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 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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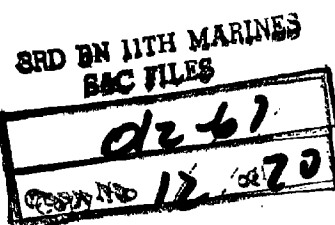
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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c),
 enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Battalion, 11th Marines

LtCol A. S. RUGGIERO
1-30AprSUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

1stLt K. J. EGE
1-30Apr

Battery "G"

Capt P. G. SCHARF
1-30Apr

Battery "H"

Capt H. F. GOTARD
1-30Apr

Battery "I"

Capt P. J. MORGAN
1-30Apr

107mm Mortar Battery

Capt R. A. HEATH
1-30AprUNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROLDetachment, Battery "K",
4th Battalion, 11th Marines
(Under OPCON 1-8Apr)2dLt K. A. KOELLN
1-8AprBattery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
(Under OPCON 13-30Apr)Capt J. V. BRENNAN
1-30AprBattery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
(Under OPCON 13-30Apr)Capt C. E. ASH, JR.
1-30Apr2. LOCATION.1-12 April: Chu Lai, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam
13-30 April: DaNang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Battalion Executive Officer

Maj T. F. GRAY
1-30Apr~~SECRET~~
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Battalion Liaison Officer

S-1/Personnel Officer

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S-4/Ordnance Officer

Survey/Metro Officer

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communications Officer

Medical Officer

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Maj M. D. JULIAN
1-23AprMaj J. A. LIVINGSTONE
24-30AprWO J. D. OURLIE
1-30Apr2dLt K. E. PITCHER
11-30AprMaj T. F. GRAY
1-23AprMaj M. D. JULIAN
24-30AprCapt J. H. DILLON
1-30AprCapt T. R. MCELROY
1-9Apr1stLt D. P. BURNS
10-30Apr1stLt K. J. EGE
1-10Apr2dLt K. E. PITCHER
11-30Apr2dLt S. P. RYAN
1-30Apr1stLt J. W. EVANS
1-30AprCapt R. A. MATHIESEN
1-30AprLt M. L. FIALCO, MC, USN
1-30Apr

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Regimental Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer

Lt R. W. KEELER, USN
1-30Apr

Battalion Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer

LTJG J. A. WELLS, USN
1-30Apr4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
37	552	3	11	None

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 April to 11 April, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in that area of the Chu Lai Combat Base occupied by battalions of the 7th Marines. During the period 13 April to 30 April, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, reinforced with Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Battery "K", 4th Battalion 11th Marines, was in direct support of the 7th Marines (Rein) in that portion of the DaNang TAOR occupied by battalions of the 7th Marines and 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. As the month began, Battery Group "I" was still located in the vicinity of Nui Dang (Grid BS817382) where they were participating in Operation "DeSoto". Battery Group "I" was composed of Battery "I", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, Detachment, 107mm Mortar Battery 3d Battalion, 11th Marines with 2 Howitzers and Detachment, Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines with 2 155mm towed howitzers. Operation "DeSoto" commenced on 26 January 1967 and ended on 8 April. At 0001H on 1 April, search and destroy operation "Boone" commenced and continued to 1200, 7 April. A Battalion Group composed of a Command Group from Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "H"(-), 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "L"(-), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, Platoon "A", 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and Platoon "C", 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was formed and supported the operation. Operation "Boone" was conducted in the area north and east of the city of Quang Ngai. On 9 April, the movement of the battalion to the DaNang TAOR commenced when Battery "H" closed station at 0645 to move to the ship loading area. At 1000 on 10 April, the relieving U. S. Army unit assumed control of fires. At 1400 on 12 April, the Chu Lai Combat Base positions were completely vacated. Movement to the DaNang TAOR was by ship and was completed at 1400 on 15 April, when the last elements arrived. The forward elements had arrived on 13 April and had occupied positions. The Battalion Command Post, Headquarters Battery and 107mm Mortar Battery are at Grid AT988652, Battery "G" at Grid AT932666, Battery "H" at Grid AT921795 and Battery

