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COMMAND DIARY

Part I - Organizational Data

Reporting Unit:	1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-)
Period Covered:	010001H July 65 to 312400 July 65
Date Submitted:	7 August 1965
Commanding Officer:	Major G. W. FERGUSON (1Jul-9Jul65) LtCol W. E. MCCAIN (10Jul-31Jul65)
CP Location:	(108°08'30"/16°02'15")
Subordinate Units:	
HqBtry, 1stBn, 12thMar	Capt. W. B. CLARK 076876 USMC
Btry"A" 1stBn, 12thMar	1/Lt F. H. HEMPHILL 085257 USMC (1Jul-16Jul65) Capt. W. A. WILE 076445 USMC (17Jul-31Jul65)
Btry"B" 1stBn, 12thMar	Capt. H. SCHOFIELD 066966 USMC
4.2"MortarBtry 1stBn, 12thMar	1/Lt J. J. CARR 080715 USMC (1Jul-18Jul65) 1/Lt H. J. NEWMAN 083575 USMCR (19Jul-31Jul65)
Btry"D" 2ndBn, 12thMar	Capt. E. F. WHIPPLE 064693 USMC (Det to 2/12 on 24Jul)
Btry"L" 4thBn, 12thMar	Capt. D. F. TRENSKI 076420 USMC (Det to 12thMar on 24Jul)
2dPlt 1st 8"HowBtry(SP)	Capt. J. A. GAFFNEY 068422 USMC (Det to 12thMar on 24Jul)

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Part II - Narrative Summary

1. Mission Assigned. Direct Support, 3d Marines.

2. Exercise Participation. During this reporting period the Task Organization for 1st Battalion (1) (Rein) changed. At 240800 in accordance with 3d Marine Division Operation Order 321A-65 the 1st Battalion (-) (Rein) became the 1st Battalion (-) with the detachment of Battery "D" to the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, Battery "L" to the 12th Marines, and the 2d Platoon, 1st 8-inch Howitzer Battery (SP) to the 12th Marines. Because the 3d Marine Division Operations' Order was not received until 271200 July, the detachments were not effected until that time. Throughout this reporting period the 1st Battalion supported all infantry operations in the defense of the Da Nang Air Base perimeter, the hill 327-268 complex west of the airbase, and deep patrolling operations within the Da Nang Tactical Area of Responsibility. Supported operations involving ARVN forces operating beyond the Da Nang TAOR with observed long range fires, and harrassing fires in areas of reported Viet Cong activity. During the reporting period, the firing batteries supported the infantry with "will adjust" missions against observed and suspected VC positions, harrassing and interdiction fires against likely avenues of approach, assembly areas, campsites, and missions observed by the AN/TPS-21 Radar units. Deep infantry patrol operations were supported by displacement of firing batteries to supplementary firing positions north, west and south of the hill 327-268 comples. Primitive road conditions and broken bridges have been improved somewhat; however the existing road conditions continue to limit the mobility of the artillery in occupying forward firing positions.

3. Terrain and Weather. Generally the weather during the period has been hot and dry resulting in good conditions over all types of roads for movement of the howitzers. The daily average temperatures have varied from highs in the ninties to lows in the seventies. The humidity has averaged between 60-75 percent. During the latter part of the month there have been heavy rains of brief duration in the late afternoons. The duration of these showers was short, however, and terrain conditions are unimpaired. Although soil conditions were drier than in June, cross country travel with howitzers was not favorable due to rice paddy flooding.

4. Training Conducted. Included among over 2000 fire missions processed during the period by the 1st Battalion Fire Direction Center were all conceivable types of fire missions and situations, which provided outstanding training opportunities. Between 200800 and 281700, 4.2 inch Mortar Battery conducted a training program for all battery personnel in the use of the 4.2 inch mortar which is supplementing the 107mm Howtar.

