		
107 HE	12	2805
WP		32
ILL		53
TOTAL	76	10002
SURVEILLANCE		
XIA (C)		60
XIA (P)		13

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AND MISSIONS FIRED

OPERATION NEPOLEON/SALINE

JUNE

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Obs	14	15	15	6	2	7	10	4	8	6	8
Unobs	14	7	14	16	16	6	7	13	22	31	4
H&I's	25	31	28	35	61	25	19	21	21	29	25
TOTAL	53	53	57	57	79	38	36	38	51	66	37
AMMO EXPENDED											
105 HE	329	135	245	217	145	231	340	137	489	193	136
WP	17	20	13	2	2	3	11		13	11	16
ILL			1								2
HC Smk											
Firecracker		18	36			14	18				
155 HE					48						
WP											
ILL											
107 HE	105	158	140	209	278	138	114	96	126	132	116
WP	3						2				
ILL	8	7	4	6	3	8	6				
TOTAL	462	338	439	434	476	394	491	239	628	336	270
SURVEILLANCE											
KIA (C)											
KIA (P)		7		4							2

MISSIONS FIRED	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
Obs	6	4	6	7	4	15	4	4	14
Unobs	9	16	14	21	15	20	37	32	1
H&I's	20	29	32	29	17	15	9	5	18
TOTAL	35	49	52	57	36	50	50	41	33
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	212	193	217	194	194	361	314	193	220
WP	10	5	3	3	2	13	8	6	6
ILL					9			3	
HC Smk							4		
Firecracker							110		10
155 HE									
WP									
ILL									
107 HE	185	169	189	181	115	92	27	48	
WP	7		2						
ILL	4	3		4					
TOTAL	418	370	411	382	320	466	463	250	236
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									
KIA (P)									

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## PART II

1. During the month of June the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines continued its mission of direct support of the 3rd Marines for Operation Napoleon Saline in the Cua Viet Area. In addition to its primary mission, the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines provided direct support for the defense of the Quang Tri Airfield Complex and general support-reinforcing for the 1st Air Cavalry Division.
2. On 1 June Quick Cougar 8, Division Artillery for the 1st Air Cavalry Division, located in the Jeb Stuart III AO, requested a time on target to be fired on a battalion of VC at YD 326625. "I" Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines expended 108 rounds of HE at 0250H 2 June 68.
3. On 2 June the Forward Observer for 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Badmitten Bravo, requested fire on 7 NVA in the open at YD 29467299. "C" Battery 1st Battalion 11th Marines expended 18 rounds of firecracker. The forward observer reported 7 probable NVA KIA.
4. "C" Battery 1st Battalion, 11th Marines was chopped to 12th Marines on 3 June to lead aboard ship for an assignment in the Da Nang area.
5. On 4 June "I" Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was chopped to Task Force Hotel.
6. 2nd Lt. C.W. ULRICH relieved 1st Lt. W.T. PITCHFORD as the Battalion Communications Officer on 7 June. 1st Lt. PITCHFORD returned to CONUS. On the same day Badmitten Bravo, a forward observer for the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, requested fire on 20 NVA in the open at YD 288711. The LVT H-6 platoon fired 3 rounds of WP and 45 rounds of HE. The surveillance was reported as 4 probable NVA KIA.
7. On 8 June the Counter Mortar detachment of the 240th Field Artillery Group was chopped to 12th Marines.
8. During 9 June the LVT H-6 platoon expended 3 rounds of WP and 52 rounds of HE on enemy bunkers. Elements of 3rd Battalion 3rd Marines requested the mission at YD 283689. The surveillance was reported as 10 bunkers destroyed.

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9. Elements of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines requested fire on 10 NVA in the open on 11 June at YD 282695. The LVT H-6 platoon fired 5 rounds of WP and 48 rounds of HE. Two probable NVA KIA were reported by the forward observer.
10. During 12 June LVT H-6 platoon fired 2 rounds of WP and 86 rounds of HE. Elements of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines observed fire on a known enemy position with lightly constructed bunkers at YD 251708. Five bunkers were reported destroyed.
11. On 14 June the Naval Gunfire Spot team requested fire on fortified bunkers at YD 280760. The LVT H-6 platoon expended 26 rounds of HE. Reinforcing fires were requested from 12th Marines. An 8 inch platoon entered into a precision destruction mission. The final surveillance was 3 bunkers destroyed. During another mission the LVT H-6 platoon fired 77 rounds of HE on a suspected enemy position for 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. The mission accounted for the destruction of several M-79 rounds, satchel charges, and one 140 mm rocket. Blood stains were also found in the vicinity of the target area.
12. On 15 June Hotel Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines displaced from C-1 to Cua Viet. The battery was located at YD 346694. "H" Battery traveled by convoy from C-1 to the boat ramp at Dong Ha. The battery was loaded aboard two U boats at Dong Ha and transported down the Cua Viet river.
13. During 16 June "W" Battery 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was chopped to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. "W" Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines displaced from Mai Xa Thi to Quang Tri on this day. Once again the move entailed transporting the battery by boat and by land convoy. "W" Battery occupied the battery position at YD 30955412 where "W" Battery 1st Battalion, 13th Marines had been located.
14. On 17 June the Naval Gunfire spot team observed 12 NVA using an established infiltration route about 0345 hours. The LVT H-6 platoon fired 4 rounds of WP and 112 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of the target was reported by the forward observer. During the same day the LVT H-6 platoon expended 38 rounds of HE on NVA bunkers at YD 28767553. The surveillance was reported as 3 bunkers destroyed. About 2150 hours the Naval Gunfire team located at Ocean View observed a NVA aircraft. The LVT H-6 platoon expended 6 rounds of WP, 42 rounds of HE and 28 rounds of firecracker at YD 28607564. Excellent coverage of the target was reported.

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15. On 23 June Hotel Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was chopped opcon to Task Force Hotel. "C" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines became opcon to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. Hotel Battery changed battery locations with "C" Battery. The batteries were airlifted by a CH-53 helicopter. Both batteries were successfully moved in one day. The rolling stock followed its respective batteries by surface means the following day.

16. On 24 June "C" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines displaced by Mike boat to the Mai Xa Thi area at YD 287672. It was felt that "C" Battery could better support the infantry from this position in a forth coming operation as well as Operation Napoleon Saline. The same day "B" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to the C-2 area to become opcon to the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines.

