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MISSION FIRING DATE	7/17/1968	7/17/1968	7/17/1968	7/18/1968
MISSION START TIME	171301	170545	171446	171918
MISSION END TIME	171303	170614	171451	171954
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED				
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Night	Day	Night	Night
TARGET TYPE CODE	MISSILE SITE	TROOP CONC	TROOP CONC	TROOP CONC
PROVINCE CODE				
SPOTTER INFO				
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	WP	AAC	AAC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	21	10	38	47
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	16,000	15,000	12,000	15,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION				
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION				
ENEMY LOSS CODES				
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS				
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION				

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MISSION FIRING DATE	7/18/1968	7/18/1968	7/19/1968	7/23/1968
MISSION START TIME	171605	171605	182330	230327
MISSION END TIME	171629	171629	182340	230333
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED	1STARVN			
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Night	Night	Day	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	TROOP CONC	TROOP CONC	ASSEMBLY AREA	STRUCT/BUILDING
PROVINCE CODE	THUA THIEN			
SPOTTER INFO	AIR			
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	AAC	HE	AAC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	70	70	15	11
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	8,000	8,000	10,000	13,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION			OH-23	OH-23
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION			1	1
ENEMY LOSS CODES			STRUCT/BUILDING	STRUCT/BUILDING
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS			2	1
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION			DESTROYED	DESTROYED

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MISSION FIRING DATE	7/23/1968	7/25/1968	7/25/1968	7/26/1968
MISSION START TIME	230226	242225	250920	252242
MISSION END TIME	230327	242259	251022	252259
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 1
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED		52NDCAV	52NDCAV	52NDCAV
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Day	Day	Day	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	STRUCT/BUILDING	VC/NVA POSIT	STRUCT/BUILDING	VC/NVA POSIT
PROVINCE CODE	THUA THIEN	THUA THIEN	THUA THIEN	THUA THIEN
SPOTTER INFO	AIR	GROUND	AIR	AIR
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	WP	AAC	AAC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	24	4	126	6
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	13,000	16,000	16,000	9,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION	OH-23		OH-23	OH-23
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION	1		1	1
ENEMY LOSS CODES	STRUCT/BUILDING		STRUCT/BUILDING	
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS	3		2	
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION	DESTROYED		DESTROYED	

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MISSION FIRING DATE	7/26/1968	8/2/1968	8/3/1968	8/3/1968
MISSION START TIME	252242	20133	30346	30416
MISSION END TIME	252259	20208	30358	30424
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 1	Corps Area 4	Corps Area 4	Corps Area 4
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED	52NDCAV			
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Day	Day	Day	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	VC/NVA POSIT	STRUCT/BUILDING	VC/NVA POSIT	VC/NVA POSIT
PROVINCE CODE	THUA THIEN	VINH BINH	VINH BINH	VINH BINH
SPOTTER INFO	AIR	AIR	AIR	AIR
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	AAC	AAC	AAC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	6	48	32	16
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	9,000	15,000	14,000	14,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION	OH-23	O-1	O-1	O-1
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION	1	1	1	1
ENEMY LOSS CODES		STRUCT/BUILDING	STRUCT/BUILDING	STRUCT/BUILDING
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS		1	1	1
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION		DAMAGED	DESTROYED	DAMAGED

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MISSION FIRING DATE	8/3/1968	10/31/1968	11/1/1968	11/1/1968
MISSION START TIME	30444	311430	10636	10730
MISSION END TIME	30458	311530	10720	10743
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 4	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED				
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Day	Night	Day	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	SAMPAN	H AND I	TROOP CONC	ASSEMBLY AREA
PROVINCE CODE	VINH BINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH
SPOTTER INFO	AIR	NONE	AIR	AIR
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	AAC	AAC	AAC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	58	32	135	26
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	13,000	15,000	12,000	12,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION	O-1		O-1	O-1
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION	1		1	1
ENEMY LOSS CODES				
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS				
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION				

