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3d Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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1 June 1969

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 May 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFM PAGO 5750.8_
(c) DivO 5750.1G

Encl: ✓(1) 3d Battalion, 12th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Downgrade at 3 year intervals. Declassified after 12 years.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

Major R.E. GIBSON
084655/0802
1-31 May 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Capt K.C. KALBFLEISCH
084123/0802
1-31 May 1969

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

1stLt W.J. WALCHLI
0102364/0802
1-31 May 1969

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

1stLt T.A. SMITH
0102544/0802
1-29 May 1969
Capt L.R. KROLAK
088148/0802
30-31 May 1969

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

1stLt D.A. VETTER
0101680/0802
1-25 May 1969
1stLt R.W. DUNLAP
0104572/0802
26-31 May 1969

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

1stLt B.C. WILSON
0103167/0802
1-25 May 1969
1stLt E.M. CAMELL
0104549/0802
26-31 May 1969

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

1stLt J.G. FERRARI
096660/0802
1-31 May 1969

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OPCON UNITS

3rd Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery Capt T.S. HUTCHINSON
 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines 094802/0802
 3d Marine Division (Rein) 8-10 May 1969

Battery "D", 2nd Battalion 1stLT G.E. HODGE
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 096971/0802
 Division (Rein) 23-28 May 1969

Battery "E", 2nd Battalion Capt H.C. BARNUM Jr.
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 084262/0802
 Division (Rein) 12-15 May 1969

Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion 1stLt J.D. MASON
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 0103654/0802
 Division (Rein) 14-22 May 1969

Battery "C", 6th Battalion Capt H.R. MORGAN
 33rd Artillery (USA) 05420538
 8-21 May 1969

2. Location

1-31 May 1969 Command Group "A" YD000404 Vandegrift Combat
 Base, RVN.
 1-31 May 1969 Headquarters (Rear) YD300551, Quang Tri, Pro-
 vince, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

a. Executive Officer Major E.J. DORAN
 067907/0802
 1-31 May 1969

b. S-1 Adjutant/Legal Officer 2ndLt J.G. DUNN
 0107442/0130
 1-31 May 1969

c. S-2 Officer 1stLt J.S. EVANS
 0102766/0802
 1-31 May 1969

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d. S-3 Officer

Major P.M. POLETZ
079944/0802
1-31 May 1969

e. S-3A Officer

Capt R.J. COULTER
090587/0802
1 May 1969
1stLt L.J. WHITTLES
0105318/0802
2-31 May 1969

f. S-4 Officer

Capt E.C. BROWN
089725/0802
1-31 May 1969

g. Communications Officer

1stLt C.W. ULRICH
0102660/2502
1-28 May 1969
1stLt P.O. BANNON
0104448/2502
29-31 May 1969

h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M.T. SULLIVAN
0105668/3502
1-31 May 1969

i. Supply Officer

1stLt D.J. MCCRARY
0105583/3002
1-31 May 1969

j. Survey/Metro Officer

1stLt R.W. DUNLAP
0104572/0802
1-25 May 1969
1stLt A.F. O'SULLIVAN
0105219/0802
26-31 May 1969

k. Liaison Officer

Capt R.G. HOLLIDAY
082781/0802
1 May 1969
Capt R.J. COULTER
090587/0802
2-31 May 1969

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
46	634

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
3	16

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. General Overview of all Activities.

During the month of May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued to provide direct support artillery for the 4th Marine Regiment. The 4th Marines sent their battalions one at a time, to Cua Viot for a few days R&R. The 3d Battalion, 12th Marines took advantage of the situation and sent one battery with each of the battalions.

2. Mission Assigned.

From 1 May through 31 May 1969 the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued in its assigned mission of direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

3. Operations Summary.

At 0001H on 4 May Operation Purple Martin ended and Operation Herkimer Mountain commenced. To provide adequate support to the 4th Marine Regiment, the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines had five batteries assigned to it for operational control at different times during the month. The batteries were as follows: 3d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery, at Vandegrift Combat Base 8-10 May; Battery "C", 6th Battalion, 33rd Artillery USA at Fire Support Base Cates 8-21 May 1969; Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines at Vandegrift Combat Base, 12-15 May 1969; Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines at Vandegrift Combat Base, 14-22 May 1969; Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines at Elliot Combat Base and Fire Support Base Shepherd 1-8 May.

