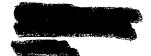


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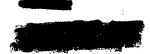
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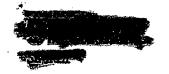
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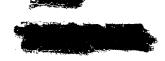
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

2d Battalion, 11th Marines

LtCol B.A. MOORE, JR. (1-6 Sept 1968) LtCol R.D. JAMESON (7-30 Sept 1968)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Bettery	CWO2 C.D. PECK	1-30 Sept 1968
Rattery D	Capt C.G. BLASI	1-30 Sept 1968
Battery E	1stLt J.M. DAVIS	1-20 Sept 1968
	1stLt J.B. GRAVES	21-22 Sept 1968
	Capt J.M. CAVANAUCH	23-30 Sept 1968
Battery F	Capt D.F. SORTINO	1-15 Sept 1968
	1stLt J.L. BILODEAO	16-30 Sept 1968
Mortar Battery	1etLt J.J. BROCHTRUP	1-2 Sept 1968
	1stLt T.A. CURD II	3-30 Sept 1968
Provisional Battery, 11th Mar	1stit J.M. CANARIO	27-30 Sept 1968

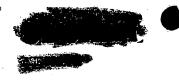
2. LOCATIONS

2d Bn, 11th Mar	1-30 Sept 1968	An Hoa	AT 866472
Hq Battery	1-30 Sept 1968	An Hoa	AT 866472
Battery D	1-30 Sept 1968	Liberty Bridge	AT 925525
Battery E	1-7 Sept 1968 8-30 Sept 1968	Gonoi Island An Hoa	ET 006542 AT 87674719
Battery F	1-30 Sept 1968	An Hoa	AT 865471
Mortar Battery	1-30 Sept 1968	An Hoa	AT 878479
Provisional Battery	27-30 Sept 1968	An Hoa	AT 877476

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

BnExec0	1-27 Sept 1968	Maj G.L. HILLYARD
	28-30 Sept 1968	Maj R.F. SCOTT JR.
BnSgtMaj	1-30 Sept 1968	SgtMaj B.A. ANDERSON
Bn S-1	1-30 Sept 1968	1stLt J.S. PAULK
Bn S-3	1-30 Sept 1968	Mej D.J. BLAUL
Bn S-4	1-30 Sept 1068	1stLt M.A.G. NELSON
CommO	1-10 Sept 1968	1stLt J.W. BORHMAN
	11-30 Sept 1968	1stLt J.F. DWINEIL
MtO	1-30 Sept 1968	1stLt L.L. STRAUCH
SupplyO	1-30 Sept 1968	1stLt K.A. POUCH
OrdO	1-30 Sept 1968	CWO2 H.W. CUTLER
Surv0	1-30 Sept 1968	CWO2 C.D.PECK
Im0	1-30 Sept 1968	Maj L. MICHAEL

A. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

U	USMC USN		<u>3N</u>	ONHER		
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
43	568	4	12	0	0	

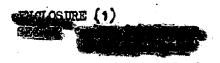
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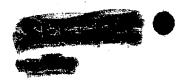
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of September the battalion provided fire support for the 5th Marine Regiment in Operation Mameluke Thrust and Sussex Bay. At 011510HSept68, H 3/11 was returned to the control of 3/11 ending the unusual relationship discussed in this units Command Chronology for August 1968. On 2 Sept. 1968, two Battalions of the 5th Marines, 2/5 and 3/5 attacked eastward into the Gonoi Island. At 011910 E 2/11 was given Op con of two 105 mm Howitzers from D 2/11 and began to heliolift into the Gonoi Island (AT 0065 5415) to support the attack of 2/5 and 3/5.

E 2/11 answered calls for fire from 2/5 and 3/5 with D 2/11 assigned a mission of reinforcing E 2/11. During this portion of Operation Sussex Bay the An Hoa and Gonoi Island areas were subjected to high winds and heavy rains causing immerable difficulties in resupply as well as those encountered in the execution of their mission. A detailed account of this action is provided in Part IV of this document. Operation Sussex Bay was terminated at 101200HSept68 and E 2/11 was heliolifted back to its position in the An Hoa vital area.

The battalion continued to support the 5th Marine Regiment in Operation Mameluke Thrust throughout the month of September. This action saw increased effectiveness in artillery fire in regards to confirmed KTA's and the increasing use of general support artillery in firing preparation fires and targets developed from the S-2 of the 5th Marine Regiment.







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The Battalion continues to produce its own met data, and high burst registrations remain the primary method of determining corrections by firing. At 271200HSept68 this battalion was given Opcon of Provisional Battery 11th Marines, however the mission of this unit remains general support, reinforcing 2/11.

AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES

CALIBER	5th MARINES	RECON	ARVIN
105 How Td 4.2 Mortar	22522 2023	438	4
155 How Td	66	184	

MISSIONS FIRED

OBSERVED	UNOBSERVED	
58 9	342	TOTAL 931

HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION

MISSIONS	ROUNDS
1973	10527

TOTAL ROUNDS SEPT: 35774

TOTAL MISSIONS SEPT: 2904

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCES

During the month of September elements of the battalion were credited with 57 KIA, 12 structures destroyed as well as 2 mortar sites and 2 B-40 rocket sites destroyed. In addition to these figures elements of the 5th Marines discovered graves containing 29 NVA/VC killed by fragmentation. While this additional figure cannot be claimed solely by artillery it is felt that the majority of these were killed by air or artillery fire.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

TOPIES

Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administration	6	15	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0

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		UNC	LASS	OFIED		3/1138/jbl 5750
Bat	tle WIA (Eva	c)	0	6	0	0 .
Bat	tle WIA (Non-	Evac)	0	1	0	0
	tle MIA	•	0	0	0	0
Bat	tle DOW		0	0	0	Ó
Non	-Battle		0	3	0	0
(2) Rep.	Lacements		8	62	1	0
(3)	Loss		6	25	0	0
(4)	Gain		8	62	1	Ö
(5) Pro (6) Awa	motions rds		2	4	0	0
Pur	ole Heart Med	lal	0	2	0	0

b. Intelligence - Based upon input from aircraft and battalion observation agencies a skelton flak supression plan was developed for the An Hoa area. Since the development and implementation of this plan a marked reduction in anti-aircraft fire was noted. While it would be presumptuous to assume that a plan of such modest proportions has completely eliminated enemy anti-aircraft activities, it does point out the success that battalion level agencies can achieve through coordination and rapid response. During the month the battalion counter mortar plan was fired on several occasions. On the morning of 21 September 1968 battalion observation agencies noted counter mortar fires falling on the muzzle flashes of two active mortar sites and the mortars were silenced.

Reconnaissance elements and Air Observer reports available to the S-2 of the 5th Marines as well as observation by units of this battalion indicated a marked increase in enemy activity in the central and western portion of the Gonoi Island. Both observed and unobserved fires have been delivered on this activity for a period of approximately two weeks. A marked decrease in this activity has been noted during the last 3-4 days of this month.

- c. <u>Organization and Operation</u> During the month of September this Battalion participated in Operation Mameluke Thrust and Sussex Bay. Operation Sussex Bay terminated during the month.
- d. Training The improvement of position areas continues to require a considerable amount of time and effort but the battalion has continued to increase the amount of time spent on training. Emphasis has been placed upon defense of position areas and orientation on current tactical situation. The initial phases of NBC training were carried out with protective mask drill.

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e. Logistics - The reporting period was characterized by gradual improvement of battery position areas throughout the battalion. The S-4 coordinated with the 5th Marines in the use of scarce engineer equipment and material assets in many construction projects. The building of the FDC bunker, Battalion Aid Station and an indoor electrically heated shower facility were all completed during Sept. The 5th Marine S-5 program provided working parties of Vietnamese nationals who were utilized in construction within the battalion area. Much work was accomplished through temporary loans of equipment by the 7th Engineers and MCB 301.

The reporting function of the S-4 section was accomplished with the required reports submitted by the prescribed due dates.

The most significant logistics problem during September was the unreliability of the transportation, between An Hoa & Danang. At times the river at Liberty Bridge becomes too shallow or the current too fast causing the ferry to suspend operations until conditions are more favorable. All supplies must be flown in by heliocopter or C 130 which causes delay in receiving low priority items. The increased use of C 130 aircraft to evacuate items to Danang has partially relieved the problem but an unsatisfactory transportation system still exists.

f. <u>Civic Action/Civil Affairs</u> - During the month of September Vietnamese from the villages surrounding the 2/11 CP were offered Employment as laborers to supplement their income.

The battalion also co-ordinated its civic action efforts with the 5th Marines by donating all available ammunition boxes for the rebuilding of schools, churches, and other public buildings in neighboring villages. After these buildings have been restored it is planned to assist the villagers in repairing their own houses, as many will be unfit during the monsoon season.

The Battalion Medical Section continues to assist the nearby German hospital in the treatment of Vietnamese civilians.

g. None

in. Combined Action Company Program - Will be reported TAW Regto 3121.1 on 10 October 1968.

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