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3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

LtCol D. R. MCMILLAN
056500/0802
1-30 September 1969

Subordinate Units

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

Capt R. A. LIST
085450/0802
1-30 September 1969

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

Capt J. N. ELY
087519/0802
1-30 September 1969

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

Capt R. L. KROLAK
088148/0802
1-30 September 1969

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

1stLt R. W. DUNLAP
0104572/0802
1-11 September 1969
1stLt M.T. SULLIVAN
0105668/0802
12 September 1969
Capt R. P. PIERZCHALA
087848/0802
13-30 September 1969

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

Capt J. G. MILLER
088487/0802
1-15 September 1969
1stLt K. H. SHELLEY
0104640/0802
16-30 September 1969

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

Capt R. J. COULTER
090587/0802
1-30 September 1969

OPCON UNITS

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

Capt J. F. BROSINAN
090659/0802
21 September 1969

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

Capt D. R. BELL
086600/0802
21-22 September 1969

2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer
Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th
Marines, 3d Marine Division
(-) (Rein)

Capt H. M. HITT
087196/0802
21-23 September 1969

2. 1-30 September 1969 Command Group "A" YD000484 Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
1-30 September 1969 Headquarters (Rear) YD204593 Dong Ha West, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

a. Executive Officer

Major H. H. BAIR
067362/0802
1-21 September 1969
Major J. H. VANGORDER
071540/0802
22-30 September 1969

b. S-1 Adjutant/Legal Officer

2ndLt J. G. DUNN
0102766/0802
1-4 September 1969
2ndLt D. A. ANGLE
0110038/0130
5 -30 September 1969

c. S-2 Officer

1stLt J. S. EVANS
0102766/0802
1-30 September 1969

d. S-3 Officer

Major W. D. BENJAMIN
073007/0802
1-30 September 1969

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e. S-3A Officer

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1stLt L. J. WHITTLES
0105318/0802
1-14 September 1969
Capt S. C. WINEGARDNER
086846/0802
15-30 September 1969

f. S-4 Officer

1stLt J. G. FERRARI
096660/0802
1-30 September 1969

g. Communications Officer

1st P. O. BANNON
0104448/2502
1-5 September 1969
NONE ASSIGNED
6-26 September 1969
1stLt B. H. SEABOLT
0105259/2502
27-30 September 1969

h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M. T. SULLIVAN
0105668/2502
1-30 September 1969

i. Supply Officer

1stLt D. J. MCCRARY
0105583/3002
1-30 September 1969

j. Survey/Metro Officer

1stLt A. F. O'SULLIVAN
0105209/0802
1-30 September 1969

k. Liaison Officer

Capt R. P. PIERZCHALA
088437/0802
1-12 September 1969
Major M. E. WATERBURY
072987/0802
13-30 September 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
Off	Enl
49	613

USN	
Off	Enl
3	13

OTHER	
Off	Enl
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. General Overview of all Activities.

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

2. Mission Assigned.

From 1 September through 30 September the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued in its assigned mission of direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

3. Operations Summary.

Operation Arlington Canyon terminated and Operation Idaho Canyon commenced at 1100 on 21 September. On 25 September at 0600 both Operation Georgia Tar and Operation Idaho Canyon were terminated. From 0600 on 25 September through the remainder of the month the 4th Marine Regiment was supported by the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines in an unnamed operation.

Two FO teams and one Liaison Team from 3d Battalion, 12th Marines supported the 2nd ARVN Regiment during an ARVN operation conducted to the east of the 4th Marines A.O. during the period 29 and 30 September.

A Naval Gunfire Team from 3d Battalion, 12th Marines manned an observation post at Cua Viet on 29 and 30 September in support of one Company from the 4th Marine Regiment.

4. Results of Operations.

During the month of September the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was credited with 5 confirmed NVA KIA. The battalion suffered 0 KIA's, 0 MIA's, 2 WIA's and 17 non-combatant casualties. The battalion was also credited with 8 secondary explosions, 18 bunkers destroyed and 2 bunkers damaged, 10 rocket pads destroyed and 1 .50 caliber machine gun position destroyed.

5. Intelligence Summary.

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During the month of September, activities in the 4th Marine Regiment's area of operation were limited to meeting engagements with no sustained contact noted. Vandegrift Combat Base was subjected to two rocket attacks during the month; five 122mm rockets on 12 September and four 122mm rockets on 15 September; damage and casualties in both instances were light. Both launching positions were spotted by ground and air observers, allowing adjusted fire to be brought on target with excellent results.

