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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 February to 28 February 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)LtCol E.D. FOXWORTH Jr.
051383/0802
1-28 February 1969Subordinate UnitsBattery "G", 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)Capt K.C. KALBFLEISCH
084123/0802
1-28 February 1969Battery "E", 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)1stLt G.T. SMITH
0101492/0802
1-23 February 1969
1stLt J.M. BASEL
0102818/0802
21-28 February 1969Battery "I", 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY
082781/0802
1-28 February 1969Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)1stLt D.A. VETTER
0101680/0802
1-28 February 1969Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)1stLt J.F. GIMBER
0102781/0802
1-28 February 19691st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)Capt J.B. WILKES
094071/0802
1-18 February 1969
1stLt J.G. FERRARI
096860/0802
19-28 February 1969Operational Control2d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
2nd Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)1st Lt R.C. WOODS
0100732/0802
23-28 February 1969

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3d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery
1st Battalion, 11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein)

Capt. T.S. HUTCHINSON
004802/0802
1-18 February 1969

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

1stLt J.J. PSEAL
097304/0802
22-28 February 1969

2. Location

1-28 February 1969 Command Group "A" YD 000484 Vandegrift
Combat Base, RVN.

1-28 February 1969 Headquarters (Rear) YD 300551 Quang Tri
Province, RVN.

3. Staff Officers

a. Executive Officer

Major R.E. GIBSON
064655/0802
1-28 February 1969

b. S-1/Adjutant/Legal Officer

2ndLt J.G. DUNN
0107442/0130
1-28 February 1969

c. S-2 Officer

1stLt P.B. TIERNEY
0103844/0802
1-28 February 1969

d. S-3 Officer

Major P.M. PULETZ
079944/0802
1-28 February 1969

e. S-3A Officer

1stLt W.J. WALCHI
0102364/0802
1-28 February 1969

f. S-4 Officer

Capt E.C. BROWN
089725/0802
1-28 February 1969

g. Communications Officer

1stLt C.W. ULRICH
0102660/2502
1-28 February 1969

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 12th Marine Regiment

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) Ltr 3100

Encl: (1) Table of Missions Fired and Ammo Expended.

1. Code Name. Scotland II

2. Dates of Operation. 061200 June 1968 to 281200 February 1969

3. Location. The area of operation encompassed the area bounded by the DMZ on the north, Highway 9 on the south, the Laotian border on the west and the 20 grid line on the east.

4. Task Organization.

UNIT

COMMANDER

3d Bn, 12th Marines

LtCol E.D. FOXWORTH Jr.
2 August 68 to 28 February 69

Hq Btry 3/12

WO-4 J.P. FELL
2 August 68 to 1 November 68
1stLt D.A. VETTER
2 November 68 to 28 February 69

G Btry 3/12

Capt G.V. THURMOND
2 August 68 to 1 October 68
Capt K.C. KALBFLEISH
2 October 68 to 28 February 69

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I Btry 3/12

Capt G.C. HEARN

2 August 68 to 25 August 68

Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY

26 August 68 to 28 February 69

H Btry 3/12

Capt E.C. BROWN

2 August 68 to 11 November 68

1stLt G.T. SMITH

12 November 68 to 9 December 68

1stLt J.M. BASE

10 December 68 to 31 December 68

1stLt G.T. SMITH

1 January 69 to 28 February 69

W Btry 3/12

1stLt C.S. PIAZZA

2 August 68 to 28 October 68

1stLt R.W. LEWIS

29 October 68 to 29 December 68

1stLt J.F. GIMBER

30 December 68 to 28 February 69

1st Prov 155 Btry 3/12

1stLt D.R. RANDELL

2 August 68 to 31 August 68

1stLt J.L. PETERSON

1 September 68 to 31 October 68

Capt J.B. WILKES

1 November 68 to 28 February 69

2nd Prov 155 Btry 3/12

1stLt R.W. SHUGART

2 August 68 to 3 August 68

1stLt R.G. HOOPES

4 August 68 to 3 December 68

5. Supporting Forces.UNITCOMMANDER

Det 210th Field Arty Group CWO F.W. CROSBY

G Btry 1/11

Capt J.A. MURRAY

A Btry 1/12

1stLt A.L. HARDING

Capt H.E. LOSPIN

B Btry 1/12

1stLt T.D. SIZEMORE

1stLt J.J. MARSHALL

C Btry 1/12

Capt J.W. FRAIM

1stLt G.W. BADEMAN

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PART II

During the month of February the 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment continued to provide direct support artillery to the 4th Marine Regiment. The keynote of the entire month was an increase in enemy activity throughout the TAOR. Starting the 1st of February the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines supported the 4th Marines in an expanded TAOR. The TAOR was expanded to include the Con Thien area in which 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines was to operate. Numerous reconnaissance teams were inserted in the area with support provided by 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1441H on 2 February recon team Badminton made contact at grid XD 783487 with an estimated 15 to 25 NVA. "G" Battery and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired in support of the team. A total of 138 rounds of HE were expended with unknown results. On the same day recon team Godmother found a large cache at grid YD 034699. It contained 4 - 127 AA guns, 800 RPG rounds, 10 cases of TNT, 750 - 82mm rounds, 11 cases of chicom grenades, 10,000 - 60mm and 81mm fuzes, 600 - 60mm rounds, and 8000 12.7 rounds. "A" 1/40 expended 293 rounds in support of Godmother's extraction.

