

## HEADQUARTERS

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October to 31 December 1969

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Battalion, 12th Marines LtCol D. R. McHILLAN  
 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) 056500/0802  
 1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Battery "G", 3d Battalion Capt R. A. LIST  
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 085450/0802  
 Division (-) (Rein) 1 Oct - 8 Dec 1969  
 1stLt D. W. KEEFE  
 0105946/0802  
 9 - 14 Dec 1969  
 Capt R. R. PIERZCHALA  
 15 - 31 Dec 1969

Battery "H", 3d Battalion Capt J. H. ELY  
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 087519/0802  
 Division (-) (Rein) 1 Oct - 14 Dec 1969  
 Capt D. J. MILLER JR.  
 088925/0802  
 15 - 31 Dec 1969

Battery "I", 3d Battalion Capt D. R. BELL  
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 086600/0802  
 Division (-) (Rein) 1 Oct - 8 Dec 1969  
 1stLt O. C. BALLANCE  
 096082/0801  
 9 - 21 Dec 1969  
 Capt M. E. MEE  
 085802/0802  
 22 - 31 Dec 1969

Headquarters Battery, 3d Capt R. P. PIERZCHALA  
 Battalion, 12th Marines, 3d 087848/0802  
 Marine Division (-) (Rein) 1 Oct - 14 Dec 1969  
 Capt R. J. COULTER  
 090587/0802  
 14 - 31 Dec 1969

Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion 1stLt K. H. SHELLY  
 12th Marines, 3d Marine 0104345/0802  
 Division (-) (Rein) 1 Oct - 17 Nov 1969  
 Capt S. C. WINEGARDNER  
 086846/0802  
 18 Nov - 31 Dec 1969

1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Capt R. J. COULTER  
 Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th 090587/0802  
 Marines, 3d Marine Division 1 Oct - 27 Oct 1969  
 (-) (Rein)

OPCON UNITS

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Capt L. L. WEEKS  
 Marines, 3d Marine Division 090382/0802  
 (-) (Rein) 22 Oct - 26 Nov 1969

2. 1-6 October 1969 Command Group "A" YD000484 Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN  
 1-6 October 1969 Headquarters (Rear) YD204593, Dong Ha West, RVN  
 7 Oct - 5 Nov 1969 Headquarters YD204593, Dong Ha West, RVN  
 5-11 November in transit on USS Tom Green County, LST 1159  
 11 Nov - 31 Dec 1969 Headquarters Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

a. Executive Officer

Maj J. H. VAN GORDER

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## b. S-1/Adjutant

071540/0802  
1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969

2ndLt D. A. ANGLE  
0100066/0130  
1 Oct - 17 Nov 1969  
1stLt K. H. SHELLY  
0104345/0802  
18 Nov - 31 Dec 1969

## Legal Officer

2ndLt D. A. ANGLE  
0100066/0130  
1 Oct - 31 Dec 1969

## c. S-2 Officer

1stLt J. S. EVANS  
0102766/0802  
1 Oct - 30 Nov 1969  
1stLt G. C. EDGERTON  
0106098/0802  
30 Nov - 31 Dec 1969

## d. S-3 Officer

Maj W. D. BENJAMIN  
073007/0802  
1 Oct - 11 Oct 1969  
Maj M. H. WATERBURY III  
072987/0802  
12 Oct - 8 Dec 1969  
Capt R. A. LIST  
9 - 31 Dec 1969

## e. S-3A Officer

Capt S. G. WINEGARDNER  
086846/0802  
1 - 26 Oct 1969  
Capt R. J. COULTER  
090587/0802  
27 Oct - 15 Dec 1969  
1stLt G. C. WINDHEIM  
0107214/0802  
15 - 31 Dec 1969

## f. S-4 Officer

Capt D. J. MILLER  
088925/0802  
1 Oct - 8 Dec 1969  
Capt D. R. BELL  
0108237/0802  
9 - 31 Dec 1969

## g. Communications Officer

1stLt B. H. SEABOLT  
0104448/0802  
1 - 29 Oct 1969  
2ndLt P. J. MONAHAN  
0108729/2501  
20 Nov - 31 Dec 1969

## h. Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M. T. SULLIVAN  
0105668/3502  
1 - 8 Oct 1969  
1stLt D. L. MOORE JR  
0107244/3501  
9 Oct - 7 Dec 1969  
1stLt J. P. VANSCHOLTEN  
0107734/0802  
8 - 31 Dec 1969

## i. Supply Officer

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

## j. Survey/Metro Officer

1stLt J. D. NOTEBOOM  
0102942/0802  
1 Oct - 18 Nov 1969  
2ndLt F. J. WILLIAMS JR

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. General Overview of all Activities.