Sporadic shellings of the Fire Support Bases during the month were generally ineffective because of the enemy's inaccurate fires. Most rounds landed outside the perimeter of the artillery batteries which reported the incoming. As with the attacks on Vandegrift Combat Base, counterfire was both rapid and accurate causing the enemy fire power to be destroyed or silenced.

Weather for the month was generally hot and dry with the exception of a typhoon early in the month. Enemy activity during this typhoon was minimal as evidenced by the lack of enemy troop concentration or contact after the weather lifted.

The death of Ho Chi Minh on 3 September and the ensuing cease fire on 9 and 10 September was a welcome rest for friendly units and no major incidents of cease-fire violations were noted.

6. Logistics.

The motor transport situation remained satisfactory throughout the month of September, with a 12% deadline rate at the end of the reporting period. Of the 13 vehicles deadlineed, only two were for second echelon maintenance.

The overall shortages of combat essential equipment is approximately 12%. These shortages have not severely affected the battalion's operating capabilities during the period and supply action on all shortages is pending with valid status held. The overall type II supply situation is satisfactory with minor problems.

Resupply of Fire Support Bases from the Vandegrift LSA continued with no major problem areas for the month of September. Fire Support Bases Cates and Russell were evacuated with "H" Battery displacing to Fire Support Base Fuller, "G" Battery displacing to Elliot Combat Base and the 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery displacing to Vandegrift Combat Base. "I" Battery continued to render artillery support from Vandegrift Combat Base.

The battalion messhall at Vandegrift Combat Base served approximately 70% "A" rations and 30% "B" rations during the month of September.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

1 September

0600H - Battery "G", 3/12 displaced from Vandegrift Combat Base to Fire Support Gates. Battery "I", 3/12 displaced from Fire Support Base Gates to Vandegrift Combat Base.

1036H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 14 rounds of shell HE on grid YD019406. The nature of target was heavy movement. The surveillance was movement ceased.

1605H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 67 rounds of shell HE on grid XD916603. The nature of target was heavy movement. The surveillance was movement ceased.

1624H - Platoon "C" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery fired 26 rounds of shell HE on grid XD916603. The nature of target was heavy movement. The surveillance was movement ceased.

1745H - Battery "E", 3/12 fired 25 rounds of shell HE on grid XD880587. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

3 September

1857H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 60 rounds of shell HE on grid XD888590. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

1865H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 180 rounds of shell HE on grid XD873598. The nature of target was mortars firing. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

4 September

0744H - 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 8 rounds of shell HE on grid XD924595. The nature of target was 2-5 NVA with rifles. The surveillance was excellent effect on target.

1349H - 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery fired 18 rounds of shell HE on grid XD907613. The nature of target was 40 NVA. The surveillance was excellent effect on target.

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2055H - Battery "G", 3/12 fired 116 rounds of shell HE on grids XD893353 and XD887359. The nature of target was heavy movement reported by a recon team. There was negative surveillance.

2223H - 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery, 3/12 fired 116 rounds of shell HE on grid XD887347. The nature of target was heavy movement reported by a recon team. There was negative surveillance.

5 September

1118H - Battery "H", 3/12; Battery "K", 4/12 and Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired a total of 120 rounds of shell HE on grid XD883633. The nature of target was the site of recent small arms fire on helicopters. There was negative surveillance.

7 September

0950H - Battery "G", 3/12 fired 36 rounds of shell HE on grid XD84864687. The nature of target was one NVA squad. There was negative surveillance.

1000H - 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery, 3/12 fired 32 rounds of shell HE on grid XD850398. The nature of target was one NVA squad. There was negative surveillance.

1314H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 62 rounds of shell HE on grid XD965640. The nature of target was active mortar. The surveillance was mortar silenced.

1706H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 72 rounds of shell HE on grid XD875600. The nature of target was mortars firing. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

1708H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 53 rounds of shell HE on grid XD881602. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced with 2 small secondary explosions.

8 September

0100H - A cease fire was initiated to last until 110100H September (Ref: CG 3d Mar Div msg 072300Z Sep 69).

10 September

2400H - The cease fire ordered by CG 3d Mar Div was lifted.

12 September

0902H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 62 rounds of shell HE on grid XD875604. The nature of target was an active .50 caliber position.

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The surveillance was weapon silenced.

1601H - Battery "H", 3/12; Battery "I", 3/12; Battery "K", 4/12 and Platoon "A" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery fired a total of 229 rounds of shell HE as counter-rocket programs Hawk and Krait on grids XD931503, XD925504, XD929503, XD887497 and XD899500. The nature of target was active rockets. The surveillance was rockets silenced.