Two Naval Gunfire Teams manned observation posts at Con Thien and Odoanvieu from 1 through 8 May 1969.

4. Results of Operation.

During the month of May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was credited with 16 confirmed NVA KIA. The battalion suffered 0 KIA's, 0 MIA's and 1 WIA.

5. Intelligence Summary.

During the month of May the 4th Marine Regiment, along with certain recon units, made contact with the following

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units: 3d Battalion, 36th Regiment, 308th Division, northwest of Fire Support Base Fuller. 88th Regiment, 308th Division at grid XD989623; 5th Regiment, 304th Division; 246th Regiment reported by a POW captured at grid XD966667.

Vandegrift Combat Base was subjected to 82mm mortar attacks from the south-southwest, and 107mm and 122mm rockets attacks from the west.

6. Logistics.

The motor transport deadlined rate declined to 10% during the month of May. The motor transport maintenance situation continued to show improvement, enabling this battalion to meet its commitments with no difficulty.

The ordnance maintenance situation was satisfactory. Some needed repair parts and components were on back-order through FLSG "B". Heavy rains during the month had an adverse effect upon sighting and fire control equipment, but did not degrade the operational capabilities of the firing batteries.

The overall supply situation is in need of improvement. A shortage of approximately 12% of the combat essential equipment exists. These shortages do not severely effect the battalion's capabilities as presently employed. Supply action on all shortages is pending with valid requisitions held. The overall Class II type 2 supply situation is satisfactory with minor problem areas.

Resupply of the fire support bases originated from both Quang Tri and Vandegrift LSA's during the month.

Approximately 25,000 rounds of 105mm and 3000 rounds of 155mm ammunition were helilifted to the fire support bases, while the Mortar Battery relied upon overland resupply from the Quang Tri ASP.

The battalion messhalls at Quang Tri and Vandegrift Combat Base fed approximately 70% "A" rations and 30% "B" rations.

The messhall at Vandegrift continued to prepare hot meals for the fire bases. They were sent out daily, tactical situation and weather permitting.

7. Communication-Electronics.

The major effort during May consisted of maintaining all fire direction and conduct of fire nets required by the battalion FDC. Fire direction nets were maintained between Vandegrift Combat Base and firing batteries at Vandegrift, Fire Support Bases Russell, Neville and Cates. Conduct of fire nets were

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maintained for all supported units in the field and the appropriate FSCC's. All nets were VHF/FM. Directional antennas (AS-2236) or elevated ground plane antennas (RC-292) were used, depending upon the specific requirements of each circuit. Regimental FSCC circuits were maintained by double remoting FDC radios.

Command traffic was passed from, and to, all units by radio through the Vandegrift or Quang Tri Command Posts. Primary equipment was VHF/FM radio. Experimentation was made to establish an HF/AM command net. Indications are that reliable HF/AM communications are both feasible and practical from Vandegrift Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base. This will negate VHF/FM equipment and frequency requirements.

Considerable difficulty was experienced with the VHF/FM frequencies assigned this battalion by Division COI. There was not enough separation, and mutual override was experienced because adequate antenna separation could not be accomplished.

Communication-Electronics equipment in the battalion was inspected 23 May by a team from FMFPAC. Results of the inspection were satisfactory.

Reassessment was made of the battalion communications requirements in an attempt to augment personnel and equipment in forward positions.

8. Personnel and Administration.

During the month of May the battalion strength averaged 88.8% of the manning level. Eight Marine officers, one hundred and one Marine enlisted and one Navy enlisted joined the battalion. Seven Marine officers, forty six Marine enlisted and one Navy enlisted were rotated or transferred out of the battalion.

There were three Commanding Officers Non-Judicial Punishments awarded for violation of Article 134.

9. Training.

During the month, training was carried out in both general military and Vietnam oriented subjects. Training in compliance with COATIP requirements was also accomplished. A major part of the training was OJT.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events During or in Direct Relation to Combat Operations.

At 1659H on 1 May Battery "I" 3/12 fired 165 rounds of shell HE on grid XD849648. Nature of target was NVA under canopy. The surveillance was 1 confirmed enemy KIA and one bunker destroyed.

At 2056H on 3 May Battery "H" 3/12 fired 133 rounds of shell mixed on grid XD907676. The nature of target was moving convoy lights. The mission was fired in support of 3d Bn, 4th Marines. The surveillance was five large secondary explosions, caused by exploding mortars and small arms ammunition.

