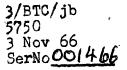
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Designation and Location

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

Location: Coordinates YD 063546, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam

HEADQUANTERS (Rear)
3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)
3rd Marine Division (rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

Location: YD 876145, Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam.

- 2. Period Covered: 1 October 1966 to 31 October 1966.
- 3. Battalion Commander and Staff
 - a, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein)
 - (1) Lieutenant Colonel C. S. MIRCHMANN, 041767/0802 USMC, Battalion Commander
 - (2) Lieuterant Colonel L. W. LARSON, 055290/0802 USMC, Battalion Executive Officer (Rear) 1 Oct 66 to 17 Oct 66

 Executive Officer (Rear) 1 Oct 66 to 17 Oct 66
 - (3) Major J. E. TOWNSEND, 050185/0802 USMC, Battalion Executive Officer.
 - (4) Captain M. W. JOHNSON, 088880/0802 USMCR, S-1 Adjutant
 - (5) Second Lieutenant E. J. MAZZEI, 087105/0130 USMC, S-1 Personnel Officer.
 - (6) Captain R. A. FURTADO, 077663/0802 USMC, S-2, 1 October to 11 October 1966. First Lieutenant J. W. STADTLER Jr. 090317/0802 USMCR, S-2, 12 October 1966 to 31 October 1966.
 - (7) Major B. N. BITTNER, 064637/0802 USMC, S-3. (8) Captain J. P. JOHNSON, 087863/0802 USMC, S-4 Officer
 - (9) Captain G. J. SOMERVILLE, 080184/2502 USMC, Communications Officer.
 - (10) First Lieutenant J. J. MAGNER Jr., 090950/3502 USMCR, Motor Transportation Officer, 1 October 1966 to 8 October 1966. Second Lieutenant W. E. LEE, 093684/2020 USMC, Motor Transportation Officer 9 October 1966 to 28 October 1966.
 - (11) Second Lieutenant M. M. DUFFY, 092190/3002-USMCR, Supply Officer
 - (12) Second Lieutenant R. L. PORTER, 087133/0803 USMC, Survey/ Metro Officer.
 - (13) Second Lieutenant W. E. LEE, 093684/2020 USMC, Ordnance Officer
 - (14) Second Lieutenant J. F. KILPATRICK 099673/3502 USMC Motor Tramportation Officers 29-31 October 1966.



B. Battery Commanders

(1) Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), First Lieutenant G. K. MYRUS 090980/0802 USMCR, 1 October 1966 to 5 October 1966. Captain S. D. PURVIS Jr 088953/0802 USMC 6 October 1966 to 31 October 1966.

(2) Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), Captain J. K.

OSGOOD, 077503/0802 USMC.

(3) Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), Captain A. P. BARRY 076825/0802 USMC, "H" Battery dropped ADCON/OPCON 18 October 1966 to Provisional artillery Bn (Phu Bai Area)

(4) Battery "I", 3rd Battalion; 12th Marines (Rein), Captain B. T. CHAMBLESS 064290/0802 USMC, 1 October 1966 to 14 October 1966. Captain A. MEDIAVILLA 081374/0802 USMC, 15 October 1966 to 31 October 1966. "I" Battery dropped OPCON to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines 17 October 1966.

(5) 107mm Mortor Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), Captain R. R. CRAIG, 087751/0802 USMC, 107mm Mortor Battery OPCON to 4th Marines 1 October 1966 to 24 October 1966. OPCON 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), 25 October 1966 to 31 October 1966.

(6) Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines (Rein), Captain J. B. WAY 081103/0802 USMCR. "M" Battery dropped ADCON/OPCON 1600H 28 October 1966 to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(7) 1st 155Gun Battery, (-) (Rein) (SP) FMF, Captain W. H. WANTLAND

081341/0802 USMC.