17. The morning of 25 June, command group Alfa displaced with the Command Group of the 3rd Marine Regiment to C-2. A complete FDC team remained at Cua Viet in order to provide a fire direction capability for the LVT H-6 platoon. Captain J.W. FRAIM, Commanding Officer, "C" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, was designated as Battery Group Commander for "C" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, LVT H-6 platoon and the "W" platoon at C-4. Captain FRAIM was assigned the task of coordinating the fires in the Napoleon Saline AO during the time Command Group Alfa was engaged in Operation Kentucky. The personnel from Command Group Alfa were airlifted by CH-46 helicopters from Cua Viet to C-2. "A" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to the C-3 location and became opcon to the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines in order to provide direct support for the operation in Leatherneck Square.

18. On 27 June a forward observer team in the Napoleon Saline AO requested a fire mission on 500 NVA in a ville at YD 398634. From 1600H to 2330H the LVT H-6 platoon expended 6 rounds of illumination, 10 rounds of WP, 27 rounds of HC smoke, and 415 rounds of HE. The surveillance for the mission was reported as 60 confirmed NVA KIA and 14 NVA POWS. The same day Major J.H. STANTON reported to the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines to become the S-3. He replaced Captain R.G. HOLLIDAY who became the assistant S-3.

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19. During 30 June, Command Group Alfa accompanied the Command Group of the 3rd Marine Regiment in an air lift from C-2 to Mai Xa Thi. "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines displaced from C-2 to My Loc located at YD 306683. The battery traveled by road from C-2 to Dong Ha. Upon its arrival at Dong Ha, "B" Battery loaded aboard Mike boats. The Mike boats transported the battery down the Cua Viet River to My Loc. "A" Battery 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was chopped to 12th Marines.

20. The month of June ended with the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines performing its primary mission of direct support of the 3rd Marine Regiment. A total of 9 battery moves were completed without incident. Headquarters Battery 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines was required to coordinate 5 of the battery displacements between land and water transportation. The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines continued to provide direct support for the Quang Tri Airfield Complex and general support reinforcing for the 1st Air Cavalry Division. During June, the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines expended a total of 17,579 rounds.

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## PART III

## Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

1. Combat Missions Assigned

a. 1-30 June 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment.

b. 1-30 June 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the Defense of the Quang Tri Airfield Complex.

c. 1-30 June 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in general support-reinforcing of the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Operation Napoleon/Saline

b. Operation Kentucky

c. Operation Jeb Stuart III

3. Casualties inflicted on the Enemy

a. KIA (C) 60

b. KIA (P) 13

4. Casualties Sustained

a. KIA 1

b. WIA 3

c. Died (NBC) 1

5. Equipment. The initiation of turn-in on the M-422 was begun during the month. Twenty-two M151's were picked up and distributed within the Battalion. An FMFPac contact team visited the Battalion in order to school Battalion personnel on maintenance and driving characteristics of the new vehicles. With two firing batteries working in the Khe Sanh area continuous maintenance program has been difficult to achieve. Constant emphasis continues to be placed on 1st echelon maintenance.

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6. Logistics. General logistics support remains good. As with last month, T/E combat essential shortages continue to be a problem area, although a number of communications items were received, communications equipment is still the most critically needed missing items. All necessary supply action to check and follow up requisitions has been initiated.

The Battalion is still operating two main areas and has adcon units in the Khe Sanh area and DaNang. Support to all the areas has been carried on with relative ease throughout the month. Extra effort was placed in clearing 105mm and 4.2 inch ammunition from a position on the Cua Viet via landing craft early in the month.

The Quang Tri Battalion position was improved during the month with the leveling and oiling of the main road through the area. Work is scheduled to begin on approximately seven strong backs for the Hq area. The Battalion still maintains 3 positions in the Quang Tri complex.

An operation toward the end of the month had the Battalion CP located at C-2 position with two additional 105 Batteries. Logistics support was kept to a minimum with the units drawing from on-position assest.

a. Food Services. The Battalion has served 80% "A" rations, 15% "B" rations, and 5% "C" rations during the reporting period. Two messhalls are still operating in the Quang Tri area with the Hq mess being the largest, feeding Hq 3/12, USAF personnel, and "W" 3/12. Baking is still done nightly in the Hq messhall. Mess personnel recently finished louvering the galley for better ventilation and proper blackout at night.

b. Medical. There were 121 outpatients treated by the BAS during the month. The battalion had 1 (one) KIA and 1 (one) WIA during the month.

7. Administration. The Battalion had one Special court martial during the month of June. There were 2 Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishment awarded during the month.

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8. Personnel. The average strength for the month was 85% of the maining level. During the month the battalion joined 3 Marine Officers and 23 Marine Enlisted. There were 42 enlisted Marines either transferred or rotated.

9. Intelligence

a. Enemy Activity. There has been a general decrease in enemy activity within the area of operations of this battalion, as well as throughout the division AO. The Cua Viet/Camp Kistler area continued to receive enemy artillery fire on a sporadic basis. The Ai Tu combat base received enemy rocket fire on one occasion during this month.

b. Enemy Intentions. Indications are that the enemy continues to consider the interdiction of traffic along the Cua Viet River as a primary goal. Continued efforts to accomplish this mission are to be expected. Overall, enemy strategy remains calculated to improve its position in regards to peace talks.

10. Communications-Electronics

a. During the month of May the communications section continued to support the tactical and operational requirements of the battalion.

b. During the early part of the month, communications assets were heavily taxed in supporting two FDC's. With the reduction of the Quang Tri FDC this problem was greatly relieved. The communications assets in the Quang Tri area continued to support local camp services, monitor of major fire direction nets, and complete communications support for the FSCC of the Quang Tri Base Defense.

c. With the displacement of the battalion forward from Cua Viet to C-2 a light and mobile communications forward section was displaced. Communications during the move were continuous and installed promptly and professionally at the new position. Smoother operating conditions were allowed by the double remoting of radios to a separate FDC and FSCC. A skeleton communications crew and equipment were left at Cua Viet.