At 2045H on 4 May Battery "H" 3/12 fired 113 rounds of shell mixed on moving lights at grid XD893672. The surveillance was eight secondary explosions. The mission was fired in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

At 0932H on 6 May Battery "H" 3/12 fired 123 rounds of shell HE on grid XD891653. Nature of target was active small arms fire. The surveillance was small arms fire ceased. The mission was fired in support of the 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

At 1300H Battery "G" 3/12 returned from the Cua Viet R&R center and replaced Battery "I" 3/12 personnel at Fire Support Base Neville. Battery "I" 3/12 personnel replaced Battery "H" 3/12 personnel at Fire Support Base Russell. Battery "H" 3/12 personnel left for the Cua Viet R&R center at 1400H.

At 0800H on 8 May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of the 3d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery and Battery "C" 6th Battalion of the 33rd Artillery USA. The 3d Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery was located at Vandegrift Combat Base. Battery "C" was at Fire Support Base Cates, grid XD927436.

At 2400H Operation Purple Martin ended and Operation Herkimer Mountain began.

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At 1502H on 9 May, Battery "H" 3/12 fired 169 rounds of shell HE on fifteen NVA in the open at grid XD941684. The surveillance was 3 NVA KIA confirmed. The mission was observed by an AO from the 3d Marine Division.

At 0600H on 10 May 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was relieved of operational control of the 3d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery. At 0726H Battery "H" 3/12 fired 144 rounds of shell HE on grid XD853625 on 10 NVA in the open. The mission was fired in support of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. A sweep of the area revealed blood and bandages on the trails. At 1300H Battery "H" 3/12 personnel returned to Fire Support Base Russell and Battery "I" 3/12 personnel left for Cua Viet.

At 0800H on 12 May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines at Vandegrift Combat Base. At 0925H Vandegrift Combat Base received 7 rounds of 107mm rockets. A total of 248 rounds of shell HE were fired to suppress the rockets, at grid XD 915418, 925513, 962513 and 925503.

At 1141 13 May Vandegrift Combat Base received 15 rounds of 107mm rockets. A total of 253 rounds of 155mm and 105mm shell HE was fired in rocket suppression fire. The grids fired on were XD939516, 925493, 935506, 916507, and 908529. At 1200H 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery located at Fire Support Base Cates, grid XD927436.

At 1300H on 14 May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of Mortar Battery, 2/12 located at Vandegrift Combat Base. At 1850H Battery "H" fired 24 rounds of shell HE on a suspected enemy base camp at grid XD823566. The result was 1 secondary explosion. The mission was fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

At 1300H on 15 May Battery "I" 3/12 returned from Cua Viet and occupied their new position at Vandegrift Combat Base.

At 0930H on 16 May Battery "H" 3/12 fired 107 rounds of shell HE on NVA in the open at grid XD944613. The mission was in support of recon team American Beauty. The surveillance was 3 NVA KIA confirmed.

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At 1632H on 17 May Battery "H" 3/12 fired 124 rounds of shell HE on an active rocket site at grid XD989600. The mission was fired in support of the 3d Bn, 9th Marines. There was no surveillance.

At 0700H on 18 May Battery "H" fired 142 rounds of shell HE on active mortars at grid XD875635. The mission was conducted by an aerial observer from the 3d Marine Division. The surveillance was 1 NVA KIA and one mortar pit destroyed.

At 1903H on 19 May Battery "I" along with Battery "W", 2/12 fired a total of 258 rounds of shell HE in mortar suppression fire on grids XD005440, 015440, 005456, XD995455 and 962423.

At 1135H on 20 May the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 48 rounds of shell HE on grid XD846419. The nature of target was NVA in the open. The mission was fired in support of a recon team and there was no surveillance.

At 0800H on 21 May Battery "I" 6/33 USA left our operational control. At 2222H Battery "I" fired 60 rounds of HE at moving lights at grid XD056444. The target was spotted by Battery "I" personnel. The mission resulted in four secondary explosions.

At 0558H on 22 May Battery "I" 3/12 and "W" 2/12 expended 158 rounds of shell HE in counter mortar fire. The impact grids were XD999452, YD006440, 020440. The mortars were silenced. At 0800H the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was relieved of operational control of "W" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 1600H on 23 May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines located at the Rockpile, grid XD985542. At 1624H Battery "H" fired 24 rounds of shell HE at an active .50 caliber machine gun position at grid XD827644. The mission was fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The position was silenced. At 1920H Battery "D" and Battery "I" expended a total of 286 rounds of shell HE on grid XD998453. The nature of target was mortars firing on Vandegrift Combat Base. The mortars were silenced.

