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3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

Major H. H. BAIR
067362/0802
1-18 August 1969
LtCol D. R. MCMILLAN
056500/0802
19-31 August 1969

Subordinate Units

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

Capt R. A. LIST
085450/0802
1-31 August 1969

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

Capt J. N. ELY
087519/0802
1-31 August 1969

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

Capt I. R. KROLAK
086148/0802
1-31 August 1969

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

1st Lt R. W. LUNLAP
0104572/0802
1-31 August 1969

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

Capt R. P. PIERZCHALA
087848/0802
1-18 August 1969
Capt J. G. MILLER
086487/0802
19-31 August 1969

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

Capt R. J. COULTER
090587/0802
1-31 August 1969

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2. 1-31 August 1969 Command Group "A" YD000484 Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
 1-31 August 1969 Headquarters (Rear) YD204593 Camp Romanelli, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

a. Executive Officer

None Assigned

1-18 August 1969
 Major H. H. BAIR
 067362/0802
 19-31 August 1969

b. S-1 Adjutant/Legal Officer

2ndLt J. G. DUNN
 0102766/0802
 1-31 August 1969

c. S-2 Officer

1stLt J. S. EVANS
 0102766/0802
 1-31 August 1969

d. S-3 Officer

Major W. D. BENJAMIN
 073007/0802
 1-31 August 1969

e. S-3A Officer

1stLt L. J. WHITTLES
 0105316/0802
 1-31 August 1969

f. S-4 Officer

1stLt J. G. FERRARI
 096660.0802
 1-31 August 1969

g. Communications Officer

1stLt P. O. BANNON
 0104448/2502
 1-31 August 1969

h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt H. T. SULLIVAN
 0105668/3502
 1-31 August 1969

i. Supply Officer

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

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j. Survey/Metro Officer

1stLt A. F. O'SULLIVAN

0105219/0802

1-31 August 1969

k. Liaison Officer

Capt J. G. MILLER

088487/0802

1-18 August 1969

Capt R. P. PIERZCHALA

088487/0802

19-31 August 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
Off	Enl
47	634

USN	
Off	Enl
3	15

OTHER	
Off	Enl
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. General Overview of all Activities.

During the month of August the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued to provide direct support artillery for the 4th Marine Regiment. The battalion operated out of Vandegrift Combat Base, Calu, and Fire Support Bases Russell and Cates.

2. Mission Assigned.

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

3. Operations Summary.

Operations Georgia Tar and Arlington Canyon continued through the month of August. A realignment of the 4th Marines AO necessitated by the redeployment of the 9th Marines to Okinawa, required that "G" Battery, 3/12 be displaced from Calu to Vandegrift Combat Base on 15 August 1969.

A Naval Gunfire Team from 3d Battalion, 12th Marines manned an observation post at Gio Linh 19 through 20 August. During this time the team observed 17 missions for a total of 289 rounds.

4. Results of Operation.

During the month of August the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was credited with 7 NVA KIA confirmed. The battalion suffered 0 KIA's, 0 MIA's and 2 WIA's. The battalion was also credited with 61 bunkers destroyed, 45 secondary explosions and 1 mortar position destroyed.

5. Intelligence Summary.

Contact during the month was limited to small unit engagements and no incidents of sustained contact were experienced. Vandegrift Combat Base was subject to 4 sporadic rocket attacks averaging 6 - 10 rockets per attack. Damage was light with 1 jeep destroyed, 1 damaged and 20 WIA's. All rockets came from the west-northwest. Heavy counter rocket fire was fired on all known and suspected positions.

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Weather for the month of August was generally hot and dry with only sporadic periods of rain. These periods were neither detrimental to the logistic support of the fire support bases nor to the air or ground observers.

6. Logistics.

The motor transport situation remained satisfactory throughout the month of August, with a 10% deadline rate at the end of the reporting period. One of the eleven vehicles deadlineed required second echelon maintenance.

The overall shortages of combat essential equipment is approximately 11%. These shortages have not severely affected the battalion's operating capabilities during the reporting period and supply action on all shortages is pending with valid status held. The overall type II supply situation is satisfactory with minor problem areas.

Resupply of the fire bases from Vandegrift LSA continued with no major problem areas for the month of August.

The displacement of the battalion rear to Camp Romanelli was accomplished with no notable problems. The new position proved adequate in areas of billeting, facilities and bunkers. Extensive improvements have been made on the defensive perimeter and are being continued.

The battalion messhall at Vandegrift Combat Base served approximately 70% "A" rations and 30% "B" rations.

Personnel of the battalion messhall rear were placed on duty in the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines messhall at Camp Romanelli.