During the Second Quarter FY 1970, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued to provide direct support artillery for the 4th Marine Regiment through 22 October at which time the battalion Fire Direction Center stood down to prepare for embarkation to Okinawa.

On 4 October, "G" Battery moved from Elliot Combat Base to Dong Ha West where they stood down and made ready for embarkation. On 21 October, "G" Battery left in convoy from Dong Ha West and proceeded to Cua Viet from Dong Ha ramp by LCU's. On 23 October, "G" Battery embarked aboard the USS Iredell County, LST 846, and arrived at Okinawa on 31 October.

"H" Battery remained in position on Fire Support Base Fuller until 5 November, at which time they deployed to Dong Ha to prepare for embarkation. On 22 October, due to the standing down of 3d Battalion FDC, "H" Battery went OPCON to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. On 24 November, "H" Battery left Dong Ha by convoy and proceeded to Cua Viet from Dong Ha ramp by LCU's. They embarked aboard the USS Meeker County, LST 980, at Cua Viet on 27 November and arrived at Okinawa on 6 December.

On 4 October 1969, "I" Battery displaced from Vandegrift Combat Base and relieved "G" Battery in position at Elliot Combat Base. "I" Battery continued its mission through 22 October at which time they displaced from Elliot Combat Base to Dong Ha West where they prepared for embarkation.

"W" Battery, at the start of October, was positioned at Quang Tri with three mortars at Dong Ha West. On 25 October, "W" Battery displaced to Dong Ha West and proceeded to stand down in preparation for embarkation.

On 6 October, Command Group "A" displaced from Vandegrift Combat Base to Dong Ha West where they rejoined Battalion Headquarters (rear), 3d Battalion, 12th Marines and continued to operate the Battalion Fire Direction Center through 22 October, at which time tactical operations were shut down for the Battalion.

On 3 November "I" Battery, "W" Battery and Battalion Headquarters left Dong Ha West in convoy and proceeded to Da Nang Harbor. 5 November, after the rear contingent had flown from Quang Tri Air Terminal to Da Nang and rejoined the main body, "I" Battery, "W" Battery and Battalion Headquarters embarked aboard the USS Tom Green County, LST 1159, and departed Da Nang. They arrived 11 November at Okinawa.

The 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery displaced from Elliot Combat Base to Dong Ha West on 19 October, stood down and were disbanded on 27 October.

On 22 October, "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines came OPCON to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines and were positioned at Dong Ha. At this time "K" Battery commenced preparation for embarkation and on 9 November embarked from Cua Viet aboard the USS Outagamie County, LST 1073, arriving at Okinawa on 17 November. After their respective arrivals "H" Battery returned OPCON to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines on 8 December and "K" Battery returned OPCON to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines on 26 November.

Upon arrival on Okinawa, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines moved to Camp Hansen where its headquarters is presently located. On 1 November, "G" Battery went OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines and returned OPCON to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines on 11 November with the arrival of 3d Battalion, 12th Marines Headquarters.

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On 1 December, "H" Battery went ADGON/OPCON to SLF BLT 2/9 and at this time is still afloat with them. At the present time, the Battalion is in a training status.

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## 2. Mission Assigned.

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

## 3. Operations Summary.

From 1-22 October, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines continued to participate in an unnamed operation. Thereafter, the battalion no longer took part in any combat operations.

## 4. Results of Operations.

During the period from 1 October to 31 December, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines suffered 0 KIA's, 0 MIA's and 0 WIA's and was accredited with 0 NVA confirmed KIA's or WIA's.

## 5. Intelligence Summary.

From 1 October to 5 November the enemy activity showed little change from the previous month. Enemy contact was light and restricted to small unit actions. No incidents of sustained contact were experienced. There were no reported rocket attacks during this time.

During this period, about half the days were rainy. This bad weather caused some problems but because of prior planning, the combat efficiency of the battalion was not seriously hampered.