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2. Other Significant Events

At 1300H on 1 May a change of command ceremony was held at the forward command post of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. Major R.E. GIBSON relieved Lieutenant Colonel E.D. FOXWORTH Jr. as battalion commander.

On 23 May the battalion was inspected by the CG FMF PAC inspection team. The inspection team could find no area that was unsatisfactory.

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At 1026H on 25 May Vandegrift Combat Base began taking rockets. A total of 569 rounds of shell HE (105 and 155) were fired in rocket suppression fire. The grids covered were XD921493, 929483, 904497, and 934495. At 1158H Battery "H" fired 90 rounds of shell HE on grid XD928622. The nature of target was active mortars. The mission was fired in support of recon team Lucky Punch. Seven secondary explosions were observed.

At 0805H on 26 May, Vandegrift Combat Base began taking rockets. A total of 306 rounds of shell HE (105 and 155) were expended on grids XD954495 and 985430 in rocket suppression fire. At 0818H on 26 May Battery "G" 3/12 fired a total of 103 rounds of shell HE on five NVA in the open at grid XD 771539. The mission was fired in support of recon team Frost Berg. The surveillance was two NVA KIA confirmed. At 1100H Battery "H" 3/12 fired 104 rounds shell HE in support of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The nature of target was small arms fire. The surveillance was 2 NVA KIA confirmed. At 1215H Battery "D" 2/12 displaced from Elliot Combat Base to LZ Shephard.

At 0530H on 27 May Battery "I" 3/12 fired 315 rounds of shell HE as a prep fire for the ARVN. At 0805H the ARVN operation was postponed.

At 0001H 28 May operational control of Battery "D" 2/12 was passed to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 0650H on 29 May the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery expended 18 rounds of shell HE on grid XD942476. The nature of target was NVA in the open. The mission was fired in support of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. The surveillance was 1 NVA KIA.

At 0600H on 30 May the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines observed a 24 hour cease fire as directed by higher authority. At 1132H on 30 May the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired 21 rounds of shell HE on grid XD481418. The nature of target was enemy contact. The mission was fired in support of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. The only surveillance was enemy contact broken.

At 1152H on 31 May Battery "H" fired 126 rounds of shell HE on grid XD882540. The nature of target was a suspected .50 caliber position. The mission was observed by a Division AO. The surveillance was 3 NVA KIA confirmed.

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ORIGINATED MESSAGES FROM 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
for May 1969

<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
✓1. 050801Z May 1969	COMBAT LOSSES
✓2. 061126Z May 1969	GA DELETE CARDS SUBMITTED
✓3. 080113Z May 1969	R&R CANCELLATION
✓4. 080801Z May 1969	CRITICAL ITEMS
✓5. 120720Z May 1969	MARES SUPPLY STATUS
✓6. 170529Z May 1969	EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY LEAVE
✓7. 280549Z May 1969	T/SEC KY-38 IMPLEMENTATION
✓8. 310815Z May 1969	R&R NOMINATION

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DRAFTED BY: CAPT E.C. BROWN
SECTION: S-4
DATE: 3 MAY 1969

ROUTINE 050801Z MAY 69

FM: THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO: TWELFTH MAR

BT

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COMBAT LOSSES, THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR

A. DIVO 4400.16

1. IAW REF (A) A NEGATIVE REPORT OF COMBAT LOSSES IS SUBMITTED
FOR THE PERIOD 0001H 1APR TO 2400H 30 APR 69.

BT

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DRAFTED BY: E.C. BROWN
SECTION: S-4
DATE: 3 MAY 1969

ROUTINE 061126Z MAY 1969

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: SMC
INFO: CG FMFPAC (DO30)
CG MARCORSUPACTY PHILA
THIRD BATTALION T-ELFTH MAR

BT

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A. CMC 302342Z APR 69
B. CG MCSA PHILA 221257Z AUG 68
1. GA DELETE CARDS SUBMITTED ON FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS THIS
DATE:

M13330-7264-0063	COMPLETED 8228
M13330-7297-0038	COMPLETED 9034
M13330-6129-3337	COMPLETED 8312

2. REFS A AND B REFER.

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DRAFTED BY: CPL WALDNER
SECTION: S-1
DATE: 6 MAY 1969