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"I" at Grid AT882580. 3d Battalion, 11th Marines assumed control of fires in the TAOR at 1700 on 13 April. At this time Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines located at Grid AT966619 and Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, located at Grid AT898672 with 4 155mm SP Howitzers and 2 155mm SP howitzers located at the position of Battery "I" (Grid 882580) were placed under the operational control of 3d Battalion 11th Marines. During the period 24 April to 27 April, Battery Group "I" (Battery "I" plus the platoon of Battery "K" located at Battery "I" position) supported Operation "Grand" from base positions.

MISSIONS FIRED AT CHU LAI COMBAT BASE

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED	613
Targets of Opportunity	48
Harassing and Interdiction	562
Registrations	1
Defensive Targets	0
Fire for Effect Missions	2
Prep Fires	0
TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED	2,211 Rounds

MISSIONS FIRED AT DANANG COMBAT AREA

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED	2,742
Targets of Opportunity	113
Harassing and Interdiction	2,498
Registrations	31
Defensive Targets	50
Fire for Effect Missions	33
Prep Fires	16
TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED	13,248

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics.

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3 May 1967a. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Losses				
Battle	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
Administrative	2	13	0	0
Replacements	3	54	1	0

Prisoners of War. None

Morale and Personnel Service. Morale remains at a high level.
Mail service is good and movies are shown six nights per week.

Promotions.

2dLt	to	1stLt	6
Cpl	to	Sgt	2 (Meritorious)
LCpl	to	Cpl	27
PFC	to	LCpl	54

Awards and Decorations.

Purple Heart	22
Cross of Gallantry, Republic of Vietnam	6

Discipline.

- 1 Summary Court Martial: Violation of Article 134 UCMJ (Guilty)
- 4 Commanding Officer's Non-judicial Punishment:
 - (1) Art. 111 & 112 UCMJ
 - (2) Art. 134 UCMJ
 - (3) Art. 92 & 134 UCMJ
 - (4) Art. 86 UCMJ

b. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

c. Organization and Operations. Operation "DeSoto" continued until 8 April with Battery Group "I" supporting the forces involved in the Nui Dang area (BS815383). (See After Action Report, Tab (5) to Appendix (A))

Operation "Boons", a joint USMC, ROKMC, ARVN Search and Destroy operation was conducted in the area north and east of the city of Quang Ngai from 1 to 7 April. 3d Battalion, 11th Marines Battalion Group supported the operation. (See After Action Report, Tab (6) to Appendix (A)).

During the period 10 to 14 April, the Battalion moved from the Chu Lai Combat Base to the DaNang TAOR.

Battery Group "I", composed of Battery "I" and Detachment, Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, supported Operation "Grand" from base positions from 24 to 27 April.

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d. Training. Accent has been placed on individual and section training and on familiarization firing of all organic small arms. A field firing range within the Battalion CP perimeter was utilized at the Chu Lai position and a 1000" range constructed by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, who previously occupied the position now occupied by the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines CP, has been rehabilitated and placed in use for familiarization firing.

e. Supply, Motor Transport and Logistics. During the month, the Battalion received 30 M35A2 Multi-fuel vehicles and 36 M16B1 trailers. A change of tubes was accomplished for all 105mm howitzers needing new tubes. The 107mm towed mortars (Howtars) were turned in and the Mortar Battery was issued 6 4.2" M30 mortars.

f. Medical, Messing and Other Services. There was nothing significant to report in these areas.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. While at the Chu Lai position, MED CAP visits were made on 5 occasions at Tri Binh (1) (Grid BS555987). A total of approximately 180 people were treated. At the DaNang position, MED CAP is carried out immediately outside the entrance to the Battalion CP, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. During April 6 MEDCAPs were conducted, treating a total of approximately 44 people. This Battalion also assumed the responsibility for the support of a school located approximately 1000 meters north of the Battalion CP. This school was constructed by 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and was supported by that unit until they were relieved by this Battalion.