Since arriving in Okinawa on 11 November, the S-2 section has been mainly concerned with administrative work that had been neglected in Vietnam. This includes checking Officer Qualification Records and Service Record Books to see that proper clearances have been granted, establishing and publishing access lists and granting and denying security clearances.

## 6. Logistics.

The motor transport situation remained satisfactory during the month of October. However, upon the battalion's return to Okinawa in November, the administrative deadline rate of vehicles increased sharply due to a mass rehabilitation program being carried out by the 3d FSR Maintenance Battalion. To date, approximately 50% of all vehicles have undergone rehabilitation work.

Presently, a shortage of eight prime movers and seventeen trailers existed within the battalion due to code H letters received while the vehicles were at 3d FSR. Nevertheless, the percentile of prime movers combat readiness is 84%.

On 20 October 1969, all TD-18 tractors were invoiced over to FLSG-B. At this time, the battalion received one Einco tractor which was subsequently invoiced to "H" Battery. This status remains unchanged.

All combat essential equipment shortages within the battalion are on valid requisition.

Due to the high priority requisitioning situation which existed in Vietnam, Class II, type I supplies were relatively easy to obtain.

General supply items such as jungle utilities, jungle boots, and 782 gear fell in a high usage category and as a result, shortages were encountered by the submission of routine requisitions. However, walk through documents for these items were generally filled at FLSG-B located in Quang Tri. Conversely, high usage items such as sandbags,

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wire and batteries were relatively easy to obtain through normal requisitioning procedures.

NORS requisitioning procedures produced particularly fine results while in Vietnam.

95% of all battalion crew served and small arms weapons have been through 3d FSR for 3d and 4th echelon maintenance. Coincidentally, rehabilitation of all 4.2" mortar tubes have been completed by 3d FSR.

The battalion messhall closed down all operations on 5 October 1969. The forward batteries immediately went to "C" rations which were occasionally augmented by "A" rations from Camp Romanelli.

Presently the battalion is experiencing a high shortage of field mess equipment, all of which is on valid requisition.

Although the battalion departed Vietnam as three separate entities, no major embarkation problems were experienced. The battalion was able to mobile load all cargo with the exception of six conex boxes which were classified as heavy lifts.

#### 7. Communication - Electronics.

On 29 September 1969 an advance party from communication platoon moved to Dong Ha Combat Base to install communication prior to activation of the FDC at that position. The FDC at Dong Ha Combat Base was activated on 3 October 1969. Communications between Dong Ha and Elliot Combat Base were not reliable and a relay station was activated at Fire Support Base Fuller. This relay station was the answer to effective control of the batteries located at Elliot Combat Base.

The Fire Direction Center at Dong Ha closed on 22 October 1969 and embarkation preparations were begun. The move by road to Da Nang was accomplished without any communication difficulties. Upon arrival at Okinawa, maintenance operations were given the highest priority. During December a communication training program was initiated.

#### 8. Personnel and Administration.

During the months of October, November and December the battalion strength averaged 95% of the manning level. Nineteen Marine Officers, four Navy officers and thirty Marine enlisted and four Navy enlisted joined the battalion. Eighteen Marine Officers, one hundred and sixty-six Marine enlisted, eleven Navy Officers and six Navy enlisted were dropped from the battalion.

There were thirteen Commanding Officer's Non-judicial Punishments awarded for violation of Articles 86, 92, 111, 113, 126 and 134.

#### 9. Training.

During the period of 1 October through 22 October, the major part of training accomplished was OJT and training in compliance with COATIP requirements. Since the battalion's deployment to Okinawa, emphasis on formal classroom training has been reestablished. GMS and MOS training are supplemented at every opportunity with FIREX's, CPX's and RSOP's. Training continues to be oriented toward redeployment in South East Asia in the event that contingency should arise. All hands are encouraged to enroll in MCI and/or USAFI courses to ensure maximum advantage is being taken of these educational opportunities. High School and College GED tests are given periodically and have shown excellent results. As of 31 December approximately 60% of the battalion had enrolled in MCI courses, approximately 20 Marines had enrolled in USAFI courses and a total of 84 Marines had taken either the pre-GED or GED examination.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~PART IIISequential Listing of Significant Events

4 October 1969

1405H - "I" Battery displaced from Vandegrift Combat Base to Elliot Combat Base. "G" Battery displaced from Elliot Combat Base to Dong Ha West.