On February 3d the recon team Coral Bush fired on a bunker complex described as an NVA base camp. "B" platoon 1st 8" was given the mission. A total of 69 rounds HE were fired with 2 bunkers destroyed, 4 damaged and 1 secondary explosion. A platoon from "D" company 1/4 was inserted to assist the team.

On the morning of 4 February at 0450H the platoon from "D" company assisting Coral Bush reported taking 3 rounds of 82mm with negative casualties. "A" 1/40 and "M" 4/12 were fired on grid YD 149769 and YD 156768 as mortar suppression fires. A total of 433 HE were fired by "A" 1/40 and 65 HE were fired by "M" 4/12. A surveillance of two secondary explosions was given. At 1009H "D" company saw 3 NVA in a bunker complex at YD 155775. "A" 1/40 fired 387 HE with surveillance given as good coverage of target. At 1510H "H" Battery at FSB Russell reported 60mm rounds impacting 1000 meters from the wire. "L" 4/12 fired on grid XD 878569 expending a total of 54 HE and "H" 3/12 fired direct fire on the same grid expending a total of 17 HE rounds. The mortars were silenced. At 1705H the liaison officer of 2/4 called a mission on 5 NVA in the open on grid YD 092755. "A" 1/40 fired 120 HE with rounds reported right on target. Later at 1755H Colorado Lima, an AO, called a prep fire on grid YD 154761. This mission turned into contact with the enemy by 1st platoon "D" company. The AO turned the mission over to the FO when the AO had to leave station. "A" 1/40 fired a total of 209 rounds with good coverage of target. At 1503H "G" Battery at FSB Neville reported 8 rounds of 60mm landing outside the wire. "B" platoon 1st 8" was fired on grid XD 823560. A total of 18 rounds were expended. "H" Battery fired on XD 828623 expending 108

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h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt J.J. MUNN
0102905/3502
1-28 February 1969

i. Supply Officer

1stLt S.M. EASTON
01034469/3002
1-28 February 1969

j. Survey/Metro Officer

1stLt R.W. DUNLAP
0104572/0802
1-28 February 1969

k. Liaison Officer

Major G.V. THURMOND
083878/0802
1-28 February 19694. Average Monthly Strength

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Off	Enl
50	601

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Off	Enl
1	18

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rounds of counter mortar fire. No more mortar rounds were received. At 1712H a patrol near FSB Neville received light small arms fire. "E" Battery fired 24 rounds HE and "B" 1st 8" fired 8 rounds. There were no friendly casualties and 3 enemy were killed by small arms fire.

At 1201H on 6 February a platoon of "D" 1/4 made contact. "A" 1/40 fired 131 rounds on grid YD 147776. Contact was broken with negative surveillance. At 1620H the FO with "A" 1/4 on FSB Russell observed 20, 60mm rounds impacting approximately 500 meters from the wire. "I" Battery 3/12 fired 128 rounds on grid XD 930621 while "L" 4/12 fired the northern half of counter mortar plan "Camel" expending a total of 33 rounds. The mortars were silenced. At the same time a platoon of "D" 1/4 reported taking 20 to 30 rounds of 82mm outside their perimeter. The FO, working with Colorado Romeo, an AO, adjusted "A" 1/40 and "C" 1/40 on to grids YD 1630 7518 and YD 1628 7532. The result was 4 bunkers destroyed, 6 damaged, 1 50 cal. position destroyed. "C" 1/40 received credit for destroying one bunker and damaging one other. The mortars were silenced. At 2016H "D" 1/4 again reported incoming. Missions were assigned to "A" and "C" 1/40. A total of 79 rounds were fired silencing the mortars.

On the 7th of February at 1359H a recon team, Snub Nose, called a mission on 2 NVA in a treeline and bunkers at YD 062716. The mission was given to "A" 1/40 who fired 283 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay. "M" 4/12 was also given the mission, firing a total of 47 HE, fuze quick and delay. This mission resulted in 9 secondary explosions and excellent effect of target. At 2155H "I" was called upon by Task Force Hotel to illuminate Route 9 to assist a medivac helicopter. A total of 27 rounds were fired on grids XD 977512, XD 976521 and YD 026548.

At 0950H on 8 February a platoon from "D" 1/4 was ambushed while on a supply mission to FSB Neville. Contact was broken immediately and fires on avenues of escape and in trace of the patrol were initiated. "E" Battery fired 48 rounds on grid XD 829569 and 98 rounds on XD 840580, the grid of contact. "B" 1st 8" fired 6 rounds on XD 839589 and 11 rounds on XD 827588. At 1535H recon team Big Shot reported 3 NVA in a bunker complex at grid YD 168772. "A" 1/40 was given the mission and fired 93 HE, fuze quick and delay. Communication was lost with Big Shot at this time. An AO, Colorado Papa, gave surveillance of 3 trails cut.

On February 9th at 1200H a recon team, Frost Berg, observed 2 NVA in a treeline. A mission was called on grid XD 833489. "G" Battery 3/12 fired 125 rounds on the target resulting in two secondary explosions and excellent coverage of target. Later, at 1325H, the team observed 2 NVA at grid

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XD 831498. "G" Battery again fired 27 rounds firecracker resulting in one secondary explosion. At 1455H recon team, Blend, reported 7 enemy bunkers at grid XD 747545. A total of 22 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay were fired by "G" 3/12 with one fire burning and excellent coverage of target. The FO for "F" company 2/4 reported 18 NVA at grid YD 166740 at 1600H. "A" 1/40 and "M" 4/12 fired a total of 89 rounds of HE and firecracker with excellent coverage of target. A patrol checked the area the following day with negative results.