The Vandegrift messhall continued to prepare hot meals for the fire support bases and to send them out daily, weather and tactical situation permitting.

7. Communication - Electronics.

The major effort during the month of August 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, Calu and Fire Support Bases: Russell and Cates. Conduct of fire nets were maintained for all supported units and the FSCC of the 4th Marines.

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All nets were VHF/FM. Directional antennas (AS-1236) or elevated ground plane antennas (RC-292) were used, depending on the specific requirements of each net. Regimental F300 circuits were maintained by double remoting FDC radios.

Administrative traffic was passed from and to all units by radio through the Vandegrift/Dong Ha Command Net on VHF/FM radio.

8. Personnel and Administration.

During the month of August the battalion strength averaged 98% of the manning level. Eighty-four Marine enlisted and one Navy Officer joined the battalion. Three Marine Officers, seventy-six Marine enlisted, one Navy Officer and three Navy enlisted were rotated or transferred.

There were four Commanding Officer's Non-judicial Punishments awarded for violation of Articles 86, 113 and 134 of the UCMJ.

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 accomplished was QJT.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant events during or in direct relation to combat operations.

1 August

0822H - The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 66 rounds of shell HE on grid XD876335 for recon team Flight Time who was in contact. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

2 August

1635H - Battery "G", 3/12 fired 64 rounds of shell HE on grid YD070484. The nature of target was 50 enemy personnel. The mission was called in by "C", 6/33d. There was no surveillance given.

3 August

1022H - Battery "K", 4/12; Battery "H", 3/12; Battery "A", 1/12 and Battery "B", 1/12 fired a total of 472 rounds of shell HE on grid XD940610 where recon team April Showers was in contact and later extracted. No surveillance was given.

5 August

2117H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 119 rounds of shell HE on grid XD880625. The nature of target was 10-15 moving lights. The surveillance was lights put out.

6 August

0834H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD810617. The nature of target was 10 NVA. The surveillance was 1 secondary explosion with the NVA moving into a tree line.

1612H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 51 rounds of shell HE on grid XD895618. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

7 August

1720H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD838605. The nature of target was active anti-aircraft guns. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

8 August

2131H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 54 rounds of shell HE on grid XD891623. The nature of target was 3 moving lights. The surveillance

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Was lights put out.

9 August

1507H - Battery "I", 3/12; Battery "K", 4/12 and the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery, 3/12 fired a total of 249 rounds of shell HE as a blocking fire for troops in contact at grid XD905491. The surveillance was excellent effect on target.

10 August

0704H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 66 rounds of shell HE on active mortar at grid XD912623. The mission was fired in support of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines. The surveillance was mortar silenced.

1252H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 108 rounds of shell HE on a suspected mortar position at grid XD930641. The surveillance was two NVA KIA confirmed and 1 bunker destroyed.

1910H - Vandegrift Combat Base took 6 122mm rockets. A sighting was made and the FO for "M" Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines called in a fire mission on grid XD897497. Battery "I", 3/12; Battery "H", 3/12; Battery "K", 4/12 and the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery, 3/12 fired a total of 537 rounds of shell HE on this grid. The surveillance was 7 secondary explosions.

11 August

0952H, 1154H and 1546H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired a total of 465 rounds of shell HE on an active mortar at grid XD886522. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

2050H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 86 rounds of shell mixed on moving vehicles at grid XD833440. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

2115H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 85 rounds of shell HE on grid XD886630. The nature of target was 15 NVA. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

12 August

0708H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Battery "K", 4/12 fired a total of 169 rounds of shell HE on an active mortar at grid XD923627. The surveillance was mortar silenced.

2359H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 42 rounds of shell HE on enemy contact at grid XD871569. There was no surveillance given.

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13 August

2119H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 96 rounds of shell HE on grid XD901610. The nature of target was an old friendly position. The surveillance was 10 bunkers destroyed and many secondary explosions.

14 August

1327H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 72 rounds of shell HE on grid XD879656. The surveillance was 3 bunkers destroyed and excellent coverage of target.

15 August

1017H - Platoon "C" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery fired 27 rounds of shell HE on grid XD834625. The nature of target was an NVA firing at the aerial observer. The surveillance was fire suppressed and 1 probable NVA KIA.

1300H - Battery "G", 3/12 displaced from Gahn to Vandegrift Combat Base.

16 August

1816H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Battery "E", 4/12 fired a total of 365 rounds of shell HE on a regimental size enemy unit located in the vicinity of grid XD949664. The mission was sent in by the Commanding Officer of 12th Marines. There was no surveillance given.

17 August

1834H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 44 rounds of shell HE on 3 NVA at grid XD888535. The mission was fired in support of a recon team. Their surveillance was screams and excellent coverage of target.

