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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 July to 31 July 1969.

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.2B

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Bn, 11th Marines

1-31 July

LtCol K.L. SMITH

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

1-31 July

1stLt R.W. HUBERT

Battery D

1-10 July
11-15 July
16-31 JulyCapt N.R. PITARO
1stLt D.A. BAKER
Capt R.E. EDWARDS

Battery E

1-26 July
27-31 JulyCapt J.M. CAVANAUGH
1stLt G.B. VANARSDEL

Battery F

1-31 July

Capt G.B. ERWIN

Battery W

1-31 July

Capt G.M. NEIGHTS

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2. LOCATIONS.

2dBn, 11th Marines	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 866472
Hq Battery	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 866472
Battery D	1-31 July	Liberty Bridge	AT 925526
Battery E	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 876472
Battery F	1-19 July	An Hoa	AT 864471
	19-21 July	Hill 34	AT 988714
	21-31 July	FSB Pony	AT 032475
Battery W	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 879465
Battery W (Forward)	20-31 July	FSB Ike	AT 944400

OPCON UNITS

Battery B 1/11	19-23 July	Go Noi Island	AT 056538
	23-31 July	FSB Pony	AT 030476
Battery K 4/13	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 868473
Plt "B", 3rd 8" How (SP)	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 877476
Plt "A", 3rd 175 Guns (SP)	1-31 July	An Hoa	AT 868469

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3. STAFF OFFICERS.

BnExecO	1-31 July	Maj K.F. JOHNSON
BnSgtMaj	1-31 July	SgtMaj N.A. LENDEN
S-1	1-31 July	1stLt W.D. POE
S-2/S-5	1-19 July 20-31 July	1stLt P.S. JONES 2dLt C.J. SMITH
S-3	1-12 July 13-31 July	Capt R.E. EDWARDS Maj R.E. LEVA
S-4	1-31 July	Capt J.J. MILLER
CommO	1-31 July	1stLt R.C. ROUNDS JR.
MtO	1-31 July	2dLt L.G. HOGG
SupplyO	1-31 July	1stLt H.O. HARNESS
OrdO	1-31 July	1stLt J.L. LEININGER
LnO	1-31 July	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>
45	592	5	9	0	0

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AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES.

<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>5th MAR</u>	<u>RECON</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>7th MAR</u>	<u>1st MAR</u>
105mm How	35985	730	318	2237	6376
4.2" Mortar	2737	0	78	0	129
155mm How	6658	963	355	542	632
8" Howitzer	975	16	0	108	96
175mm Guns	797	21	0	0	0

Total Rounds 59753MISSIONS FIREDOBSERVEDS-2UNOBSERVED

891

1010

800

HARRASSING AND INTERDICTIONMISSIONSROUNDS

2141

12388

Total Rounds 72141Total Missions 4842CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCES

During July 1969, 2/11 was credited with 41 confirmed KIA's, 194 probable KIA's, 1 confirmed WIA, 23 structures damaged or destroyed, and 30 secondary explosions.

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PART II

During July 1969 the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines provided timely and accurate fire support to the 5th Marines in their Area of Operation. Operation Forsyth Grove commenced at 010001H July 69. The 2d Battalion, 11th Marines and their OpCon fire units provided fire support to the 5th Marines. To support the scheme of maneuver, a massive prep fire over a one hour and fifteen minute period was conducted. Artillery fires were used extensively, however no significant enemy contact was made. This operation terminated at 032400H July 1969. The battalion fired a total of 9881 rounds which accounted for 7 KIA's and 13 structures destroyed for this operation.

On 3, 5, 7, and 9 July the An Hoa Combat Base received rocket and mortar attacks with no significant damage. These attacks have fallen off sharply. The Battalion has fired rocket/mortar suppression fires on a continuing basis.

Operation Durham Peak commenced at 200730H July 1969 in the Que Son Mountain area and continues to the end of this reporting period. Battery F, Battery W (Forward), and Battery B displaced from their regular positions into Fire Support Bases in order to support the scheme of maneuver. Commencing at 200430H July 1969, massive prep fires were conducted on FSB Ryder (ARVN), LZ Ike, and LZ Mike (ARVN). Since commencement of this operation artillery fires have been extensive and considerable saturation fires have been shot in the high ground of the AO. To date there has been an increasing number of enemy small unit sightings but no significant contacts with large enemy forces.

