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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April to 30 April 1969.

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Encl: (1) 2d Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology

STABP Combat Opn After Action Report Muskego Meadow
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1969 - 30 April 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.

2d Battalion, 11th Marines 1-20 April
21-30 April

COMMANDER

LtCol R.D. JAMESON
LtCol K.L. SMITH

SUPERORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1-9 April 8-15 April 15-29 April 29-30 April	1stLt W.J. LAZOTT Capt J.M. CAVANAGH 1stLt J.M. REINEHARDT Capt N.R. PETERO
Battery D	1-30 April	Capt W.A. BABE
Battery E	1-7 April 8-15 April 15-30 April	Capt J.M. CAVANAGH Capt G.M. NEIGHTS Capt J.M. CAVANAGH
Battery F	1-30 April	Capt G.B. ERWIN
Battery W	1-14 April 15-30 April	Capt J.D. PHILLIPS Capt G.M. NEIGHTS

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2. LOCATIONS.

2dBn, 11th Marines	1-30 April	An Hoa	AT 866472
Hq Battery	1-30 April	An Hoa	AT 866472
Battery D	1-30 April	Liberty Bridge	AT 925526
Battery E	1-30 April	An Hoa	AT 876472
Battery F	1-30 April	An Hoa	AT 864471
Battery W	1-10 April	An Hoa	AT 879465
Battery W (-) 1 Plt	10-30 April	An Hoa	AT 879465

OPCON UNITS

Battery Z 4/13	1-30 April	An Hoa	AT 868473
Plt "A", 3rd 8" How(SP)	1-30 April	An Hoa	AT 877476
Plt "A", 3rd 155 Guns(SP)	1-12 April	An Hoa	AT 877476
Plt "A", 1st 175 Guns(SP)	1-12 April	An Hoa	AT 868469
Plt "A", 3rd 175 Guns(SP)	12-30 April	An Hoa	AT 868469

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 3. STAFF OFFICERS.

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BnExecO	1-9 April 10-30 April	Maj K.P. HARRISON Maj E.F. JOHNSON
BnSgtMaj	1-30 April	SgtMaj N.A. HENDEN
S-1	1-30 April	1stLt W.D. POE
S-2/S-5	1-30 April	1stLt P.S. JONES
S-3	1-30 April	Maj L.E. MICHAEL
S-4	1-30 April	1stLt F.A. MAURO
CommO	1-30 April	1stLt R.C. ROUNDS JR.
MO	1-30 April	1stLt A.L. SERLICH
SupplyO	1-30 April	1stLt H.O. HARRISS
OrdO	1-30 April	OWO-2 H.W. OUTLER
Sury/MetroO	1-29 April 29-30 April	1stLt J.H. REINHARDT Capt N.R. PIERCE
IsO	1-16 April 17-30 April	Maj D.J. BLATT Maj K.P. HARRISON

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
46	603	4	11	0	0

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<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>5th Marines</u>	<u>RECON</u>
105mm Howitzer	28053	2716
4.2" Mortar	1040	0
155mm Howitzer	3347	1226
155 Guns	353	12
8" Howitzers	501	36
175mm Gun	303	69

Total Rounds 37122MISSIONS FIREDOBSERVED

854

UNOBSERVED

2310

HARRASSING AND INTERDICTIONMISSIONS

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ROUNDS

4414

Total Rounds 42136Total Missions 4275CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCES.

During April, 1969, 2/11 was credited with 110 confirmed KIAs, 138 probable KIAs, 95 structures damaged or destroyed, 8 secondary explosions, 1 12.7mm AA gun destroyed, and 1 mortar tube destroyed.

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PART II

During April 1969, the 2d Battalion 11th Marines provided fire support to the 5th Marine Regiment in their Area of Operation. Operation Muskogee Meadows, a Rice Denial Operation, was conducted from 070800H to 202400H. 2/11 fired on Rice Route targets in support of this operation.

On the night of 21 April, 2/11 joined the 7th Marines, air and recon forces in attacking a large force of enemy in the northern portion of the AO. Air and artillery were credited with 40 confirmed KIAs.

Mortar and rocket attacks fell off sharply following the major series which ended in late March.

Reconnaissance inserts met with unusually high resistance while trying to establish Observation Posts, and 2/11 directed K 4/13 on several occasions to provide area fire after an intended insert had been repulsed before landing.

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PART III

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c. Personnel and Administration

1. <u>Losses</u>	USMC		USN	
	MIA	Enl	Off	Enl
Administration	8	25	0	1
Battle KIA	0	3	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	6	4	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	6	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Evac)	0	8	0	0
Non-Battle (Death)	2	1	0	0
	6	64	0	1
2. <u>Replacements</u>	11	64	0	0
3. <u>Net Loss</u>	0	10	0	1
4. <u>Net Gain</u>	3	0	0	0
5. <u>Promotions</u>	7	53	0	2
6. <u>Awards</u>				
Silver Star	2	1	0	1
Bronze Star	0	2	0	0
Navy Achievement Medal	0	9	0	1
Purple Heart MEDAL	2	34	0	1
7. <u>Average Monthly Strength</u>	46	603	4	11

d. Intelligence

During April 1969, there was a marked decrease in enemy activity. The Battalion received a total of 47 incoming rounds in 8 incidents.