1852H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD923548. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

1854H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD914543. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

13 September

0938H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 84 rounds of shell HE on grid XD878618. The nature of target was bunkers and trails in a suspected enemy position. The surveillance was 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

1307H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 45 rounds of shell HE on grid XD880640. The nature of target was an active .50 caliber position. The surveillance was .50 caliber weapon silenced.

1902H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 73 rounds of shell HE on grid XD880640. The nature of target was an active .50 caliber position. The surveillance was .50 caliber weapon silenced.

14 September

2137H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Platoon "C" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery fired a total of 469 rounds of shell mixed on grid XD78356390. The nature of target was 10-20 trucks. There was negative surveillance.

15 September

0738H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 55 rounds of shell HE on grid XD880640. The nature of target was an active .50 caliber position. The surveillance was .50 caliber weapon silenced.

0746H - Batteries "I", 3/12; 1st Provisional 155mm Battery and Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired a total of 306 rounds of shell HE on grid XD922534. The nature of target was active rockets. The surveillance was rockets silenced with 4 secondary explosions.

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0930H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 85 rounds of shell HE on grid XD876644. The nature of target was an active .50 caliber position. The surveillance was weapon silenced.

0958H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 652 rounds of shell HE on grid XD953631. The nature of target was enemy contact and mortars firing. The mission was fired in support of the 3d Marine Regiment. There was negative surveillance.

2055H - Batteries "G" and "I", 3/12 fired a total of 92 rounds of shell HE on grid XD988406. The nature of target was a recon team in contact. There was negative surveillance.

16 September

0942H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 95 rounds of shell HE on grids XD871634 and XD876638. The nature of target was an active .50 caliber position and small arms fire. The surveillance was weapons silenced.

1241H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Platoon "C" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery fired a total of 110 rounds of shell HE on grid XD83516256. The nature of target was NVA in a cave and in the open. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

1533H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 96 rounds of shell HE on grids XD876636 and XD868631. The nature of target was active .50 caliber positions. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target.

1822H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD956508. The nature of target was a recon team in contact. There was negative surveillance.

17 September

0642H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 126 rounds of shell HE and 21 rounds of shell ICM on grid XD902587. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

1503H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 242 rounds of shell HE on grid XD951630. The nature of target was active mortars. This mission was fired in support of the 3d Marine Regiment. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

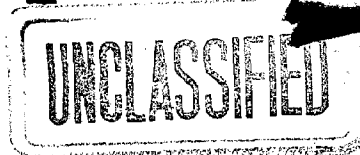
2229H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Battery "K", 4/12 fired 140 rounds of shell HE on grid XD885609. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

18 September

1215H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 56 rounds of shell HE on grid XD877603. The nature of target was small arms fire and enemy contact. There was negative surveillance.

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1514H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Battery "K", 4/12 fired a total of 544 rounds of shell HE and 48 rounds of shell ICM on grids XD927624, XD910630, XD913624 and XD934629. The nature of target was an NVA battalion. There was negative surveillance.

21 September

0800H - 3d Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational control of Battery "A", 1/12 at Fuller; Battery "C", 1/12 and the 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery located at Elliot Combat Base. Battery "H", 3/12 displaced from Fire Support Base Russell to Fire Support Base Fuller at grid YD01905917. Battery "K", 3/12 displaced from Fire Support Base Gates to Elliot Combat Base at grid XD98215416. Battery "A", 1/12 displaced from Fire Support Base Fuller to Vandegrift Combat Base.

1115H - Operation Arlington Canyon terminated and Operation Idaho Canyon began.

1300H - Battery "A", 1/12 was released from operational control of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

22 September

0800H - 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery displaced to Vandegrift Combat Base at grid YD00194765.

1226H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 24 rounds of shell HE on grid XD969617. The nature of target was 6 NVA. There was negative surveillance.

1329H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 42 rounds of shell HE on grid XD934624. The nature of target was 6 NVA on trail. Surveillance was NVA disappeared near bunkers, three bunkers were destroyed.

1700H - Battery "C", 1/12 was released from operational control of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

23 September

1114H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 41 rounds of shell HE on grid XD926625. The nature of target was 5 NVA. The surveillance was one KIA.

1114H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 34 rounds of shell HE on grid XD926625. The nature of target was 5 NVA. The surveillance was one KIA.

1700H - 2nd Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery was released from operational control of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

2028H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 48 rounds of shell HE on grid YD047429. The nature of target was 15 NVA. The surveillance was one KIA.

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25 September

0600H - Operations Georgia Tar and Idaho Canyon terminated.

1500H - Battery "I", 3/12 fired 85 rounds of shell HE on grid XD997386. The nature of target was 5 NVA in the open. The surveillance was one KIA.