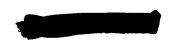
(8) Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, Captain A. TRENT 070676/0802 USMC. "E" Battery dropped ADCON/OPCON 17 October 1966 to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

C. Average Monthly Strength

Officers 52 Enlisted 640



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DAILY CHRONOLOGY

1 October

At 1130H the Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and his S-3 visited the Battalion CP in connection with a reconnaissance for a contingency nove to the Dong Ha-Cai Lo area. Along with them, staff officers from the 3d Marine Regiment reconnected the position.

At 1500H, while a mission was being fired at \$\foxed{X}\$ 965616, the observer reported a "short round" that produced several friendly casualties. A few moments later it was reported that one Marine was KIA and several others seriously wounded. The forward observe indicated that due to the difficulty of the terrain, the rounds ha been called in too close by himself, and one of the rounds had detonated on the prominently intervening terrain.

At 1600H the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion area.

At 2000H one hundred and three rounds of 105mm HE were expends on a NVA/VC radio station at YD 095655.

2 October

Throughout the early morning, numerous "recon by fire" and "prep" missions were fired in support of 2d Battalion, 5th Marine:

At 0900H the 4th Marines Commanding Officer visited the Battalion CP.

At 1200H a Rough Rider from Phu Bai arrived at the Battalion position.

At 1400H promotion ceremonies were conducted by the Battalion Commander for Captains M.W. JOHNSON and J.P. JOHNSON.

At 1630H the main body of Battery "B", 6th Battalion, 27th Fie Artillery, USA arrived in the Battalion position with four 175mm Guns and occupied a position area in the northeast corner of the Battalion position.

At 1700H the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion position.

At 2010H one gun of the 175mm Gun Battery delivered ten round of HE quick on suspected enemy movement at XD 953446 in support o a recon patrol. This was the first mission fired by the battery since its joining the Battalion.







3 October



At 0505H Battery "G" expended three hundred and twenty-five rounds of counter-mortar fire in support of 2d Battalion,5th Marine at YD 090640 without surveillance.

At 1000H Brig. General ENGLISH, Commanding General, Task Force Delta, visited the Battalion CP.

At 1015H the Battalion expended fifty-four rounds of HE quick at an NVA/VC radio station reported by Task Force Delta FSCC to be at YD 048619. The transmitter was silenced.

At 1055H Battery "M" expended thirty-seven rounds of HE quick at an enemy assembly area at XD 960615. Surveillance was to follow,

At 1215H Batteries "H" and "I" expended one hundred and fifty rounds of HE quick at enemy mortars firing from YD 105615. The mission, fired for 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, silenced the mortars.

At 1450H Battery "G" fired one hundred and eighty rounds of 105mm howitzer ammunition at enemy activity in the vicinity of YD 059497. The recompatrol observing the mission reported four secondary explosions and the enemy dispersed.

At 1630H General English escorted two general officers of the RVNNC on a visit to the Battalion position. The Battalion Commander also conducted the party on a tour of the 175mm Gun Battery.

At 2125H Battery "H" fired sixty-seven rounds of HE quick at enemy mortars firing from YD 079621. The mission, fired in support c 2d Battalion, 5th Marines silenced the mortars.

4 October

At 0530H Battery "H" fired ninety-three rounds of HE quick as counter-mortar fire at YD 080644 in support of 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with excellent effect on target.

At 0555H Battery "M" fired thirty-seven rounds of HE quick at suspected enemy activity in the vicinity of YD 968618. There was no surveillance on this mission called by 3d Battalion,4th Marines FSC

At 1500H the Assistant Commandant of the RVNMC visited the Battalion CP and was briefed by the Battalion Commander.

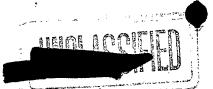
At 1600H the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion CP, departing at 1630H.

5 October

From 0300H until 0400H the 175mm Gun Battery expended fifty-







eight rounds of HE at troops and lights in the vicinity of YD 086702. There was no surveillance on this mission fired for a recon patrol.

