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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April to 30 April 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)LtCol E.D. FOXWORTH Jr.
051383/0802
1-30 April 1969Subordinate UnitsBattery "G", 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)Capt K.C. KALBFLEISCH
084123/0802
1-30 April 1969Battery "H", 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)1stLt J.M. BASEL
0102818/0802
1-12 April 1969
1stLt W.J. WALCHI
0102364/0802
13-30 April 1969Battery "I", 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)1stLt R.C. KURTH
0102663/0802
1-17 April 1969
1stLt T.A. SMITH
0102544/0802
18-30 March 1969Headquarters Battery, 3d
Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)1stLt D.A. VETTER
0101680/0802
1-30 April 1969Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion
12th Marines, 3d Marine
Division (Rein)1stLt J.F. GIMBER
0102781/0802
1-24 April 1969
1stLt B.C. WILSON
0103167/0802
25-30 April 19691st Provisional 155 Howitzer
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)1stLt J.G. FERRARI
096660/0802
1-30 April 1969Operational Control2d Provisional 155 Howitzer
2nd Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein)1stLt R.D. HOOPES
0100278/0802
1-25 April 1969

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

1stLt J.J. MARSHALL
 097304/0802
 1-20 April 1969

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

Capt T.S. HUTCHINSON
 094802/0802
 9-28 April 1969

2. Location

1-30 April Command Group "A" YD000484 Vandegrift Combat
 Base, RVN.

1-7 April Command Group "B" XD754527 Fire Support Base
 Alpine, RVN

1-30 April Headquarters (Rear) YD300551, Quang Tri, Prov-
 ince, RVN.

3. Staff Officers

a. Executive Officer

Major R.E. GIBSON
 064655/0802
 1-30 April 1969

b. S-1/Adjutant/Legal Officer

2ndLt J.G. DUNN
 0107442/0130
 1-30 April 1969

c. S-2 Officer

1stLt P.B. TIERNEY
 0103844/0802
 1-7 April 1969
 SSgt F.E. BEACH

8-12 April 1969
 1stLt J.M. BASEL
 0102818/0802
 13-30 April 1969

d. S-3 Officer

Major P.M. PULETZ
 079944/0802
 1-30 April 1969

e. S-3A Officer

1stLt W.J. WALCHLI
 0102364/0802
 1-10 April 1969
 Capt R.J. COULTER
 090587/0802
 11-30 April 1969

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f. S-4 Officer Capt E.C. BROWN
089125/0802
1-30 April 1969

g. Communications Officer 1stLt C.J. ULRICH
0102680/2502
1-30 April 1969

h. Motor Transport Officer 1stLt J.G. MUNN
0102905/3502
1-17 April 1969
1stLt M.E. SULLIVAN
0105688/3502
1-30 April 1969

i. Supply Officer 1stLt S.W. EASTON
0103463/3002
1-2 April 1969
1stLt D.J. MCCRARY
0105583/3002
3-30 April 1969

j. Survey/Metro Officer 1stLt R.V. DUNLAP
0104572/0802
1-30 April 1969

k. Liaison Officer Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY
082781/0802
1-30 April 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
48	606

USN	
Off	Enl
2	16

OTHER	
Off	Enl
0	0

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PART II

During April 1969, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued to provide direct support artillery to the 4th Marine Regiment. The battalion operated from Fire Support Bases Russell, Neville, Greene and Alpine. During April, the battalion had operational control of one 105mm and one 155mm battery (Towed) from 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and one 155mm battery (Towed) from 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines in addition to the organic 105mm Batteries. The batteries located at Fire Support Base Alpine were controlled by a Battalion Fire Direction Center co-located at Alpine until 7 April 1969.

At 1224H on 4 April 1969 Reconnaissance Team "Football Star" called for fire on a target described as "NVA in the open". Battery H, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines attacked the target, expending 12 Firecracker Rounds. The surveillance was 4 confirmed kills. Later the same day the team sent a more detailed surveillance of that same mission, "one large secondary explosion, 10 smaller ones, 15 confirmed enemy kills, 20-30 wounded and one truck destroyed".

