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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May 1968 to 31 May 1968

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ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. H. C. CHASE

1-31 May

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HEADQUARTERS

Battery G

Battery H

Battery I

107mm Mortar Battery

1st Lt R.B. Blanchard

1-31 May

Capt R.G. Dietz

1-31 May

1st Lt N.R. Carlucci

1-15 May

1st Lt J.R. Gill

16-31 May

Capt G.P. Adams

1-31 May

Capt S.J. Mack

1-30 May

1st Lt M.S. Moseley

31 May

2. LOCATION

1-31 May: Da Nang, Quang Nam, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officers

Major W.H. Cooper

1-10 May

Major A.F. Bauer

17-31 May

Battalion Liaison Officer

Major F.H. Butler

1-31 May

Battalion Adjutant

1st Lt J.C. Fitzsimmons Jr.

1-31 May

Personnel Officer

1st Lt Z.L. Everett

1-31 May

S-2/S-5

Capt G.L. Bortle

1-31 May

S-3

Major J.C. Adams

1-31 May

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1st Lt M.B. Campaigne

1-23 May

1st Lt L.P. Ruane

24-31 May

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Ordnance Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communication Officer

Medical Officer

Battalion Naval Gunfire INO

Capt J.M. Lutton

1-31 May

WO G.R. Hammond

1-31 May

1st Lt. P.T. Kearney

1-31

Capt G.B. Barnett

1-31 May

Lt L.V. Angioletti, USNR

1-31 May

Lt E.C. Fowler

1-31 May

4. 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>
41	415	4	12	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 May the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in that portion of the Da Nang INOR occupied by the 7th Marines Battalions. The units of the 3rd Battalion were located as follows: Headquarters Battery grid AT 963619; Battery G at grid AT 923691; Battery H at grid AT 921795; Battery I at grid AT883580; 4 4.2 inch mortars of Mortar Battery were at grid AT823605 participating in Operation Ballard Valley; 2 4.2 inch mortars of Mortar Battery were at grid AT876474 attached to Quebec Battery, 11th Marines; and the 4 155mm howitzers (towed) of Mortar Battery remained at the battery position (grid AT964618).

Operation Ballard Valley terminated 032000. There were very few requests for fire because of limited enemy sightings.

At 040400 Operation Allen Brook commenced. Battery "I" joined Mortar Battery (-) (vicinity grid AT 925535) and formed Battery Group "I". 3/11 FDC exercised tactical fire direction for the operation. A Battery Group central FDC exercised technical fire direction for the Battery Group weapons. Medium and Heavy artillery initially provided support from positions they were occupying.

The Da Nang area came under Rocket Attack commencing 050150. The following rocket site grids were determined: BT075688, AT847803, BT090670, and AT818817. Battery "H" fired both AT grids; 155 howitzers of Mortar Battery fired on grid 075688. No surveillance was available. At 050240 a second rocket attack was launched. Battery I was assigned grid BT 020589 in response to the attack. Again no surveillance was received.

10 Rounds of 82mm mortars hit Hill 55 starting at 060310. Mortar Battery and C Platoon (3rd 8" Howitzer Battery) positions received these rounds; Mortar Battery sustained 1 WIA.

155 howitzers of Mortar Battery displaced to grid BT01166176 at 090915. The weapons were moved so that Operation Allen Brook could be better supported. At 091130, Battery I sent 3 105 howitzers back to Hill 65 to make room for 2 155 howitzers (SP) from Battery K. Battery K provided technical fire direction for the 3 105 howitzers that returned to Hill 65. Battery Group I provided technical fire direction to the 155 Howitzers (SP) AT 101200, Mortar Battery (-) returned to Hill 55.

3/11 fired its Millionth round at 131400. Major General Robertson, JCG 1st Mar Div, fired the round.

Hill 55 received approximately 20 rounds of mortar fire at 140132. No casualties were sustained.

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3/11 terminated support of forces in Allen Brook at 171910 with 2/13 assuming support of Allen Brook forces.