ROUTINE 080113Z MAY 69

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: OIC R&R CENTER III MAF
INFO: THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
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R&R CANCELLATION FOR THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES

A. CO THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES LTR 1/STW/stw/1710 OF 22APR69

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING R&R BE CANCELLED:

HONG KONG -12-17 MAY 69 - CPL L.A. KIRKLAND 2148299 USMC W BTRY

BT

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DRAFTED BY: E.C. BROWN, CAPT
 SECTION: S-4
 DATE: 8 MAY 1969

ROUTINE 080801Z MAY 69

FM: THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MAR
 TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)
 INFO: TWELFTH MAR

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CRITICAL ITEMS

(ATTN: SC-21)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 060109Z MAY 69

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>AUTH</u>	<u>QTY</u> <u>DUE</u>	<u>LKH</u> <u>LKH</u>	<u>LATEST</u> <u>STATUS</u>
M718	2310-782-6056	1	0	0	0
M151A1	2320-763-1092	40	4	MR1	9099
M149	2330-542-2039	7	7	MR1	9098
AN/MRC83	5820-629-8244	5	0	0	0
PU-348	6115-682-3414	1	1	MR1	9098

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DRAFTED BY: E.C. BROWN CAPT
SECTION: S-4
DATE: 10 MAY 1969

ROUTINE 120720Z MAY 1969

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)
TO: CG MARCORSUPACTY PHILA
INFO: TWELFTH MAR
THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MAR

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- A. CMC 302342A APR 69
- B. CG THIRD MARDIV 061126Z MAY 69
- C. CG MCSAPHILA 021924Z MAY 69

MARES SUPPLY STATUS

- 1. GAD SUBMITTED ON DOC M1333072640063 AS REQD BY REF. A.
ON 6 MAY 69.
- 2. STATUS REPORTED IN REF.B.
- 3. REF. C. REFERS

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DRAFTED BY: PFC L.K. SCHAFFNER
SECTION: S-1
DATE: 15 MAY 1969

PRIORITY 170529Z MAY 1969

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)
TO: PFC C.R. DAVIS 238 67 04 USMC (FOR PERSONAL DELIVERY)
2507 EAST 15TH, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

INFO: MB TI USNS SFRAN CALIF
THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR

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1. YOUR REQUEST FOR FIFTEEN DAY EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY LEAVE IS APPROVED. ADJUST YOUR REPORTING DATE ACCORDINGLY.
2. RETAIN A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE WITH YOUR ORIGINAL ORDERS.

BT

RELEASE BY: CAPT E.C. BROWN, OIC

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DRAFTED BY: J.G. DUNN 2ND LT
 SECTION: S-1
 DATE: 28 MAY 69

PRIORITY 280549Z MAY 69
 FM: THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES
 TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV (REIN)
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES
 BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L
 T/SEC KY-38 IMPLEMENTATION (U)

A.	KY-38	KYK-28	PUB KIT	BACK TO BACK TEST CABLE
	29	10	5	3
B.	ALL COMPLETE AND SERVICABLE.			
C.	NONE			
			O/H	
D.	KA0-129B		1	
	KAM-219		0	
	KAM-220		0	
	KAM-221		0	
	KAM-222B		1	

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DRAFTED BY: CPL WALDNER
SECTION: S-1
DATE: 30 MAY 1969

ROUTINE 310815Z MAY 69

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)
TO: OIC, R&R CENTER III MAF
INFO: THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES (MAIL)

BT

UNCLAS E F T O
R&R NOMINATION FOR THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES NO. 6-69

A. CO THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES LTR 1/STW/jlc/1710 OF 23 MAY69

1. REQUEST REFERENCE A BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

DELETE:

KUALA LUMPUR -13-18JUN69 - LCPL J.L. LYNCH 2254644 USMC HQBTRY

ADD:

BANGKOK - 7-12JUN69 - LCPL J.L. LYNCH 2254644 USMC HQBTRY

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PART IVTABLE OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED AND MISSIONS FIRED

May 1969

MISSIONS FIRED	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Obs	21	16	13	10	18	15	11	19
Unobs	27	22	20	20	8	10	17	24
H&I's	42	50	57	59	61	59	59	56
TOTAL	90	88	90	89	87	84	87	99