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d. Liaison with opcon batteries at C-2 brought to light a need for additional C.O.I. extracts and operational codes for these batteries. Administrative action was taken to provide these items to opcon batteries for a particular operation.

e. The helicopter lift to Mai Xa Thi at the end of June was again effected with continuous and profitable communications. Tactical communications were installed promptly and professionally.

f. During the time of continuous forward tactical operation of the battalion, communication supply channels have been instituted to allow rapid and responsive resupply from the rear position. Extensive efforts have been made, with measurable success, to insure rotation of equipment for maintenance in the rear and the periodic rotation of personnel. In view of the highly mobile tactical situation, an embarkation program has progressed through the month.

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093169/0802  
1-30 Jun 68

## Attached Units

240th Field Artillery Group  
Counter Mortar Radar  
U.S. ArmyCWO F.W. CROSBY  
W2215890/211A8  
1-8 Jun 68Battery "C" 1st Battalion  
11th Marines, 1st Marine  
Division (Rein)Capt J.A. MURRAY  
085421/0802  
1-3 Jun 68Battery "H" 3d Battalion  
12th Marines, 3d Marine  
Division (Rein)1stLt A.D. NETTLINGHAM  
095594/0802  
1-23 Jun 68

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c. S-2 Officer	1stLt R.W. SHUGART 0100675/0802 1-30 Jun 68
d. S-3 Officer	Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY 082781/0802 1-26 Jun 68 Major J.E. STANTON 077738/0802 27-30 Jun 68
e. S-3A Officer	1stLt J.H. MURPHY 0100535/0802 1-26 Jun 68 Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY 27-30 Jun 68
f. S-4 Officer	Capt A.D. NASTRI 082249/0802 1-30 Jun 68
g. Communications Officer	1stLt W.T. PITCHFORD 095452/2502 1-6 Jun 68 2nd C.W. ULRICH 0102660/2502 7-30 Jun 68
h. Motor Transport Officer	1stLt L. LUDWIG 0101245/3502 1-30 Jun 68
i. Supply Officer	2ndLt S.M. EASTON 0103464/3002 1-30 Jun 68
j. Survey Officer	1stLt R.W. MARSTELLER 0101268/0802 1-30 Jun 68
k. Liaison Officer	Capt F.H. WITTIE 072268/0802 1-30 Jun 68
4. <u>Average Monthly Strength</u>	

USMC  
Off 35 Enl 496

USN  
Off 1 Enl 11

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Off 0 Enl 0

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NAPOLEON/SALINE

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on 20 NVA in open at 0215H. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 150 rounds of HE at YD 264710. Surveillance was reported as negative.

Elements of 3/21 reported that they were receiving enemy sniper rounds at YD 27557027. "W" Battery 1/12 expended 124 rounds of HE at 0445H with no surveillance reported.

At 1000H elements of 3/21 requested fire on NVA in the open. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 109 rounds of HE at YD 283699. The surveillance was reported as 5 KIA's (confirmed).

At 1855H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 277 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of WP on 150 NVA. Elements of 3/21 called this mission in at YD 255714 and gave 75 KIA's (confirmed) as the surveillance.

8 May

Elements of 3/21 at 1302H requested a prep fire at YD 255714. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 82 rounds of WP and 15 rounds of HE. The surveillance was reported as good shooting.

9 May

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on 20 NVA at YD 292706. At 2125H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 1 round of WP and 111 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

At 2200H elements of 3/21 requested fire on 15 NVA at YD 302701. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 78 rounds of HE with no surveillance.

Elements of 3/21 at 2325H requested fire on 300 NVA at YD 267710. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 811 rounds of HE which resulted in 40 KIA's (confirmed).

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10 May

At 1620H elements of 3/21 requested fire on 20 NVA at YD 278717. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 30 rounds of HE. No surveillance was given for this mission.

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on NVA in open at YD 25917036. The LVT H-6 Platoon at 2110H expended 34 rounds of HE and 4 rounds of WP. The surveillance was reported as 1 KIA (confirmed).

NVA movement was reported by elements of 3/21 at 2150H. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 162 rounds of HE and 3 rounds of WP. The surveillance for this mission was reported as good shooting.

Elements of 3/21 at 0510H requested fire on concentrated sniper fire from YD 26157102. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 271 rounds of HE and 1 round of WP. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

11 May

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on suspected NVA at YD 269717. At 0115H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 135 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

At 0130H "D" Battery 3/82 expended 24 rounds of HE on a suspected enemy location. Elements of 3/21 called this mission in at YD 272699. The surveillance for this mission was 2 KIA's (confirmed) and 1 KIA (probable).

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on NVA movement at YD 275698. At 0335H "D" Battery 3/82 expended 3 rounds of WP and 113 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

Birth Control 8 (Army Air Cavalry) requested fire on NVA in treeline at YD 24296723. At 1445H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 189 rounds of HE. The surveillance was 2 KIA's (confirmed).

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At 1758H Birth Control 16 (Army Air Cavalry) requested fire on 50 NVA in open at YD 249668. Battery "C" 1/11 and the 2nd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery expended 9 rounds of WP and 378 rounds of HE. The surveillance was reported as 36 KIA's (confirmed).

12 May

"W" Battery 3/12 expended 1 round of WP and 8 rounds of HE on 1 NVA with automatic weapon at YD 275705. Elements of 3/21 called this mission in at 1620H and gave 1 KIA (confirmed) as the surveillance

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on 10 NVA in open at YD 267712. At 0415H "D" Battery 3/82 expended 1 round of WP and 84 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

Elements of 2/4 at 1817H requested fire on NVA movement. "G" Battery 1/11 expended 135 rounds of HE at YD 251661. Four (4) KIA's (confirmed) was the surveillance reported for this mission.

At 0755H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 76 rounds of HE on NVA in ville. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 252659. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

Cat Killer (AO) requested fire on NVA in bunkers at YD 24767176. At 1420H "D" Battery 3/82 expended 3 rounds of WP and 460 rounds of HE which resulted in negative surveillance.

13 May

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA at YD 250660. At 0555H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 16 rounds of HE which resulted in 15 KIA's (confirmed), captured 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, and 1 light machine gun.

At YD 278710 3 NVA in open were fired on by elements of 3/21. "D" Battery 3/28 expended 9 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of WP. The surveillance was reported as 2 KIA's (probable).

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## NAPOLEON/SALINE

At 2000H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 131 rounds of illumination on a request for continuous illumination. Elements of 3/21 called this mission in at YD 277702. Good illumination was the only surveillance reported.