5. Morale and Discipline. Morale of the command is excellent. Nightly movies, regular church services, exceptional club privileges, improved messing and quarters facilities (still being improved upon), adequate R&R quotas, liberty, numerous swim calls, and established sunbathing and

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recreation areas have contributed significantly to the high state of morale. During the period ten Special Courts-Martial were awarded; nine for sleeping while posted as a sentinel, and one for negligent homicide. Two Summary Courts-Martial were awarded; one for sleeping while posted as a sentinel and one for direct disobedience to an order. The general state of discipline within the command has shown a marked improvement since the award of these courts,

Part III

1 July: At 010135 the FDC watch officer heard continuous mortar fire in the vicinity of the Da Nang Air Base and requested information concerning this from the 3d Marines. At 010137 CMR was directed to scan grid square 0077 for possible mortar activity. At 01025 Battery "A" fired a fire for effect mission on a suspected mortar position at coordinates 007706 as directed by G-3, 3d Marine Division. At 010255 Battery "A" repeated fire for effect on this target at the direction of G-3, 3d Marine Division. At 010425 Batteries "B" and "L" conducted will adjust illumination missions on suspected VC movement at coordinates 880753 at the request of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. At 010845 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on VC snipers at coordinates 880687, and at 010958 fired a will adjust mission on a VC OP at coordinates 888688 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. At 011012 Battery "L" fired a landing zone preparation at coordinates 878692 at the request of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The Battalion fired 18 harassing and interdiction missions on 1 July.

2 July: At 022320 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on 15 to 20 VC at coordinates 873671, utilizing for the first time in land combat an electronic device for target detection and adjustment of artillery fires thereon. At 021200 Batteries "B" and "D" fired precision registrations simultaneously at coordinates 864786. The 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired an illumination mission on suspected VC movement at coordinates 957755 upon request of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. The battalion fired 22 harrassing and interdiction missions on 2 July.

3 July: At 030030 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired an illumination mission at suspected VC movement at coordinates 888817 at the request of 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines. At 031200 4.2 inch Mortar Battery conducted registration at coordinates 877821. At 031559 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired a will adjust mission on suspected VC movement at coordinates 883819, at the request of 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines. At 032225 Battery "L" fired illumination mission at suspected VC at coordinates 930670 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The battalion fired 19 harrassing and interdiction missions on 3 July.

4 July: At 041345 Battery "L" and 2nd Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery fired a Time On Target Mission on a suspected VC meeting place at coordinates 869664 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

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At 042105 Battery "L" fired an illumination mission on a suspected VC mortar position at coordinates 920686 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. At 042220 Battery "A" fired a fire for effect mission on a group of VC in the open at coordinates 704692 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines, utilizing the AN/TPS-21 Radar For Observation. The battalion fired 10 harrassing and interdiction missions on 4 July.

5 July: At 051454 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a VC OP at coordinates 864684 at the request of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. At 052130 Batteries "L" (Forward), "L" (Rear) and "B" massed fires on a suspected VC company at coordinates 864684 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. At 052125 Battery "D" fired a fire for effect mission on a group of VC destroying a bridge at coordinates 943666 and again at 052145 the same mission was repeated in order to neutralize any survivors who might have been attempting to remove bodies from the area. At 052155 Battery "B" fired an illumination mission at suspected VC movement at coordinates 910728 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The battalion fired eleven harassing and interdiction missions on 5 July.

6 July: At 060310 Battery "D" fired a fire for effect mission on a suspected VC company at coordinates 933877 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The battalion fired 20 harassing and interdiction missions on 6 July.

7 July: The 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired seven will adjust missions at suspected VC OP's and camp sites at the request of 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines. The battalion fired ten harassing and interdiction missions on 7 July.

8 July: As of 081622 the battalion had fired a total of 1805 harassing and interdiction missions, 10 preparation fires, 166 registrations, and a grand total of 2019 missions. At 081250 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a VC assembly area at coordinates 893875 at the request of Da Nang Special Sector in support of ARVN forces. At 081250 the 2nd Platoon, 1st 8"-Howitzer Battery fired for effect on a suspected VC assembly area at coordinates 895870, at the request of Da Nang Special Sector. At 082250 Battery "L" fired for effect on a group of suspected VC in the open at coordinates 877736 at the request of S-3, 3d Marines. The battalion fired 27 harassing and interdiction missions on 8 July.