26 September

1058H - Battery "H", 3/12 and Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired 195 rounds of shell HE on grid XD972640. The nature of target was NVA in bunkers. The surveillance was 8 bunkers destroyed and 2 bunkers uncovered.

1357H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 65 rounds of shell HE on grid XD998672. The nature of target was NVA in the open. The surveillance was 2 probable KIA.

2154H - Battery "G", 3/12 and Battery "H", 3/12 fired a total of 97 rounds of shell HE on grid XD984591. The nature of target was 3 NVA in the open. There was negative surveillance.

27 September

0026H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 92 rounds of shell HE on grid XD978592. The nature of target was enemy contact. There was negative surveillance.

0029H - Battery "G", 3/12 fired 68 rounds of shell HE on grid XD989585. The nature of target was enemy contact. There was negative surveillance.

0041H - Battery "K", 4/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD976630. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

29 September

1131H - Batteries "H" and "G", 3/12 fired a total of 178 rounds of shell HE on grid XD964603. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced and excellent coverage of target area.

1705H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 126 rounds of shell HE on grid XD955605. The nature of target was NVA in the open. The surveillance was excellent coverage of target, NVA moved into treeline.

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30 September

0409H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 30 rounds of shell HE on grid XD960606. The nature of target was enemy contact. There was negative surveillance.

0615H - Battery "H", 3/12 fired 96 rounds of shell HE on grid XD96366049. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

0657H - Battery "H", 4/12 fired 18 rounds of shell HE on grid XD975605. The nature of target was active mortars. The surveillance was mortars silenced.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. ✓ Table of Rounds Expended and Missions Fired
2. ✓ Command Journals
3. ✓ Originated Messages

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DECLASSIFIED TABLES OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES AND MISSIONS FIRED

SEPTEMBER

Missions fired	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	17	9	27	24	32	10	39	3	1
Unobs	85	76	16	77	63	127	60	128	0
H&I	0	58	0	45	40	93	33	93	0
TOTAL	102	85	43	101	95	137	99	131	1

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1178	500	757	653	728	763	2403	915	8
WP	22		16	15	14	4	28	2	1
ILL	17	3	6	6	209	140			

Firecracker

HC Smoke

Beehive

155 HE	169	88	58	162	144	212	399	140	
WP	3		3	9	10		3		
ILL				1	82	1	18		
107 HE	195	100		75	40	76	40	80	
WP				4	11				
ILL	17						6		

TOTAL 1601 691 846 925 1238 1196 2897 1137 9

SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

Missions fired	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
Obs	4	25	24	39	25	34	44	22	17
Unobs	0	77	54	80	60	50	65	59	56
H&I	0	70	50	52	36	39	37	0	28
TOTAL	4	102	78	119	85	84	109	81	73

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE		725	796	882	652	1898	997	748	467
WP		31	41	64	21	138	27	32	23
ILL	2			190	3	49		203	71

Firecracker

HC Smoke

Beehive

155 HE		30	32	94	189	74	106	28	45
WP		1		2	5	1	4	4	4
ILL	1	4	75				3		

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107 HE		103	82	18	6				
WP									
ILL		4	18					2	
TOTAL		7	912	1026	1258	876	2160	1137	610
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)					1				

Missions fired	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
Obs	28	9	14	48	30	32	15	22	23
Unobs	63	44	67	61	28	33	60	52	43
H&I	34	11	27	53	32	37	22	45	33
TOTAL	94	53	81	109	58	65	76	74	66

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	1391	497	1824	1967	625	1176	636	971	1038
WP	11	13	32	118	29	10	12	19	18
ILL	33		235	11	6	57	4		
Firecracker			4	18			3		
HC Smoke			2						
Beehive			6						
155 HE	120	78	122	355	28	71	167	98	126
WP			1			4	4		3
ILL						56			8
107 HE	25			24	60	88	82	64	68
WP				2					
ILL				7					
TOTAL	1580	588	2226	2505	748	1462	908	1152	1261
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)					3		1		

Missions fired	28th	29th	30th	TOTAL
Obs	16	19	14	657
Unobs	36	49	54	1584
H&I	32	30	37	1075
TOTAL	52	68	68	3316

AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	617	689	581	27388
WP	13	18	14	786
ILL		120		1355
Firecracker				30
HC Smoke	2			7
Beehive				6

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107 HE	52	160	104	21542
WP				17
III				54
TOTAL	684	987	709	
SURVEILLANCE				
KIA (C)				5

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Command Journals 1 to September 1969
 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
 Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN

010001H to 012400H September 1969

- 1740H Received word that Recon Relay is taking incoming mortars. "H", 3/12 is assigned to fire CZ6280 on grid XD880587.
- 1753H EOM "H", 3/12 on CZ6280. Mortars ceased.
- 2400H Journal closed.