At 0015H on 10 February recon team Sierra reported lights moving at grid XD 982566. "I" 3/12 fired 12 rounds of HE and 37 rounds of illumination. The lights went out. At noon the FO with "A" 1/40 observed 12 NVA. "H" and "G" Batteries fired 150 rounds. The rounds were on target but the FO was unable to give any confirmed kills. An AO, Colorado Romeo, called a mission on a bunker complex at grid YD 094743. "A" 1/40 expended 104 rounds of HE, fuze quick and delay destroying 6 bunkers and caving in 25 meters of trenchline. At 1530H the "A" 1/40 FO destroyed 2 bunkers with 56 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay fired by "G" 3/12 on grid XD 826616. At 1730H recon team Big Shot had a mission on 5 NVA in the open at YD 169772. "A" 1/40 fired a total of 72 rounds with excellent coverage of target but no confirms. An AO called a mission on a bunker complex at grid XD 909634 resulting in 5 bunkers destroyed and 2 damaged. "H" Battery 3/12 fired 54 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay on this mission.

On 11 February at 0936H recon team Sandbox spotted two NVA on an OP at YD 153776. This mission was fired by "A" 1/40. A total of 26 rounds were fired with excellent coverage of target but no confirms. At 1231H an AO observed 5 NVA in full combat gear at YD 016684. "I" 3/12 fired 78 rounds HE, fuze quick and VT. The AO could not observe any bodies. At 2125H FSB Noville had movement on their lines. "H" 3/12 fired 10 rounds on grid XD 813577 and "G" 3/12 fired 20 rounds HE on grid XD 809581 direct fire. The movement ceased.

At 0006H on February 12 an unidentified NVA unit of 200 men was reported at grid XD 854577 by 4th Marines FSCC. The mission was assigned to "H" 3/12, "G" 3/12, "I" 4/12, "A" 1st 8", 5th 155gun, and 175 "A" 8/4. The total round expended were 108 HE for 105's, 45 HE for 155's, 20 HE and 20 FC for 8", 27 HE for 155 gun and 36 HE for 175 gun. At 1407H FSB Russell reported receiving 5 rounds of 82mm mortars outside of the perimeter. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was fired by "G" and "I" 3/12 and "I" 4/12. A total of 186 rounds HE, fuze quick and VT were fired. At 1743H an AO, Colorado Lima, reported taking small arms fire from grid XD 826624. "H" and "G" 3/12 fired a total of 123 rounds HE, fuze quick and VT with excellent target coverage. The FO from "H" 2/4 reported 3 NVA in treeline at YD 046695. "I" 3/12 fired 66 HE, fuze

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quick and delay with excellent coverage of target. At 1745H an Army FO at 140726. "A" 1/40 fired 50 rounds of quick and delay with excellent coverage on target area. Recon team, Big Shot, reported 44 NVA at grid YD 173768 at 1709H. "A" 1/40 fired 168 rounds on the target area with one confirmed kill.

On 13 February at 0216H 2/4 reported movement on the lines at XD 978480. "V" 3/12 fired 26 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay with negative surveillance. At 1140H the convoy on Route 9 at YD 059562 was ambushed. An AO, Colorado Lima, fired 50 rounds from "I" 3/12 and 30 rounds from "I" 4/12 with good coverage of target area. Recon team, Iron Hand, at 2103H fired a mission on moving lights at XD 739605. "G" 3/12 fired 14 rounds. The lights went out. This mission was fired again at 2159H and 2211H, "G" expended 32 rounds.

At 0930H on 14 February an AO, Colorado Papa, reported 10 NVA at YD 117750. "A" 1/40 fired 186 rounds of firecracker and "M" 4/12 fired 86 rounds of HE, fuze quick and delay. There were 5 bunkers destroyed, 1 KIA, 1 secondary explosion. At 1105H, Hallmark Papa had three NVA on a trail at YD 124750. "A" 1/40 fired 22 firecracker and 212 HE with 1 KIA and 5 bunkers destroyed. FSB Neville received 30 rounds of 60mm at 1640H. Counter mortar plan "Mongoose" was fired by "H" 3/12 with 333 HE, fuze quick and VT expended. "G" 3/12 fired 40 rounds and 5th 155 gun fired 13 rounds. The mortars were silenced. At 1815H FSB Russell reported incoming landing 500 meters outside of the wire. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was fired with "L" 4/12 expending 36 rounds HE, fuze quick and VT, "I" expending 219 rounds HE, fuze quick and VT, "G" 3/12 expending 36 rounds and "H" 3/12 firing 90 rounds. The mortars were silenced.

At 0747H on 15 February "H" company 2/4 reported active mortars at grid YD 137731. "A" 1/40 fired 40 rounds and the mortars were silenced. A platoon from "D" 1/4 had contact at grid XD 995569. "I" 3/12 fired 20 rounds and "I" 4/12 fired 20 rounds with negative results. At 1518H received word from 4th Marines FSCC that Con Thien area was no longer the 2/4 AO, therefore had no need for the reinforcing fires of "A" 1/40.