1600H - "I" Battery in position and ready to fire.

1740H - "G" Battery arrived at Dong Ha West.

6 October 1969

0800H - Command Group "A" displaced from Vandegrift Combat Base to Dong Ha West.

19 October 1969

1000H - 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery displaced from Elliot Combat Base to Dong Ha West.

21 October 1969

0800H - "G" Battery left Dong Ha West by convoy to Dong Ha ramp. Proceeded to Cua Viet by LCU's.

22 October 1969

0915H - "I" Battery displaced from Elliot Combat Base to Dong Ha West.

1200H - 3d Battalion, 12th Marines Fire Direction Center closed down operations. "H" Battery went OPCON to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines came OPCON to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

23 October 1969

1000H - "G" Battery embarked aboard USS Iredell County, LST 846, at Cua Viet.

2000H - "G" Battery underway for Okinawa.

25 October 1969

0800H - "W" Battery Command Post displaced from Quang Tri to Dong Ha West.

27 October 1969

0800H - Effective this date, 1st Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery disbanded.

31 October 1969

0730H - "G" Battery arrived at Okinawa.

1 November 1969

0800H - "G" Battery went OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

3 November 1969

0800H - "I" Battery, "W" Battery and Battalion Headquarters left Dong Ha West for La Nang Harbor by convoy.

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5 November 1969

0800H - "I" Battery, "W" Battery and Battalion Headquarters embarked aboard USS Tom Green County, LST 1159, at Da Nang Harbor.

0900H - "H" Battery displaced from Fire Support Base Fuller to Dong Ha.

9 November 1969

1500H - "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines embarked aboard USS Outagamie County, LST 1073, at Cua Viet.

11 November 1969

0730H - "I" Battery, "W" Battery and Battalion Headquarters arrived at Okinawa. Battalion area located at Camp Hansen.

0800H - "G" Battery came back OPCON to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

14 November 1969

0730H - "G" Battery conducted RSOP at Kin Blue Beach Training Area, Camp Hansen.

17 November 1969

1730H - "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines arrived at Okinawa.

24 November 1969

0800H - "H" Battery left Dong Ha and proceeded to Dong Ha Ramp by convoy. Went on to Cua Viet by LCU's.

26 November 1969

0800H - "K" Battery went back OPCON to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

27 November 1969

0800H - "H" Battery embarked aboard USS Recker County, LST 980, at Cua Viet.

1 December 1969

0800H - "W" Battery went ADCON/OPCON to SLF BLT, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

4 December 1969

0730H - "G" Battery conducted RSOP at Kin Blue Beach Training Area and Gun Position 11, 13 and 15, Camp Hansen.

6 December 1969

0800H - "H" Battery arrived at Okinawa. Displaced to battalion area, Camp Hansen.

8 December 1969

0800H - "H" Battery came back OPCON to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

11 December 1969

0730H - "G" Battery conducted FIREX from gun position 15, Camp Hansen.

26 December 1969

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7. Communication - Electronics.

The major effort during the month of September was maintaining all fire direction and conduct of fire nets required by the battalion FDC. Fire direction nets were maintained between FDC and all fire bases. Conduct of fire nets were maintained with all support units in the field and with appropriate FSCC's.

All nets were VHF/FM. Directional antennas or elevated ground plane antennas were used, dependent on the specific requirements of each circuit. Regimental FSCC circuits were maintained by double remoteing FDC radios. Command traffic was passed from and to all units by radio through the Vandegrift/Quang Tri Command Net or the Vandegrift/Dong Ha Command Net.

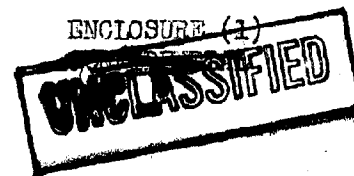
8. Personnel and Administration.

During the month of September the battalion strength averaged 96% of the manning level. Six Marine Officers, 94 Marine enlisted and 1 Navy enlisted joined the battalion. Three Marine Officers and 64 Marine enlisted were dropped from the battalion.

There were 16 Commanding Officer's Non-judicial Punishments awarded for violation of Articles 86, 90, 92, 113, 123 and 134.