At 0555H Battery "M" fired seventy rounds of HE as prep fire at YD 967617 in support of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.

At 1415H the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion CP for about fifteen minutes.

6 October

At approximately 0800H Battery "G" displaced from the Battalion position with its six 105mm howitzers to YD 063572 in order to support operations of 2d Battalion,5th Marines to the north.

At 0930H the 175mm Gun Battery fired forty-five rounds of HE on VC troop assembly areas at YD 003443, YD 018446 and YD 018431. The mission was fired in support of a recon patrol and was not observed.

At 1050H the Battalion expended four hundred and forty-five rounds at YD 078648, attacking a target described as "many troops in the open." The mission fired in support of 2d Battalion, 5th Marines yielded 6 KIA(confirmed).

During the aftermoon, the Battalion position was visited by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

At approximately 1800H the Battery "I" position was hit by a fiv hundred pound aircraft bomb released by a friendly aircraft during a TPQ-10 bombing mission. The detonation left a crater of about thirty five feet in diameter and eight feet deep. There were no casualties or equipment damage.

Information was received concerning the arrival of a USA 105mm howitzer(SP) battery and an additional 175mm Gun Battery(SP) at the Battalion position in the near future.

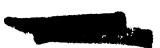
The Battalion S-2 relayed information from the Cam Lo area that ten to fifteen local guerrilla VC have contacted a local district chief to arrange for a location where they can surrender under the "Open Arms" program. The source indicated that the VC will come in pairs, unarmed, with their hands up, and will later reveal where they have cached their weapons. The information was disseminated to all hands in the event that these VC appear at the Battalion position.

7 October

Several zone fire harassing missions for 3d Battalion,4th Marine were fired during the early morning on old bivuac areas vacated by the infantry battalion.

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At 0900H the Battalion expended forty-four rounds for the 2d Battalion,5th Marines attacking suspected enemy troop activity in the vicinity of YD 076624 with no surveillance on the mission.

At 0915H Battery "H" fired fifty-four rounds of HE quick at an NVA/VC radio station reported by the 4th Marines FSCC. There was no surveillance.

At noon, the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion position.

At 1530H the 175mm Gun Battery was registered by the Battery Commander of Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, who observed the mission from a spotter plane.

At 1400H Battery "G" displaced to a position area in the vicinity of the airfield at Dong Ha in order to allow Battery "C" to displace to Con Thien to support operations of 2d Battalion, 5th, Marine

At 1600H three members of the Associated Press visited the Battalion position. They observed several missions being computed and fired in the FDC, and were given a briefing on the functions of the FDC by the Battalion S-3.

At 1045H the 175mm bun Battery fired thriteen rounds of HE atenemy troops in the open at YB 007696. The mission was fired by an AO, who reported the troops dispersed.

During the morning, the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion position.

At 1510H the Battalion's 107mm Mortar Battery fired forty rounds of shell mixed at enemy troops at YD 140676 and YD 142677. Surveillance confirmed one KIA and seven WIA.

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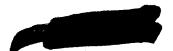
At Oll5H Task Force Delta Frag Order 9-66 was received. The mission of the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines remains unchanged.

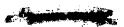
At 0755H Battery "I" fired twenty-six rounds of HE quick at enemy troop movement at YD 003510. The mission was observed by a recon patrol, and good coverage of target was reported.

At 0900H the Regimental Commander of the 4th Marines visited the Battalion CP.

During the morning religious services were conducted in the Battalion area.







At 2140H Battery "I" fired ninety-seven rounds of HE quick at moving lights located by a recon patrol at YD 036536. Surveillance from the patrol indicated that the lights were dispersed and put or

10 October

At 0830H the Battalion Commander and S-3, accompanied by members of the 4th Marines Regimental Staff, conducted a vehicle reconnaissance of positions for the Regimental CP.

During the morning the advance party of the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines arrived at the Battalion position.