2011H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 13 rounds of shell HE for recon contact at grid XD898502. The surveillance was contact broken.

18 August

1330H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 28 rounds of shell HE on 10 NVA at grid XD996597. The surveillance was one NVA KIA confirmed.

1853H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Battery "K", 4/12 fired a total of 164 rounds of shell HE on 6 NVA at grid XD936633. There was no surveillance given.

19 August

1335H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Battery "K", 4/12 fired a total of 348 rounds of shell HE on an active mortar at grid XD932641. The surveillance was mortar silenced.

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20 August

0341H, 0826H, 1129H and 1907H - Battery "H", 3/12; Battery "K", 4/12; the 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery, 1/12 and Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired a total of 557 rounds of shell HE on an active mortar at grid XD93986484. Each time the surveillance was mortar silenced. There were also two secondary explosions and two bunkers destroyed.

21 August

1610H - Battery "I", 3/12 and the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired a total of 121 rounds of shell HE on 23 NVA at grid XD864501. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target. The mission was fired in support of recon team Frostberg.

1009H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 43 rounds of shell HE on an active mortar at grid XD883497. There was no surveillance given.

24 August

1118H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 47 rounds of shell HE on 7 NVA at grid XD861591. There was no surveillance given.

25 August

1035H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 114 rounds of shell HE on a suspected rocket site at grid XD916510. The surveillance was 2 secondary explosions and 2 bunkers destroyed.

27 August

1450H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Platoon "C" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired a total of 303 rounds of shell HE on grid XD842665. The nature of target was NVA in the open. The surveillance was four NVA KIA confirmed, 1 secondary explosion and 6 bunkers destroyed.

31 August

1135H - Battery "G", 3/12 fired 24 rounds of shell HE on NVA in a tree line at grid YD039469. There was no surveillance given.

2. Other significant events not related to combat operations.

18 August

1300H - Lt Col D. R. McMillan assumed command of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Table of Rounds Expended and Missiles Fired
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TABLES OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE
AND MISSIONS FIRED

AUGUST

Missions fired	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	35	45	38	41	36	32	34	31	30
Unobs	63	68	79	72	82	71	103	75	84
H&I's	51	57	71	68	70	62	84	69	78
TOTAL	149	170	188	181	188	165	211	175	192

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1216	1413	1535	1609	1557	1105	1318	1252	1687
WP	18	20	24	9	15	23	39	11	8
ILL	14	7	4	4					143
Firecracker	68								
HC Smoke									
155 HE	119	151	116	67	165	150	172	143	109
WP	4		6	3	5	8	1	2	1
ILL		1		4					
107 HE	38	32	80	30	100	80	328	27	34
WP									
ILL		4							
TOTAL	1477	1827	1775	1726	1842	1366	1858	1435	1982

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

Missions Fired	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
Obs	25	30	25	20	21	20	18	16	31
Unobs	78	77	70	86	101	99	263	76	59
H&I's	71	58	54	65	68	74	91	54	42
TOTAL	174	165	149	171	190	194	372	136	132

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1401	1223	1736	1406	1218	2319	2147	1783	1457
WP	16	13	17	8	55	32	15	13	21
ILL	7	14	7	21	58		13	6	90
Firecracker			3						6
HC Smoke			1						
155 HE	396	141	107	102	107	111	20	79	64
WP			1	1	3	1		1	
ILL									

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107 HE	144	96	32	76	117	348	100	168	124
WP									
ILL									
TOTAL	1968	1481	1934	1604	1539	2814	2335	2050	1762

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)									1
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Missions Fired	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
Obs	12	79	22	31	35	20	35	25	15
Unobs	50	56	84	53	97	83	74	58	85
H&I's	82	88	86	53	93	82	47	53	81
TOTAL	144	183	192	137	225	185	156	136	181

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1335	1412	1589	1238	1783	1607	1509	1316	2437
WP	5	15	9	5	59	32	12	50	13
ILL	75	35	85		13	4		80	

Firecracker

HC Smoke

155 HE	39	69	161	19	177	173	255	151	469
WP			12		3	2	3	1	2
ILL					2				

107 HE	89	28	96	170		76	108		48
WP				10					
ILL									

TOTAL	1543	1559	1952	1451	2037	1894	1887	1598	2969
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SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

Missions Fired	28th	29th	30th	31st					TOTAL
Obs	30	19	23	28					892
Unobs	73	80	83	86					2601
H&I's	68	82	85	89					2116
TOTAL	171	181	191	207					5609

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1415	1014	1228	1631					45906
WP	38	15	24	14					650
ILL	11	69							740