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. See Appendix (A) (Documentation) to Enclosure (1)

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DOCUMENTATION TO COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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- ✓ Tab (1) S-1 Journal
- ✓ Tab (2) S-2 Journal
- ✓ Tab (3) S-3 Journal
- ✓ Tab (4) S-4 Journal
- ✓ Tab (5) Combat After Action Report; Operation "DeSoto"
- ✓ Tab (6) Combat After Action Report; Operation "Boone"

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Appendix (A) to
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JOURNAL

S-1, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Chu Lai Combat Base
Da Nang Combat Area
010001 Apr 67 to 302400 Apr 67

010001 Journal opened
010800 Dp Maj. ANKER, CONUS
021400 Jd 2nd Lt. ONEIL
021430 Rec 14 Purple Heart awards
050800 Rec 5 Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses
060800 2 enl, meritoriously prom to Sgt.
081300 Prom 27 to Cpl. and 54 to L/Cpl.
100800 Dp Capt. McELROY
121400 Bn CP closed at Chu Lai
141400 BN CP opened at Da Nang
170800 Rec 8 Purple Heart awards
170830 Appt 6 to 1st Lt.
171000 Jd Maj. LIVINGSTONE
210800 Rec 1 Vietnamese Gallantry Cross
281630 Jd 1 Navy Lt.
291000 Jd 2nd Lt. STANLEY
302400 Journal closed

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S-2 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Area
010001 Apr 67 to 302400 Apr 67

010001H Journal opened for month of April 67

011200 - 301200 Challenge and passwords promulgated

191127H Spot Rep from Laugh India X-Ray. Truck in route to supply point struck mine at grid 882572. Mine was a 155MM round command detonated. Resulted in one USMC KIA, ONE USMC WIA, and one VN WIA.

191410H Spot Rep from Construe 62. Man from squad 7B3 triggered an antipersonnel mine consisting of two 60MM mortar rounds with release type trigger. Resulted in five USMC WIA. Two required MS DIVAC.

222130H Spot Rep from Btry "H". Observed five people around dump area at about 600 meters. Fired five rounds 7.62MM, people dispersed.

281130H Received list of challenge and passwords for month of May.

302400H Journal closed out for month of April 1967

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JOURNAL

S-8, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines
 Chu Lai Combat Base
 010001 Apr 67 to 101000 Apr 67

010001H	Journal opened
102400H	Fired 54 missions expending 296 rounds
022400H	Fired 70 missions expending 448 rounds
032400H	Fired 78 missions expending 453 rounds
042400H	Fired 75 missions expending 537 rounds
052400H	Fired 86 missions expending 545 rounds
062400H	Fired 61 missions expending 348 rounds
072400H	Fired 60 missions expending 276 rounds
082400H	Fired 65 missions expending 304 rounds
090645H	Battery "H" went out of action to start move to their new position at Da Nang.
092400H	Fired 37 missions expending 170 rounds
101000H	Battery "I" and 107mm Battery went out of action to start move to their new position at Da Nang. The Battalion CP was also closed at this time with the Army taking over responsibility of Chu Lai area.
102400H	Fired 29 missions expending 170 rounds The Army fired 8 missions expending 72 rounds under our OPCON.

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S-3, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
 Buang Combat Area
 191700H Apr67 to 302400H Apr67

131700H Opened CP at Grid AF988652, Da Nang Combat Area.
 Assumed control of all fires in 7th Marines TAOR
 Battery "A", 1stBn, 13thMar and Battery "K", 4th
 Bn, 11thMar OPCON this command.