At 1525H Battery "M" expended twelve rounds of HE quick at VC in a treeline at YD 940620. The mission was called in by an AO and resulted in three KIA (probable).

11 October

antiferior and an experience of the control of the At 0700H liaison personnel for the Phu Bai/Dong Ha Rough Rider were inserted at Pho Trach and La Vang.

At 1605H a special report on types of missions and ammunition fired for Operations "Hastings" and "Prairie" was submitted to the 12th Marines FDC.

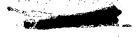
At 1110H Battery "M" fired twenty rounds of HE quick at enemy troops in a treeline at YD 115663. The mission was fired by an Accordance who reported two KIA(probable).

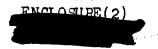
At 1415H the 175mm Gun Battery fired thirty-four rounds of HE quick at enemy troops at YD 199456. There was no surveillance on this mission fired for a recon patrol.

At approximately 1630H two 155mm howitzers(towed) were displaced from the Battalion position to the ARVN compound at Cam Lo and were laid on an azimuth of 6400 to support the Nui Con Thien area at YD 1170.

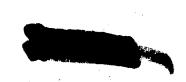
During the afternoon the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines was helili from the Battalion position to an operating area to the north. Or hundred and ten rounds of HE quick and VT were delivered on the L2 at YD 575660 prior to the landing by Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "M", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 2240H the Battalion ceased fire for a medevac from the Battalion LZ. The evacuated Marine, suffering from a relapse of maleri was flown to Dong Ha for further medical attention.









13 October

At 1105H Battery "I" fired twenty-two rounds of HE quick at an enemy position at YD 078637. Surveillance on the mission fired in support of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines was one KIA(probable).

'In compliance with the 12th Marines message received on 12 Octber, Battery "H" displaced from the Battalion area to Dong Ha at 1130H in order to stage for a Rough Rider to Phu Bai, where they w further prepare for deployment with 2d Battalion,4th Marines SLF.

At 1620H Battery "G" displaced from its position at Dong Ha an returned to the Battalion area.

14 October

During the morning a promotion ceremony was held for Major B. CHAMBLESS, who was presented the certificate and insignia of his new rank by the Battalion Commander.

During the afternoon Batteries "G" and "I" were registered by an FO from 3d Battalion, 7th Marines.

At 1800H Battery "E", 2d Battalion, 12th Marines arrived at the Battalion position from Phu Bai with six 105mm howitzers.

Command of Battery "I", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was assumed by Captain A. MEDIAVILLA vice Major B. T. CHAMBLESS, Redssigned.

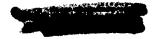
At 2330H Battery "G" expended one hundred and twelve rounds of HE quick attacking enemy mortars firing from YD 078651. Surveillar for this mission fired for 3d Battalion, 7th Marines indicated that the mortars were silenced and there was a large secondary explosion.

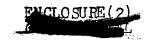
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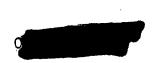
During the afternoon, the Battalion Commander and the S-3 made an aerial reconnaissance of possible position areas to the north-east of Cam Lo, across the Song Cam Lo River.

At 1200H Battery "G" attacked a VC position at YD 086650, expending twelve rounds of HE quick. The mission Wired: in isupport of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines was reported to have good effect on target.

During the afternoon and evening, several reconnaissance by finand concentration adjustment missions were fired in support of 3d 1 talion,4th Marines; 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.







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16 October

At 0835H Battery "I" expended twenty-eight rounds of an account rounds of WP at a VC supply route at YD \$59620. The recon patrol who called the mission reported excellent coverage of target.

At 1030H two 155mm howitzers(towed) displaced from their position at the Cam Lo ARWN Headquarters and returned to the Battalion area. The two pieces had been deployed there in order to support operation of 2d Battalion, 5th Marines in the Con Thien area.

At 1103H Battery "M" expended twelve rounds of HE at three VC reported by a recon patrol at YD 927514. Surveillance was excellent effect on target.