The Naval Gunfire Team at C-4 requested fire on 5 NVA at YD 29117145. At 0245 "C" Battery 1/11 expended 45 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

14 May

Between the hours of 0100H and 0600H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 130 rounds of illumination. Elements of 3/21 requested continuous illumination at YD 277702. Good illumination was the only surveillance.

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on an automatic weapons position at YD 256702. At 0340H "D" Battery 3/82 expended 46 rounds of HE. Three (3) automatic weapons stopped firing.

Between the hours of 2000H and 0600H Battery "D" 3/82 expended 587 rounds of illumination. Elements of 3/21 requested continuous illumination at YD 270706. Good illumination was the only surveillance.

The 3d Marines FSCC requested fire on an infiltration route at YD 255756. At 1030H "D" Battery 3/82 expended 117 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

15 May

Elements of 3/21 requested fire on 3 NVA in open at YD 289690. At 2120H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 23 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported.

16 May

At 0300H the FO for 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion requested fire on 5 NVA in a tree line. "W" Battery 1/12 expended 25 rounds of HE at 295705. No surveillance on this mission.

3d Marines FSCC requested fire on active mortars at YD 285720 and YD 285763. At 1310H "W" 1/12 expended 8 rounds of WP and 50 rounds of HE; LVT H-6 Platoon expended 38 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage on target was reported.

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At 1613H the LVT H-6 Platoon and "C" Battery 1/11 expended 99 rounds of HE on a suspected NVA Battalion at YD 252661. The 3d Marines FSCC called in this unobserved mission.

17 May

Elements of 2/4 reported that they were receiving incoming small arms fire from YD 252719. At 0955H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 24 rounds of WP and 26 rounds of HE which resulted in 2 KIA's (confirmed).

At 1100H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 2 rounds of HC Smoke and 41 rounds of HE on sniper fire. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 249717. Sniper fire cease was the only surveillance reported.

18 May

Elements of 2/4 at 0625H requested fire on suspected NVA movement. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 45 rounds of HE at YD 285688. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

19 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

20 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

21 May

Bad Mit Bravo (FO for 1st Amtracks) requested fire on 5 NVA in open at YD 287719. At 2345H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 1 round of WP and 20 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

22 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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23 May

The LVT H-6 Platoon and "C" Battery 1/11 at 2045H expended 108 rounds of HE on a suspected NVA Battalion. This mission was reported by 3/12's S-2 at YD 389636. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

The 3d Marines FSCC requested fire on a suspected infiltration route at YD 254755. At 2250H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 5 rounds of WP and 16 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

24 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

25 May

The Naval Gunfire Team at C-4 requested fire on 11 NVA at YD 254755. At 0410H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 2 rounds of WP and 32 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of target was the only surveillance reported.

Elements of 1/3 requested a prep fire at YD 389628. At 0940 the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 7 rounds of WP and 198 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported on this mission.

Elements of 2/4 reported that they were taking incoming small arms fire from YD 282716. At 1530H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 2 rounds of HC Smoke, 16 rounds of WP, and 273 rounds of HE. The surveillance was reported as 97 KIA's (confirmed).

Southern Bravo (AO) requested fire on NVA in treeline at YD 288715. "C" Battery 1/11 at 1807H expended 2 rounds of WP and 42 rounds of HE. Two KIA's (confirmed) was the surveillance.

At 2016H elements of 3/3 requested fire on heavy enemy contact. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 1 round of WP and 126 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of target was the only surveillance.

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NAPOLEON/SALINE

26 May

Elements of 3/3 requested fire on suspected enemy movement at YD 25056454. At 0025H "I" Battery 3/12 expended 1 round of WP and 85 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of target was the surveillance.

Elements of 3/3 reported that they were receiving sniper fire from YD 25246602. Battery "W" 3/12 at 0345H expended 1 round of WP and 66 rounds of HE. Snipers ceased fire was the only surveillance.

At YD 256668 "W" Battery 3/12 expended 1 round of WP and 440 rounds of HE on a Prep Fire. Elements of 3/3 called this mission in at 0550H. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

Elements of 3/3 reported that they were receiving sniper fire from YD 25246602. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 76 rounds of HE at 0622H. No surveillance was given on this mission.

At YD 24626502 elements of 3/3 reported NVA in tree line. "I" Battery 3/12 fired 2 rounds of WP, 100 rounds of HE, and 6 rounds of Firecracker at 0540H. There was no surveillance reported for this mission.

Elements of 3/3 reported NVA in the open at YD 24626557. "I" Battery 3/12 at 0701H fired 2 rounds of WP and 22 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

A known enemy position was reported by elements of 3/3 at YD 254656. At 0855H "C" Battery 1/11 fired 1 round of WP and 33 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported.

Elements of 2/4 reported 50 NVA in the open at YD 263710. At 2255H "C" Battery 1/11 fired 1 round of WP and 40 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was given.

"C" Battery 1/11 expended 3 rounds of WP and 20 rounds of HE on YD 280719. Elements of 2/4 requested fire on this suspected enemy base camp at 2350H. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

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27 May

Elements of 2/4 reported NVA in the open at YD 265724. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 36 rounds of HE at 0215H. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

At YD 28047158 elements of 2/4 reported a confirmed infiltration route. 2 rounds of WP and 36 rounds of HE were expended by "C" Battery 1/11 at 0355H. No surveillance was given for this mission.

1005H elements of 2/4 requested cover fire at YD 279719. "C" Battery expended 2 rounds of WP and 36 rounds of HE on this mission. No surveillance was given.

Elements of 2/9 reported active enemy mortars at YD 234729. 2 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE were expended by "H" Battery 3/12 at 1220H. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

At YD 243717 elements of 2/9 reported active enemy mortars. "H" Battery 3/12 expended 48 rounds of HE at 1745H. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

1930H elements of 2/9 reported active enemy mortars at YD 244726. "H" Battery 3/12 expended 162 rounds of HE for this mission. Negative surveillance was given.

The 3d Marines FSOC requested a Time on Target at YD 246727. "C" Battery 1/11 and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 66 rounds of HE at 2305H. No surveillance was given.

At 2325H the 3d Marines FSOC requested a Time on Target at YD 250727. "C" Battery 1/11 and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 66 rounds of HE for this mission. Negative surveillance was given.

28 May

The 3d Marines FSOC requested a Time on Target at YD 246725. At 0445H the LVT H-6 Platoon and "C" Battery 1/11 expended 72 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved therefore no surveillance was given.