9 July: At 090900 change of command ceremonies were held. Lieutenant Colonel W. E. McCain assumed command of 1st Battalion, 12th Marines from Major G. W. Ferguson. The ceremonies was attended by a Major General L. W. Walt, Brigadier General Karsh, and members of the 3d Marine Division staff sections. The 3d Marine Division band provided music for the event. At 091430 Battery "L" fired a registration at coordinates 863795. At 091430 Batteries "B" and "D" registered at coordinates 864782. The battalion fired 26 harassing and interdiction missions on 9 July.

10 July: At 100800 the Battalion Survey Section departed for 1st Battalion, 3d Marines CP for the purpose of surveying in the AN/TPS-21 Radar positions. At 101400, Batteries "A", "B", "D", "L" and 2nd Platoon

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1st 8"-Howitzer Battery registered at coordinates 91967032. At 101930 Battery "A" and the 2nd Platoon 8" -howitzer Battery conducted high-burst registrations at coordinates 060688. The battalion fired thirty harassing and interdiction mission on 10 July.

11 July: At 111100 Battery "L" and the 2nd Platoon 8"-Howitzer Battery registered at coordinates 867804. The battalion fired thirty harassing missions on 11 July.

12 July: At 122140 Battery "A" fired a will adjust illumination mission on suspected VC movement at coordinates 965700 at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Between 122252 and 122314 Battery "A" fired two unobserved fire for effect missions on suspected VC assembly areas at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The 2nd Platoon, 1st 8"-Howitzer Battery fired two unobserved fire for effect missions on suspected VC observation posts at the request of 3d Marines, and Battery "L" fired twelve unobserved fire for effect missions on suspected areas of VC activity at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Battery "D" fired two unobserved fire for effect missions on suspected areas of VC activity at the request of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. These unobserved fire for effect missions were fired at areas from which infantry patrols were attacked on the night of 12 July. The battalion fired ten harassing and interdiction missions on 12 July.

13 July: At 131250 directed Battery "L" to displace 1 platoon to a forward position at coordinates 901774, and to displace the platoon, which was adjacent to Battery "B", back to the primary position. At 131300 Battery "B" fired a precision registration at coordinates 866783. At 131920 Battery "L" fired an unobserved fire for effect mission on a reported V. C. Company, at 940640 at the request of the Hue Duc District Chief. At 131930 Battery "A" fired a high burst registration at coordinates 060690. At 132130 Battery "B" fired an illumination mission on a suspected VC platoon at coordinates 949815 at the request of Shore Party. At 132300 Battery "B" again fired an illumination mission on suspected VC activity at coordinates 949815 at the request of Shore Party. At 132030 Battery "L" fired an unobserved fire for effect mission on 2 suspected companies of VC at the request of the S-3 3rd Marines. This was the first coordinated Air/artillery time on target mission of the Viet Nam conflict. The Battalion fired 10 Hand I missions on 13 July.

14 July: Between 140324 and 140445 Battery "D" fired 10 preplanned fire for effect missions on suspected areas of VC activity at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3d Marines. At 140104 Battery "L" fired 10 preplanned fire for effect missions at areas of suspected VC activity at the request of the 1st Battalion 3d Marines. At 142205 Battery "L" and 2nd platoon 1st 8 in. Howitzer Battery time on target mission on a suspected 105 mm Howitzer position at coordinate 950665 at the direction of the G-3 3rd Marine Division. At 141535 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 92536429 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 141510 Battery "L" fired a precision distruction mission on a suspected VC observation bunker at coordinates 91967032 at the request

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of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 141400 the 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery was called upon to reinforce the fires of Battery "L" on the observation bunker. The Battalion fired 59 Hand I missions on 14 July. At 141835 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery reported that during a will adjust fire mission one round apparently fell short of the target and landed within the Command Post of Company E 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines.

15 July: At 150025 Battery "A" fired a will adjust illumination mission on suspected VC movement at coordinates 942683 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 151704 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced to their primary position. At 151950 the 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired a fire for effect mission on a suspected VC Platoon with 60MM and 81MM Mortars, at coordinates 950632 at the request of the Hue Duc District Chief. At the same time Battery "L" was called upon to reinforce the fires of the 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery on the same target. The Battalion fired 49 Hand I missions on 15 July.