At 1145H the 12th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Battalion position.

At 1500H the Battalion Commander, accompanied by the Battalion S-3, made an aerial reconnaissance to the northeast of the Battalio position and also visited Mortar Battery, 3-12 and Battery "C",1-11 at Con Thien.

At 2355H Battery "I" fired one hundred and thirty-nine rounds of HE at VC lights at YD 033623. There was excellent target coverage, a secondary explosion resulted from this mission called in by a rec patrol.

17 October

At 0800H the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines assumed operational co. trol of Batteries "E" and "I" and two

The provisional Artillery Battalion (Phu Bai) was formed, with Lt. Colonel L. W. LARSON commanding, assuming OPCON of 1st 155mm Gu Battery, Battery "M", 4-12, and Battery "E", 2-12.

At 1000H the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, visited th Battalion position and was accompanied on his tour of the area by t. Battalion Commander.

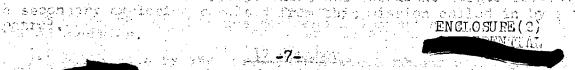
At 1010H Battery "M" fired twenty-eight rounds of HE quick at a VC ambush site at YD 050660. The mission was fired in support of t 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and the surveillance was to follow.

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19 October

During the twenty-four hour period, the Battalion expended two hundred and seventy-three rounds of all caliber on one hundred and twenty nine 481 missions twenty-nine H&I missions.

Due to conditions of continuing poor visibility caused by fog an heavy rain, only two observed missions were fired during the period.

20 October

The morning was spent largely in fire planning for the ARWN oper ation scheduled for the afternoon. A liaison team from Battalion Headquarters is to accompany the ARVN sweep, which will move general southeast of the Battalion position.

At 1015H a helicopter resupply departed the Battalion position for the ARVN artillery liaison teams located at Pho Trach and La Van

At 1700H the 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery (USA) arrived at the Battalion position with eight 175mm Guns(SP).

21 October

During the night the Battalion fired one hundred and twenty-five H&I missions, expending two hundred and eighteen rounds of all calib Again, the early morning hours were characterized by rain and fog. **的数据是数据的数据的数据**

At 1335H Battery "M" and the 175mm Gun Battery commended prepara tion fires for the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines in the vicinity of YD 9050. The prep fires were ceased at 1530H.

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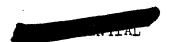
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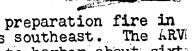
At 1830H Battery "M" expended twenty rounds of HE quick at VC reported in close proximity to a recon patrol at XD 921526. The patrol reported the VC dispersed, but called in again at 1950H for another mission against the reassembled VC. The mission was again fired with good target coverage.

Between 0740H and 0900H Battery "G" expended one hundred and



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sixty-one rounds of HE quick at YD 120530 as a preparation fire in support of an ARVN operation to the Battalion's southeast. The ARVI were to move into the area, which was reported to harbor about sixt

At 0800H the 3d Battalion, 12th Marines with Batteries "G", "W" a detachment from Battery "M", and Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines went Birect support to 4th Marines and general support to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

At 0810H Battery "G" fired twenty rounds at an enemy harbor sit at XD 978483. The mission was fired in support of a recon patrol, and there was no surveillance.

25 October

At 0940H Battery "G" fired twenty-two rounds of HE quick in su; port of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines in a recon by fire mission.

During the afternoon, the Battalion was visited by a represent tive from the Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate's Armed For Committee. Brig. General SHAW, USMC(Ret.), special consultant for the Subcommittee, and Mr. NEAL, the Subcommittee's chief counsel, w escorted by the Battalion Commander in a tour of the Battalion pos tion, including Battery "G" and the Battalion FDC.

26 October

During the period 1000H to 1600H Battery "G" expended two hund and sixteen rounds of HE quick in six fire for effect missions at enemy bunkers, trench lines and mortar positions in Grid Squares Y 0665, 0764, 0763, 0863, and 0762. These unobserved missions were support of 2d Battalion, 5th Marines.