132400H Fired 10 missions expending 41 rounds

142400H Fired 118 missions expending 740 rounds

152400H Fired 89 missions expending 364 rounds

162400H Fired 135 missions expending 640 rounds

172400H Fired 183 missions expending 676 rounds

182400 Fired 183 missions expending 1173 rounds

192400H Fired 212 missions expending 1410 rounds

202400H Fired 235 missions expending 1266 rounds

212400H Fired 146 missions expending 631 rounds

222130H SPOTTER from Btry "H". Observed 5 people, fired
 5 rounds 7.62mm. Results not observed.

222400H Fired 161 missions expending 720 rounds

232400H Fired 190 missions expending 817 rounds

242400H Fired 153 missions expending 651 rounds

252400H Fired 152 missions expending 642 rounds

262400H Fired 177 missions expending 643 rounds

272400H Fired 165 missions expending 774 rounds

282400H Fired 149 missions expending 748 rounds

292400H Fired 130 missions expending 620 rounds

302400H Fired 149 missions expending 692 rounds

302400H Closed journal

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S-4, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Chu Lai Combat Base
Da Nang Combat Area
010000 Apr 67 to 302400 Apr 67

010000 Bn left for "Operation Boone"
021030 Hotel Btry left to support "Operation Boone"
051930 Arrived in BN area from "Operation Boone"
071520 Hotel Btry returned from "Operation Boone"
101200 Hotel Btry left from Chu Lai to Da Nang
111500 Golf Btry left for Da Nang
121400 HQ, Whiskey, and India Batteries left for Da Nang
141500 Battalion move to Da Nang completed
302400 Closed journal

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3RD BN 11TH MARINES
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group

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Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report.

1. Code Name. Search and Destroy Operation "DeSoto"
2. Date of Operation. 262000H January 1967 to 071200 April 1967.
3. Location. Quang Ngai Province, RVN maps sheets AMS Series I7014, Sheets 6738I, 6738II, 6838III, 6838IV.
4. Command and Control Headquarters. Task Force X-Ray
5. Reporting Officer. Lt Col A. S. RUGGIERO
Commanding Officer
3d Battalion 11th Marines
6. Task Organization.
Detachment, Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Lt Col A. S. RUGGIERO
Battery "I" (-) 3d Battalion 11th Marines
Capt P. G. MORGAN
Battery "G" (-) 3d Battalion 11th Marines
Capt J. D. KELLEY
Battery "D" (-) 2d Battalion 11th Marines
Capt R. E. BAILEY
Detachment, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
And Lt K. A. KOHLIN
7. Supporting Forces. TC 79.5 (SLF)
8. Intelligence. 7th Marines ISUM.
9. Mission. Provide artillery fire support to USMC and ARVN forces in area of operation.
10. Concept of Operation. The Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group directed 3d Battalion, 11th Marines to provide artillery fire support to deployed forces in the area of operation.