16 July: Between 160001 and 160100 Battery "L" fired 10 preplanned fire for effect missions at the request of 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 161100 Battery "L" began firing on 10 additional preplanned fire for effect missions at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 162150 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired a will adjust mission on 12-15 men, utilizing the AN/TPS-21 radar for observation. The Battalion fired 68 Hand I missions on 16 July.

17 July: Between 170430 and 171600 Battery "L" fired 20 fire for effect missions at 171905 at the request of 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired a will adjust mission on suspected VC at coordinates 124614 at the request of a 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion Patrol. At 171415 Battery "A" fired a will adjust mission on a mortar position at coordinates 152670 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 171500 Battery "A" fired a will adjust mission on VC snipers at coordinates 952673 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. The Battalion fired 63 Hand I missions. At 172400 Captain W. A. WILE assumed command of Battery "A".

18 July: At 180135, 1800350 and 180445 Battery "A" fired 3 prearranged for effect missions at coordinates 853667 at the request of the S-3 3rd Marines. Between 180010 and 180500 Battery "L" fired 6 fire for effect missions at suspected VC assembly areas, at the request of the S-3 3rd Marines. At 181240 Battery "L" conducted a precision registration on Registration at coordinates 910703. At 181240 Battery "A" registered at coordinates 910703. At 181355 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery registered at coordinates 910703. At 182105 Battery "A" fired a coordinated illumination mission on 6 VC in the open at coordinates 961699 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines, and fired the same concentration again at 182125. Between 182220 and 182347 Battery "A" fired 4 fire for effect missions on suspected VC at the request of the Hue Duc District Chief. Between 182130 and 182315 Battery "L" fired 10 fire for effect missions at reported troops concentration in the upper Ca De Song River Valley. The Battalion fired 36 Hand I missions on 18 July.

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19 July: At 190003 Battery "A" fired a coordinated illumination mission on suspected VC activity at coordinates 957687 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. Between 190400 and 190440 Battery "L" fired 9 unobserved fire for effect missions on areas of suspected VC activity at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. Between 191645 and 191115 Battery "L" conducted high burst registrations for each piece at coordinates 98426743. The 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery also conducted a high burst registration for each piece between 191645 and 191915 at coordinates 98426743. At 192100 Battery "A" fired an observed fire for effect mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 95236929 and then shifted fires to coordinates 95086952 and then back to coordinates 95796976. These targets were reported by the AN/TPS21 radar. Between 192218 and 192355 Battery "B" fired 9 unobserved fire for effect missions on suspected VC at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 192400 1stLt H. J. NEWMAN assumed command of the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery. The Battalion fired 37 Hand I missions on 19 July.

20 July: Between 200010 and 200450 Battery "A" fired 14 unobserved fire for effect missions at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 201200 Battery "L" fired a will adjust at suspected VC movement at coordinates 919703 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 200900 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired a precision registration at coordinates 919703. At 202120 Battery "B" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC assembly area at coordinates 875787 at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 201505 Battery "L" forward platoon displaced back to primary position. The Battalion fired 24 Hand I missions on 20 July.

21 July: At 210017 Battery "A" fired a fire for effect mission on barrage data coordinates 938685 at the request of the Hue Duc District Chief. At 211515 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 938642 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 211630 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 852843 at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 191430 Battery "A" fired a will adjust mission on a VC OP at coordinates 920657 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. Between 211350 and 211513 Battery "B" fired 2 will adjust missions on suspected VC OP at coordinates 863715 and coordinates 938642 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. The Battalion fired 39 Hand I missions on 21 July.

22 July: At 221005 Battery "A" fired a precision registration with a aerial observer adjusting at coordinates 919703. At 221345 Battery "B" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC position at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 221405 Battery "B" fired another will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 867716 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 221010 Battery "B" fired a precision registration with an aerial observer adjusting at coordinates 919703. At 222345 Battery "D" fired an illumination mission on suspected VC movement at the request of the Hue Duc District Chief. At 221400 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired a preplanned fire for effect mission at coordinates 862665 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 222125 Battery "A" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 919703 at the request of 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 222210 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 861777 at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. Displaced 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery [redacted]

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vicinity of coordinates 962713. The Battalion fired 23 Hand I missions on 22 July .