Firecracker

HC Smoke

									77
									1

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155 HE	65	160	77	110	4247
WP	3			2	69
III			14	2	23
107 HE	184	78	72	48	2899
WP					11
III					4
TOTAL	1696	1336	1405	1807	

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KIA (C)	1	7
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Command Journals 1 to 31 August 1969
3d Battalion, 12th Marines
Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN

010001H to 012400H August 1969

- 0805H Received contact mission from Recon Team Flighttime on grid XD876335. This is their southern on call. 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ0536.
- 0911H Regiment reports Recon Team Flighttime has been extracted. 1st Prov, 3/12 will fire battery 2, 9 point zone and shift on Recon Team's grid
- 0945H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CQ0536, expended 1 WP and 65 HE.
- 2400H Journal closed.

020001H to 022400H August 1969

- 1634H Received grid from "C", 6/33 USA YD070484. They report personnel in the open. Danger was 1.45. Assigned to "K", 4/12 CX2113 and "G", 3/12 CG3977.
- 1735H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2113 and "G", 3/12 on CG3977. Negative surveillance at this time, excellent coverage of target.
- 2400H Journal closed.

030001H to 032400H August 1969

- 0959H Received word that Recon Team April Showers is in contact. Five batteries were assigned to fire: "H", 3/12 CH5178; "K", 4/12 CX2116; "A", 1/12 CX2117; "B", 1/12 CX2119; 1st Platoon 1st 8" Howitzer Battery CX2118; grid XD94C610.
- 1035H EOM "A", 1/12 (108 HE); 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (9 HE) and "B", 1/12 (108 HE). Also temporary EOM "K", 4/12 and "H", 3/12 due to fixed wing.
- 1059H Received grid XD912491 from Recon Team Parasol, contact mission. "I", 3/12 CI4244; 1st Prov 3/12 CQ0568 and "K", 4/12 CX2120 assigned.
- 1155H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5178 (216 HE). Excellent coverage of target.

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1322H EOM all batteries on Recon Team Parasol's mission. 1st Prov, 3/12 expended 64 HE; "K", 4/12 expended 1 WP and 60 HE and "I", 3/12 expended 141 HE.

1658H Received mission from "K" Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. Grid XD826437, 2 NVA in the open. "I", 3/12 will fire CI4246.

1752H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI4246. Expended 36 HE. No surveillance except excellent coverage of target, NVA moved into treeline.

1935H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. Grid XD878 627. Nature of target, infiltration route/3 NVA in open. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH5183.

2005H Nature of target on CH5183 was changed to 10-15 NVA in open, also sent grid XD890617 for illumination, CH5184Z.

2018H EOM on CH5183. "H", 3/12 expended 1 WP and 54 HE. Received new grid XD885627. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH5185.

2020H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines sent in new grid XD885627 for illumination for fixed wing.

2040H "H", 3/12 will now fire grid XD885627 for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines; target number CH5186. Nature of target is still 10-15 NVA.

2126H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5186. Expended 3 WP and 32 HE. No surveillance except excellent coverage.

2133H Recon Team Mail Truck wants the western on call fired. "I", 3/12 firing grid XD867394, CI4250. Nature of target voices.

2207H EOM "I", 3/12 on CH4250. Movement and voices ceased.

2400H Journal closed.

040001H to 042400H August 1969

0810H Recon Team Bikerton reports column of smoke and enemy position on grid XD896314. 1st Prov, 3/12 assigned CQ0611.

0925H Recon Team Bikerton must move out, CQ0611 is given EOM. Did not fire.

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1130H 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery is assigned CX2136 on grid XD857610. Nature of target, bunkers.

1230H EOM 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery on CX2136. Surveillance is 4 bunkers destroyed and 6 damaged.

1412H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. Grid XD580 620, known enemy position. "K", 4/12 assigned CX2138. Nature of target was changed to 1 NVA in the open.

1435H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2138. Expended 1 WP and 27 HE, excellent coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

050001H to 052400H August 1969

2400H Journal closed

060001H to 062400H August 1969

1553H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines called fire mission with 2 NVA. "H", 3/12 assigned CH5325.

1700H EOM on CH5325. Excellent coverage of target.

1730H Recon Team Flighttime reports taking active mortars. "H", 3/12 assigned CH5328 on grid XD840585

1743H "H", 3/12 given EOM on CH5328.

2400H Journal closed.

070001H to 072400H August 1969

1124H Received mission from "B" Company 1st Battalion, 4th Marines grid YD052453. Suspected NVA in the open. "G", 3/12 assigned CG1215.

2020H "H", 3/12 got two secondary explosions on CH5351 for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, suspected enemy position.