9. Training.

During September, training was carried out in both general military and Vietnam oriented subjects. Training in compliance with COATIP requirements was also accomplished. OJT was by far the major portion of the training.



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0730H - "I" Battery conducted RSOP at Kin Blue Beach Training Area and Gun Positions 12 and 15, Camp Hansen.

30 December 1969

0730H - "J" Battery conducted FIREX from Gun Position 15, Camp Hansen.

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k. Liaison Officer

Maj M. H. WATERBURY III  
072987/0802  
1 - 12 Oct 1969  
Maj W. D. BENJAMIN  
073007/0802  
13 Oct - 8 Dec 1969

4. Average Quarterly Strength

	USMC		USN
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
<u>56</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>17</u>

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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TABLES OF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES  
AND MISSIONS FIRED

OCTOBER

Missions fired	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Obs	49	19	17	33	15	22	8	4	19
Unobs	52	32	55	34	60	29	13	14	32
H&I	38	26	38	29	47	20	9	7	39
TOTAL	139	77	110	96	122	71	30	25	90

## AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	871	431	498	1225	343	312	151	117	386
WP	11	10	27	19	4	4	6	3	9
ILL	1	37		6	91	83			142
ICM									
HC Smoke									
Beehive									
CS									
Prop									
155 HE	100	151	36	157	107	161	16	6	77
WP			14	1	3		2		4
ILL		2	4	18	37				
107 HE	48	116	76	56	54	28			230
WP									
ILL	6					17			
TOTAL	1037	747	655	1482	639	605	175	126	848

## SURVEILLANCE

KIA (C)

Missions fired	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
Obs	20	10	13	12		6	4	7	6
Unobs	80	54	18	19		27	64	50	51
H&I	47	32	21	6		19	28	34	24
TOTAL	147	96	52	37		52	96	91	81

## AMMO EXPENDED

105 HE	451	141	274	578		116	1072	579	609
WP	4	6	6	7		2	8	14	3
ILL	25		20	133					
ICM									50
HC Smoke									41
Beehive									
CS									86
Prop									2

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**AMMO EXPENDITURE**

AMMO EXP. cont.	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
155 HE	154	177	92	170		64	78	12	90
WP	5	3	3	5		2			1
ILL	11			20					
107 HE	214	144	60			76	28	78	46
WP	2								
ILL	5	13	5						
TOTAL	871	486	460	913		260	1186	683	928
SURVEILLANCE									
KIA (C)									

Missions fired	19th	20th	21st	22nd	TOTAL
Obs	5	5	4	5	283
Unobs	41	37	42	42	846
H&I	25	26	30	28	573
TOTAL	71	68	76	75	1702

**AMMO EXPENDED**

105 HE	606	411	433	353	9957
WP	4	2	3		152
ILL		7	14	64	623
ICM					50
HC Smoke				1	42
Beehive					0
CS					86
Prop					2
155 HE	110				1758
WP					43
ILL					92
107 HE	68	48		54	1424
WP					2
ILL					48
TOTAL	788	468	450	472	14279
SURVEILLANCE					
KIA (C)					0

Ammunition expenditure data for 14 October was unavailable.

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Command Journals  
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Camp Hansen, Okinawa

010001H to 012400H October 1969

0605H Shot "G" Battery, 3/12, "H" Battery, 3/12 and 1st Prov, 3/12 on prep fires for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

0730H Received check fire for all batteries on prep fires for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines for phase two of prep which is for fixed wing.

1142H Received EOM on prep fires for 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

2400H Journal closed.

020001H to 022400H October 1969

0810H Shot Battery "H", "G" and 1st Prov, 3/12 on prep fire for 101st Airborne.

1500H EOM on prep fire for 101st Airborne.

2400H Journal closed.

030001H to 032400H October 1969

1102H 1st Prov, 3/12 notified us that they have a priority med-evac. Contacted FSOC and requested med-evac. Reason for the med-evac was a man bitten by a scorpion was going into shock.

2400H Journal closed.

040001H to 042400H October 1969

1405H Battery "I" given CSMO at this time and is now proceeding to Elliot Combat Base.

1600H Battery "I", 3/12 was set up to fire at Elliot Combat Base.

2400H Journal closed.