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The 3d Marines FSCC requested a Time on Target at YD 250727. At 0506H the LVT H-6 Platoon and "C" Battery 1/11 expended 72 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved therefore no surveillance was given.

At 1205H the 3d Marines FSCC requested fire on an active enemy mortar position. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 38 rounds of HE on YD 255758. This mission was unobserved therefore no surveillance was given.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on an enemy artillery position at YD 270780. At 1230H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 54 rounds of HE on this mission. No surveillance was given.

At 2355H the 3d Marines FSCC requested fire on suspected enemy concentrations at YD 249719, YD 247725, YD 250730, YD 244736, and YD 259738. The LVT H-6 Platoon and "C" Battery 1/11 expended 138 rounds of HE on this mission. This mission was unobserved therefore no surveillance was given.

### 29 May

Elements of 2/9 requested fire on active enemy small arms fire at YD 245706. At 0800H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 3 rounds of WP and 30 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was given.

At 0815H elements of 2/4 requested fire on active enemy mortars at YD 263722. "H" Battery 3/12 expended 90 rounds of HE on this mission. No surveillance was given.

Elements of 1/3 reported an enemy position at YD 24407077. At 0850H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 21 rounds of HC Smoke and 58 rounds of HE. No surveillance was given.

At YD 247722 elements of 2/9 reported a suspected enemy position. "H" Battery expended 1 round of WP and 48 rounds of HE at 1005H. No surveillance was given.

12th Marines FDC requested fire on NVA at YD 238707. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 9 rounds of WP and 35 rounds of HE at 1035H. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

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At YD 24407077 elements of 1/3 requested fire on an enemy position. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 36 rounds of HC Smoke and 8 rounds of WP on this mission. No surveillance was given. This mission took place at 1155H.

At 1255H elements of 2/9 requested fire on the enemy in a bunker at YD 245712. "H" Battery 3/12 expended 1 round of WP and 19 rounds of HE. This mission was observed, but no surveillance.

Elements of 1/3 requested fire on enemy snipers at YD 24797095. At 1440H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 665 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was given.

At YD 25067212 elements of 1/9 requested fire on NVA in the open and active mortars. At 1950H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 2 rounds of WP and 72 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was given.

### 30 May

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in the open at YD 244700. At 0635H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 2 rounds of HC Smoke, 5 rounds of WP, and 26 rounds of HE. No surveillance was given.

At YD 24367089 elements of 1/3 reported suspected NVA movements. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 1 round of HC Smoke, 2 rounds of WP and 50 rounds of HE at 0635H. Negative surveillance was given.

At 1145H elements of 1/9 requested a Prep Fire at YD 248722. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 2 rounds of WP and 73 rounds of HE on this mission of which no surveillance was given.

Elements of 1/9 reported active enemy mortars at YD 24467266. The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 4 rounds of WP, 43 rounds of HC Smoke, and 243 rounds of HE at 1427H. No surveillance was given.

### 31 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 Hour period.

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NAPOLEON/SALINE  
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MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	6	31	20	21	15	27	30	19	29
Unobs	4	4	2	12	14	7	5	2	2
H&I's	78	48	67	128	54	50	44	83	82
TOTAL	88	83	89	161	83	84	79	104	113
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	612	2024	1229	1195	833	1163	1059	558	864
WP	2	22	26	69	16	240	82	79	26
ILL		1				90	126		800
HC Smk		108	12	14		9			6
155 HE		257		32			32		
WP									
ILL									
107 HE	403	278	210	354	186	95	221	278	219
WP						39	1	4	11
ILL	10	120	100	134	271	401	196	112	488
CS									
TOTAL	1027	2810	1577	1798	1306	2037	1717	1031	2414
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)	4	1				39	94		
KIA (P)		7							

MISSIONS FIRED	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
Obs	50	32	29	16	18	27	7	13	4
Unobs	1		2	5	1	1	4		1
H&I's	15	16	50	36	46	50	39	70	29
TOTAL	66	48	81	57	65	78	50	83	34
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	3381	1259	1249	167	572	268	244	273	49
WP	616	33	41	12	16	32	6	33	7
ILL	195	19		425	1144	91	3		
HC Smk	3	1	3			7		8	
155 HE	49	208	19	36	16		12	28	
WP		5						1	
ILL									
107 HE	393	33	131	61	76	93	139	79	172
WP	22	8	5	6	6	1	8	1	
ILL	12	203	192	278		171			
CS									
TOTAL	4671	1769	1640	985	1830	663	412	423	228
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)	43	40	5	15				2	
KIA (P)		1		2					

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MISSIONS FIRED	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
Obs	3	7	5	3	2	4	19	19	32
Unobs	2	2	5	4	3	1	1	1	8
H&I's	35	26	34	33	37	36	27	14	16
TOTAL	40	35	44	40	42	41	47	34	56
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	3		41	42	108	46	1071	546	839
WP	8		4	2	9	24	49	14	45
III				58					2
HC Smk	5		4			2	11		8
Firecracker								6	
155 HE			6						
WP							15		
III									
107 HE	210	162	178	132	148	144	176	610	160
WP	1	14			8		26	4	3
III	10	4	10	4			4	4	7
CS									
TOTAL	237	180	243	238	273	216	1352	1184	1064
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)							99		
KIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
Obs	7	17	10	14	536
Unobs	16	13	6	14	113
H&I's	15	9	5	14	1286
TOTAL	38	39	21	42	1965
AMMO EXPENDED					
105 HE	461	1572	589	77	22394
WP	6	39	15	22	1595
III		1			2955
HC Smk	3	57	46		307
Firecracker					6
155 HE			2		697
WP			4		25
III					
HC					
107 HE	64	36	15	93	5549
WP				11	179
III	1			4	2736
CS					
TOTAL	535	1705	671	207	36443
SURVEILLANCE					
KIA (C)					310
KIA (P)					10



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## OPERATION RICE

1 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

2 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

3 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

4 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

5 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

6 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

7 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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OPERATION RICE  
MAY

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	TOTAL
Obs		2	2					4
Unobs								
H&I's		31	41					72
TOTAL		33	43					76
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE		146	50					196
WP			9					9
ILL		6						6
155 HE		18	28					46
WP								
ILL								
TOTAL		170	87					257
SURVEILLANCE								
KIA (C)								0
KIA (P)								0

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## OPERATION JEB STUART III

17 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

18 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

19 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

20 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

21 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

22 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

23 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

24 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

25 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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## OPERATION JEB STUART III