020001H to 022400H September 1969

- 0144H Received day and nighttime rocket suppression fires from 12th Marines.
- 2400H Journal closed.

030001H to 032400H September 1969

- 2340H Received word from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines of movement on their lines. Mission called in on grid XD97244730 with "G", 3/12 to fire CZ3017. Grid XD976480 was also called in for illumination with "K", 4/12 to fire CZ3019Z.
- 2400H Journal closed.

040001H to 042400H September 1969

- 0028H EOM on CZ3019Z, expended 2 illumination rounds.
- 0734H Received mission from Recon Team Barkwood, two NVA with AK-47's and green utilities. 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ0941.
- 0843H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CQ0941, expended 7 WP and 8 HE. Excellent coverage of target.
- 1340H Received active mission from Division AO and Recon Team Black Bottom, 40 enemy around teams position at grid XD979435. 1st Prov, 3/12 assigned CQ0943.
- 1417H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CQ0943, expended 1 WP and 18 HE. Negative surveillance at this time due to inclement weather conditions.

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- 2036H Recon Team Leghorn reports movement of NVA and requests support on his eastern on-call, grid XD893353. "G", 3/12 to fire CG4244.
- 2045H Recon Team Leghorn requests support on his northern on-call, grid XD887359. "G", 3/12 to fire CG4245.
- 2046H Recon Team Leghorn requests support on his western on-call, grid XD881353. 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ0958.
- 2304H Recon Team Leghorn requests illumination for grid XD893353. "G", 3/12 to fire CG4246Z.
- 2400H Journal closed.

050001H to 052400H September 1969

- 0615H EOM "G", 3/12 on CG4244, CG4245 and CG4246Z; expended 4 WP and 53 HE, 1 WP and 63 HE and 164 Ill. EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CQ0958, expended 1 WP and 22 HE.
- 1400H Received word from 4th Marines that their birds received fire. Grids were close together and a T.O.T. was assigned as follows: "H", 3/12 to fire grid XD883633, CH6219; "K", 4/12 to fire grid XD887635, CX2439; Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery to fire grid XD879639, CX2440; a Division A.O. will observe.
- 1425H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6219, expended 90 HE; "K", 4/12 on CX2438, expended 20 HE; Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery on CX2440, expended 10 HE. A.O. is going down for a look.
- 1428H Division A.O. gives excellent coverage of target on above T.O.T., no other surveillance given at this time.
- 2400H Journal closed.

060001H to 062400H September 1969

- 1939H Received contact mission from Recon Team Doc Leaf on grid YD026498 with "I", 3/12 to fire CI4705 also on grid YD027492 with 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ0999Z.
- 1940H Received contact mission from Recon Team Doc Leaf on grid YD027486 with 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ1000; on grid YD033492 with "I", 3/12 to fire CI4706; on grid YD021492 with "I", 3/12 to fire CI4707.

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2311H EOM on CQ1000, expended 1 WP and 152 HE.

2330H Recon Team Doc Leaf is moving 100 meters, "I", 3/12 to fire on grid YD02594896, CI4708

2334H EOM on CQ0999Z, expended 18 illumination rounds.

2400H Journal closed.

070001H to 072400H September 1969

0650H Received EOM from Recon Team Doc Leaf on CI4705, 4706, 4707, and 4708; expended a total of 6 WP and 1283 HE.

0940H Received fire mission from Division A.O., one squad of NVA in the open. "G", 3/12 and 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CG4262 and CQ1014.

1033H EOM "G", 3/12 and 1st Prov, 3/12 on CG4262 and CQ1014. Negative surveillance at this time.

1304H Received active mortar mission from 1st Battalion, 12th Marines on grid XD858543. "H", 3/12 is assigned to fire AX1775.

1445H Received active mission from Recon Team Lucky Punch, 4-6 NVA running/movement on grid XD835548. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire CG4267.

1519H EOM "G", 3/12 on CG4267, no surveillance given, expended 36 HE.

1700H "H", 3/12 reports taking incoming, "H", 3/12 is assigned to fire CH6340, grid XD875600. Mission is to be observed by an A.O. "K", 4/12 will fire CX2448, grid XD881602 also to be observed by an A.O.

1718H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6240, expended 1 WP and 72 HE.

1725H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2448, active mortars have ceased, expended 53 HE.

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0853H Received active mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active .50 caliber position at grid XD975004. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6280.