On the 16th of February an FO with "L" 3/4 had active small arms at grid YD 057561 at 1656H. "I" 3/12 fired 7 rounds and was given end of mission because of friendlies moving into the area. The area was checked out with negative results.

There were no missions fired between 161800H February and 171800H February during the cease fire.

At 1155H on the 19th of February recon team Blend was shot out at grid XD 812629. "G" and "I" 3/12 fired 206 rounds of HE. The mission was unobserved. "E" 2/4 made contact with the mission.

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at grid XD 877578. The mission was given to "B" 3/12 which expended 55 rounds. The contact was broken with unknown results. At 1245H an AO, Colorado Oscar, had three NVA in tree line at XD 052645. "I" 3/12 fired 150 rounds RE, fuze quick and delay with good coverage of target.

On the 20th of February at 1514H an AO, Colorado Tango, reported taking small arms fire from XD 807630. "G" 3/12 fired 318 rounds and 175 guns "C" 8/4 fired 12 rounds. On the mission "G" had one KIA, several secondary explosions and one cave sealed. "C" had one secondary explosion, one fire started and one cave entrance sealed.

At 1127H on 21 February the convoy on Route 9 was again ambushed. "I" 3/12 fired 99 rounds and "L" 4/12 fired 52 rounds in support of the convoy. There was no surveillance. 1510H "F" 2/4 had contact with an undetermined number of NVA at XD 940408. "G" 3/12 fired 5 rounds and was given end of mission. "B" 8" fired 16 rounds with no surveillance given.

On 22 February 3/12 assumed operational control of 2nd 155 Prov Battery and "B" Battery, 2/12. Both Batteries occupied positions at Vandegrift Combat Base. 3/12 also lost operational control of 3d Prov at this time.

At 1230H on the 24th of February "L" 3/4 had one NVA in a bunker at grid YD 015686. "I" 3/12 fired 72 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay with 1 bunker destroyed and 1 confirmed. At 1436H "H" company 2/4 had 30 NVA in the open at grid XD 815575. "H" 3/12 expended 4 WP before being given end of mission. The company commander of "H" gave end of mission because the grid was too close to friendlies. "L" 3/4 had four NVA at grid YD 016690. "I" 3/12 fired 25 rounds before infantry had to pull back for the night. There were unknown results of the mission. "B" 1st 8" fired 8 rounds and "G" 8/4 fired 20 rounds on the replot grid. "L" 3/4 had active small arms at grid XD 978593. "H" 3/12 fired 8 rounds and "L" 4/12 fired 26 rounds before given end of mission because the small arms had ceased. "B" 1/12 and a "Jump" FDC from Headquarters Battery 3/12 re-opened FSB Alpine to support 4th Infantry operations in the western most sector of the AO.

At 0040H on the 25th of February the AO with "H" 2/4 on FSB Nevada called a mission of enemy movement in the wire at XD 814575. He also called a mission on active small arms at XD 826566. The first mission was given to "H" 3/12 and the

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second to "B" 1/12. At this time reinforcing fires were requested from 12th Marines. At 0406H word was received that "H" 3/12 at FSB Russell was taking incoming. Counter mortar plan "Camel" with "L" 4/12 and "I" 3/12 was put into effect. Reinforcing fires were requested for Russell from 12th Marines. At 0417H "H" 3/12 at Russell reported that NVA were all over the FSB. At this time all communications were lost with "H" Battery. In support of Neville "H" 3/12 had fired 170 rounds HE and 150 illumination rounds, "B" 1/12 fired 200 rounds HE and 5th 155 guns fired 11 illumination rounds. In support of Russell "L" 4/12 fired 224 HE and 79 illumination rounds, "I" 3/12 fired 217 rounds HE, 2nd Prov fired 239 rounds HE and "B" 8" fired 34 rounds HE. At FSB Neville the NVA penetrated into the gun 6 pit. "G" Battery fought back and recovered the gun pit that the enemy had occupied. 17 NVA were killed by "G" Battery. A total of 34 dead NVA were found on the FSB. At FSB Russell the NVA penetrated into three gun pits and damaged two howitzers. "H" Battery re-captured the gun pits from the NVA. A total of 25 NVA were found dead inside the perimeter. The attacks on both FSB's were obviously launched to capture or destroy the guns at those positions. Only through heroic efforts were the positions defended and the NVA finally repulsed. The casualties suffered by "G" 3/12 at FSB Neville were 3 KIA, 5 WIA, and "H" at FSB Russell suffered 8 KIA and 25 WIA. At 0425H received word that "L" 4/12 at the Rockpile was receiving incoming. 2nd Prov at VCB was given clearance to fire counter mortar plan "Rat" for the Rockpile. At 1110H the Rockpile took rockets from the northwest. "L" 4/12, 2nd Prov and "I" 3/12 all fired counter rocket fire. "L" expended 169 rounds, "I" expended 101 rounds and 2nd Prov 32 rounds. At 1455H "L" 3/4 had 8 NVA at grid XD 973615. "L" 4/12 fired 24 rounds HE, fuze quick and delay with unknown results. At 1504H an AO, Colorado I, had 4 NVA at grid 946624. "I" 3/12 fired 48 rounds. At 1535H the AO again had NVA at XD 946630. "B" 8" and "F" 3/12 fired. 8" expended 30 rounds of firecracker and "H" fired 30 rounds HE, fuze VT. There were no confirms on this mission. At 1405H "G" 3/12 at FSB Neville reported taking incoming. "H" 3/12 and "B" 1/12 fired counter mortar plan "Mongoose", 175 guns fired 30 rounds of reinforcing fire. "W" 3/12 arrived at FSB Russell at 1845H. At 1635 the Rockpile again had active rockets. "I" 3/12 fired 54 rounds at grid XD 970612. "H" 3/12 at 2000H reported taking more incoming. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was shot by "I" 3/12 and "L" 4/12. A total of 92 rounds were fired.