050001H to 052400H October 1969

1211H Received fire mission for Battery "H", 3/12. Target #CH6589, grid YD035646.

1247H Received negative clearance from ARVN on CH6589. ARVN are firing on a grid 500 meters from grid YD035646.

1412H EOM on CH6589, did not fire.

1600H Received active mission from Elkhunter 62 on grid XD954599. Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire on 1 NVA in the open. Target # CH6591.

1624H EOM on CH6591, expended 60 HE rounds 1 probable KIA yet to be confirmed.

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2400H Journal closed.

060001H to 062400H October 1969

0115H Received fire mission from Elkhunter 64, active mortars. Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6596 on grid XD964626.

0125H Elkhunter 64 requests on calls CZ2407 - 09 to be shot. Battery "K", 4/12, 1st Prov and Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire.

0135H Elkhunter 64 gives Battery "K", 4/12 negative clearance on CZ2407.

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0140H EOM Battery "H", 3/12 on CH 6596, mortars ceased.

0150H EOM Battery "H", 3/12 on CZ2409, mortars ceased.

0205H EOM 1st Prov, 3/12 on CZ2408.

1132H Received mission for Battery "H" on grid XD960625. Target #CH6600.

1231H EOM on CH 6600, did not fire due to FO's request.

2400H Journal closed.

070001H to 072400H October 1969

0958H Received fire cap for Battery "G", 3/12 with coordinates YD2170 5985, altitude 10, azimuth 6400 and deflection 2800.

2400H Journal closed.

080001H to 082400H October 1969

2118H Received fire mission from Alexander 63A, taking mortars. Battery "H", 3/12 to fire CH6619 on grid XE995 634.

2200H EOM Battery "H", 3/12 on CH6619.

2400H Journal closed.

090001H to 092400H October 1969

0046H Received contact mission from Elkhunter 24 who asks for illumination on grid YD015 555. Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6619.

0053H Received contact mission from Elkhunter 63A who asks for illumination on grid YD018 568. Battery "I", 3/12 assigned to fire CZ2427Z.

0054H Received negative clearance on CH6619 by ARVN. We are pressing for clearance at this time.

0100H Received contact mission of active mortars on grid YD019555. Battery "H", 3/12 to fire CH6620.

0103H Received HE contact mission on grid YD018 568 for Elkhunter 63A. Battery "I", 3/12 to fire CZ2427.

0111H Received negative clearance on CH6619 from ARVN.

0143H Check fire Battery "H" and "I", 3/12 on CH6620 and CZ2427Z.

0148H Received contact mission, active mortars, from Elkhunter 63 on grid YD016559. Battery "A", 4/12 to fire CX2876.

0149H EOM on CH6620 by Elkhunter 63. We are still keeping the guns laid for this mission. Expended 1 WP.

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0150H EOM on CX2876, negative clearance.

0159H Lift check fire on CX2427Z, artillery to be coordinated with air.

0251H EOM on CZ2427, was not fired on FO's request.

0315H We are advised by Elkhunter 63 that the supposedly mortar rounds were satchel charges.

0344H Alexander 63 spots 4 NVA around grid YD007554. Battery "I" is already firing on this grid, target #CI5036.

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0348H Received active mission of 6 NVA from Alexander 63 on grid YD020573. Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6622.

0358H 1st Prov, 3/12 assigned to fire grid YD020573, target # CQ1298.

0359H Received word from 4th Marines that Lima Company suffered 3 KIA's and 8 WIA's.

0507H EOM on CZ2427Z, expended 142 illumination rounds. EOM on CI5030, expended 1 WP and 22 HE. EOM on CQ1298, expended 1 WP. End of mission given by Elkhunter 24 due to med-evac birds in the area.

1332H Received mission from Elkhunter 64, 6 NVA in a bunker. Battery "H", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 assigned to fire target numbers CH6632 and CX2880 respectively.

1542H EOM on CH6632 and CX2880, expended 1 WP and 41 HE. No surveillance was given.

2400H Journal closed.

100001H to 102400H October 1969

0920H Received active mortar mission from Elkhunter 64. 1stProv, 3/12 assigned to fire CQ1302

0953H EOM on CQ1302, negative surveillance at this time, expended 40 HE.

2400H Journal closed.

110001H to 112400H October 1969

2400H No significant events occurred, journal closed.