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1382	627	785	1020	391	691	966	989
WP	21	7	54	62	17	5	22	20
III	21						3	
Firecracker			45	24				
155 HE								
WP								
III								
107 HE			21	28		30	52	28
WP								
III								
TOTAL	1424	634	905	1134	408	726	1043	1037

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)	1							
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MISSIONS FIRED	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th
Obs	11	10	14	12	29	22	33	30
Unobs	12	4	7	19	34	27	42	33
H&I's	196	75	91	96	67	88	124	158
TOTAL	219	89	112	127	130	137	199	221

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	854	1247	1361	2026	1699	1264	1508	782
WP	12	12	34	40	45	49	33	12
III								17
Firecracker		18	8					
155 HE	56	18			12	114	100	59
WP							8	
III								
107 HE	14	22	9	350		18	132	52
WP								1
III				1				
TOTAL	936	1317	1412	2417	1756	1445	1781	923

SURVEILLANCE

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MISSIONS FIRED	17th	18th	19th	20th	21th	22nd	23rd	24th
Obs	24	25	30	34	26	16	22	28
Unobs	15	54	17	46	25	22	30	26
H&I's	113	140	129	145	109	137	80	107
TOTAL	152	219	176	225	160	175	132	161

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	2047	1680	2834	784	336	468	787	1495
WP	162	103	46	8	3	4	7	26
ILL		3						

Firecracker

155 HE	120	117	202	88	198	44	111	205
WP		35			8			3
ILL			2					

107 HE	238	36	220	218	180		48	20
WP	1		10	4	1			
ILL					15		56	

TOTAL	2568	1974	3314	1102	741	486	1009	1749
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SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)								
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MISSIONS FIRED	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
Obs	21	43	17	17	17	1	14	619
Unobs	15	23	25	19	31	12	30	716
H&I's	127	128	114	121	121		111	3020
TOTAL	163	194	156	157	169	13	155	4355

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	2630	2278	1830	1196	1244	649	1382	29232
WP	36	10	20	20	17	1	21	929
ILL								44

Firecracker

155 HE	133	235	193	160	174	55	114	2478
WP	5	2	2	7	4	5	21	100
ILL	5							7

107 HE	24	51	18	32	38	40		1919
WP		1						18
ILL								72

TOTAL	2833	2577	2063	1423	1477	750	1538	44902
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Journals 3d Battalion
12th Marines
Vandegrift Combat Base
1-31 May 1969

010001H to 012400H May 1969

1559H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reported NVA in open believed to be platoon size. "G" 3/12 to fire CG-2987.

1604H "H" 3/12 assigned to fire on 2/4's mission, with "G" 3/12, CH-3256.

1704H EOM on CG-2987 and CH-3256. Surveillance was 9 bunkers destroyed, one machine gun position silenced and 1 confirmed NVA KIA.

2400H Journal closed.

020001H to 022400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

030001H to 032400H May 1969

1737H Received from Recon mission as follows, heavy trail activity/Pack animals, grid XD922682. "H" 3/12, CH-3290 and 1st Plt 8", CX-0662 assigned to fire.

1822H EOM "H" 3/12 and 1st Plt 8", surveillance 3 secondaries, and two trails cut off.

1824H Received NVA in open, grid XD855577 from 2/4. "H" 3/12 to fire, CH-3291.

1922H EOM "G" and "H" 3/12, negative surveillance.

2220H "H" 3/12 and 1st Plt 8" Fired on grid XD907676 for 3/4. Nature of target, vehicle movement. Surveillance for "H" 3/12, 5 large secondary explosions and small arms, and mortar rounds cooking off. For 1st Plt 8", 1 large and 2 small secondary explosion.

2400H Journal closed.

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040001H to 042400H May 1969

1120H Contact mission, NVA in open for 3/4. "H" 3/12 assigned to fire, CH-3304.

2400H Journal closed.

050001H to 052400H May 1969

1620H Received from 12th Marines following mission, HY-7297, grid XD725558, Recon shot out. "G" 3/12 assigned to fire.

2400H Journal closed.

060001H to 062400H May 1969

1555H Received from 3/4, fire mission on enemy movement at grid XD892672. "H" 3/12 assigned to fire, CH-3337.

2021H Received from American Beauty (Recon), 5 people at grid XD896624. "G" 3/12 to fire CG-3055.

2030H EOM "G" 3/12 on CG-3055, excellent coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

070001H to 072400H May 1969

1035H 1/4 called in active fire mission, "A-K fire" "G" 3/12 to fire, CG-3076.