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PART III

TOPICa. Personnel and Administration

1. <u>Losses</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administration	2	24	0	0
Battle KIA	0	1	0	0
Battle WIA(Evac) *1		0	0	0
Battle WIA(Non-Evac) 0		*7	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Death)	0	1	0	0
2. <u>Replacements</u>	4	25	0	0
3. <u>Net Loss</u>	0	1	0	0
4. <u>Net Gain</u>	2	0	0	0
5. <u>Promotions</u>	2	33	0	0
6. <u>Awards</u>				
Silver Star	0	0	0	0
Bronze Star	0	0	0	0
Navy Achievement	0	2	0	0
Purple Heart Medal	1	6	0	0
7. <u>Average Strength</u>	45	592	5	9

b. Intelligence

During the month of July there was a great decrease in enemy activity around the An Hoa Combat Base. There was no significant activity by sappers to report.

2d Battalion, 11th Marines conducted patrols to the Southeast, and west An Hoa. Four patrols were conducted which resulted in locating a bag of medical supplies which were turned in to S-2.

Improvement continues on the CM/CR plan. The cantonement received 4 140mm rockets, 1 122mm rocket, and 8 82mm mortar rounds.

*Temporarily medevaced from the field and subsequently returned to duty--no permanent loss.

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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.

Officer and SNCO school has been conducted highlighting subjects slanted towards the requirements of operations in RVN.

d. Logistics

During July 1969 2d Battalion, 11th Marines experienced the loss of 2 GP tents and 5 water cans as a result of mortar attacks during the first week of July. The following S-4 functions were accomplished or initiated during the month.

1. Communications. 2/11 received 3000 BA-30's in July, easing the critical status of these items. Normal routine maintenance was performed in a satisfactory manner. No significant problems in communications section, during July 1969.

2. Motor Transport. The new Motor Pool area is still under construction. One 24X32 bunker was installed, 15 truckloads of fill dirt was put in the area, a maintenance shed was completed and 15 truck revetments completed. "F" and "W" Batteries vehicles were moved into the motor transport area. The deadline rate is much too high. This should be reduced greatly in the next 30 days as approximately 500 requisitions for parts were submitted in July; also the mechanics being under direct control of the Bn Motor Transport Officer, should help to cut the deadline rate considerably.

3. Ordnance. No major problems in Ordnance during July. ISU has worked closely with the 2/11 Ordnance section resulting in short down time for our weapons. At present 2/11 has two 105's and two 155's that are overdue in their six months maintenance. This is due to the overload of work at FSR. These guns are to be sent in as soon as there is space available at FSR.

4. Engineer. The grease trap was installed on 23 July. The 600 cu. ft. reefer motor is still at FSR for repairs. There is no return date as of this date. The rewiring of the camp is approved and the SeaBees have the contract. A "by" date is unavailable at this time, however there is daily communications between the Bn S-4 and the Regt S-4 on this important matter. A 100KW generator has been approved for 2/11 area. This will be installed upon completion of rewiring and a generator pad. The Engineers at An Hoa will help construct the pad as soon as materials are available. The materials should be available within the next 15 days. 2/11's two, 30KW generators were replaced DX in July.

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5. Miscellaneous. The EM Club was completed in July. A new 20x34 bunker is being built for HqBtry Supply/Ordnance. 50 sleeves of concertina and 35 rolls of barbed wire were used in 2/11 area. 2000 engineer stakes of various sizes were also used during July. Operation "Durham Peak" kicked off in July. As of this date over 700 resupply lifts have gone out to the Fire Bases.

e. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

In July, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines assumed Civic Action responsibility of Phu Da (3). Housing continues to improve with the delivery of 8 truck loads of wood. Work on the school is continuing and completion is expected by mid August.

The Vietnamese laundry continues to operate in a satisfactory manner. 2d Battalion, 11th Marines received 5-10 workers daily during the month.