2400H Journal closed.

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080001H to 082400H August 1969

2015H "I", 3/12 reported they are on 100% alert because they saw people outside their wire.

2400H Journal closed.

090001H to 092400H August 1969

1350H Recon Team Flighttime reported taking 155mm rounds near their position - 150 meters. "K", 4/12 was in mission for 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, well used trails. 2nd Battalion 4th Marines reported "K", 4/12 was on target. "K", 4/12 was given EOM, expended 1 WP and 10 HE.

1453H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports contact mission. "I", 3/12; 1st Prov, 3/12 and "K", 4/12 assigned to fire.

1547H EOM on 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' mission for 1st Prov, 3/12.

1623H EOM "I", 3/12 on 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' mission.

1635H EOM "K", 4/12 for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' mission. Negative surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

100001H to 102400H August 1969

0658H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, grid XD912-623, active mortars. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5389.

0705H "H", 3/12 took 20-30 82mm mortar rounds outside their lines.

0814H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5389, expended 1 WP and 66 HE. No surveillance at this time.

0830H Recon Team Flighttime sent in grid XD858573. Nature of target is enemy mortar position.

0915H Recon Team Flighttime is taking incoming at this time. "H", 3/12 is firing their on call.

0948H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5392 due to Recon Team Flighttime being extracted.

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1015H Received grid from Division A0, active mortar position. "H", 3/12 assigned CH5394.

1035H EOM for "H", 3/12 on CH5394. Division A0 had to return to base.

1042H Received mission from 12th Marines, grid XD945656, active rockets. "H", 3/12 assigned AX1134.

1136H Temporary EOM given "H", 3/12 on AX1134. Division A0 sent new mission, grid ID930644, suspected mortar position. "H", 3/12 assigned CH5395.

1325H 3d Battalion, 3th Marines sent in contact mission. "I", 3/12 to fire.

1349H "K", 4/12 will also fire on 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' mission.

1550H EOM given to "I", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 on 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' contact mission. Surveillance was 5 bunkers destroyed.

1919H Started taking active rockets at VCB. "I", 3/12; "G", 3/12 and "H", 3/12 are being laid on counter rocket plan Krait.

1923H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines sent grid where rockets have been sighted. "I", 3/12; 1st Prov, 3/12; "H", 3/12; "K", 4/12 and 1st Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery to fire.

2315H Received fire mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 6 NVA in open. "I", 3/12 to fire CI4291.

2359H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI4291. No surveillance except excellent coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

110001H to 112400H August 1969

0942H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, grid XD886622, active mortars. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5310.

1035H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5310. Expended 114 HE, excellent coverage.

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1147H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. They are taking more incoming rounds. "H", 3/12 will fire on grid XD886622, CH5311.

1221H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5311, expended 74 HE. No surveillance.

1535H Received active mortar mission from 3d Marines. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire.

1751H EOM "H", 3/12 on active mortars, expended 1 HC Smoke, 2 WP and 274 HE. No surveillance at this time, mortars silenced.

2045H Received mission from Recon Team Football Star, had movement and voices. Requested western on call be fired. 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ0704.

2105H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, NVA in the open. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5314.

2127H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5134, excellent coverage of target.

2258H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12, surveillance was voices ceased, excellent coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

120001H to 122400H August 1969

0701H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortar, grid XD923627. "H", 3/12 (CH5315) and "K", 4/12 (CX2220) to fire.

0720H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortar. "K", 4/12 was taken off CX2220 and assigned CX2221.

0732H "K", 4/12 expended 30 HE on CX2220.

0745H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5315, expended 102 HE, mortar silenced.

0800H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2221, expended 1 WP and 37 HE, mortar silenced.

2354H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, NDF/contact. "K", 4/12 and "H", 3/12 assigned CZ2155Z and CZ2155.

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130001H to 132400H August 1969

0015H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports contact broken.

0105H EOM "K", 4/12 on CZ2155Z, excellent coverage of target.

0245H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports being hit with satchel charges. "K", 4/12 is laying in their direction.

0315H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports 5 friendly WIA's and 1 friendly KIA.

1345H Received mission from Division A0, bunker complex/taking small arms fire from bunkers. 3d Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery to fire CX2236.

1419H Received mission from Division A0, 9-10 NVA. 1st Prov, 3/12 assigned CQ0737.

1438H EOM on CX2236.

1515H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CQ0737. Excellent coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

140001H to 142400H August 1969

2400H Journal closed.

150001H to 152400H August 1969

0154H Recon team Harbor Queen wants their northern on call fired, grid XD892512, had movement. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5376.