On the 26th of February at 0900H FSB Neville reported incoming mortars. Counter mortar plan "Mongoose" was fired

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by "H" 3/12 and "B" 1/12. A total of 258 rounds were expended. Also "B" 8" fired 4 rounds and 175 guns fired 3 rounds. At 1010H "I" 3/4 called a mission on active small arms at XD 975599. "I" 3/12 fired 22 rounds. At 1015H FSB Neville reported taking incoming. "B" 1/12 fired 54 rounds at XD 831582. "A" 8/4 fired 32 rounds at XD 835590. At 1100H "L" 3/4 reported 3 NVA at XD 974608. "I" 3/12 fired 98 rounds with negative surveillance. "G" 2/4 reported small arms fire and grenades around the wire at FSB Neville. "H" 3/12 fired 97 HE and 22 illumination rounds and "B" 1/12 fired 83 illumination and 24 HE.

At 0408H on the 27th of February "H" 2/4 at FSB Neville reported movement on the lines. "H" 3/12 fired 69 rounds on grid XD 826572. The movement ceased. At 1325H "L" 3/4 reported small arms fire at XD 975610. "L" 4/12 fired 7 rounds and "H" 3/12 fired 7 rounds before being given end of mission because the small arms had ceased. At 1500H 2nd Prov displaced from VCB to FSB Alpine. At 1500H "G" (-) displaced from FSB Gates to VCB.

On the 28th of February at 1444H an AO, Colorado I, reported bunkers, 50 cal. position and NVA at grid XD 970622. "L" 4/12 fired 130 rounds, "H" 3/12 fired 56 rounds, "I" 3/12 fired 68 rounds and "B" 8" fired 82 rounds. One secondary and a fire were reported. At 1630H FSB Neville reported incoming. "B" 1/12 fired 120 rounds at XD 830568. 2nd Prov fired 41 rounds at XD 829571 and "G" 3/12 fired 25 rounds of fire-cracker direct fire at XD 825565. At 1905H Neville again took incoming. "H" 3/12 fired 51 rounds at XD 817597. At 1920H "H" 2/4 had an active mortar at XD 824588. "B" 1/12 expended 40 rounds and 2nd Prov 13 rounds.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. 1-28 February 1969 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. Operation Scotland II 1-27 February

b. Operation Purple Martin 26-28 February

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

a. KIA (C) 33

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. KIA 15

b. MIA 40

c. Non-combat casualties 3

5. Equipment. The motor transport maintenance situation improved generally during the month of February with the receipt of required tools and test equipment. At the close of the month, the deadline rate was 23% with 11 of 14 vehicles deadlined at second echelon for DX repair parts.

Three TD-18 tractors, one PU-668 generator, and 6 M12A7H panoramic telescopes were received during the month.

6. General Logistics. Marginal weather had an adverse effect on helicopter resupply operations during the first and last weeks of the month. Approximately 15,000 105, 1300 155, and 200 107mm rounds were helilifted from Vandegrift LSA to the firebases despite the weather.

a. Food Service. The battalion messhalls at Quang Tri and Vandegrift fed approximately 65% "A" rations and 35% "B" rations during February. The batteries occupying the firebases subsisted on MCI, supplemented by "B" rations.

7. Administration. There were three Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishments awarded for violation of Articles 111, 95, 92, 86, 91, 90, and 134, UCMJ.

8. Personnel. During the month of February the Battalion strength averaged 93% of the manning level. Three Marine officers, nine Marine enlisted and two Navy enlisted joined the battalion. Two Marine officers and thirty-

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eight Marine enlisted were rotated or transferred.

9. Intelligence. On the morning of February 4 at 0450H "D" company took 3 rounds of 82mm mortar from YD 149769. Counter mortar fire resulted in two secondary explosions. FSB Russell reported 60mm rounds impacting 1000 meters from the wire. Counter mortar fire was initiated. The mortars ceased. At 1530H FSB Neville took 8 rounds of 60mm outside the wire. Counter mortar targets were hit by "C" and "H" Battery. The mortars were silenced.

At 1620H on 6 February FSB Russell had 20 x 60mm rounds landing 500 meters from the wire. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was fired and the mortars ceased.

On the 12th of February FSB Russell took 5 rounds of 82mm at 1407H. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was fired with good coverage.

FSB Neville received 30 rounds of 60mm at 1604H. Counter mortar plan "Mongoose" was fired. The mortars were silenced. At 1815H FSB Russell reported mortars landing outside the wire. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was fired.

At 0747H 15 February "F" 2/4 reported active mortars at grid YD 137731. "A" 1/49 fired 40 rounds and the mortars were silenced.

On the 25th of February FSB Russell reported heavy incoming at 0406H. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was put into effect. Also reinforcing fires were requested. At 0425H the Rockpile reported incoming. Counter mortar plan "Rat" was put into effect. It was later determined that they had taken 8 x 122mm rockets. At 1100H the Rockpile again took rockets from the northwest. "L" 4/12, 2nd Prov and "I" 3/12 all fired counter rocket fire. At 1405H FSB Neville reported taking incoming. Counter mortar plan "Mongoose" was fired. The Rockpile again took rockets at 1655H from the northwest. "I" 3/12 and "L" 4/12 again fired counter rocket fire. At 2000H FSB Russell had incoming mortars. Counter mortar plan "Camel" was fired.