At 190606 Operation Mameluke Thrust commenced. Battery G (-) and Battery K (-) moved to Hill 52 on 18 May. Finding the position too congested, both batteries moved to the base of the hill (AT217553) and reorganized during the morning of 19 May; relocation was done by echelon so that continuous support was available to infantry forces. The remaining 2 howitzer sections joined Battery G 201940. It was necessary to move the firebase into Thuong Duc Valley. The echelonment to Thuong Duc began 270740. The forward echelon (composed of components of both Batteries G&K) was ready to fire by 271015. The move was completed at 271600. Both batteries continued to support Mameluke Thrust forces from this position at months end.

On 19 May, Battery C 1/13 was reassigned to OpCon 3/11. The battery occupied position grid AT968622 at 190900 and remained at this position until assigned from OpCon 3/11 to OpCon 2/13 at 270900.

Between 221215 and 252130, battery G received from 45 to 50 82mm mortar rounds sustaining 3 KIA's and 13 WIA's.

"WX" sustained 7 WIA's on 270500 when a mortar round landed near a gun section. There was no property damaged in "WX" though 20 82mm mortar rounds landed in the Battery Q area (a portion of this area was occupied by WX).

At 310330, 8-10 82mm mortar rounds landed in the 3/11 area on Hill 55.

During May, 3/11 batteries fired 19 105 firecracker missions expending 193 rounds and 3 155 firecracker missions expending 29 rounds resulting in 79 kills.

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AND CASUALTIES INFLICTED

Rounds by Caliber

UNIT	105	155	4.2
7th Mar	50,423	1,268	2,772
11th Mar	6,997	936	692
ARVN	0	0	16
RECON	981	224	333

Casualties Inflicted

	ETA	ETA
3/11	109	178
3/11 & OTHERS	0	21

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration.

(a) Losses	USMC Off	Enl	Navy Off	Enl
Administrative	2	46	0	0
Battle KIA	1	3	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	2	17	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	1	28	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
(b) Replacements	6	54	0	0
(c) Net Gain	1	0	0	0
Loss	0	12	0	0

2. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

3. Organization and Operations.

(a) Units of this Battalion participated in Three (3) operations during the month of May.

- (1) Operation Ballard Valley which terminated on 3 May 1968. Appendix 1 (After action report Ballard Valley) to Annex B (After action report) to Part IV
- (2) Operation Allen Brook 04 to 17 May 1968. Appendix 2 (After action report Allen Brook) to Annex B. (After action report) to Part IV. Appendix 1 (Frag order 4-68) to Annex C (Frag orders) to Part IV.
- (3) Operation Mameluke Thrust 19 May continuing at end of month. Appendix 2 (Frag order 5-68) to Annex C (Frag orders) to Part IV.

4. Training. New members of this Battalion attend a three and one half days orientation program.

5. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. 38 M151A1 and 9 M3542C vehicles were received by this command during the month of May.

6. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. Nothing significant to report.

7. Psychological Operation. Nothing significant to report.

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8. Combined Action Company Program. Liaison Officers from each battery attempted to make weekly visits to the CAP units which this Battalion supports and gave instruction on calls for artillery fire and artillery capabilities. Liaison Officers also assisted the CAP units with defensive fire planning and firing defensive fires.

9. Medical. During Operation Allen Brook and Mameluke Thrust the BAS treated in excess of 200 casualties.

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ANNEX A
STAFF JOURNALS

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 010001H May 1968 to 312400H May

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010001H	Journal Opened
011445H	7 Enlisted Jd Conus
020800H	2 Enlisted Dr Conus
021230H	2 Enlisted Jd Conus
030800H	4 Enlisted Dr Conus
031400H	1 Enlisted Jd Conus
031645H	1 Enlisted Jd Conus
040800H	1 Enlisted Dr Conus
041400H	6 Enlisted Jd Conus
060800H	2 Enlisted Dr Conus
071400H	1 Enlisted Jd Conus
071600H	1 Enlisted Jd from Headquarters Battery, 1st Mar. Div.
080800H	2 Enlisted Dr Conus
081400H	1 Enlisted Jd Conus
081400H	1 Officer Jd Conus
090800H	7 Enlisted Dr Conus
091730H	1 Enlisted Jd Conus
100800H	4 Enlisted Dr to Camp Butler while sick
100800H	4 Enlisted Dr Conus
110800H	9 Enlisted Dr Conus
111430H	5 Enlisted Jd Conus
120800H	3 Enlisted Dr Conus
121300H	2 Enlisted Jd Conus
130800H	2 Enlisted Dr Conus