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MISSION FIRING DATE	11/1/1968	11/2/1968	11/3/1968	11/3/1968
MISSION START TIME	311813	21544	30205	30756
MISSION END TIME	312139	22159	30216	30822
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED				
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Night	Night	Day	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	H AND I	H AND I	TROOP CONC	ASSEMBLY AREA
PROVINCE CODE	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH
SPOTTER INFO	NONE	NONE	NONE	AIR
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	AAC	AAC	WP
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	64	57	50	5
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	12,000	16,000	15,000	15,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION				O-1
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION				1
ENEMY LOSS CODES				
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS				
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION				

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MISSION FIRING DATE	11/3/1968	11/4/1968	11/5/1968	11/6/1968
MISSION START TIME	31334	40204	51300	60229
MISSION END TIME	32130	40205	52018	60333
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED				
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Night	Day	Night	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	H AND I	BASE CAMP	H AND I	ASSEMBLY AREA
PROVINCE CODE	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH
SPOTTER INFO	NONE	NONE	NONE	AIR
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	AAC	WP	AAC	WP
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	78	8	25	8
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	10,000	13,000	7,000	14,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION				O-1
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION				1
ENEMY LOSS CODES				STRUCT/BUILDING
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS				4
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION				DAMAGED

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*Read Press Release for these two events.
 3 minutes between events to cool the guns.
 218 rounds of bunker busters in 41 minutes*

*This event also
 mentioned in Press
 release*

MISSION FIRING DATE	11/6/1968	11/7/1968	11/7/1968	11/7/1968
MISSION START TIME	61207	70227	70255	70820
MISSION END TIME	62035	70252	70308	70824
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED				
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Night	Day	Day	Day
TARGET TYPE CODE	H AND I	ASSEMBLY AREA	SUPPLY AREA	STRUCT/BUILDING
PROVINCE CODE	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH
SPOTTER INFO	AIR	AIR	AIR	AIR
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	14001	14001	14001	14001
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	HC	HC	HC	HC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	96	143	75	95
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	6,000	6,000	7,000	6,000
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION	O-1	O-1	O-1	O-1
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION	1	1	1	1
ENEMY LOSS CODES		STRUCT/BUILDING	STRUCT/BUILDING	STRUCT/BUILDING
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS		3	2	2
ENEMY DES OR DAM DESIGNATION		DAMAGED	DESTROYED	DESTROYED

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MISSION FIRING DATE	11/9/1968	11/9/1968	11/9/1968	11/10/1968
MISSION START TIME	90200	90622	91600	101300
MISSION END TIME	90327	90637	92144	102120
CTZ TO WHICH FIRING WAS DIRECTED	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2	Corps Area 2
OPERATION TYPE	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS	Naval Gunfire - VS
FORCE SUPPORTED				
PERIOD OF THE DAY	Day	Day	Night	Night
TARGET TYPE CODE	INFILTRATION PT	TROOP CONC	H AND I	H AND I
PROVINCE CODE	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH	BINH DINH
SPOTTER INFO	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
CALIBER OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	May-38	May-38	May-38	May-38
ORDNANCE TYPE EXPENDED	HC	HC	HC	HC
QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED	120	100	100	90
RANGE TO TARGET IN YARDS	3,000	4,000	10,000	4,800
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN FIRING MISSION				
NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN/MISSION				
ENEMY LOSS CODES				
QUANTITY OF ENEMY LOSS				
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Conversions

Date/time: GMT (Zulu) - Add 7 hours for Stoddard local time

Corps: Area of operation for military purposes

UTM: Universal Transverse Mercator coordinate system

Sea Dragon: US Naval Coastal Interdiction operation

CD: Coastal Defense, WBLC: Water Born Logistical Craft

HC: High Capacity WP: White Phosphorous

HE: High Explosive, Illum: Illuminating

AAC: AntiAircraft Common

Overall Stats for WESPAC 68

Total Missions 36

Total Rounds 1909