On the 26th of February at 0900H and at 1015H FSB Neville had incoming mortars. Both times counter mortar plan "Mongoose" was fired.

On the 28th of February at 1630H and at 1905H FSB Neville took incoming mortars. Counter mortar targets were fired on grids XD 830568 and XD 817595.

10. Communication-Electronics.

1. The major action taken by the communications section during the month of February was the installation of a battalion "Jump" FDC at FSB Alpine. This was accomplished while maintaining centralized fire direction capability at VCB.

Enemy attacks on FSB Neville and FSB Russell resulted in the destruction of considerable communications equipment at "H"

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Battery and the wounding of several communicators. Headquarters dispatched radio equipment and operators to maintain communications capability of "E" Battery while the battery regrouped. During this time the battalion's communication assets were taxed to the maximum but full capability for fire direction was maintained.

During the action of late February, the battery communications sections exhibited extreme competence in maintenance of communication, improvisation of equipment in periods of no resupply and heavy incoming.

2. Division radio relay continued to provide major trunk lines to 12th Marines and the 3d Marine Division wire system. Radio relay to reinforcing units at Elliot Combat Base was sporadically maintained because of equipment problems.

3. During the greater part of February, the communications section supported two naval gunfire spot teams with radios and personnel.

4. Radio communications for the 4th Marines FSCC was provided by a system of double remoting off 3/12 FDC radios.

11. Naval Gunfire Section.

1. The Naval gunfire team manned the OP's at Oceanview and C-4 from the 11th of February through the end of the month.

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TABLES OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES
AND MISSIONS FIRED

FEBRUARY

OPERATION SCOTLAND II

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Obs	13	12	6	2	9	28	7
Unobs	4	6	5	5	2	1	6
H&I	92	99	124	43	93	116	147
TOTAL	109	117	135	50	104	145	160

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	703	675	824	430	548	1259	461
WP	3	4	2	4	2	37	5
Ill							

Firecracker

155 HE	49					240	192
WP						1	
Ill							

Firecracker

107 HE	36	90	232	197	252	219	299
WP	2						
Ill			2				

CS Gas

TOTAL	793	769	1060	631	802	1756	977
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SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

MISSIONS FIRED	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
Obs	11	38	18	16	25	17	32
Unobs			4	2	5	1	1
H&I	133	100	89	97	88	102	60
TOTAL	144	138	111	115	119	120	93

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	669	930	933	764	995	654	1115
WP	6	20	17	14	8	11	4
Ill	30	31	37		114		

Firecracker

155 HE	139	150	39	81	66	64	75
WP						49	56
Ill					3		

Firecracker

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S-3 Journals

Headquarters 3/12 Operations
VCB, RVN

010001H to 012400H February 1969

1209H Received word from 12th Marines on lot suspension of ammo lot HB 40-1-51, fuze #565 MTS2. Informed all batteries of suspension.

1940H Spot report from 3-4 FSGT. Line A. Salinas 2B. B. 011805H FDC 69. C. FM-L.A. (RI.ODI.O.)D. Received one round incoming friendly from L-4-12. Round was a 155 How Firecracker. E. Took cover and checked on casualties. F. Neg. G. 3 WIA's. C-9935 upper back of left leg; H-4930 right knee; B-8054 left side of throat. I. to N. neg. DTG 011909H Feb 69.

2000H 12th Mar reported expending 180 rounds 8" How and 50 155 How rounds on grids submitted earlier for reinforcing fires.

2330 Fired 13 Redbook missions.

2400H Journal closed.

020001H to 022400H Feb 69

1930H Report from 4th Mar FSGT that Recon Insert "Godmother" had found cache of weapons which contained (4) 12.7 guns, 800 RPG rds., 10,000 60mm and 81mm fuzes, 600 60mm rds., 11 cases of chicom grenades, 800 12.7 rds. All of cache either extracted or blown in place.

2330H Fired 11 Batcat and Redbook missions.

2400H Journal closed.

030001H to 032400H Feb 69

2230H Fired 3 Redbook missions.

2400H Journal closed.

040001H to 042400H Feb 69

0449H Requested reinforcing fire on grid 159769. D 1/4 reported taking incoming mortars from this grid. Shell report. Line A. D 1/4 B. 040449H Feb 69. C. 3 rds. D. 82mm mortar. E. AZ 4000. F. Neg. casualties. Sent to 12th Mar and to S-2.

1510H "H" 3/12 reported 60mm mortars impacting at a grid 1000 meters from their position. "H" 3/12 fired direct fire. AZ of tube pop was 4200. "I" 4/12

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fire on grid 878569.

1705H Received mission from 2/4. 5 MVA in the open.
Fired 121 rds HE from "A" 1/40.

2400H Journal closed

050001H to 052400H

1503H Received word from "G" 3/12 that they received
8 rds 60mm mortar incoming just out side their
wire. Was also reported by FO with "A" 1/4.
Counter fire returned.