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131130H	2 Enlisted Jd Comus
131615H	1 Enlisted Jd Comus
140800H	2 Enlisted Dr Comus
140800H	1 Officer Dr Comus
140800H	1 Officer Dr Camp Butler while sick
150800H	15 Enlisted Dr 13th Marines
151400H	15 Enlisted Jd 13th Marines
161300	1 Officer Jd Comus
181300H	1 Enlisted Jd Comus
191700H	5 Enlisted Jd Comus
191700H	1 Enlisted Jd from 13th Marines
190800H	2 Enlisted Dr Comus
200800H	2 Enlisted Dr Comus
210800H	4 Enlisted Dr Comus
211300H	1 Enlisted Jd Comus
221300H	1 Enlisted Jd from Camp Butler
221500H	1 Officer Dr KIA
221500H	2 Enlisted Dr KIA
230800H	2 Enlisted Dr Comus
230800H	1 Officer Dr Camp Butler while sick
231300H	2 Officers Jd Comus
231615H	3 Enlisted Jd Comus
250230H	1 Enlisted Dr KIA
250800H	1 Officer Dr Comus
250800H	1 Enlisted Dr Comus

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251300H	1 Officer Jd Conus
260800H	1 Enlisted Dr Conus
261500H	1 Officer Jd from 1st FAG
261500H	2 Enlisted Jd Conus
271645H	2 Enlisted Jd Conus
280800H	1 Enlisted Dr Conus
301300H	2 Enlisted Jd Conus
311300H	4 Enlisted Jd Conus
311300H	1 Navy Enlisted Jd Conus
311530H	2 Enlisted Jd Conus
311530H	1 Enlisted Jd 11th Marines

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010001H Journal Opened

050405H "I" Battery 3/11 AT 884582 received 7 rounds of 81 or 82mm Mortars and 200 rounds small arms fire. Returned fire with 100 rounds of 50 caliber and 100 rounds 5.56mm.

051200H Headquarters Battery 3/11. Truck returning from Liberty Bridge hit a 40 lb. mine at AT970583. Medevac called for WIA and reaction force was sent to retrieve vehicle.

060315H Headquarters Battery 3/11 at AT963617 received approximately 10 incoming 82mm mortars from vicinity AT973610. India, 3/11 fired on enemy position with good coverage.

080110H Golf Battery 3/11, at AT923691 received approximately 3 122mm rocket rounds. No casualties. Counter Rocket fire directed at AT989702, 910684, 913684, 894664, 892702.

140132H Headquarters Battery 3/11. Hill 55 received approximately 20 82mm mortars from firing position at grid 975608. Mortar Battery, Battery "I", and Battery "K" fired counterfire on this grid. No 3/11 casualties.

191202H Battery "G" on operation Mameluke Thrust at Hill 52, received one 82mm mortar round from the south of their position. No casualties.

200920H Battery "G" 3/11, on operation Mameluke Thrust, received 3-5 82mm mortar rounds resulting in one WIA. Location of firing position unknown.

221530H Battery "G" 3/11, on operation Mameluke Thrust at Hill 52, received 3 82mm mortar rounds from south of their position.

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Rounds were adjusted on the FDC at 03 minute intervals between rounds. One round hit the ramp of the LVT where the FDC was located killing the FDC, watch sergeant, one other Marine, and wounding 3 other Marines. Counter Mortar Fire was fired by Battery "G" and Battery "K" 4/11.