At 1416H on 7 April 1969 the FDC located at Vandegrift Combat Base assumed technical control of Battery B, and 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (Towed) located at Fire Support Base Alpine. The Battalion Fire Direction Center located at Fire Support Base Alpine was then deactivated.

On 9 April 1969, the occupation of Fire Support Base Greene was completed with the arrival of the 3d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (Towed). This reinforced the six howitzers of Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines which had been in position since 7 April 1969.

On 11 April 1969 three guns of Detachment Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines closed station at Fire Support Base Neville and joined the remainder of the battery at Quang Tri Combat Base. The Battery's mission is to support by fire the defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.

On 13 April 1969 Vandegrift Combat Base received 8 rounds of incoming enemy 107mm rockets. They impacted in the vicinity of the 4th Marines Regimental CP causing no damage. 3d Battalion, 12th Marines immediately commenced firing a rocket suppression program reinforced by other batteries of the 12th Marines.

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On 25 April 1969 the ~~battalion~~ commenced the retrograding of firing units. The 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (Towed) moved from Fire Support Base Alpine to Vandegrift Combat Base and Opcon was simultaneously passed to the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 0815H on the morning of 26 April 1969 the retrograde movement was continued as Battery B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was moved from Fire Support Base Alpine to Vandegrift Combat Base, and Opcon was passed to the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. Fire Support Base Alpine was then closed.

The 3rd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery was extracted from Fire Support Base Greene on 28 April 1969 and Opcon was passed to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. On 29 April 1969 Battery "I" returned to Vandegrift Combat Base to complete the closing of Fire Support Base Greene.

During the month of April the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines carried out its mission. The weight of fire support centered in the western portion of the 4th Marines area. The battalion (reinforced) expended over 40,000 rounds in the support of Operation Purple Martin. The successful retrograde from two Fire Support Bases was accomplished without incident.

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12. Commander's Analysis. The Fire Support Base concept was utilized to provide optimum artillery support for maneuvering elements in any part of the TAOR in addition to the support provided by each other. This concept has proven itself of definite value. Prolonged poor weather kept helicopters grounded at times causing minor problems in resupplying the Fire Support Bases. The Fire Support Base defense lends itself to much criticism. Since the initial adoption of the Fire Support Base concept certain tendencies developed concerning the size and length of stay of infantry units charged with perimeter defense, the size of the units charged with perimeter defense. The size of the units charged with defense has never exceeded a C. (-) and has fallen in some cases to a mere reinforced platoon. This has proven itself to be inadequate due to the large size of the defensive perimeters involved, which in some cases will over-extend a full company. Coordination is a key point, and the amount of time a unit spends at a Fire Support Base does not lend itself to good defensive coordination. The short amount of time in a defensive position is due to commitments of maneuvering units and this time on the defense is used for rest of units just out of the field. During the short stay, units are unable to coordinate defensive plans or develop them properly, based on unique elements of each Fire Support Base. Coordination between the infantry, and artillery commanders occurs so seldom it is almost non-existent, therefore artillery assets are not incorporated into the defensive plan. Security measures have become stagnant. Defense plans are passed from one commander to another as units are rotated from the Fire Support Base. There is little improvement or originality employed by the units. Token day and night acts are used with little variance, if any, in positions and routes of patrols, ambushes, and listening posts. A great deal of aggressiveness and originality is lacking and could be improved if the unit's staff commanders would inspect the physical aspects of defense regularly, which is not usually done except when the Fire Support Base is also the Battalion Command Post. Night defensive fires for the position were also passed between Forward Observers and were rarely checked as to actual position on the ground or changed from time to time due to a lack of time spent on position or because of day and night acts.

13. Recommendations. The resupply problems can be solved by developing large, protected storage capabilities at each Fire Support Base. A minimum of a 10 days supply of Class I, and Class V should be maintained to overcome problems arising during poor weather conditions.