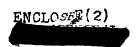
At 1030H Battery "C", 1-11 fired three rounds of HC smoke and fifty-four rounds of HE at a VC village at YD 134674. There was no surveillance on this mission fired for 2d Battalion, 5th Marines.

At 1300H the Battalion Commander accompanied the 12th Marines mental Commander on an aerial reconnaissance.

At 1330H the 4th Marines Regimental Commander visited the Batter position.

At 2030H Battery "M" fired ninety-nine rounds of reinforcing zo fire at VC harbor sites in orid Squares YD 1366, 1266 and 1267. The mission had been requireded by 4th Marines FSCC and was unobserved.







27 October

From 0830H to 1040H Battery "C", 1-11 fired eighty-four rounds o HE as preparation fire on YD 145675 and 148671 for 2d Battalion, 9th Ma

At 1300H information from the 4th/Marines FSCC indicated that an mission fired the previous night by Battery "M" had killed six VC, w were located by a morning infantry sweep at YD 119664. Also discover were individual weapons, numerous documents, and three tons of rice. The KIA were in khaki uniforms and were assumed to be NVA troops.

28 October

At 1100H the Battalion Commander accompanied the 3d Battalion, 4t Marines Commanding Officer and the 4th Marines Regimental Commander reconnaissance of a proposed location for the new Battalion CP.

At 1500 three more 155mm howitzers(SP) of Battery "M" arrived at Battalion position, were laid on an azimuth of 5800 and made ready t fire.

At 1640H operational and administrative control of Battery Ministrative to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, and the Battery was assigned duties general support, reinforcing both 1st and 3d Battalions, 12th Marines.

29 October

At 0515 the Army Advisor with the ARVN unit at Cam Lo reported stray artillery round landing in a house at YD 126595. The results we five civilians KIA and one WIE. A medevac was requested at this time

30 October

At O810H Battery "C", 1-11 fired forty rounds of HE quick at suspected NVA troops at YD 053707. The mission was called by an AO(Sacrabelta) and the surveillance was six KIA(probable).

At 0850H Battery "C", 1-11 fired ninety-six rounds of HE quick at pected NVA troop activity at YD 053707. The mission was called by an (Sacred Tango) and surveillance was 80% of target area covered.

At 1420H Battery "G" fired one hundred and eight rounds of HE qu at newly built structures at YD 025644. The mission was called by an (Sacred Delta) and the surveillance was 50% destruction of structure

31 October

From 1017H to 1035H Battery "G",1-11 fired thirty-six rounds of quick as preparation fire on YD 120730,125730 and 129730. The fire w unobserved on this mission in support of 2d Battalion, 5th Marines.





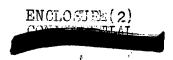
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At 1035H Battery "C",1-11 fired fifty-four rounds of HE and three WP attacking snipers firing at YD 124723. The FO with 2d Battalion, 5th Marines. reported that the snipers were silenced.

At 1300H Lt. General KRULAK, Commanding General, FMFPAC, visite the artillery position for about thirty minutes.

At 2030H Battery "G" expended ten rounds of HE at YD 112512, th location of a secondary explosion from a previous H&I. There was n surveillance on the mission, which was reported by the D-5 Advisor.







1. Personnel and Administration

This Battalion has maintained an operating level of personnel at approximately 8% of its authorized T/O strength during the month of October. This figure breaks down as follows:

Officers 8% Staff NCO's 106% Enlisted 82%

This Battalion joined 49 personnel of various ranks and MOS's while rotating 60 back to CONUS.

2. Morale and Discipline

The state of morale of the command remained at a high level consistent with the conditions under which the unit has served. The R&R program again continued to be the most effective morale booster although the Second QuarterFiscal Year 1967 promotion Quitas recieved by the battalion also helped to a marked degree.