250700H Battery "G", on operation Mameluke Thrust at Hill 52, received 12-15 82mm mortar rounds from grid 210550. There was minor body damage to 3 M-35 trucks and no casualties were sustained. Counter Mortar Fire was fired by Battery "G".

252130H Battery "G", on operation Mameluke Thrust at Hill 52, received approximately 25 82mm mortar rounds wounding 7 Marines and damaging 3 M-35. Counter Mortar Fire was fired by Battery "G" and Battery "K" 4/11.

270115H Whiskey XRay, at AT876475, received an undetermined number of mortar rounds and SA fire on their position. Battery "G" 3/11 and Battery "K" 4/11 fired Counter Mortar Fire on grid AT857485. There were 8 Marines WIA.

290200H Battery "G" on operation Mameluke Thrust at Thuong Duc, received approximately 5 B-40 rocket rounds and numerous SA fire from a position 100 meters south of their position. 2 rocket rounds hit the FDC located in a LVT wounding 4 Marines.

301405H Headquarters Battery 3/11. 11th Marines convoy on route to Hill 52 from Hill 65 was ambushed at grid 834854 by

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an approximate enemy company. The unit was identified as being part of a newly infiltrated 36th Regiment of the 308 NVA Division.

301608H Battery "G" 3/11, on operation Mameluke Thrust near Thuong Duc, received 25-30 82mm mortar rounds wounding 8 Marines. Counter Mortar Fire was fired by Battery "G" and Battery "K" 4/11.

310330H Headquarters Battery 3/11. Hill 55 received 8-10 82mm mortar rounds wounding two Marines from 3/11. Counter Mortar Fire was fired on grid AT978612 by Mortar Battery. and Battery "F" 2/11.

312400H Journal Closed

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 Da Nang Combat Base
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010001H Journal Opened

012400H Fired 622 Missions Expended 2219 Rounds

020900H FIRCAP A. "W" B. 96486180 C. 3800 D. ALL guns up

022400H Fired 827 Missions Expending 2620 Rounds

031000H Operation Ballard Valley Terminated

031830H FIRCAP A. "W" B. 92415342 C. 2400 D. 031830H, 4 Guns Up

032400H Fired 913 Missions Expending 2850 Rounds

040400H Operation Allen Brook Commenced

041145H FIRCAP A. "I" B. 92415392 C. 2400 D. 041305H, 6 Guns Up

042400H Fired 732 Missions Expending 2433 Rounds

052400H Fired 529 Missions Expending 3522 Rounds

060310H Mortar Battery and "C" Platoon 3d 8" Howitzers received
 10 82mm mortar rounds

062400H Fired 632 Missions Expending 1975 Rounds

072400H Fired 669 Missions Expending 2508 Rounds

082400H Fired 561 Missions Expending 3107 Rounds

091006H FIRCAP A. "WT" B. 701166276 C. 3200 D. 091006H; 3 Guns Up

091315H FIRCAP A. "I", "K" B. 92415392 C. 1600 D. 091315H 3 105's
 Up and 2 155's Up