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UNIT OR SECTION	
21Bn, 11thMar, S-1	
PLACE	
An Hoa, RVN	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
0001, 1Jul69	2400, 31Jul69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Map, T-Troops S-Staff, F-File
IN	OUT				
			030030	6 MarCer Enl WIANE;	
			031200	Jd 2 MarCer Enl fr CONUS, Tr 3 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			041500	Tr 1 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			051640	Jd 3 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			061630	1 MarCer Off WIA;	
			081330	Jd 1 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			101400	Jd 1 MarCer Enl fr CONUS; Jd 3 MarCer Off fr CONUS;	
			111030	Tr 3 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			131500	Jd 1 MarCer Off fr 1stMarDiv Units; Tr 2 MarCer Enl to CONUS; Tr 1 MarCer Off to CONUS; Jd 1 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			141600	Tr 2 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			151430	Tr 3 MarCer Enl to CONUS; Jd 2 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			171230	Jd 1 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			181330	Tr 2 MarCer Enl to CONUS; Jd 3 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			191315	Tr 1 MarCer Enl to CONUS; Jd 1 MarCer Enl fr CONUS; 1 MarCer Enl WIANE	
			201500	Tr 1 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			211230	Jd 2 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			221555	Tr 1 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			251300	Tr 2 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			261300	1 MarCer Enl DOW; Jd 7 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			281030	1 MarCer Enl KIA	
			291000	Jd 1 MarCer Enl fr CONUS	
			300930	Tr 3 MarCer Enl to CONUS	
			311230	Tr 3 MarCer Enl to CONUS	

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UNIT OR SECTION S-2	
PLACE AN HOA COMBAT BASE	
FROM (Date and hour) 0001 1 July 1969	TO (Date and hour) 2400 31 July 1969

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
			030015H	Rec'd 5-10 82mm rds. Back AZ 5766 Prob site 855488. 5 WIA non Med-Evac. 3 from the S-2 section.	
			051100H	Rec'd 1 round of unknown type round. Impacted on ammo truck at ammo dump. Light damage to vehicle. No known casualties.	
			051230H	Fellow Up: Round was 140mm. Impact at AT 87234730. Back AZ 3620. Prob site 870401. Casualties: 1 KIA, 7WIA	
			071110H	Rec'd 2 140mm Rockets. 1st impact 86604733. Back AZ 4227. Prob site 807435.	
			090900H	Rec'd 2 122mm Rocket and 1 140mm Rocket. Back AZ 4350 and 4200 and 4175. Prob site 803445-811425. Impacts 86724723 and 87414660 and 85794669. Casualties. 1 KIA and 4 WIA.	
			091900H	Patrol led by Lt Col HOUZE of Btry "E" fnd a medical bag in a hut loc at THU BON (5) AT 883473. Also fnd was 1 bunker. Gear was mostly medical gear with 4 items of U. S. type web gear.	
			200730H	Performed crater analysis on crater fnd 19 July at 2300H. Impact 877478. Back AZ 3244. Prob sites Grid Squares: 8747, 4645, 4443. Round was 81mm U. S. Type.	

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PLACE	
An Hoa Combat Base, RVN	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
010001H July 1969	312400H July 1969

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
		01	020030	8" Bravo reports 1 KIA, and 7 probables FZ6213 80225488	
		02	021010	K 4/13 reports 7 probables AK037 907371	
		03	021015	F 2/11 reports 1 hooch destroyed & 1 damaged SX0093 856506	
		04	021100	K 4/13 reports 9 probables AK037 900366	
		05	021130	F 2/11 reports 1 KIA SX0062	
		06	030051	8" Bravo reports 2 KIA's FZ6216 994479	
		07	030900	K 4/13 reports 20 probables & 1 secondary AK039 911377	
		08	030900	K 4/13 reports 3 probables AK038 907366	
		09	030900	K 4/13 reports 4 KIA's and 20 probables AK043 991479	
		10	030900	K 4/13 reports 1 MIA and 30 probables and 1 sec. AK044 913374	
		11	030900	K 4/13 reports 10 probables & 1 secondary AK045 918362	
		12	030900	8" Bravo reports 1 KIA & 20 probables FZ6216 994479	
		13	031200	8" Bravo reports 1 hooch destroyed FZ6219 911361	
		14	040015	K 4/13 reports 5 probables AK050 915366	
		15	040100	D 2/11 reports 3 KIA's & 1 probable SD858 982467	