2400H Journal closed.

080001H to 082400H May 1969

0805H Received from 3/4, fire mission at grid XD884639, active small arms, "H" 3/12 to fire CH-3399.

1003H Received mission from Recon at grid XD936681, 5 NVA pack animals, troops in tree line, "H" 3/12 to fire, CH-3400.

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1052H Mission from Recon at grid XD935685. Automatic weapons. "H" 3/12 to fire CH-3401.

1119H Received from 3/4 active mission at grid XD891-658. "G" 3/12 to fire CG-3091.

1143H EOM "H" 3/12, CH-3041, surveillance excellent coverage of target. 1 automatic weapons position destroyed.

1559H Received mission from 3/4 grid XD888658, nature of target, enemy contact "H" 3/12 will fire, CH-3402.

1714H EOM "H" 3/12 on CH-3402 for 3/4. Check firing was never lifted. Surveillance was outstanding coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

090001H to 092400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

100001H to 102400H May 1969

1013H Received mission from 3/4 at grid XD905624 NVA in open. "H" 3/12 to fire, CH-3421.

1052H EOM "H" 3/12, CH-3421, excellent coverage of target.

1347H Received mission from 3/4, grid XD896672, NVA in open, "H" 3/12 to fire, CH-2999.

1500H EOM on "H" 3/12, CH-2999. Expended 18 rounds of Firecracker, and 180 rounds of HE. Surveillance was excellent coverage of target, one fire and 1 confirmed KIA NVA.

1654H Received mission from 1/4 grid XD870615, nature of target, small arms fire. "H" 3/12 to fire CH-3422.

2400H Journal closed.

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110001H to 112400H May 1969

0736H Received from 1/4 fire mission at grid XD853625, 10 NVA in open. "H" 3/12 to fire CH-3371.

1040H Received surveillance of blood trail and bandages on "H" 3/12's mission CH-3371.

1941H Received mission from 3/4 at grid XD926651. Enemy contact. "H" 3/12 to fire, CH-2986.

2400H Journal closed.

120001H to 122400H May 1969

1040H Received from 1/4, active 50 caliber position on grid XD871625. "G" 3/12 to fire CG-3166.

1420H 3/4 reports that they are taking incoming mortars at this time. "K" 4/12 and 1st Plt 8" are assigned to fire.

1437H Check firing from 3/4 given to "K" 4/12 and 1st Plt 8".

1530H EOM for "K" 4/12 and 1st Plt 8". Negative surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

130001H to 132400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

140001H to 142400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

150001H to 152400H May 1969

0824H Received mission from 1/4, grid XD875633, nature of target, active 50 caliber position. "H" 3/12 and "G" 3/12 to fire, CH-3482 and CG-3212.

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0920H EOM on "H" and "G" 3/12's mission, CH-3482 and CG-3212. Negative surveillance at this time.

1935H Noonwatch (Roon) spotted 12 NVA heading for their position. "H" 3/12 to fire CH-3494.

2400H Journal closed.

160001H to 162400H May 1969

0909H Received mission from 1/4, grid XD875634. Active 50 caliber position. "H" and "G" 3/12 to fire CH-3501 and CG-3233.

0936H EOM "H" and "G" 3/12, CH-3501 and CG-3233. No surveillance at this time.

1851H 1/4 called in fire mission on suspected enemy base camp. "H" 3/12 assigned to fire, CH-3507.

1950H EOM CH-3507 for 1/4. "H" 3/12 got a surveillance of 1 secondary explosion.

2400H Journal closed.

170001H to 172400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

180001H to 182400H May 1969

1130H Received mission from 3d Bn, 9th Marines, grid XD945535. Nature of target NVA in open. 1st Prov to fire CX-1250.

1131H "I" 3/12 will also fire on 3/9's mission, CI-3076.

1252H EOM on 1st Prov and "I" 3/12. Negative surveillance at this time.

1705H "G" 3/12 is firing on a grid XD949577 for 1st Bn, 4th Marines, 4 NVA, target number CG-2272.

1713H EOM "G" 3/12 on CG-2272. No surveillance at this time.

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2400H Journal closed.

190001H to 192400H May 1969

0548H From 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortars at grids XD882624 for "G" 3/12, CG-3283: and XD882628 for "H" 3/12, CH-3564.

0636H EOM "G" 3/12, CG-3283. Negative surveillance.