The counter-mortar/counter-rocket plan was continuously revised to compensate for new data received.

On 23 April the battalion received from 11th Marine Regiment an experimental sound detection system known as the LASL. These compact systems, along with their crews, were assigned to two observation towers approximately 1000 meters apart as test sites. It is too early to determine the effectiveness of the units at this time. The MPQ-4 and the MPQ-10, counter mortar radar systems, continue to be plagued with difficulties. The effectiveness of these devices has greatly diminished in the last month due to repeated mechanical failures.

On 25 April 1969 during a rocket attack a Village Chief from Phu Da Village reported the location of a rocket site. The same site was identified by Foxtrot battery. The Village Chief was turned over to 13th IRT.

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c. Training

The battalion continues to devote substantial time for training with particular emphasis on security of the position area, direct fire procedures, and refinement of skills within each occupational field.

d. Logistics

During this reporting period the following projects have been completed.

1. The existing galley has been framed in, screened and provided with a corrugated tin roof.
2. New bunker construction for S-4, S-4/Hq battery and communications.
3. Evacuation of medical power cansisters and shell casings from An Hoa.

Nonreceipt of construction materials has slowed down the work on the new Motor Transport/Hq Battery Supply bunker and has placed the 2/11 messhall project into a "sometime in the future" category.

A shortage of 2nd and 3rd echelon repair parts has resulted in increased deadline time for motor vehicles. Vehicles have been dead-lined for lack of parts as long as 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks.

Positive corrective action is being undertaken to replace/resupply items of individual clothing and equipment destroyed by combat action or worn out in service. Jungle utilities, jungle boots and underwear continue to be hard to get items of clothing while gas masks and insect repellent are areas of shortage in individual equipment.

Enemy action accounted for the loss of a PV-239 generator during the month of April.

e. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

The S-5 program increased in tempo during the reporting period. 2/11 has asked for and received an average of 15 civilian workers daily for use in heavy manual labor projects. A civilian laundry service was noted and terminated during April because of poor quality laundering and extreme amounts of lost clothing. A new laundry service, a satellite of the 5th Marine civilian laundry, is now being operated on a trial basis.

During April, 2/11 provided lumber, clothing and soap to the Villagers of Phu Da I and My Son.

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21 Apr 69

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines (S-3)
Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report
Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1A

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

- a. Code Name. Muskogee Meadows
- b. Dates of Operation. 070800H Apr 69 to 202400H Apr 69.
- c. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN.
- d. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marine Regiment.
- e. Reporting Officer. Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.
- f. Task Organization

Headquarters Battery
Battery D
Battery E
Battery F
Battery W

- g. Supporting Forces

Battery K 4th Battalion, 13th Marines, General Support Reinforcing; Plt "A", 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), General Support; Plt "A", 3d 175 Gun Battery, General Support.

- h. Intelligence. 5th Marines INTSUMS.
- i. Mission. Direct Support, 5th Marines.

- j. Execution. During Muskogee Meadows, the 2d Battalion 11th Marines provided fire support to the 5th Marines engaged in Rice Denial operations in their Area of Operation. Suspected Rice Routes were interdicted in hopes of preventing enemy taxation of local Vietnamese. 2/11 fired 386 missions, expending

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10,762 rounds which accounted for 59 confirmed KIA and 62 probable KIA. 36 Structures were destroyed.

- k. Naval Gunfire. During Muskogee Meadows, the following ships were made available for support:

USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLC-5)
USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148)

There were 25 hours of ship availability. During 23 of these hours AOs were available for observation. Ships fired a total of 724 rounds which resulted in 3 confirmed KIA, 4 probable KIA and 25 bunkers damaged or destroyed. There were 4 secondary fires or explosions.

- l. Administrative Matters. Operation Muskogee Meadows placed no special requirements on Supply, maintenance or Motor Transport.
- m. Communications. No special nets or frequencies required. No unusual difficulties encountered. Normal maintenance and improvement throughout the operation.
- n. Medical. Normal operations throughout.
- o. Commander's Analysis. Operation Muskogee Meadows was one of the shorter operations in which 2/11 participated. No displacements were planned or executed since no special situations arose which might have required them.

Known routes of approach and egress were interdicted in hopes of preventing enemy access to rice being harvested during the Operation, but ammunition expenditures and mission volume remained about the same as during the period immediately prior to the Operation.

No surveillances were available to demonstrate the effectiveness of these Rice Denial fires, but experience gained in targeting and resulting familiarity with Rice Routes in the 5th Marines Area were deemed to be a valuable outcome of the Operation.

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