1630H Received mortar report from "G" 3/12. Line A.
"G" 3/12 B. PSB Neville. C. 1900; crater ana-
lysis. D. 1455. E. 1505. F. rounds impacted
on south slope of position. G. 60mm (1 tube 62,
65, 17) inscribed on tail fin. H. Registration/
Harrassing. I. 8 rds fragmentary HE impact.

2400H Journal closed.

060001H to 062400H Feb 69

1620H "A" 1/4 reported mortars impacting 500M from their
position. Fired counter fire. Mortar ceased.

1640H "D" 1/4 reported he took 20-30 rds 60mm mortars.
All but 6 of them were duds. Fired counter fire.

1700H Received No Fire Zone from 4th Mar. It is a 1000
meter circle around grid 019419.

2016H Patrol of 2/4 reported taking 13 rds of incoming.
No casualties. Fired counter fire.

2400H Journal closed.

070001H to 072400H Feb 69

1100H Received Spot Report from 2/4. Line A. Spoiler
patrol. B. 152771 C. Magnetic 1600. D. 2015H.
E. 2016H F. 151771 G. (2) 82mm mortars.
H. mortars. I. (12) 82mm rounds. J. Neg.
K. Neg.

1359H Received mission from recon insert "Snub Nose"
058715 2 MVA in treeline. Fired 43 HE rounds
from "A" 1/40. Surveillance of 9 secondaries.

2400H Journal closed.

080001H to 082400H Feb 69

0950H "D" 1/4 was ambushed while on resupply patrol to

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FSB 1111 called in 2 missions for escape routes of NVA and also to cover the rear of the patrol. "D" 1/4 suffered 1 KIA.

- 1535H Mission from recon insert "Big Shot". 3 NVA in bunkers. "A" 1/40 fired 42 rounds HE. Negative surveillance.
- 1904H Received mission of 10 NVA at grid 176764 from Colorado F. "A" 1/40 fired and received surveillance of 6 probables.
- 2154H Fired the Route 9 illumination plan for helicopters going to Quang Tri from 733.
- 2400H Journal closed.
- 090001H to 092400H Feb 69
- 1300H Round in tube of 3d Prov 155 Mm. since 0500H. The CO of 3/12 ordered them to fire it with a 50 ft. lanyard. Round blew in tube. An attempt was made to punch tube but to no avail.
- 1605H Received mission 18 NVA in open from "F" 2/4. Fired "A" 1/40 and "E" 4/12. Surveillance later.
- 1638H Received mission 4 NVA in tree line grid 996682 from recon insert "Badminton". Observer lost sight of NVA.
- 2000H Fired Route 9 illumination plan.
- 2400H Journal closed.
- 100001H to 102400H Feb 69
- 1200H Received mission from "A" 1/4 on 12 NVA in open. Assigned to "G" 3/12 and "H" 3/12. Fired 152 rounds all looked good on target. Surveillance later.
- 1758H Received from "Bigshot" on 5 NVA in tree line at grid 169772 fired 72 rounds from "A" 1/40 no surveillance.
- 1804H Received mission from 403rd Mar Div. on NVA in bunkers at grid 90946348 fired 48 HE fuze delay from "H" 3/12. Surveillance of 5 bunkers destroyed and 2 heavily damaged. Outstanding shooting.
- 1837H Received mission from "H" 2/4 on 1 NVA in tree line grid 042692. "A" 1/40 fired 8 HE Quick. Rounds on target no other surveillance.
- 2300H 1st Bn 4th Mar 7500 reported 4 confirmed kills, NVA in area of entry number 1. But did not know whether air or artillery got them.
- 2400H Journal closed.

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- 0019H Received mission at grid 54577 that unknown NVA unit of approximately 200 were in trenches and fighting holes. We fired "E" 3/12, "G" 3/12, "L" 4/12 also 175's and 8". 105's expended 108 HE, 155 expended 72 HE, 8" expended 20 HE and 20 FG, and 175's expended 36 HE. We received one secondary on the mission.
- 1410H Received mission from "A" 1/4 on grid 92116102 "G" 3/12, "I" 3/12 and "L" 4/12 were told to start firing counter mortar plan camel. Hotel 3/12 reported that mortars impacted about 500 meters from their position. "H" reported that they took 5 mortars all being short of position. "I" 3/12 fired "G" active mortar position. "I" 3/12 fired 1 WP and 70 HE.
- 1745H Received mission from Jacksonville 64 at XD046695 3 NVA. "I" 3/12 fired 66 HE Q&D. Will check area tomorrow.
- 1745H Mission from Mucky Price at grid 140726, two persons in tree line. "A" 1/40 fired 56 rounds. Excellent coverage of target.
- 1743H Late Entry. Colorado Line grid 826624, S/A fire from 3-50 cal positions. "G" 3/12 fired 74 HE. Excellent coverage of target.
- 1909H 14 NVA grid 173768 from Big Shot, "A" 1/40 fired 168 HE, 1 secondary explosion, 1 KIA.
- 2400H Late Entry. Big Shot traced movement at 2100 at YD173767. "A" 1/40 shot on grid. Movement ceased.
- 2400H Journal closed.

130001H to 132400H Feb 69

- 0037H Received word Barkwood is out of bush. From FSCC.
- 0230H (Late entry) At 0216H received mission from Grasshopper 24 on grid 978480. 1 round of illumination every 90 seconds.
- 0352H Grasshopper called mission on movement same as above entry.
- 0845H Received mission from Jacksonville 24. 2 NVA in treeline assigned to "I" 3/12. CI 2437.
- 0918H Received end of mission on CI 2437. Fired 24 HE. Excellent coverage of target.
- 1145H Received mission from Carpet 3 on convoy pinned down on Route 9. Received word from Task Force Hotel.