0917H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines reports .50 caliber position has ceased fire.

0921H BOM "H", 3/12 on CH6280, expended 62 HE, no further surveillance.

1556H Vandegrift Combat Base took incoming rockets, 6 122mm. Counter rocket plans Hawk and Krait were initiated. "O", 3/12; "P", 3/12; "I", 3/12 and "X", 4/12 to fire.

1606H 3d Battalion, 4th Marines called in grid XD899500 for active rockets. "X", 4/12 assigned to fire.

1619H BOM on counter rocket plans Krait and Hawk, expended 135 HE (105mm) and 25 HE (155mm).

1848H Received word that "H", 3/12 is taking incoming. Plan Cougar initiated for "H", 3/12 and "X", 4/12.

1901H BOM on Plan Cougar, expended 30 HE (105mm) and 30 HE (155mm).

2011H Received confirmed word that "H", 3/12 took 14 82mm mortar rounds. No injuries reported, all rounds landed 150 meters outside their lines.

2400H Journal closed.

130001H to 132400H September 1969

0820H Received active mission from 1st Battalion, 4th Marines on grid XT924494, 2 NVA in tree line. "I", 3/12 assigned to fire C14831.

0853H BOM "I", 3/12 on C14831, expended 1 WP and 34 HE. No surveillance given.

2400H Journal closed.

140001H to 142400H September 1969

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1540H Received word that Recon Team 7-UP is in contact and awaiting extraction. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire on grid XD883387, CG4419.

1605H Platoon "A" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery is also assigned to fire grid XD883387, CX2465.

1624H Recon Team 7-UP has been extracted and birds are in the area at present.

1726H EOM on CX2465, expended 10 HE.

1810H EOM on CG4419, expended 60 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

150001H to 152400H September 1969

0739H This station starting to take incoming. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines sendd grid XD922534. "I", 3/12 CI4848; 1st Prov, 3/12 CQ1142 and "G", 3/12 CG4429 are assigned.

0757H Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery also assigned grid XD922534 (CX2467) on active rockets.

0815H EOM "I", 3/12 CI4848, expended 100 HE; 1st Prov, 3/12 CQ1142, expended 18 HE. Surveillance was 1 secondary for "G", 3/12 and 2 secondaries for Platoon "A" of the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery.

1454H Received active mission from Recon Team Barcroft on grid XD984412, spotting 2 NVA. "I", 3/12 assigned to fire CI4852.

1603H EOM on CI4852, expended 4 WP and 6 HE.

1910H Received word that Recon Team Barcroft is in contact. "G", 3/12 and "I", 3/12 assigned to fire on their on-calls when the team is extracted. 1st Prov, 3/12 is assigned to fire illumination on teams position, grid XD988418. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire XD988418, CG4430 and XD988406, CG4431. "I", 3/12 assigned to fire on grid XD984412, CI4853 and grid XD982412, CI4854. 1st Prov, 3/12 is assigned to fire on grid XD978412, CQ1142Z.

2022H EOM on CQ1142Z, expended 28 illumination rounds.

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2046H 1st Prov, 3/12 is assigned to fire CQ1145 on grid XD988412 for Recon Team Barcroft.

2104H EOM on CI4853 and CI4854, expended 28 HE on each grid.

2105H EOM on CQ1145, expended 18 HE.

2110H EOM on CG4430 and CG4431, expended 18 HE on each grid.

2114H Recon Team Barcroft has been extracted.

2400H Journal closed

160001H to 162400H September 1969

1232H Received mission from Division A.O., NVA in cave and one in the open at grid XD831628. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6354.

1433H EOM on CH6354, expended 88 HE. Surveillance was 1 secondary explosion.

1525H Received fire mission for active .50 caliber position from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at grid XD876636. "H", 3/12 to fire CH6355.

1532H Received fire mission for active .50 caliber position from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at grid XD868631. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6356 and Platoon "A" of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery to fire CX2484.

1537H EOM on CH6355, expended 20 HE.

1545H Recon Team Snubnose reports movement around position, XD957612. "I", 3/12 to fire at grid XD957506; CI4864; grid XD957518, CI4863. "G", 3/12 to fire at grid 963512, CG4448; grid XD951512, CG4449.

1626H EOM on CH6356, expended 76 HE.

1651H Recon Team Snubnose reports that they are now in contact.

1800H Recon Team Snubnose has been extracted, EOM on all on-calls, expended 2 WP on CI4864. All other on-calls were not fired at teams request.

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1812H Received grid XD951508 for Snubnose's contact. "I", 3/12 to fire CI4865, Division A.O. to observe.