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To overcome Fire Support Base defense deficiencies at least a company should be maintained at each Fire Support Base. Bases should be placed along the perimeter and the value of the bases should be maintained there. They should also be maintained on position to allow adequate amount of time to allow them to develop a defense plan based on the peculiarities of each position. Aggressiveness and originality must be used in employing day and night acts, instead of lethargic complacency. Effect can be observed and used by the enemy. Liaison must be made between infantry and artillery unit commanders to integrate all available assets into the defense of the bases. Night defensive fires must be checked and repositioned regularly to avoid predictability. Battalion Commanders and Operation Officers should physically survey defenses and provide guidance to commanders. Command attention must be given to all defenses and early warning activities. Without an original and aggressive approach Fire Support Bases will remain highly vulnerable and susceptible to penetration by even small attacking forces.

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Table of Missions Fired and Rounds Expended

	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
August	4557	48166
September	3858	18658
October	4097	30197
November	4093	25878
December	3901	24090
January	3076	29529
February	3412	33996
TOTAL	26984	210514

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Part IIISequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. 1-30 April 1969 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. Operation Purple Martin

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

a. KIA (c) 25

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. KIA 0

b. WIA 1

c. Non-combat casualties 25

5. Equipment. The motor transport maintenance situation showed significant improvement during the month of April. The deadlined rate declined from an initial 24% to 16% by the end of the month. Direct exchange repair parts accounted for only 6 of the 19 prime movers deadlined.

The ordnance equipment and maintenance situation showed continued improvement with the receipt of two rebuilt 105mm Howitzers and fifteen new gunner's quadrants.

6. General Logistics. The battalion made a smooth transition to the Quang Tri LSA for resupply operations after the Vandegrift LSA was closed on the 9th of April.

The Motor Transport maintenance shop in Quang Tri was completed and is now being occupied and used.

The water tank was completed early in April and has since been in use.

Approximately 27,000 rounds of 105mm and 4800 rounds of 155mm ammunition were helilifted to the fire bases during April.

Resupply of the Mortar Battery was by overland means in their support role for the Quang Tri Combat Base.

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6a. Food Services. The messhall at Quang Tri and Vandegrift fed approximately 75% "A" rations and 25% "B" rations.

The batteries at the forward fire bases subsisted primarily on MCI, supplemented by "B" rations. During the month the battalion messhall at Vandegrift continued to prepare and send out to the fire bases hot meals as the tactical situation permitted.

7. Administration. There were nine (9) Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishments awarded for violation of Articles 90, 91, 92, 111, 13 & UCMJ.

8. Personnel. During the month of April the battalion strength averaged 86% of the manning level. Eight (8) Marine officers, fifty (50) Marine enlisted and one (1) Navy enlisted joined the battalion. Three (3) Marine Officers and twenty-three (23) Marine enlisted were rotated or transferred.

9. Intelligence. During the month of April the 4th Marine Regiment, supported by the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines, engaged elements of the North Vietnamese 246th Independent Regiment in the Northern I Corps Area.

The 246th Regimental Headquarters moved from the vicinity of XD9365, approximately 6,500 meters north northeast of Fire Support Base Russell where it was located in March, to XD 8666, 10,000 meters north northeast of Fire Support Base Neville.

The 1st Battalion, 246th Regiment which was located at XD9492, approximately 4,000 meters north northeast of Fire Support Base Russell moved to XD8268, approximately 11,000 meters north of Fire Support Base Neville.

2nd Battalion, 246th Regiment was located at XD6857, in the immediate vicinity of Fire Support Base Argonne. Due to the extraction of friendly forces from the Argonne area and the lack of contact with the unit since, it is assumed that they are in the vicinity of the Argonne area.

3rd Battalion, 246th Regiment, which was located in the vicinity of XD8261, approximately 6,000 meters north northeast of Fire Support Base Russell is now unlocated in the DMZ area and possibly is with the Regimental Headquarters.