120001H to 122400H October 1969

2025H Received word from 12th Marines that we are now in a modified yellow alert.

2130H Received word from 12th Marines that we are still on a modified yellow alert; heavy activity in sector 1 and 2 is reported with the possibility that some people were captured.

2230H Received fire mission from 12th Marines, 2 to 3 companies of NVA at grid YD150540. This was reported by elements of the 1st of the 5th Mechanized Infantry USA.

2400H Journal closed.

130001H to 132400H October 1969

0723H Received fire mission from Elkhunter 64, active mortars. Battery "I", 3/12 and "K", 4/12 are assigned to fire CI5050 and CX2904 respectively.

0824H EOM on CI5050 and CX2904, expended 2 WP and 146 HE. No surveillance given.

1312H Received fire mission from Alexander 62, active mortars. Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6652.

1320H Received fire mission from Kilo Company, 2/4, active mortars. Battery "K", 4/12 assigned to fire CX2906.

1325H Received fire mission from recon team Amanda, active mortars. 1st Prov, 3/12 assigned to fire CQ1315.

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1432H EOM on CX2900, expended 142 HE.

1440H Alexander 62 reports they took approximately 50 rounds of 82mm mortar.

2238H Alexander 63 sends illumination fire mission, they are in contact. Battery "I", 3/12 to fire CZ2437Z.

2335H EOM on CZ2437Z, contact broken.

2400H Journal closed.

140001H to 142400H October 1969

1710H Received word from from 12th Marines of possible rocket attack, passed this information to 4th Marines.

2400H Journal closed.

150001H to 152400H October 1969

1847H Received definite spotting of 4 NVA on grid YD025554. Battery "H", 3/12 assigned to fire CH6666.

1900H Negative clearance received from ARVN. We are pressing ARVN for clearance at this time.

1900H We are working up illumination mission for 4 NVA at grid YD025554. Battery "I", 3/12 assigned to fire CI5066Z.

1915H Received negative clearance CH6666 CI5066Z due to ARVN. We are keeping these missions as on-calls.

2400H Journal closed.

160001H to 162400H October 1969

1412H Received fire mission from Elkhorn 61, 6 NVA in the open. Battery "H", 3/12 to fire CH6670.

1418H Battery "H", 3/12 is laid on CH6670 but fixed wing is already in the area. Battery is in check fire.

1530H EOM on CH6670, excellent coverage of area.

2400H Journal closed.

170001H to 172400H October 1969

2400H No significant missions occurred, journal closed.

180001H to 182400H October 1969

2400H No significant missions occurred, journal closed

190001H to 192400H October 1969

1432H Elkhunter 61A sends fire mission on grid XD978480. Battery "I", 3/12 to fire CI5078.

2321H Check fire Battery "I", 3/12 on night time fires by Elkhunter 24 who reports that a short round landed near his position.

2340H We have checked out the battery's fires and find that they have fired no where near grid XD986587, the grid in question. Data of other fires by the battery were checked and proved to be correct.

2400H Journal closed.

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200001H to 202400H October 1969

2400H No significant missions occurred, journal closed.

210001H to 212400H October 1969

0933H Fire mission from Elkhunter 64, active mortars. Battery "I", 3/12 to fire CI5089.

0945H Elkhunter 64 reports they took 3 rounds of 60mm mortar. Report rain has ceased at this time.

1043H EOM on CI5089, expended 65 HL. Mortars ceased.

2400H Journal closed.

220001H to 222400H October 1969

1200H 3d Battalion, 12th Marines F3C is now shutting down its facilities as a Fire Control Center. Battery "H", 3/12 has switched operational control to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

1200H Journal closed.

From 22 October 1969 to 31 December 1969 command journals were not kept.

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ORIGINATED MESSAGES FROM 3d BATTALION, 12th MARINES

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1. 270315Z December 1969

3/12 Change of Command

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THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR CHANGE OF COMMAND

1. ON 2 JAN 70 LT COL D. B. MULLIN WILL RELINQUISH COMMAND OF THE THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR TO LT COL G. A. KIEBER.
2. THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 1000, 2 JAN 70 ON THE PARADE FIELD BEHIND THE CAMP HANSEN THEATER.

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RELEASED BY 1stLt K. H. SHELLY