0652H EOM "H" 3/12, CH-3564. Negative surveillance.

1014H Received mission from 3rd Bn, 9th Marines, grid YD011444. Nature of target, people possibly NVA in open. "W" 2/12 will fire CW-1997.

2400H Journal closed.

200001H to 202400H May 1969

1903H "I" 3/12 reports that VCB, south gate is taking incoming at this time. "I" 3/12 and "W" 2/12 were assigned to fire at grids YD005440, 015440, 005456, XD993445.

2400H Journal closed.

210001H to 212400H May 1969

1136H Received mission from Recon Team (Badmitten) grid XD842419. 11-12 NVA in open. 1st Prov will fire, CQ-0034.

1232H EOM 1st Prov on CQ-0034. No surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

220001H to 222400H May 1969

0826H Early Flower (Recon) reported 1 NVA in the open. "I" 3/12 assigned to fire CI-3301, grid XD 993413.

0912H EOM on CI-3301. Expended 1 WP and 60 HE. No surveillance at this time.

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1042H Recon is in contact. Early Flower (Recon). 1st Prov assigned to fire CQ-0039 grid XD988408. Danger close 500 meters.

1045H "I" 3/12 was assigned to fire on Early Flower (Recon), contact mission CI-3305, grid XD988408.

1157H EOM 1st Prov, CQ-0039. 1 WP and 8 HE. Negative surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

230001H to 232400H May 1969

1624H Received mission from 1/4 at grid XD827644. Active .30 caliber position. "H" 3/12 assigned to fire CH-3648.

1652H EOM on "H" 3/12, CH-3648. No surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

240001H to 242400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

250001H to 252400H May 1969

0728H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines spotted 5 NVA in open. "I" and 1st Prov 3/12 assigned to fire CI-3316 and CQ-0081, grid XD923461.

0811H EOM "I" and 1st Prov 3/12. Negative surveillance at this time.

0843H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines has spotted 2 NVA in a tree line "I" 3/12 assigned to fire CI-3348.

1026H VCB taking rockets at this time. "3" 1/12 and "I" 3/12 are firing at grids XD921493, 929483. Also "E" 3/12 and "K" 4/12 are having grids worked up for them.

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1140H EOM on all rocket grids at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

260001H to 262400H May 1969

0945H CG-3359 "G" 3/12 to fire for Frost Berg (Recon) unknown size amount of NVA in open grid XD771539.

1220H 12th Marines called to prearrange a precision destruction mission for 1st Prov 3/12 to be fired by 12th Marines AO.

2400H Journal closed.

270001H to 272400H May 1969

0930H Received mission from Early Flower (Recon) people walking in valley. Voices to southwest. "G" 3/12 to fire CG-3375.

1012H Received EOM on CG-3375. No surveillance due to weather. Expended 30 rounds of HE.

1037H Squad of NVA in the open reported by Early Flower (Recon) CH-3709, "H" 3/12 to fire.

1117H EOM "H" 3/12 CH-3709. Early Flower (Recon) reports excellent coverage of target.

1451H Received active mission from 2nd Bn, 4th Marines. 6 NVA in open, CH-3695, grid XD889612.

1509H EOM "H" 3/12, CH-3695 for 2nd Bn, 4th Marines. No surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

280001H to 282400H May 1969

1037H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports 15 NVA in open "H" 3/12 and "G" 3/12 was assigned to fire. CH-3724, CG-3388.

1126H EOM "G" and "H" 3/12. Negative surveillance.

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2400H Journal closed.

290001H to 292400H May 1969

2400H Journal closed.

300001H to 302400H May 1969

0600H Ceasefire in effect for Buddha's Birthday.

1132H Received fire mission from 12th Marines request 1st Prov to fire. Target number BX-2204, grid XD981418. This is a contact mission from 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines and therefore may be cleared despite the ceasefire.

1901H EOM 1st Prov 3/12.

2400H Journal closed.

310001H to 312400H May 1969

0808H Received active mortar mission from 3d Bn, 9th Marines at grid XD835635. "G" 3/12 to fire CG-3413.

0940H "G" 3/12 EOM on CG-3413. Negative surveillance at this time.

1317H "H" 3/12 fired at grid XD882640. Expended: 126 rounds of HE and 2 WP. Surveillance 5 bunkers destroyed, 2 .50 caliber positions destroyed and 3 confirmed NVA KIA.

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