091400H FIRCAP A. "I" B. 88305796 C. 4400 D. 091400H, 3 Guns Up

092400H Fired 864 Missions Expending 2876 Rounds

101500H FIRCAP A. "W" B. 966619 C. 3800 D. 101500H, 4 Guns Up

102400H Fired 519 Missions Expending 2194 Rounds

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112400H Fired 761 Missions Expending 2611 Rounds
 122400H Fired 847 Missions Expending 3399 Rounds
 131400H Fired the One Millionth Round by 3/11 in RVN
 132400H Fired 935 Missions Expending 4461 Rounds
 140132H Received 20 incoming 82mm mortar rounds on Hill 55
 142400H Fired 691 Missions Expending 2034 Rounds
 152400H Fired 593 Missions Expending 1776 Rounds
 162400H Fired 667 Missions Expending 1587 Rounds
 171325H FIRCAP A. "I" B. 88305796 C. 4400 D. 171325H, 6 Guns Up
 171910H Operation Allen Brook Terminated
 172400H Fired 592 Missions Expending 2321 Rounds
 182400H Fired 618 Missions Expending 1710 Rounds
 190606H Operation Mameluke Thrust Commenced
 190900H Battery C Chopped OpCon to 3/11
 191130H FIRCAP A. "G" B. 21005500 C. 4800 D. 191130H, 4 Guns Up
 191202H Battery "G" Received 1 mortar round
 192400H Fired 491 Missions Expending 1655 Rounds
 202400H Fired 512 Missions Expending 1714 Rounds
 212400H Fired 403 Missions Expending 1345 Rounds
 221215H Battery G received 3 82mm mortar rounds 3KIA's and 4 WIA's
 222400H Fired 529 Missions Expending 2025 Rounds
 230110H Battery G received 3 82mm mortar rounds
 232400H Fired 692 Missions Expending 1136 Rounds
 242400H Fired 386 Missions Expending 1266 Rounds

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250700H Battery G received 12 82mm mortar rounds
 252130H Battery G received 25 82mm mortar rounds
 252400H Fired 396 Missions Expending 1558 Rounds
 262400H Fired 433 Missions Expending 1197 Rounds
 270050H Battery WX received 20 82mm mortar rounds
 270742H Battery G commenced move to Thung Duc Valley
 271015H FIRCAP A. "G" B. 151541 C. 5400 D. 271015 3 Guns Up
 271600H FIRCAP A. "G" B. 151541 C. 5400 D. 271600H 6 Guns Up
 271600H FIRCAP A. "K" B. 151541 C. 5400 D. 271600H 4 Guns Up
 272400H Fired 356 Missions Expending 1253 Rounds
 282400H Fired 663 Missions Expending 1970 Rounds
 292400H Fired 444 Missions Expending 1509 Rounds
 302400H Fired 411 Missions Expending 1948 Rounds
 310330H Received 8-10 82mm mortar rounds at Hill 55
 312400H Fired 397 Missions Expending 1696 Rounds

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010001H May 1968 to 312400 May 1968

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010001H Journal Opened
031000H Operation Ballard Valley was Secured
040400H Operation Allen Brook was Started
171910H Operation Allen Brook was Secured
190600H Operation Nameluke Thrust was Started
312400 Journal Closed.

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ANNEX B
AFTER ACTION REPORT

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After action report for Operation Ballard Valley.

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After action report for Operation Allen Brook.

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1. Code Name. Search and destroy Operation Ballard Valley
2. Dates of Operation. 291200 April 1968 to 031000 May 1968
3. Location. Maps Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6640IV, 6540I.
4. Command and Control. Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
5. Reporting Officer. Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Chase Commanding Officer 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
6. Organization for Combat

3d Battalion 11th Marines direct support of forces in Operation Ballard Valley.

Lt. Col H. C. CHASE

Battery I
Mortar Battery (-)
155 Howitzers (Towed) of Mortar Battery

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines modified general support, reinforcing 3/11 (Provide priority of fires as directed by 3/11 except during rocket attacks. 3/11 planned the fire of Battery K).

Capt. CAVAGNOL

Battery Q Reinforcing 3/11.

Capt. BERMAN

C Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzers general support reinforcing 3/11.

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7. Intelligence. Current Intsums.

8. Mission. The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines supports the forces involved in Operation Ballard Valley.

9. Concept of Operation. On D-Day, support helicopter landing by 2/7 with the artillery units at hill 65. The Hill 65 artillery will continue support until Mortar Battery lands on Hill 886 (vic AT 823605) and can receive calls for fire (late D+1). Until the operation ends, Mortar Battery will answer calls for fire from 2/7 forces and also request reinforcing fires through the 3/11 FDC.

10. Execution. At 291200 H, 2/7 landed in designated LZ's without an artillery prep fire. Little artillery was requested except night defensive fires. At 300800 H, Mortar Battery (-) landed near Hill 886 (vic 823605). Mortar Battery answered calls for fire (very few fire missions were requested) from 2/7 until the operation ended 031000 May 1968.