The 246th Regiment's Artillery support unit, the 4th Battalion of the 48th Artillery Regiment previously located in the vicinity of XD 9365, approximately 6,000 meters north northeast of Fire Support Base Russell is now located in the

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vicinity of KD9566, 8,000 meters north northeast of Fire Support Base Russell.

By the repulsion of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines from the Argonne area the enemy has shown his determination to maintain control of that area. However, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions have found the enemy reluctant to make a stand and have kept them mainly on the move and fighting only a delaying action when forced into combat. This is further substantiated by the 246th Regiment's move towards the northwest, possibly shifting their front in that direction in order to allow room for the introduction of additional units in the central DMZ and a possible offensive during the month of May.

10. Communication-Electronics.

1. April brought the opening of FSB Greene and the closing of the forward Battalion FDC at FSB Alpine. The battalion FDC's centralized operation from VOB required that a relay be established at FSB Neville to cover intermittent VHF/FM communications to Alpine and Greene. Toward the end of April Greene and Alpine were closed, improving the battalion's communications posture. Radio capability for the 4th Marines FSCG was provided by a system of double remoting. Late April brought a high incident of electrical storms which resulted in temporary radio damage at VOB.

2. Division radio relay continued to provide main trunks to 12th Marines and the 3d Marine Division.

3. The communications section supported two Naval Gunfire spot teams with operators and radios including a secure voice capability.

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TABLES OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES
AND MISSIONS FIRED

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APRIL

Missions Fired	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Obs	48	10	11	31	39	18	22
Unobs	12	5	7	8	23	47	38
HEI's	77	52	39	101	63	87	69
TOTAL	135	67	60	140	130	152	129

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1102	1102	783	747	645	648	644
WP	11	27	17	8	28	94	31
111	3	11	4	4	4	11	7
Firecracker				115	12		
Beehive							
155 HE	108	46	96	30	136	110	110
WP	11	8	4	11	1	18	7
111			2			1	
107 HE	90	102	67	103	108	63	54
WP	4	11	4		11	17	6
111	8						
HC Smoke			10				
TOTAL	1400	1607	987	1011	936	982	889

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (G)	4		15				
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Missions Fired	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
Obs	35	26	27	45	21	53	39
Unobs	14	24	7	20	15	20	23
HEI's	71	90	59	80	94	76	88
TOTAL	120	140	93	145	130	149	150

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	871	834	631	1282	1712	1567	1347
WP	14	21	29	37	41	8	58
111	18	6	4	11	7		14
Firecracker						6	
Beehive							
155 HE	126	38	15	288	339	177	216
WP	19	7	7	17	49	9	21
111	4	1		9			

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107 HE	51	86	88	248	36	68	38
WP	2	14	11	19	2	11	4

HC Smoke

TOTAL	1105	1009	783	1912	2186	1846	1698
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SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

Missions Fired	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
Obs	30	31	34	29	17	19	53
Unobs	105	23	17	18	13	21	78
H&I's	76	79	83	71	112	134	95
TOTAL	211	133	134	128	142	174	226

Ammo Expended

105 HE	1022	2247	915	1031	1292	1232	1702
WP	65	72	86	41	43	87	110
101	4	9		2	1	4	

Firecracker

Beehive

155 HE	101	312	112	91	245	293	45
WP	11	47	4	4	6	14	1
111		12					

107 HE	12	52	237	137	102	83	120
WP	6	12	1				2
111		4		26			

HC Smoke

TOTAL	1402	2040	1385	755	1716	1717	1280
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SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

Missions Fired	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th
Obs	66	95	26	11	43	56	65
Unobs	89	21	29	17	6	21	15
H&I's	82	107	58	81	78	51	33
TOTAL	237	223	113	139	127	128	113

Ammo Expended

105 HE	777	2097	2243	1104	850	788	721
WP	18	29	21	11	1	71	11
111							

Firecracker

Beehive

						4	
						5	

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155 HE 201 111 161 72
 WP 2 6 17 225
 107 HE 70 13 52 13 104 274
 WP 6 7 7 11
 HC Smoke
 TOTAL 1068 2560 2520 1473 997 1156 1059
 SURVEILLANCE
 KIA (C)