The supply of Beer and soft drinks was adequate. This battalion had to send personnel/.vehicles to the Phu Bai area to purchase beer because there is not an adequate source for procurement in the Dong Ha area. No movies were presented.

Six Battalion non-Judicial punishments were administered; four violations of Article 86, one violation Article 91, four violations Article 92, one violation Article 109, one violation Article 121, and one violation Article 134. There is one appeal pending.

Chaplin support was adequate.





S-2 MATTERS INTELLIGENCE

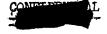
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From 1 October to 18 October the S-2 was involved in obtaining, on a daily basis, ageneral situation report on friendly and enemy units. This report was obtained from Task Force Delta G-2 sources and later 3rd Marine Division Forward G-2 sources. Material gathered was presented to the Commanding Officer and his staff on a daily basis.

From 19 October until 31 October the S-2 was assigned as Liason Officer to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division. This assignment was concurrent for the duration of an excercise which involved the 1st ARVN Division, the Vietnamese Marine Corps, and the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. As Liason Officer the results, from the viewpoint of the S-2 function, were negative.



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S-4 MATTERS

- a. LOGISTICS. The overall logistics situation is fair. 743 supply requisitions were filled during October leaving 3624 requisitions outstanding which gives a 20% level of completion for submitted requisitions. Operating spare parts remain at the 60% level.
- b. Maintenance. Maintenance is only fair again this month due to continued operations in the field. The constant work load coupled with the heavy rains and poor state of the roads has caused an increase in motor transport deadline to 17%. Second echelon spare parts are coming through very slowly due to transportation difficulties arising from the many operations in the area. A large problem area which has seen very little decrease is third echelon maintenance. We presently have 8 vehicles on D/L at FLSU.

Another large problem area is TD-15's. Of the two that this Battalion presently rates neither is in operating condition. I has been at FLSG "A" DaNang since 15 Aug and the other was Code X'ed in June 66.

- c. Food Services. Presently, the Battalion is serving 60% "A" rations and 40% "B" rations.
- g. Water. Water is still being obtained from the Khe Gio River and hauled by truck to our position.
- h. Motor Transport. The information on the last report is still valid. The heavy work load plus the rains and the bad roads are causing an increase in motor transport deadline.
- i. Embarkation. Embarkation data for the batteries which is held on the battalion level is presently being reviewed to bring it up to date.

j. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

- (1) There were 829 treatments of military personnel rendered by the Battalion Aid Station during the month of October. Eight of these patients were referred to "A" Medical Company and USS Repose for treatment.
- (2) There were no KIA's or deaths in the Battalion during this period.
 - (3) There were no WIA's during this period.





COMMUNICATIONS BLECTRONICS :S

- 1. General. a. The duplicate communication system at Phu Bai was secured, and the majority of personnel and equipment moved forward to the artillery site near Cam Lo. This enabled the Battalion to release to the firing batteries those personnel and equipment used for augmentation.
- b. A rear echelon was established at Dong Ha and the bulk of the Registered Publications System gear was left there with Sac.
- c. The remainder of the month was spent in the improvement of the communication and electrical system in effect and the improvement of the personnel areas.
- 2. Equipment. 1.
 a. Vehicular. During the month the Comm section experienced approximately nine vehicular breakdowns other than those requiring minor tune-ups. At present, two of three 3/4 ton trucks are down, and two of four AN/MRC-83's.

b. Teletype. The teletype machine was Code X'd because of a damaged frame.

- c. Radio and Wire. Radio and wire equipment is operating excellently. Breakdown of the new radio equipment has been approximately 2%. As for the wire equipment, the minor repairs are accomplished quickly due to the talents of a 2511(wireman) who has been trained a telephone repairman.
- 3. Personnel. Personnel shortages among Communications remains a problem, but it has not yet caused an appreciable lessenting g of the section's capability to perform its mission.