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FROM (Date and hour) 010001H July 1969	TO (Date and hour) 312400H July 1969

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		16	040100	D 2/11 reports 2 probables SD859 976463	
		17	040200	D 2/11 reports 1 KIA & 2 probables SD860 994482	
		18	040230	India Battery 3/11 Chopped OpCon 021430H July 69	
		19	040300	D 2/11 reports 1 WIA SD860 994482	
		20	040330	D 2/11 reports 2 KIA's & 2 probables SD858 980465	
		21	042000	K 4/13 reports 1 bunker destroyed AK053 812470	
		22	042000	K 4/13 reports 1 bunker destroyed AK054 814464	
		23	042000	K 4/13 reports 2 bunkers destroyed AK055 887533	
		24	042000	D 2/11 reports 1 secondary explosion SD865 962522	
		25	042000	D 2/11 reports 1 secondary explosion SD866 967517	
		26	052000	F 2/11 reports 3 probables & 1 hooch destroyed SX0125 803500	
		27	061000	F 2/11 reports 1 KIA SX0130 839488	
		28	080715	F 2/11 reports 2 hooches destroyed & 3 secondaries SX0156 855506	
		29	081330	K 4/13 reports 3 probables AK076 812506	
		30	081600	F 2/11 reports 1 hooch destroyed & 1 damaged SX0159 829479	

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FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
010001HJULY69	312400HJuly69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		31	091940	K 4/13 reports 4 probables AK088 845495		
		32	092043	D 2/11 reports 1 KIA's & 20 probables SD893 994479		
		33	092115	K 4/13 reports 3 KIA's & 15 probables AK089 994479		
		34	100600	K 4/13 reports 8 probables AK089 995481		
		35	112000	K 4/13 reports 1 KIA AK093 803497		
		36	112000	K 4/13 reports 2 probables AK095 905366		
		37	112000	F 2/11 reports 3 probables SD316 842491		
		38	121200	F 2/11 reports 2 probables SX0188 835488		
		39	121500	D 2/11 reports 1 KIA SD914 010477		
		40	130300	K 4/13 reports 2 probables & 1 hooh AK098 803495		
		41	141600	K 4/13 reports 1 probable AK121 802499		
		42	152300	K 4/13 reports 1 probable AK122 803497		
		43	160200	8 ⁿ Bravo reports 3 bunkers destroyed & 1 secondary FZ6268 942503		
		44	162000	K 4/13 reports 1 KIA AK134 189548		
		45	171600	K 4/13 reports 2 KIA's & 2 probables AK137 907365		

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		46	180000	D 2/11 reports 6 secondaries SD948 931492	
		47	182300	K 4/13 reports 10 probables, 2 secondaries, & 1 hooch AK145 803496	
		48	190900	Move Rep a. F 2/11 b. 190920H c. AT986714	
		49	191615	Fire Cap a. F 2/11 b. 98837140 c. 3200 d. 6 guns up	
		50	191800	Fire Cap a. B 1/11 b. 05685382 c. 3760 d. 191700H	
		51	191500	B 1/11 became OpCon to 2/11 at 1500	
		52	191830	D 2/11 reports 1 KIA SD954 945515	
		53	191900	D 2/11 reports 3 secondaries SD952 954507	
		54	200730	Move Rep a. W 2/11 b. 9440 c. 200730H	
		55	200925	Move Rep a. F 2/11 b. BT0553 c. 200840H	
		56	202200	Fire Cap a. WY 2/11 b. 201300 c. 94434006 d. AZ 1500	