1825H EOM on CI4865, expended 30 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

170001H to 172400H September 1969

0214H Received illumination mission for contact from Recon Team Bickerton. "H", 3/12 to fire AX1943Z.

0612H EOM "H", 3/12 on AX1943Z, expended 199 illumination rounds.

0635H "H", 3/12 reports taking incoming mortars. "H", 3/12 to fire CH6371.

0725H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6371, mortars ceased, expended 26 HE and 21 Fire Cracker.

1759H Received mission from Recon Team Tarzan Stomper, 2 NVA and water bull. "I", 3/12 to fire CI4873.

1810H EOM on CI4873 due to recon team being disoriented and moved to night position. Expended 1 WP.

1850H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines. "H", 3/12 to fire AX1950.

1945H Received mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortars. "K", 4/12 to fire CX2494.

2011H EOM "H", 3/12 on AX1950, expended 3 WP and 242 HE.

2019H EOM on CX2494, expended 14 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

180001H to 182400H September 1969

1500H Received fire mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, contact with platoon size enemy force. "H", 3/12 to fire CH6387.

1614H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6387, contact broken and 3d Battalion, 4th Marines is moving to night position.

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- 2222H Received fire mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortars at grid XD885609. "H", 3/12 to fire CH6397.
- 2242H Received grid XD887609 from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortar position. "H", 4/12 to fire CX2501.
- 2310H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2501, expended 92 HE. Mortars ceased, excellent coverage of target for all batteries.
- 2400H Journal closed.

190001H to 192400H September 1969

- 1500H Received word from FSCC that Division reported a battalion of NVA north of Russell.
- 1505H Received fire mission from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines for battalion of NVA. "H", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 to fire.
- 1730H EOM "H", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 on battalion of NVA. "H", 3/12 expended 613 HE and 18 Fire Cracker.
- 2400H Journal closed.

200001H to 202400H September 1969

- 1300H Received warning orders from 12th Marines on Recon Teams Drake Pool and Cosmic Wave.
- 2400H Journal closed.

210001H to 212400H September 1969

- 2023H Received fire mission from Recon Team Barcroft, contact with 15-20 NVA. "H", 3/12 and 175mm Gun Battery to fire, Waiting for team to be extracted at this time.
- 2201H EOM for Recon Team Barcroft.
- 2252H Received movement mission from Recon Team 7-UP. "I", 3/12 to fire southern on-call CI4895.
- 2319H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI4895, expended 1 WP and 8 HE, movement ceased.

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2100H Journal closed.

220001H to 222400H September 1969

1119H Received active mission from Division A.O. who spotted 6 NVA at grid XD969617. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6446.

1347H Received fire mission from Division A.O. "K", 4/12 assigned to fire CX2587

1410H EOM on CH6446 due to loss of communications with "H", 3/12. Also A.O. had to return to base. Expended 24 HE.

1413H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2587, expended 1 WP and 43 HE. Surveillance was 3 bunkers destroyed.

2400H Journal closed.

230001H to 232400H September 1969

1105H Received contact mission from Division A.O. who spotted 5 NVA at grid XD926625. "H", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 assigned to fire CH6454 and CX2601.

1130H EOM on CH6454 and CX2601, expended 1 WP and 75 HE. Surveillance was 2 KIA's.

2400H Journal closed.

240001H to 242400H September 1969

0847H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports active mortars at grid XD960594. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6471/

0855H EOM on CH6471, expended 1 WP and 24 HE. No surveillance given.

0856H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports active mortars at grid XD946624. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire CG4559.

0914H Received check fire on CG4559. EOM on CG4559, expended 1 WP and 24 HE.

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250001H to 252400H September 1969

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1445H Received fire mission from Recon Team Cosmic Wave, 5 NVA in the open, "I", 3/12 to fire CI4965.

1520H EOM "I", 3/12 on CI4965, expended 85 HE. Surveillance was 1 KIA.

2400H Journal closed.

260001H to 262400H September 1969

1344H Received fire mission from Division A.O., 2 NVA in the open, "H", 3/12 and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery to fire CH6497 and CX2747.

1416H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6497, expended 65 HE. Surveillance was excellent coverage of trails, 2 probable KIA's.

1452H EOM 1st 8" Howitzer Battery on CX 2747, expended 9 HE. No surveillance given.

2400H Journal closed.

270001H to 272400H September 1969

0022H Received word from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines of contact. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire on-call CZ2324, grid XD978592. "G", 3/12 assigned to fire on on-call CZ2325, grid XD989585.

0027H Received word that 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines is taking incoming.