0243H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5376, expended 1 WP and 14 HE. No surveillance at this time.

2400H Journal closed.

160001H to 162400H August 1969

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1002H Received mission from Division AO, NVA firing at AO. 3d Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery to fire CX2277.

1014H Division AO's mission also assigned to "H", 3/12.

1040H Division AO reported 1 probable KIA for 3d Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery.

1114H EOM "H", 3/12 and 3d Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery.

1810H Received from Regiment grid XD949684, large NVA unit. "K", 4/12 and "H", 3/12 to fire CX2280 and CH5394.

1855H EOM "H", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 on XD949684, "H", 3/12 expended 270 HE and "K", 4/12 expended 150 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

170001H to 172400H August 1969

1013H 4th Marines reports that Recon Team Lucky Punch was inserted and immediately extracted. They took heavy small arms fire. "I", 3/12 was assigned to fire grid XD865489.

1830H Received fire mission from Recon Team Check Pool, grid XD886535. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5403.

1910H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5403, excellent coverage, Recon Team could hear screaming.

1955H Received fire mission from Recon Team Colonial Village, NVA contact. "I", 3/12 to fire CI4354.

2050H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI4354, excellent coverage contact broken.

2055H "K", 4/12 FDO informed us of grid YD009604, 200 NVA, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines is in contact and has been for a while. We contacted the FO who informed us that fixed wing has moved in. "H", 3/12 has data worked up to fire.

2400H Journal closed.

180001H to 182400H August 1969

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0709H Received mission from Division AO, active enemy bunkers. "I", 3/12 and 1st Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery to fire.

0834H EOM for "I", 3/12 for Division AO's mission.

0855H EOM 1st Platoon, 5th 175 Gun Battery for Division AO's mission. Surveillance was 3 bunkers destroyed, 6 trails cut and 1 secondary explosion. No surveillance for "I", 3/12.

1323H Received fire mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, active small arms on grid YD019501. "G", 3/12 to fire CG3973.

1324H Received fire mission from 12th Marines for 3d Marines, 10 NVA in the open. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5424.

1345H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5424, expended 27 HE. Excellent coverage of area.

1347H EOM "G", 3/12 on CG3973, expended 22 HE. Surveillance was small arms fire ceased, excellent shooting.

1401H 1st Battalion, 4th Marines report movement in area of small arms fire. "G", 3/12's mission CG3973 is being reactivated.

1405H Received additional surveillance for "H", 3/12 on CH5424, 1 confirmed NVA KIA.

1515H EOM "G", 3/12 on CG3973, expended 230 HE. Excellent coverage of area.

1624H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports NVA standing on hill. We had the mission since 1615H, however, original nature of target was prep. fire on grid 930630, target number CH5426. "H", 3/12 continued firing.

1706H Received EOM on "H", 3/12 on CH5426. Excellent coverage of target.

1850H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, heavy enemy contact, spotted at least 6 NVA, grid XD938633. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5428.

1855H "K", 4/12 is given temporary EOM on another mission and is assigned to fire grid XD938627 for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' contact, CX2313.

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1910H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports contact fire mission. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5429.

1919H "B", 1/12 is also to fire CX2314 on this grid for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

1939H EOM "B", 1/12 on CX2314, fixed wing in the area.

1940H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5429 due to fixed wing.

2400H Journal closed.

190001H to 192400H August 1969

1327H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortars, grids XD922639 and XD932641. "H", 3/12 to fire CH5438 and CH5439.

1335H "K", 4/12 will also fire on grid XD932641.

1412H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5438, excellent coverage of target, expended 54 HE.

1435H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2327, excellent coverage of target.

1500H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5439, expended 210 HE. Excellent coverage of target.

2400H Journal closed.

200001H to 202400H August 1969

0334H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reported taking mortars around their position, they have suffered no casualties. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH2442.

0346H Called reinforcing, 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery is going to fire for us.

0400H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH2442, mortars ceased excellent coverage of target.

0445H EOM 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, excellent coverage of target.

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0738H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines sent contact/ambush fire mission. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH5448.

0800H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines sent in another grid to fire on contact mission. "K", 4/12 assigned to fire.

0820H "K", 4/12 has been given EOM on contact mission, they have been assigned to fire active mortar mission for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

0821H 1st Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery is being assigned to fire 3d Battalion, 4th Marines' active mortar mission along with "K", 4/12.

0830H 2nd Prov, 1/12 has been assigned to fire contact mission for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines along with "H", 3/12.

1005H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH5448, expended 1 WP and 200 HE. Negative surveillance at this time.

1840H Received 4 107mm rockets that hit the ammunition dump causing small fires. Counter rocket plan Krait and Fog were initiated.