MISSIONS FIRED

155 HOWITZER-601 MORTAR BATTERY

<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	
Prep Fires		190	4	
Tot's	12	97		
Registrations	1	12		
Observed Missions	1	24	4	
Unobserved Missions	6	57		
Totals	20	380	8	Total rounds 388

INDIA BATTERY (-)

<u>Type Missions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>Firecracker</u>
Tot's	23	481			
Observed Missions	4	52	21	1	30
Total	27	533	21	1	30

Total rounds 612

MORTAR BATTERY (-)

<u>Type Missions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>CS (Gas)</u>
Prep Fires	1	12			HCSM
Observed Missions	13	31	8	2	1
Unobserved Missions	1	12			
Totals	15	55	8	2	1

Total rounds 66

11. Results. There were no reported results.

12. Administrative Matters. Administrative details were covered in a conference prior to the operation.

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- a. Supplies. Supplies were furnished through normal channels .
 - b. Maintenance. Normal
 - c. Transportation. Helo transportation was used for displacement of Mortar Battery. Flat bed trucks from Regiment and organic vehicles were used for resupply of other units.
 - d. Treatment of Casualties. Corpsmen were available in all battery positions. Medical evacuations were available but required through Artillery liaison officers.
 - e. Communications. PRC-25 radios provided the primary means of communications. The KY-8 was used daily for passing information that could not be passed in the clear.
13. Special equipment and techniques. No special equipment or techniques were used in the employment of artillery during Operation Ballard Valley.
14. Commanders Analysis. Nothing significant to report because of a lack of action in the operation area.

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(b) Frag Order, Issued Verbally

1. Code Name. Search and Destroy Operation Allen Brook.
2. Dates of Operation. 040400 May 1968 to 171910 May 1968.
3. Location. Mars Vietnam, 1:50,000 MMS Series L7014 Sheets 6541 I, 6541 II, 6641 IV.
4. Command and Control. Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.
5. Reporting Officer. Lieutenant Colonel H.C. CHASE
COMMANDING OFFICER
3d Battalion, 11th Marines
6. Organization for Combat.

Battery Group I D.S. forces in Allen Brook	Capt. Adams
Battery I	
Mortar Battery (-)	

155 How of Mortar Battery G.S. Rein Battery Group I	Capt. Mack
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Battery K 4/11 G.S. Rein 3/11	Capt. Cavarnol
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Battery Q, 11th Mar Rein 3/11	Capt. Berman
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8. Mission. The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines support the forces involved in Operation Allen Brook.

9. Concept of Operation. On 3 May 1968 "W" Battery (-) occupied position vicinity AT928539 and prepared to support infantry movement 040400 H May 1968. On 4 May Battery "I" joined "W" Battery (-) and formed Battery Group "I". 3/11 FDC exercised tactical fire direction for the operation. A Battery Group central FDC computed technical data for the Battery Group weapons. Medium and heavy artillery provided support from present positions.

10. Execution. On 3 May Mortar Battery displaced to the vicinity of AT928539. On 4 May, Battery I joined Mortar Battery and formed Battery Group I. Initially Battery K and 155 Howitzers (Towed) of Mortar Battery supported from normal positions. On 091006 May, 155 Howitzers (Towed) of Mortar Battery moved to vicinity 012628, and supported the forces in Allen Brook until 3/11's participation terminated in the Operation. 091315 Battery K replaced (3) 105 Howitzers, which were sent back to Battery I's position at Hill 65, with (2) 155 Howitzers (SP). 101500, Mortar Battery returned to Hill 55 (vicinity 966619). Battery K assumed fire direction responsibility for the artillery weapons on Hill 65 and Battery I assumed fire direction responsibility for the weapons at 92415392. These artillery arrangements remained in effect until 3/11 no longer supported the operation.