0028H Received grid for illumination mission for 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire CQ1247Z

0034H Received active mortar mission from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines at grid XD976630. "K", 4/12 assigned to fire CX2750.

0052H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports that they are not taking any small arms fire at this time but are taking sporadic 82mm rounds.

0053H EOM on CX2750, expended 30 HE.

0105H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports 2 KIA's, 2 emergency med-e-vacs, 3 priorities and 2 routines.

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0112H Temporary MMS on CQ1247Z, CQ2324 and CQ2325 due to Spooky on station. 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports gratitude for "H", 3/12's promptness and accuracy.

0118H EOM on CQ2325, expended 1 WP and 68 HE; CQ2324, expended 1 WP and 92 HE and CQ1247Z, expended 8 illumination rounds. 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports all quiet at this time. They report excellent and speedy coverage of target by "H", 3/12

2400H Journal closed.

280001H to 282400H September 1969

0930H Received fire mission from Recon Team Bazaar, team is in contact, "I", 3/12 and 1st Prov, 3/12 to fire after the team has been extracted.

1151H Received word from 4th Marines that Recon Team Bazaar has been extracted.

1311H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CQ1257, expended 27 HE. "I", 3/12 did not fire for recon team Bazaar.

2400H Journal closed.

290001H to 292400H September 1969

1127H Received fire mission from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortars. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6523. He reported that the rounds were not impacting on his position at this time.

1141H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reported that the rounds are getting closer to their position, requested another battery to fire. "Q", 3/12 assigned to fire CQ1605.

1203H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reported they were bracketed at this time and were taking rounds. 1st Prov, 3/12 and "K", 4/12 were also assigned to fire at this time, CQ1258 and CX2766.

1229H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6523, expended 2 WP and 118 HE. Mortars were silenced and two grids were submitted for med-e-vac suppression fires to enable med-e-vac birds to get in and remove casualties.

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1328H EOM on CQ1268 and CX2766, expended 108 HE. No surveillance given.

1610H 4th Marines reports casualties from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines' mortar attack. There were six emergency med-e-vacs, 3 priority med-e-vacs and one permanent med-e-vac.

2400H Journal closed.

300001H to 302400H September 1969

0402H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines reports that they are in contact. They are asking for artillery support at this time to cover the area at grid XD960606. "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CZ2206.

0432H EOM on CZ2206, expended 1 WP and 30 HE.

0642H Received fire mission from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, active mortars. "H", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 assigned to fire CH6535 and CX2772.

0727H EOM "K", 4/12 on CX2772, mortars were silenced. Expended 3 WP and 96 HE.

0732H EOM "H", 3/12 on CH6535, mortars silenced. Expended 18 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

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5. ✓ 181230Z September 1969
6. ✓ 270805Z September 1969

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REQUEST FOR PAPERS ON PFC HUGHES

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ROUTINE 010532Z SEPTEMBER 1969

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INFO: TWELFTH MARINES

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TO: CG FMFPAC
INFO: THIRD BN, TWELFTH MAR
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ASG AS RPS CUSTODIAN LT D. A. ANGLE OTHERWISE QUAL

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TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV
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TO: CG MARBKS TI SFRAN
INFO: THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES
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A. MARBKS NAS LMOORE 162101Z JUL 69

1. REF A ADVISE CMC APPREHENSION OF PFC RICHARD D. PHILLIPS
248 24 23/3531 USMC BY FBI PORTERVILLE, CALIF 1555, 14 JUL 69
2. PHILLIPS AUTH EMERG LV IN CONUS FR THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
3. CG MARBKS NS TI SFRAN ADVISE THIS COMD PHILLIPS UA(AWOL)
THAT COMD FROM 2001, 2 MAY 69.
4. REQ ADVISE STATUS OF PHILLIPS AND DISPOSITION OF SR AND
PERSONAL EFFECTS.

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ROUTINE 170630Z SEPTEMBER 1969

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INFO: THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
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2. REQ INFO ON PFC FEDEINO RODRIGUEZ JR 249 48 41 USMC. DEP RVN ON EMERG LV ON 9 JUL 69. HAVE NOT RECD REQ FOR EXT OR TAD.

2. LCPL DAVID SEAL 236 38 63 USMC. DEP ON SPLV 17 JUN 69. AS OF THIS DATE HAS NOT ARRIVED PAR ORG.

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ROUTINE 270805Z SEPTEMBER 1969

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TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV
REQUEST RELEASE
FM: CG THIRD MAR DIV
TO CG MCB CAMP BUTLER (TFAC)
INFO: THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES
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