1846H 1st Battalion, 4th Marines reported receiving rockets on grid XD949479. "G", 3/12 was assigned to fire CG3993.

1857H Recon Team Dixie Diner reported active mortars on grid XD865534. "H", 3/12 was assigned to fire CH5455.

1900H EOM on counter rocket plans Krait and Fog, expended 320 HE.

1930H EOM on CH5455, expended 1 WP and 36 HE. Surveillance was 1 possible secondary explosion.

1953H EOM on CG3993, expended 3 WP and 30 HE. Surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

2105H "H", 3/12 was assigned western on call for Recon Team Dixie Diner who had contact, grid XD855568, CH5460.

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210001H to 212400H August 1969

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Recon Team Frostberg is in contact with 23 MVA in their box. "I", 3/12 is assigned to fire CI4398 and 1st Prov, 3/12 is assigned to fire CQ0830 on grid XD864501.

1735H EOM on CQ0830, expended 1 WP and 60 HE

1755H EOM on CI4398, expended 1 WP and 159 HE.

2145H 1st Battalion, 4th Marines reported sighting 3 NVA, "I", 3/12 was assigned to fire illumination and HE, CI44132.

2258H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI44132, excellent coverage of target, will report surveillance in the morning.

2400H Journal closed.

220001H to 222400H August 1969

1055H Received word from FSCC that 3d Marines is in contact. 1st Battalion, 12th Marines informs us of grid X0925632 which is to be used as a blocking fire. "E", 3/12 is laid and standing by, CH5481.

1345H EOM on CH5481, expended 1 WP and 27 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

1055H Received word from FSCC that 3d Marines is in contact. 1st Battalion, 12th Marines informs us of grid XD925632 which is to be used as a blocking fire. "H", 3/12 is laid and standing by to fire.

1345H EOM on CH5481, expended 1 WP and 27 HE rounds.

2400H Journal closed.

230001H to 232400H August 1969

0620H Received fire mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 3 NVA moving toward MDF target area. "G", 3/12 and 1st Prov, 3/12 will fire CZ1146.

0645H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CZ1146, expended 38 HE. Negative surveillance at this time.

0659H EOM "G", 3/12 on CZ1146, expended 38 HE. Negative surveillance at this time.

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240001H to 242400H August 1969

- 0426H FSCC reports recon team Dixie Diner is in contact. FDO directs "H", 3/12 to lay 1 platoon on its on calls.
- 0428H Recon team Beach Boy reports hearing tubes popping and seeing flashes on a ridge line. FDO directs "I", 3/12 to lay on its on calls.
- 0429H Recon team Dixie Diner reported they have 1 KIA and 3 WIA's. Have not requested a fire mission at this time.
- 0430H Recon team Beach Boy sends in mission, their eastern on call. They report they are not in contact but still hear tubes popping. Target number - CI4455.
- 0518H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI4455, recon team Beach Boy reports mortar tubes have ceased.
- 0540H Received word recon team Dixie Diner will be extracted, they have 1 KIA and 7 WIA's. FDO directs 1st Prov, 3/12 and "H", 3/12 to fire a recon shot out for them.
- 0833H "H", 3/12 reports that a helicopter dropped a pallet of live HE rounds on an open fire (trash dump). They are moving all of their people to the other side of the hill.
- 1535H Received word that "H", 3/12 had continuous cook offs on some of their rounds. "H", 3/12 stopped firing at this time as rounds are still exploding.
- 1751H Received word that fires at "H", 3/12 have ceased. They reported that 12 rounds have exploded.

2400H Journal closed.

250001H to 252400H August 1969

- 0746H Received spotter round mission from recon team Old Colonel, grid YD015510. "G", 3/12 assigned CG4065.
- 0810H EOM "G", 3/12 on CG4065, expended 3 WP.

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2000H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reported sighting 3 NVA in open at grid XD976488. "G", 3/12 was assigned to fire CG4073 and "I", 3/12 CI4505.

2055H EOM on CG4073 and CI4505. "G", 3/12 expended 1 WP and "I", 3/12 expended 1 WP and 4 HE. No surveillance at this time.

2100H Journal closed.

260001H to 262400H August 1969

1529H Vandegrift Combat Base took incoming rockets. Counter rocket plan Fog was initiated. "H", 3/12; "I", 3/12; 1st Prov, 3/12 and "K", 4/12 fired mission.

1543H EOM on counter rocket plan Fog, expended 115 HE rounds.

1540H Two active missions were called in after receiving incoming. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines called in grid XD962513 which "H", 3/12 was assigned to fire CH6070. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines called in grid XD956516 which "G", 3/12 was assigned to fire CG4088.