Missions Fired 2000 1000 TOTAL
 Obs 1000
 Unobs 1000
 KIA's 1000

Arms Destroyed
 105 HE 100 1208 2210
 WP 1 72 111
 111
 Fireworks r
 Beehive
 155 HE 212 117 329
 WP 7 310
 111
 107 HE 25 81 203
 WP 171
 111 42
 HC Smoke 10
 TOTAL 760 1477 1164

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 KIA (C) 27

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3d Battalion, 12th Marines
Journals 1 to 30 April 1969
Vandegrift Combat Base

010001H to 012400H April 1969

1039H Received contact mission from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines at grid XD854653, "G" 3/12 to fire CG-2729. Mission is at my command, battery laid.

1224H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on bunkers, mortar pits and small arms fire, grid XD892657. "H" 3/12 to fire CH-2770.

1710H Received active mortar mission from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. "H" 3/12 to fire on grid XD840660, "G" 3/12 will fire also.

2100H Received from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, surveillance on "H" 3/12 mission of 1224H, CH-2770. 4 NVA KIA's by artillery 7 days old in a bunker that took a direct hit.

2400H Journal closed.

020001 to 022400H April 1969

0150H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports one secondary for "A" 8th of the 4th USA on TOT at grid XD 890638.

1354H 2d Battalion, 4th Marines reports active mortars, sent in two grids, XD 822659, "G" 3/12, CG-2734, enemy OP. Grid XD 840665, "H" 3/12 to fire CH 2774, mortar position.

1717H Received mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on 3 NVA, grid XD773592, "G" 3/12 to fire XD8921.

2400H Journal closed.

030001H to 032400H April 1969

2105H Boundry change between 2d Battalion, 4th Marines and 3d Battalion, 4th Marines as follows. Present boundaries at XD893558 N.W. along blue line to XD

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868577 then due north to XD868579, then N.E.
to XD876613, then due north to XD876617.

2400H Journal closed.

040001H to 042400H April 1969

1556H Received mission from Recon, NVA in open and
sniper fire. Grid XD908675, "H" 3/12 to fire
CH-2831.

1715H Surveillance on CH-2831. Replot grid XD89806728
from Recon fired by "H" 3/12, between 1556H and
1751H. 1 large secondary explosion, 10 smaller
explosions, 15 confirmed NVA KIA's, 20 to 30
wounded and 1 truck destroyed.

2400H Journal closed.

050001H to 052400H April 1969

0825H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.
Contact grid XD834667, "H" 3/12 to fire CH-2848.

0954H "H" 3/12 given EOM for 3/4 (CH-2848). "H" 3/12
will stay layed on replot data.

1422H Received mission from Recon at grid XD898672, 4
NVA, "H" 3/12 to fire CH-2831.

1503H EOM on CH-2831 fired by "H" 3/12, surveillance
was 4 confirmed NVA KIA's.

2400H Journal closed.

060001H to 062400H April 1969

1510H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines,
2 NVA in tree line, grid XD941661. "K" 4/12 to
fire CX-6960.

2400H Journal closed.

070001H to 072400H April 1969

1920H Received mission from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines,
NVA in open. "H" 3/12 will fire CH-2877.

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1934H Received mission from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines nature of target, ILL to pick up NVA bodies. "G" 3/12 to fire.

2036H ECM for "G" 3/12, 15 ILL rounds fired negative surveillance because it was too overcast for the ILL to do any good.

2400H Journal closed.

080001H to 082400H April 1969

1246H Received mission on grid XD 853660, NVA in tree line/50 cal position. Called 12th Marines and requested reinforcing fire from 175's out of the Rockpile.

1406H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on grid XD867660. Wants a TOT on this, nature of target, 16 NVA. "H" 3/12 and "G" 3/12 to fire CX-7068.