26 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

27 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

28 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

29 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

30 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

31 May

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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## OPERATION JEB STUART III

MISSIONS FIRED	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
Obs		3	7		13	3	2		
Unobs			4		1			4	
H&I's			5	25	34	31	27	22	21
TOTAL		3	16	25	48	34	29	26	21
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE			17		19	16		19	
WP		26	6		3				
Ill					57		4		
HC Smk					7				
155 HE				52	78	39	60	64	13
WP									
Ill									
107 HE			48	48	67	136	72	54	60
WP									
Ill									
TOTAL		26	71	100	231	191	136	137	73
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									
KIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
Obs	1	10	5	6	2	2	54
Unobs					2		11
H&I's	9	11	15		17	2	219
TOTAL	10	21	20	6	21	4	284
AMMO EXPENDED							
105 HE	4	7	20		66	8	176
WP							35
Ill							61
HC Smk							7
155 HE					15	14	335
WP				2			2
Ill							
107 HE	80	119	70	10	94		858
WP				8			8
Ill					9		9
TOTAL	84	126	90	20	184	22	1491
SURVEILLANCE							
KIA (C)							0
KIA (P)							0

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ENCLOSURE (1)  
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Before India Battery moved down to the Wunder Beach area, the Battalion was operating centralized tactical and technical Fire Direction. However, with the assets of the Battalion spread between the Cua Viet area and the Quang Tri area, it became necessary to decentralize technical control when India Battery displaced to Wunder Beach. During this same period, the 26th Marines and elements of 1/13 arrived to assume responsibility for the Quang Tri area.

Toward the latter part of the month a warning order was given to prepare Golf Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines to displace to Khe Sahn. The exact date was contingent upon the arrival of "A" and "G" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. These units arrived at Wunder Beach and Quang Tri areas respectively, on 26 April. The 27th of April, "G" Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines departed for Khe Sahn and was chopped to the operational control of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. With "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in the Wunder Beach area to assume the mission of direct support for the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, India Battery was displaced to XD 302559, Quang Tri, to assume the primary mission of direct support of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

Twice during the month of April, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines employed the "roving gun" concept. This was accomplished by displacing two (2) LVT H-6's from the Cua Viet area up to the C-4 position. In order to make the maximum use of this concept, an aerial observer was requested from the 12th Marines to shoot at selected targets which were normally out of range from the Cua Viet position. The period of detachment was between 24 and 48 hours for both moves.

The month of April closed with the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continuing its three assigned missions and working closely with the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines to effect a smooth transition in the mission of providing continuous artillery support for the 26th Marines and Quang Tri Complex.

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## PART III

## Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

1. Combat missions assigned

a. 1-30 April 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment.

b. 1-30 April 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in general support of the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

c. 21-28 April 1968, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 26th Marine Regiment.

2. Significant Operations Conducted

a. Operation Napoleon/Saline

b. Operation Rice

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

a. KIA (C) 24

b. KIA (P) 0

4. Casualties sustained

a. KIA 0

b. WIA 1

Died (NBC) 0

5. Equipment. Ten (10) of the Battalion's Motor Transport prime movers are deadlined. One TD-15 is deadlined at FLSG "B" for extensive 3d echelon repairs. The over all maintenance situation is good.

6. Logistics. Overall logistics support remains good. T/E combat essential equipment shortages continue to be a key problem area. Communications equipment are the most urgently needed items. Red Ball action has been taken where circumstances warrant it. During the month a constant flow of all types of supplies has been received from FLSG "B".

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a. Food Services. The battalion has served 70% "A" rations, 10% "B" rations, and 12% "C" rations during the reporting period. The battalion operated three mess halls.

b. Medical. There were 295 out patients treated by the BAS during the month. The battalion had 1 WIA and no KIA's during the reporting period.

### 7. Administration

a. Battery administration is continuing to function smoothly. During the month of April the Battalion had a 0.0% PAS error. Training of new administrative personnel is being carried out in compliance with the training schedule.

b. There was 1 Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishment awarded during the month of April. There were 2 courts martial, one Summary and one Special.

### (1) Article 92 UCMJ

8. Personnel. The average strength for the month was 88% of the authorized manning level. The battalion is currently operating at 90% of the manning level. During the month the battalion joined 8 Marine Officers, 2 Navy Officers and 32 enlisted. There were 6 officers rotated or transferred. There were 22 enlisted Marines either transferred or rotated.

### 9. Intelligence

a. Enemy Activities. Enemy initiated incidents have increased in the last month as the NVA move out of the base areas into the lowlands. Large enemy units moved from the lower DMZ area along the coast down to the Cua Viet River. From the Cua Viet River they have moved into the rice producing lowlands east of Quang Tri City. The NVA have moved a great many transportation troops from the base areas as combat troops.

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b. Enemy Intentions. At this time the NVA need rice to carry out their offensive plans prior to the peace talks. The enemy intends to gather as much rice as possible prior to their summer offensive and with the influx of troops and transportation workers this fact can be verified. The movement of troops from the north is for the buildup of troops around Quang Tri City in anticipation of an attack on the city.

c. Administration. The new S-2 was initiated into his job.

10. Communications-Electronics

a. During the month of April, the communications section maintained support of 3d Marine Division rear located at Quang Tri, and the 3d Marine Regiment located at Cua Viet.

b. FSOC moved effectively from the Quang Tri COC bunker to the Battalion FDC bunker. An additional Naval Gun Fire Net was also added to the FSOC.

c. For a period of one week the Quang Tri base defense switchboard conducted a smooth transition from the base defense COC bunker to the Battalion FDC bunker. Upon completion of their one week operation, the switchboard returned to their original location.

d. Golf Battery was brought up to full communication T/E before they departed for Khe Sanh.

e. Liaison was made with 26th Marines and 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Communication Officers as these units moved into the Quang Tri area.

f. On 18 April 1968, 1st Lt. W.T. FITCHFORD replaced Capt. G.E. CADMAN III as Battalion Communications Officer upon his rotation to CONUS.

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PART IV  
DEFENSE OF QUANG TRI  
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1 April

Between the hours of 2058H and 0004H Battery "G" expended 77 rounds of illumination. This mission was called in by FSCG for a unit of the Combined Action Group. Excellent illumination was the surveillance for this mission.