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11. Execution. At 1300 on 26 Jan 67, Battery "I" (4 105mm howitzers) departed from Chu Lai Combat Base and proceeded to Quang Ngai airfield where they, with 3d Battalion, 7th Marines commenced airlift to the vicinity of Nui Dang at 1700. Their movement completed, Battery "I" was in position, ready to fire at Grid BS 818382 at 271850H January 67, with 4 105mm Howitzers. There were 2 155mm Howitzers of the ARVN forces located at Nui Dau, Grid BS 870321 with a detachment of the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines under OPCON of Battery "I" to support the operation. At 241300H February, the Battalion Command Group and Battery "G" (4 105mm Howitzers) departed Chu Lai Combat Base to Quang Ngai airfield where they stayed overnight. Airlift to the vicinity of Nui Dang started at 250800H and was completed at 251400H. Battery "G" was laid, ready to fire at 251400H at Grid BS 811384. Battery "I" controlled and coordinated fires until 261000H when the Battalion Command Group assumed control. Battery "D" (4 105mm howitzers) completed helilift from the Chu Lai Combat Base to Grid BS 762471 and was ready to fire at 261330H. On February 27 the SLF landed. The SLF artillery was in position at 271245H. Battery "G" 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was at Grid BS 811385 and 107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines was at Grid BS 810490. At 021000H Battery "D" was released and directed to return to the operational control of 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. Helilift from their position to Quang Ngai airfield commenced immediately. At 021400 the Battalion Command Group CP was closed and control of artillery fires was passed to Battery "I". Helilift of the Battalion Command Group commenced at 021430H. Battery "G" displaced at 030800H and commenced helilift to Quang Ngai airfield. Airlift of the Command Group and Battery "G" was completed at 040930H. Battery "I" displaced from their position on top of Nui Dang to a lower position at Grid BS 812384 with 6 105mm Howitzers at 031650H. On 24 March, 2 107mm mortars (Towed) from 2d Battalion, 11th Marines and 2 155 Howitzers (towed) from 4th Battalion, 11th Marines departed from Chu Lai Combat Base to be helilifted to position at Nui Dang. The mortars were in position at Grid BS 818382 and the 155 Howitzers at Grid BS 814383 at 241710H. On 25 March at 0845, 2 107mm mortars (towed) from Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines commenced airlift to replace the 107mm mortars from 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. The exchange was completed at 252120H. At 071200H April the operation was ended and movement of the Detachment, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, Detachment 107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "I" was commenced. Movement completed at 161000H April 1967 when the last elements of the 107mm Mortar Battery rejoined their parent unit in the Da Nang TACR.

MISSIONS FIRED

Targets of Opportunity	851
Harrassing & Interdiction	1,311
Defensive Fires	107
Prep Fires	174
Registrations	4
Total	2,447

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AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm Howitzer	24,409
107mm Mortar	1,664
155mm Howitzer	2,373
Total	28,446

12. Results. 109 confirmed KIA, 190 probable KIA, 2 confirmed WIA, 5 probable WIA, 17 bunkers destroyed, 75 structures destroyed, 62 structures damaged, 4 boats destroyed, 3 boats damaged, 9 secondary explosions, and considerable damage to trenches.

13. Administrative Matters. Administrative Plan 301-66 was applied to this operation.

a. Supplies. All classes of supply were provided from the Nut Dang LSA with excellent results.

b. Maintenance. No significant events

c. Ammunition Handling. No significant events

d. Communications. Due to T/O and T/E limitations, it was necessary to borrow both personnel and equipment from other units in order to support the operation. Even with the borrowed equipment, there was an inadequate backup for possible equipment failures. The MRC-109 proved to be very useful, particularly for long range communications. However, a problem developed where by one radio cut out two or more other radios. This was primarily with the MRC-109 but also occurred with PRC-25 radios. The frequency spread was such that this should not have occurred and antennas were separated to the maximum extent possible. It became necessary to discontinue use of some frequencies in order to avoid this problem.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. No significant events

15. Commander's Analysis. This operation provided valuable experience in the following areas:

1. Planning, coordinating and controlling artillery fires at battery level.

2. The logistics problems involved with resupply and movement by helicopter over an extended period of time.

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To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group

3RD BN 11TH MARINES
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1. Code Name. Search and Destroy Operation "Boone"
2. Date of Operation. 010001H to 071200H April 1967.
3. Location. Quang Ngai Province, RVN, Map AMS Series L7014, sheets 6739I and 6739II.
4. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marines
5. Reporting Officer. Lt Col A. S. RUGGIERO
Commanding Officer
3d Battalion, 11th Marines
6. Task Organization.
Detachment, Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Lt Col A. S. RUGGIERO
Battery "H" (-), 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Capt H. F. GOTARD
Battery "L" (-), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
Capt R. E. PFRIMMER
Platoon "A", 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
Capt A. R. JOYNER
Platoon "C", 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
Capt T. P. DEVITT
7. Supporting Forces. Battery "A", 2d Battalion, 94th Field Artillery, USA

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8. Intelligence. 5th Marines ISUM

9. Mission. Provide artillery support to USMC, ROKMC and ARVN forces in the area of operations.

10. Concept of Operation. The Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group, directed 3d Battalion, 11th Marines to provide artillery support to deployed forces in the area of operations.