23 July: At 230230 the 4.2 Mortar Battery fired an illumination mission at coordinates 980754 at the request of the S-3 3rd Marines. At 231045 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired 2 unobserved fire for effect missions on suspected VC positions at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 231450 the 2nd Platoon 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired a will adjust mission on suspected VC OP at coordinates 832659 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 221010 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced to primary position. The Battalion fired 36 Hand I missions on 24 July.

24 July: At 240125 the 4.2 Mortar Battery fired an illumination mission on suspected VC movement at coordinates 977754 at the request of the S-3 3rd Marines. At 241341 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 875687 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 241450 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC rallying point at coordinates 845665 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 241625 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected enemy position at coordinates 878843 at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 240910 the 4.2 Mortar Battery displaced to coordinates 710754 tndconduct service practice with the M-30 Mortar. Between 241155 and 241207 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired 9 rounds, training with M-30 Mortar. At 241412 Mortar Battery displaced back to primary position. At 242145 Battery "A" conducted a radar high burst registration at coordinates 985675. The Battalion fired 38 Hand I missions on 24 July.

25 July: At 251445 Battery "A" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 920657 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines, mission switched to Battery "L" because corrections placed target out of Battery "A" range. At 251315 Battery "D" fired a will adjust mission at coordinates 862716 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 251358 Battery "D" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines at coordinates 919703. At 251320 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery fired a precision destruction mission at coordinates 867846 at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 251520 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission at coordinates 92016495 at the request of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 251250 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced to coordinates 933837 to conduct Service pratice with the M-30 4.2 inch Mortar. Between 251430 and 251649 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired 6 will adjust mission in service pratice. At 251700 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced back to primary position. At 251950 Battery "A" fired a high burst registration at coordinates 985765 using counter mortar radar for observation. The Battalion fired 47 Hand I missions.

26 July: At 260910 Battery "A" fired a high burst registration at coordinates 985675 using counter mortar radar for observation. At 260820 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced to coordinates 933837 to conduct service practice with the M-30 4.2 inch Mortar. [redacted]

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Between 260945 and 261530 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery fired 9 will adjust missions in service practice. At 261120 Batteries "A" and "B" fired precision registrations at coordinates 919703. At 261610 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced back to primary position. The Battalion fired 2[illegible] Hand I missions on 26 July.

27 July: At 270815 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced to coordinates 933837 for a field firing exercise. At 271155 displaced one platoon of Battery "B" to coordinates 901774, and expect to keep one platoon in this position permanently. At 271017 Battery "B" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 865822 for 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines. At 271440 Battery "A" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 920657 for 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. At 271400 Battery "L" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected VC OP at coordinates 868678 for 1st Battalion 3rd Marines. Between 270917 and 271700 4.2 Mortar Battery fired 13 will adjust missions during the field firing exercise. At 271200 detached Batteries "L" and 2nd Platoon 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery to 12th Marines and Battery "D" to the 2nd Battalion 12th Marines. At 271530 the 4.2 inch Mortar Battery displaced back to its primary position.

28 July: At 282130 Battery "B" fired a will adjust mission on a suspected enemy OP at coordinates 860777 at the request of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Marines . At 280900 Battery "A" displaced to new primary position at coordinates 958757. The Battalion fired 28 Hand I missions on 28 July.

29 July: At 291250 Battery "A" fired a will adjust smoke mission on a suspected enemy bunker at coordinates 919703 using shell HC smoke. At 291335 Battery "A" displaced 1 platoon to coordinates 940722. The Battalion fired 60 Hand I missions on 29 July.

30July: At 300750 Battery "B" relieved the forward platoon with another platoon. The Battalion fired 27 Hand I missions on 30 July.

31 July: At 310530 Battery "A" fired a high burst registration using a counter Mortar radar for observation. At 312104 Battery "A" fired a will adjust illumination at coordinates 934695 at the request of the Hue Duc District Chief. The Battalion fired 53 Hand I missions on 31 July.

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