2 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

3 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

4 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

5 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

6 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

7 April

At 0230H Battery "G" and "I" expended 79 rounds of HE on counter mortar fires. Quang Tri Base Defense called this mission in at YD 310520. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

8 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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9 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

10 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

11 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

12 April

QUICK COUGAR 8 (Army Air Cavalry) requested a time on target on a suspected enemy position at YD 342443. At 0135H Battery "I" expended 54 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

13 April

At 2340H Battery "I" expended 33 rounds of HE on a suspected enemy position. QUICK COUGAR 8 called this mission in at YD 318470. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

14 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

15 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

16 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

17 April

RAKNEY DOG E (ARVN) requested fire on a VC Battalion with Chinese advisors at YD 439520. At 1945H Battery "I" expended 36 rounds of HE. The surveillance for this mission was 9 KIA (confirmed).

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18 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

19 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

20 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

21 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

22 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

23 April

Battery "G" at 1441H expended 11 rounds of HE on an NVA complex. RIDGE BEAM B (CAG) called this mission in at YD 280546. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

Elements of 3/26 requested a prep fire at YD 294487. At 1306H "A" Battery 1/40 expended 1 round of WP and 129 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At YD 275547 and YD 273545 RIDGE BEAM B (CAG) requested fire on an NVA complex. At 1425H Battery "G" expended 24 rounds of HE. Good shooting was the only surveillance.

"A" Battery 1/40 expended 1 round of WP and 106 rounds of HE on a prep fire for elements of 3/26. This mission was called in at YD 30524920. Negative surveillance was given for this mission.

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24 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

25 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

26 April

Elements of 3/26 requested a prep fire at YD 293473 and YD 293478. Batteries "C" and "A" 1/40 expended 574 rounds of HE at 0645H. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

27 April

CRYSTAL STAR (recon) requested fire on 22 VC in open at YD 279482. Battery "A" 1/40 expended 3 rounds of WP and 119 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

28 April

Battery "A" 1/40, at 1550 expended 53 rounds of HE on enemy movement. DELMAR (recon) called this mission in at YD 244482. Good shooting and 4 KIA's (confirmed) was the surveillance.

29 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

30 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

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MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	3	1	1	5	1	3	2	1	2
Unobs			1	1	6		3		1
H&I's	54	57	74	46	47	59	47	54	64
TOTAL	57	58	76	52	54	62	52	55	67
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	148	122	132	128	137	149	209	178	372
WP				7	1	6	2	4	
111	8	77		10					
HC S&M	2								
155 HE									
WP									
111									
HC S&M									
TOTAL	158	199	133	145	138	155	215	182	372
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									
KIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th
Obs		2	3	4	1	5	1	5
Unobs	2		3	2	4	1		2
H&I's	36	35	35	23	77	69	85	30
TOTAL	38	37	41	32	82	75	86	37
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE	180	154	209	199	245	216	165	293
WP		13	2	16		2	9	
111			1	4			4	
HC S&M			4		11	4		
155 HE							14	28
WP								
111								
HC S&M								
TOTAL	180	167	216	219	256	222	179	334
SURVEILLANCE								
KIA (C)								9
KIA (P)								

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MISSIONS FIRED	17th	18th	19th	20th	21th	22th	23th	24th
OBs	3	1	3	0	7	6	17	15
UPROBs	2	2	1	1	6	4	5	
RELI's	30	18	25	16	12	22	76	66
TOTAL	37	21	29	27	25	32	100	81
AMMO EXPENDED								
105 HE	293	59	95	194	315	518	650	946
WP	9		3	10	11	12	20	31
ILL	4		2	1	7		3	13
FO SER		2					2	
105 HE	26			25	10		13	62
WP							2	2
ILL								
FO SER								
TOTAL	334	61	101	220	343	450	697	1074
SURVEILLANCE								
REA (C)	9							
REA (P)								

MISSIONS FIRED	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	TOTAL
OBs	15	12	4	2	2	2	34
UPROBs		26	8	16			69
RELI's	77	82	74	73	48	51	1510
TOTAL	92	100	86	91	50	53	1763
AMMO EXPENDED							
105 HE	301	652	576	701	301	518	3421
WP	19	16	3		4	23	217
ILL	4	11	2		4	4	259
FO SER		2					20
105 HE	21		31	27	30	28	306
WP							4
ILL							0
FO SER							0
TOTAL	420	915	613	768	339	595	3635
SURVEILLANCE							
REA (C)				4			13
REA (P)							0

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APRIL

1 April

Elements of 2/4 requested a prep fire at YD 257748. At 0700H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 2 rounds of WP and 87 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At YD 294749 and YD 285754 elements of 1/3 requested a prep fire. At 1040H the LVT H-6 Platoon and "W" Battery 3/12 expended 93 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At 1230H elements of 1/3 requested fire on NVA in bunkers. The LVT H-6 Platoon and "W" Battery 3/12 expended 2 rounds of WP and 60 rounds of HE at YD 288756. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

2 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

3 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

4 April

Elements of 2/4 requested a prep fire at YD 265649. At 0910H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 107 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At 0910H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 3 rounds of WP and 64 rounds of HE on a prep fire. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 263649 and gave negative surveillance.

5 April

Elements of 2/4 requested a prep fire at YD 261636. At 0815H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 41 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

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6 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

7 April

Between the hours of 0515H and 0930H "W" Battery 3/12 expended 3 rounds of WP, 6 rounds of CS and 145 rounds of HE on a prep fire. Elements of 2/4 called these missions in at YD 258658, YD 253658, YD 250660, YD 246668, YD 250661, and YD 245670. Negative surveillance was reported for these missions.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in ville at YD 270697. "W" Battery 3/12 at 1450H expended 30 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

8 April

At YD 341633 elements of 1/3 requested fire on VC in open. Battery "G" 3/12 at 1810H expended 4 rounds of WP and 26 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

9 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

10 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

11 April

BAD MBT 64 B (FO for 1st Amtrachs) requested fire on NVA movement at YD 282762. At 0130H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 48 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

12 April

At 0630H elements of 2/4 requested a prep fire. "C" Battery 1/11 expended 38 rounds of HE at YD 251661. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

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Elements of 1/3 spotted 100 NVA at YD 284712. At 2104H the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 3 rounds of WP and 42 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

13 April

At YD 360620 elements of 1/3 reported that they were taking automatic weapons fire. "G" Battery 3/12 at 1512H expended 4 rounds of WP and 5 rounds of HE. Automatic weapons fire cease was the only surveillance.