1415H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports he is taking fire from the 16 NVA he wants a TOT on this. "H" 3/12 is laid and it is still pending clearance. "G" 3/12 is also laid and ready.

1429H Received mission from Recon on grid XD854657, escape route/NVA. "I" 3/12 to fire CI-2853.

1552H Recon reports 1 machine gun destroyed on CI-2853 for "I" 3/12.

1652H Received word from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines that on grid XD836643 we killed 3 NVA. This mission was fired by "H" 3/12, CH-2813 it was a prep fire, fired at 0726H on 3 April 1969.

2400H Journal closed.

090001H to 092400H April 1969

1213H Received mission from Recon on grid XD913677, 2 vehicles and ten personnel, "H" 3/12 to fire CH-2905.

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1735H Received notification from ESOC that a heli-copter just crashed on the ISA.

2400H Journal closed.

100001H to 102400H April 1969

2203H Small arms reported by "G" 3/12, battery returned fire.

2400H Journal closed.

110001H to 112400H April 1969

1735H 2d Battalion, 4th Marines reports it is taking incoming.

1738H Incoming has stopped. 1st Plt. 8" to fire.

2400H Journal closed.

120001H to 122400H April 1969

2400H Journal closed.

130001H to 132400H April 1969

1951H Received enemy contact mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on grid XD717615.

1953H Received enemy contact mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on grid XD724622.

2400H Journal closed.

140001H to 142400H April 1969

0937H Received automatic weapons mission, CI-2890, "I" 3/12 to fire.

1028H "I" 3/12 got a secondary on FFE on CI-2890.

1147H 1st Battalion, 4th Marines spotted NVA in open and bunker complex, 2d Provisional 155 Battery to fire.

2400H Journal closed.

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150001H to 152400H April 1969

0935H Received mission from Recon, grid XD890658.
Small arms fire, "H" 3/12 to fire CX-7997,
1st Plt 8" is already firing on this grid.

0952H At 0945H received mission from 2d Battalion,
4th Marines on grid XD805604, active 50. cal
position, "I" 3/12 to fire CI-2896.

2400H Journal closed.

160001H to 162400H April 1969

1416H Received mission from Recon, nature of target
NVA, muzzle flashes and bunkers, "H" 3/12 and
"K" 4/12 will fire on grid XD908663.

1655H Surveillance for "H" 3/12 and "K" 4/12 on grid
XD9 8663. 8 bunkers destroyed, and ground fire
suppressed.

1724H Received mission from Recon on grid XD891587,
nature of target 4 NVA on trail, "K" 4/12 to
fire CX-0020.

1831H EOM for "K" 4/12, CX-0020, negative surveill-
ance.

2400H Journal closed.

170001H to 172400H April 1969

0959H Received contact mission from 2nd Battalion,
4th Marines. Grid XD803657, I 3/12 to fire
CI-2909.

1015H 3d Provisional 155 Howitzer to fire contact
mission, grid XD803567, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

1252H EOM for "I" 3/12 and 3d Provisional 155 Battery
on 2d Battalion, 4th Marines mission. "I" 3/12
expended 220 rounds of HE, 2 WP and 3d Prov
expended 89 rounds of HE and 2 rounds of WP.
Surveillance found numerous gear, including
150 50 cal. rounds and bloody trails.

2400H Journal closed.

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180001H to 182400H April 1969

1521H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on grid XD945665. Nature of target, bunkers and squad of NVA. "K" 4/12 to fire CX-0094.

1606H EOM for "K" 4/12 on 3d Battalion, 4th Marines mission, no surveillance at this time they are soaked in. Expended 40 rounds of HE.

2400H Journal closed.

190001H to 192400H April 1969

0345H "E" 3/12 fired a DMZ mission for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at grid XD945658. Surveillance for mission was 2 secondary explosions.

0955H Received from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, the following grid as a contact mission. "I" 3/12 to fire CI-2937.