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FROM (Date and hour) 010001HJuly69	TO (Date and hour) 312400HJuly69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
Late	Entry	57	200730	Operation Durham Peak Commenced	
		58	210900	D/211 reports 3 hooches destroyed SD961 936512	
		59	211830	W 2/11 sent new line "C" for Fire Cap 94444044	
		60	211900	F 2/11 Move Rep a. F 2/11 b. 1900H c. 032483	
		61	212230	Fire Cap a. F 2/11 b. 0309547560 c. 3000 d. 211700HJuly69 6 Guns up	
		62	230930	D 2/11 reports 1 secondary explosion SD980 936511	
		63	231630	Move Rep a. SeaSide B 1/11 b. 0348 LZ Pony c. 231615HJULY69	
		64	232000	Fire Cap a. F 2/11 b. 0323247531 c. 3800 d. 8 guns up	
		65	232025	Fire Cap a. B 3/11 b. 03013.55 47560.90 c. 3800 d. 231950HJuly69	
		66	242000	D 2/11 reports 2 hooches destroyed SD987 935515	
		67	241800	D 2/11 reports 1 hooch destroyed SD993 941501	

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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. Wonsyth Grove
- b. Dates of Operation. 010001H July 69--032400H July 69
- c. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN.
- d. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marines
- e. Reporting Officer. Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.
- f. Task Organization.
 - Headquarters Battery
 - Battery D
 - Battery E
 - Battery F
 - Battery W
 - Battery I
- g. Supporting Forces:
 - W 4/13, General Support, Reinforcing; Plt "B", 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (GP); Plt "A", 3rd 175 Gun Battery (GP), General Support.
- h. Intelligence. 5th Marine Intsums.

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i. Mission. Direct Support 5th Marines.

k. Execution. Operation Forsyth Grove commenced at 010001H July 1969. 2d Battalion, 11th Marines with its OPCON units were in positions from which they could provide effective artillery support for the 5th Marines and their OPCON units. No displacement of artillery units was necessary or was required during the operation. India Battery 3rd Bn., 11th Marines was chopped OPCON to 2/11 on 301800Z JUNE 1969 and was given the role of Direct Support. Due to the close proximity of all maneuver units, it was essential to operate a centralized Fire Direction Center.

To support the infantry scheme of maneuver, a massive prep fire was started 040500H-040615H July 1969. No significant enemy contact resulted for the remainder of the operation; however, all infantry units used artillery extensively.

2d Battalion, 11th Marines, during Operation Forsyth Grove, fired 394 missions for a total of 9881 rounds which accounted for 7 KHA's and 15 structures destroyed.

l. Naval Gunfire. Naval Gunfire support was not utilized during this operation.

m. Administrative Matters.

(1) Supply. Logistical support during Operation Forsyth Grove presented no special problems since no units were displaced from their normal supply support.

(2) Maintenance. Maintenance support from the LST (An Hoa) was deemed satisfactory. No guns belonging to the battalion were down during the operation.

(3) Transportation. Supplies were delivered to the An Hoa Combat Base by conventional means.

n. Communications. Due to the crowded frequency spectrum encountered in Southeast Asia, participating units were troubled with overriding transmissions on several nets. Marginal Communications were experienced with India Battery (located at Hill 65) which was due to the distance between Hill 65 and An Hoa.

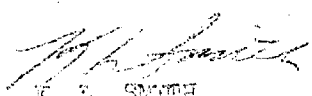
o. Special Equipment and Techniques. M-18 Gun Direction Computer was not used by the battalion during the operation. The Computer was in NIC for reprogramming.

The MPQ-40 Counter Mortar Radar Unit was operational during the operation; however, no mortar sightings were reported.

p. Medical. No special problems were found during the operation.

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g. Commander's Analysis. Due to expected heavy resistance, infantry commanders requested and received an extensive artillery preparation. Although no significant contact was made, preparations were fired on successive objectives and on suspected enemy positions throughout the operation. During these fires subsequent to the initial preparation a slight problem arose wherein an infantry commander demanded specific numbers of volleys on particular targets. These demands were not honored since they would have expended exorbitant quantities of ammunition and were not in consonance with artillery doctrine or with the overall picture of artillery availability. It should be recognized that, while the infantry commander best knows the situation on the ground, the artillery response is dictated by a multiplicity of factors which are best evaluated by the artillery commander.


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