Battery "G" 3/12 at 1657H expended 8 rounds of WP on a suspected mortar position. Elements of 1/3 called this mission in at YD 354625. Good coverage of target was the surveillance.

14 April

At 0130H the LVT H-6 Platoon, "C" Battery 1/11 and "W" Battery 3/12 expended 28 rounds of HE on 2 NVA Battalions. This mission was called in by the 3d Marine Division (G-2) at YD 285716. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

15 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

16 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

17 April

Elements of 1/3 reported that they were taking small arms fire from YD 350620. At 0950H Battery "G" expended 4 rounds of WP and 10 rounds of HE. Outstanding coverage of target was the surveillance.

At 1240H elements of 1/3 requested fire on enemy in trenches. Battery "G" 3/12 expended 2 rounds of WP and 36 rounds of HE at YD 346613. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

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Elements of 1/3 requested fire on NVA in ville at YD 350616. At 1920H Battery "G" expended 3 rounds of WP and 12 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

18 April

Battery "C" 1/11 at 0725H expended 9 rounds of WP and 24 rounds of HE on a known enemy position. Elements of 1/3 called this mission in at YD 350613 and reported 11 KIA's (confirmed) as the surveillance.

At YD 350616, YD 353615, and YD 351614 1/3's FSCG requested a time on target. Between the hours of 2230H and 0114H Batteries "C", "G" and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 326 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

19 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

20 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

21 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

22 April

The 3d Marine Divisions FSCG requested a time on target on bunkers and mortars at YD 242706. At 0335H Battery "C" 1/11 and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 252 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

23 April

At YD 415622, YD 409629, and YD 400634 the 3d Marines FSCG requested a time on target on suspected NVA movement. At 0105H "C" Battery 1/11 and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 318 rounds of HE. This mission was unobserved so no surveillance could be given.

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24 April

Between the hours of 2030H and 2220H "C" Battery 1/11 and the LVT H-6 Platoon expended 487 rounds of HE on a time on target reported by 12th Marines. This mission was called in at YD 384648, YD 400635, YD 402633, YD 405633, YD 408628, YD 409629, YD 415620, YD 415624, and YD 413625.

25 April

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on 15 NVA in ville at YD 255646. At 0057H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 1 round of WP and 51 rounds of HE. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

At 1035H elements of 1/3 requested fire on 6 VC in trench line. Battery "G" 3/12 expended 2 rounds of WP and 42 rounds of HE at YD 348612. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

26 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

27 April

No significant missions were fired during this 24 hour period.

28 April

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on suspected NVA at YD 249732. The LVT H-6 Platoon at 0245H expended 1 round of WP and 50 rounds of HE. No surveillance was reported for this mission.

At YD 257647 4 NVA in a ville were spotted by elements of 2/4. "C" Battery 1/11 at 2100H expended 60 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

29 April

The LVT H-6 Platoon expended 30 rounds of HE on an NVA squad in the open at YD 288732. Elements of 1/3 called this mission in at 0135H. No surveillance could be given on this mission.

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At 1045H elements of 1/3 reported that they were receiving automatic weapons fire from YD 340626. "C" Battery 1/11 responded by expending 4 rounds of WP and 20 rounds of HE. Automatic weapon cease firing was the only surveillance.

30 April

Elements of 2/4 called fire on NVA in open at YD 246627. "W" Battery 3/12 at 0650H expended 1 round of WP and 14 rounds of HE with negative surveillance.

"W" Battery 3/12 at 0855H expended 61 rounds of WP and 14 rounds of HE on NVA in ville. Elements of 2/4 called this mission in at YD 266633. Negative surveillance was reported for this mission.

Elements of 2/4 requested fire on NVA in bunkers at YD 265635. At 0800H "C" Battery 1/11 expended 2 rounds of WP and 569 rounds of HE. Excellent coverage of target was the only surveillance.

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MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Obs	14	13	4	10	3	12	10	12	11	5	6
Unobs	6		9	22		2	5				3
H&T's	22	27	26	37	34	51	35	45	71	34	58
TOTAL	42	40	39	69	37	65	50	57	82	39	67
AMMO EXPENDED											
105 HE	391	118	120	492	125	183	136	147	149	208	259
WP	20	5	7	5	1	30	4	1	11	2	8
III	8	41		1	1	1	2			1	
HC Smk										1	
107 HE		73	20	162	84	134	304	166	81	50	171
WP	3	8	3	8		9	4		8		2
III					1						
CS							6				
TOTAL	422	245	158	668	212	307	496	344	249	262	440
SURVEILLANCE											
KIA (C)											
KIA (P)											

MISSIONS FIRED	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
Obs	11	2	3	7	5	4	4	3	1
Unobs	5	3	3	1	5	1	3	9	1
H&T's	68	60	61	63	33	22	17	20	17
TOTAL	84	65	67	71	43	27	24	32	19
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	401	228	269	336	222	115	195	478	169
WP	21	2	2	12	6	11	20	7	4
III		2	1		2			2	
HC Smk	1						11		
107 HE	262	289	222	88	126	116	30	70	
WP	4			3		1	1		
III									
CS									
TOTAL	669	519	494	439	358	243	260	555	173
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									
KIA (P)						11			

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MISSIONS FIRED	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
Obs		9	9	5	5	3	3	7	9
UnObs	1	2	6	20	9		2	3	2
HAL's	12	30	24	34	16	22	26	17	30
TOTAL	13	41	39	59	30	25	31	27	49
AMMO EXPENDED									
105 HE	122	613	617	554	432	197	150	268	381
WP		9	20	6	10	20		17	19
ILL		3						1	2
EC Smk							26	15	
107 HE		100	30	109	44	112	68		90
WP				6					
ILL		3	9						
CS									
TOTAL	122	728	676	775	494	329	264	301	492
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									
KIA (P)									

MISSIONS FIRED	30th	TOTAL
Obs	11	202
UnObs	13	129
HAL's	50	1069
TOTAL	67	1399
AMMO EXPENDED		
105 HE	969	9112
WP	2	320
ILL	9	77
EC Smk		57
107 HE	325	3391
WP	62	122
ILL	14	27
CS		6
TOTAL	1381	13145
SURVEILLANCE		
KIA (C)		11
KIA (P)		0

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