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"Mongoose" cleared. Also "I" 3/12 firing direct fire on grid 836590. Retained fire requested from 12th Marines Fireball "I" firing on grid 834588 and Marshall "all" on grid 841571.

1815H Received mission Jacksonville 61 on grid 218611 for "L" 4/12 on active mortars landing 500 meters from Russell.

1817H Golf to shoot counter mortar plan "Camel".

2400H Journal closed.

150001H to 152400H Feb 69.

0755H From Grasshopper 61 reports confirmed chopping in area of last night's mortars. Assigned to "I" 3/12

1259H Observer on grid 995569 for "I" 3/12 and "L" 4/12 will be Grasshopper 63. Nature of target is enemy contact.

1231H End of mission for "I" 3/12 and "I" 4/12. Surveillance pending.

2400H Journal closed.

160001H to 162400H Feb 69

1656H Received mission from Salinas 62A, grid 651561 active small arms. "I" 3/12 to fire. End of mission at 1717H because friendly fire into area.

1754H All batteries have been notified to check fire at 1800.

2400H Journal closed.

170001H to 172400H Feb 69

1802H Given official word from 12th Marines to resume all operations.

2400H Journal closed.

180001H to 182400H Feb 69

2400H Journal closed.

190001H to 192400H Feb 69

1435H Received mission from Jacksonville 61 on grid 877500, receiving active small arms. "E" 3/12 to fire CH2290.

1620H End of mission CH2290

2400H Journal closed.

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Note "I" 3/12 assigned to grid 059575. Called 12th Marines for AO to adjust mission. "L" 4/12 was assigned this mission. At 1200H Colorado Z and Colorado F ran air strikes. At 1238H received shot on "I" mission. Received new grid of 059562 at 1245H. Both "I" 3/12 and "I" 4/12 fired this mission.

1405H Received mission from Grasshopper 61 on confirmed bunkers. At this time called 12th Marines and told them to have Fireball "G" come up on M-55. For this mission it will be CX 3595 on grid 824616.

1826H Received mission from Grasshopper 64 grid 975545. 4 NVA in open. "H" to fire OF 2271.

1919H Received end of mission on OH 2217. Fired one WP and found out they were friendlies.

2110H Received mission from Iron Hand on moving lights. "G" 3/12 to fire on grid 739605.

2148H Received grid 702513 from Grasshopper 61. Lights moving. Real Estate to fire.

140001H to 142400H Feb 69

0930H Received mission from Hallmark P of 10 NVA in the open at grid 717750. "A" 1/40 and "M" 4/12 firing. "A" 1/40 fired 36 firecracker, AO then reported NVA moved into vicinity of bunker complex. Changed fuze to quick and delay. Surveillance given as 1 bunker destroyed and 1 KIA.

1105H Received mission from Hallmark P on 3 NVA at grid 124750. "A" 1/40 is firing.

1255H Check fire "M" 4/12 and "A" 1/40 on CX 3618 and CX 3619 from AO. Going in to take a look.

1256H Cancel check fire on "M" 4/12 and "A" 1/40.

1322H Further surveillance on CX 3619. 3 bunkers destroyed and 1 confirmed. On CX 3618 got 1 bunker destroyed and one 50 cal position destroyed.

1333H "M" 4/12 received another bunker destroyed on CX3618 from Hallmark P.

1419H "M" 4/12 received another bunker destroyed on CX3618 from Hallmark P.

1605H "A" 1/40, 2 bunkers destroyed on CX3619. "M" 4/12 had one more bunker destroyed on CX3618.

1640H Grasshopper 61- active mortar counter mortar plan

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200001H to 202400H

0230H Received mission from Jacksonville 24 reported taking 2 rounds of 60mm outside the wire 30 Minutes ago. The grid given 820569.

1655H (Late Entry) CX 3828 grid 803521 Colorado Tango gave surveillance of 1 confirmed and several secondaries.

2400H Journal closed.

210001H to 212400H Feb 69

1128 Received mission on grid 058579 from Seabee's. They reported seeing mortar tubes at this grid. I 3/12 to fire. Received another mission on grid 049575. Nature of target is enemy ambush. L 4/12 to fire. Sandbox is adjusting the mission.

1340H End of mission for "I" 3/12 and "I" 4/12 on CI 2515 and CX 3834.

1510H Received mission from Jacksonville 63 undetermined number of NVA. They made contact at grid 940408. "G" (-) and Bravo 8 to fire.

1812H "B" 8" given end of mission after firing 16 Hs. Negative surveillance.

2400H Journal closed.

220001H to 222400H Feb 69

1000H Assumed operational control of "B" 1/12.

2400H Journal closed.

230001H to 232400H Feb 69

1530H Assumed operational control of 2nd Prov

2400H Journal closed.

24001H to 242400H Feb 69

1230H Received mission of 1 NVA in bunker from Salinas 61 at grid 012688. "I" 3/12 fired 1 WP and 72 Hs in effect. Negative surveillance.

1414H Received mission from Jacksonville 64 of 30 NVA at grid 818573. "H" 3/12 fired four rounds and was given end of mission. Jacksonville "H" 6 felt it was too close to friendlies. Also the FO team was socked in by fog.

ENCLOSURE