1610H EOM on CG4088, expended 30 HE rounds. Also EOM on CH6070, expended 50 HE rounds.

2100H Journal closed.

270001H to 272400H August 1969

1805H Received fire mission from Division A0, active .50 caliber position. "H", 3/12 to fire CH6091.

1912H EOM "H", 3/12 CH6091, negative surveillance due to air strikes.

1910H Recon team Piston Rod spotted 3 NVA in treeline, "G", 3/12 was assigned to fire CG4101.

1930H Recon team Heman started taking Chi-coms. Platoon of "G", 3/12 was assigned to them.

1932H EOM "G", 3/12 on CG4101. "G", 3/12 was given EOM to give recon team more support if needed.

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1950H Temporary EOM for "G", 3/12 on recon team "Man's contact. Team said Chi-coms ceased and they had an MO coming up.

2400H Journal closed.

280001H to 282400H August 1969

0822H Received contact mission from recon team Piston Rod on grid XD951493. "G", 3/12 was assigned to fire CG4112

0902H EOM on CG4112, expended 3 WP and 16 HE.

1235H Division AO has spotted bunker complex and NVA in the open. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire also 3d Platoon, 5th 175mm Gun Battery.

1325H Division AO has another grid to fire, 1/40th 175mm Gun Battery (USA) will fire this grid.

1450H EOM "H", 3/12; 1/40th 175mm Gun Battery (USA) and 3d Platoon 5th 175mm Gun Battery. Surveillance was 4 KIA's, 15 bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary explosion, 1 ammunition dump destroyed, 1 mortar pit destroyed, 1 direct hit on OP which blew top of hill off, 4 probable KIA's and 10 trails cut.

2400H Journal closed.

290001H to 292400H August 1969

2400H Journal closed.

300001H to 302400H August 1969

2400H Journal closed.

310001H to 312400H August 1969

1118H Received mission from Division AO, NVA in tree line at grid YD332450. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire CG4157.

1128H Received word of recon team Grasshopper in contact with NVA. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire CG4150, grid YD332459.

1348H Received EOM on CG4158 from recon team Grasshopper. The team moved out of the area of contact. No surveillance due to gunships and fixed wing.

2400H Journal closed.

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ORIGINATED MESSAGES FROM 3d BATTALION, 12th MARINES FOR
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| 1. | 030730Z Aug 1969 | COMBAT LOSSES |
| 2. | 120540Z Aug 1969 | EXCESSIVE QUANTITY GHALLENGE GAS MASK M17 |
| 3. | 220450Z Aug 1969 | REQ SRH OF PFC CHARLES WILSON III |
| 4. | 290525Z Aug 1969 | REQ OQR CASE OF CWO _q VANSICKLE, ERWIN G. |

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SECTION: S-4

DATE: 3 AUGUST 1969

ROUTINE 030730Z AUG 69

FM THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR

TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (REIN)

INFO TWELFTH MAR

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A. DIVO 4400.16A

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SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 001H JULY TO 2400H 31 JULY 69.

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SECTION: S-4

DATE: 12 AUGUST 1969

ROUTINE 120540Z AUG 69
FM THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FM CG THIRD MAR DIV
TO CG FORLOGCMD
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES
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FM: 13330 FOR: MC 1/5/SS

INFO: RUMHVR/CG THIRD MAR DIV; 13330

EXCESSIVE QUANTITY CHALLENGE GAS MASK M17

REF: CG FLC MSG 051438Z AUG 69

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TOD: 120650Z/AUG 69/02/RRE

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DRAFTED BY: A. C. DAGLIO

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DATE: 21 AUGUST 1969

ROUTINE 220450Z AUG 69
FM THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (-) (REIN) FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FM CG THIRD MAR DIV (-) (REIN) FMF
TO CG MCB CAMP S. D. BUTLER FPO SEATTLE WASH 98773
INFO THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR

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1. REQUEST SRB OF PFC CHARLES WILSON III 227 60 14 USMC

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TOD: 220800Z/AUG 69/COUR/RRE

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DRAFTED BY: 2NDLT D. A. ANGLE
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DATE: 29 August 1969

ROUTINE 290525Z AUGUST 69

FR THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (-) (REIN) FMF

REQUEST RELEASE

FR CG THIRD MAR DIV (-) (REIN) FMF
TO CG MCB CAMP BUTLER
INFO THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
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1. REQ OQR CASE OF CWO2 VANSICKLE, ERWIN G. 099482
2. OQR SENT TO SCHOOL & RANGE. BLDG 2382. CAMP HANSEN. FPO SFRAN 96602 WHILE TAD.

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