1240H EOM for "I" 3/12 on CI-2937 for 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, nature of target, enemy contact. Expended 1 WP and 90 HE, negative surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

200001H to 202400H April 1969

1050H Received from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines mission, active mortars. Grid XD906662. "K" 4/12 to fire, CX-0018 and "E" 3/12 to fire CH-3070.

1110H Received from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines the following new grid for "E" 3/12 on the active mortar mission, grid XD906672.

1114H Received active 50 cal. position on grid XD 852656 from Moonwatch "T" (Div. AO) "G" 3/12 to fire CH-2921.

1127H From 3d Bn. 4th Marines, grid XD916657, active mortars, "E" 3/12 to fire, CH-3071.

1128H EOM on "E" 3/12 on 3d Bn. 4th Marines mission CH-3071.

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1135H Shot "H" 3/12 on CH-3071.

1158H BOM "H" 3/12 on CH-3071. BOM "K" 4/12 on CX-0018.

1316H Received mission from Moonwatch "H" (Div. A0), grid XD883649, nature of target, new bunkers and trails. Called 12th Marines and got 1st Plt 8" to fire CX-0173.

1612H Received surveillance for 1st Plt 8" on CX-0076, 1 bunker, 2 fighting holes destroyed and 2 cans of 7.62 ammo. This mission was fired on the 17th of April at 1645H.

210001H to 212400H April 1969

0900H Received mission from Moonwatch "H" (Div. A0) on grid XD893672, 1st Plt 8" to fire CX-0218.

2400H Journal closed.

220001H to 222400H April 1969

0245H CX-0242 a TOT for 3d Bn, 4th Marines, DMZ mission got 2 large secondary explosions. "K" 4/12 and "H" 3/12 fired this mission.

2400H Journal closed.

230001H to 232400H April 1969

2400H Journal closed.

240001H to 242400H April 1969

1535H Received fire mission from Moonwatch "A" (Div. A0), EVA C.O.C., "I" 3/12 was assigned to fire. Also requested reinforcing fire out of the Rockpile. Grid XD823677.

1615H 1st Plt 8" got BOM on Moonwatch "A" (Div. A0) mission. Did not fire because A.O. left station. "I" 3/12 also got BOM, but they fired 3 WP and 20 rounds of HE, excellent coverage of target for "I" 3/12.

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1616H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines called in an active small arms mission, "E" 3/12 was assigned to fire. CH-3127.

1725H "E" 3/12 got EOM on 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines CH-3127. Surveillance was one NVA KIA (conf) and 10 bunkers uncovered.

2400H Journal closed.

250001H to 252400H April 1969

0045H 12th Marines advises us that 2nd ARVN in 00-05, 63N, area will send us a new overlay this morning.

1043H Received active small arms mission from 2/4 target number CH-3150, grid XD850660, "E" 3/12 to fire.

1124H Received check fire on "E" 3/12 mission CH-3150 "F" 2/4 moving into contact area at this time.

1325H Magic Spell (Recon) called in live mission with 10 NVA in the open. "E" 4/12 to fire CH-3154.

1437 H EOM "E" 4/12 on Recon mission. Negative surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

260001H to 262400H April 1969

0945H Received check fire on "E" 3/12 mission. 8 NVA in canopy, target CH-3165, grid XD978616, due to A.O.

1101H EOM on "E" 3/12, CH-3165, expended 73 rounds of HE, negative surveillance.

2400H Journal closed.

270001H to 272400H April 1969

2400H Journal closed.

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280001H to 282400H April 1969

1144H Received mission from 3/4 on 2 NVA in stream
bed at grid XD912610, "K" 4/12 to fire CX-0537.

1224H "K" 4/12 given EOM on CX-0537, for 3/4, negative
surveillance.

2400H Journal closed.

290001H to 292400H April 1969

1612H Received fire mission from 2/4, who was receiving
small arms fire. "G" 3/12 to fire.

2400H Journal closed.

300001H to 302400H April 1969

2400H Journal closed.

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