11. Execution. At 1500 31 March, the Battalion Command Group, a platoon from Company "A", 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, and detachments from Company "B", 1st Engineer Battalion and Company "C", 1st Anti-Tank Battalion departed Chu Lai Combat Base and proceeded to a position in the vicinity of the LSA at Quang Ngai Airfield where they arrived at 1745 and remained overnight. Battery "H" (-) commenced helilift at 311200H to a position in the vicinity of Grid BS 676860. Movement was completed at 011500H. The remainder of the Task Organization departed from the Chu Lai Combat Base to occupy positions in the vicinity of Grid BS 631852 and were laid and ready to fire at 311845H. At 0615 April the Battalion Command Group, accompanied by the infantry engineer and anti-tank detachments, displaced from the Quang Ngai Airfield to a position in the vicinity of Grid BS 691773 and opened CP at 010835H. Battery "L" was assigned the mission of direct support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines until the completion of the helilift of Battery "H". At 011540H, Battery "H" was assigned the direct support mission, Battery "L" was assigned the mission of general support reinforcing 3d Battalion 11th Marines and was ordered to displace. Battery "L" (-) (3. 155mm SP Howitzers) occupied position at Grid BS 690772 and was ready to fire at 011830H. One 155mm SP Howitzer was left in old position because of electrical failure. This gun was repaired and was brought to the forward position on 2 April, Battery "L" displaced and returned to the Chu Lai Combat Base and was returned to the operational control of 4th Battalion 11th Marines. At 1700, 5 April, the infantry platoon was returned to 5th Marines forward CP and the Battalion Command Group with the Anti-Tank and Engineer detachments displaced and returned to the Chu Lai Combat Base. Operational Control of Battery "H", "A" Platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and "C" Platoon, 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) was assumed by the forward CP of 1st Field Artillery Group. Battery "H" was released from the operation and commenced air movement to the Chu Lai Combat Base at 1030, 7 April.

During this period the group provided fire support to USMC, ARVN and ROK forces.

MISSIONS FIRED

Targets of Opportunity	73
Harrassing & Interdiction	226
Defensive Targets	7
Prep Fires	46
Registrations	1
Total	353

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18 April 67AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm Howitzer	1469
155 Howitzer (SP)	1549
155 Gun (SP)	670
175mm Gun (SP)	322
8" Howitzer	659
Total	4669

12. Results. 11 probable KIA, 10 emplacements destroyed, 1 trench line destroyed, and several structures destroyed.

13. Administrative Matters. Administrative Plan 301-66 applied to this operation.

a. Supplies. All classes of supply were provided from the Quang Ngai LSA except for class V for the 155 Gun and 8" Howitzer platoons. Results were generally good except that the lack of sufficient helicopters did, at times, result in Battery "H" (-) getting dangerously low in ammunition and water. It should be noted that when an artillery unit is helilifted into a position and must be resupplied by air, the helicopter squadron at MAG must be in all phases of planning for the operation. During this operation difficulty was experienced in getting helicopters for the resupply of Battery "H". While this did not develop into a serious problem it could have very easily if the infantry units which they supported had become heavily engaged for any long duration.

- b. Maintenance. No significant events.
- c. Ammunition Handling. No significant events.
- d. Communications. No significant events.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. No significant events.

15. Commander's Analysis. The operation provided valuable experience in the following areas:

- a. Close coordination of artillery fires with and in support of multi-national forces.
- b. Planning and execution of saturation missions.
- c. The tactical employment within a task groupment of light, medium and heavy artillery.

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