MISSIONS FIRED

155 HOWITZERS OF MORTAR BATTERY

<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>FC</u>
H&I's	34	94	40		
Prep Fires	37	337			
TOT's	2	18			
Registrations	3	56			
NDF's	7	41	14		
Observed Missions	18	335	15	2	7
Unobserved Missions	1	6			
Totals	102	887	69	2	7
Total Rounds					965

"I" BATTERY

<u>Type Missions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>FC</u>
H&I's	833	2779			
Prep Fires	60	2122	83		
TOT's	5	57	33		
NDF's	21	66	62		
Observed Missions	86	1601	246	68	36
Unobserved Missions	12	44			
Totals	1017	6669		68	36
Total Rounds					7197

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<u>Type missions</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>
H&I's	116	357	.	
Prep fires	7	70	6	
TOT's	3	46		
NDF's	4	2	7	1
Observed Missions	14	128	34	
Totals	144	603	47	1

Total Rounds 651

11. Results. Artillery fire from the Battery Group resulted in 6 structures destroyed, 13 structures damaged. As identified by fragmentation wounds, a combination of artillery and air strikes netted 219 KIA's.

12. Administrative Matters. Administrative details were covered in a conference prior to the Operation.

- a. Supplies. Supplies were furnished through normal channels.
- b. Maintenance. Normal Channels.
- c. Transportation. Organic transportation was used for displacements. Flat bed trucks from Regiment and organic vehicles were used for resupply.
- d. Treatment of Casualties. Corpsmen were available in all battery positions. Medical evacuations were available but not required through artillery Liaison Officers.
- e. Communications. PRG-25 radios provided the primary means of communications. The KY-8 was used daily for passing information that could not be passed in the clear.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. No special equipment or techniques were used in the employment of artillery during Operation Allen Brook

14. Commanders Analysis. Operation Allen Brook proved to be a highly successful operation in so far as artillery support was concerned. During this operation many techniques of employment and principles of fire support coordination were reaffirmed and implemented to provide effective fire support for the infantry. These procedures involved the close coordination of air and artillery in order to permit simultaneous attack of adjacent targets, optimum use of available artillery to support both operating forces and to respond to requirements in the TAOR, use of artillery fire in a deceptive role, and employment of battalion O.P.s.

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During periods of intense fighting, infantry support requirements were too great for any single supporting arm. Consequently, air and artillery divided the requests for support. An example of the technique used was having the air work south of the 53 gridline and the artillery attacking targets north of this gridline. Since the artillery being employed in this situation was north of the 53 gridline, there was no chance of air being endangered by artillery trajectories. Only by use of this technique was enough ordnance available to neutralize the VC/NVA threat during critical situations.

Artillery was positioned where it could support both regular TAOR commitments as well as operational forces. Adequate artillery was positioned to support the operation and to provide for additional support, should the tactical requirements so dictate. This proved to be a prudent move in that artillery support requirements did exceed those which were originally anticipated during the planning phase.

As a deceptive measure, prep fires were planned on locations other than objectives so that the intended infantry maneuver would not be given away.

Had 3/11 continued to support Allen Brook, a battalion OP was planned on high ground to the south of the AO. An OP in this position is invaluable during daylight hours since ground forces can see but a few hundred meters in the AO. In addition to calls for fire, the FO could send enemy moves to the infantry. Also any enemy breaking contact would be taken under fire by this OP; many times ground forces failed to see the enemy withdrawal.

In this operation, a single conduct of fire net was too crowded, though abuse of the net was noticed in that infantry companies sent admin traffic over this net; this abuse was not the cause of the overburdened net. Contact mostly was made by all companies simultaneously. Consequently, FO's cut one another out in conducting fire missions. The recommended solution to this problem is to have the artillery Liaison Officer (with the infantry battalion) direct one of more FO's to send missions to the artillery battalion over the FSCC net. This permits the artillery Liaison Officer to monitor all missions with the equipment assigned and also permit FO's to get fire when it is needed.

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- ✓ Appendix 2 Frag Order 5-68, 23 May 68

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(b) FMFM 7-4
(c) 11th Mar Regt P3000.3d

Time Zone H

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces.

(1) Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st MAW

2. MISSION. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supports 2/7 (-)(Rein) in the seizure of objective vicinity AT 9853.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Artillery Employment.

(1) On 3 May 1968 "W" Battery (-) occupies position vicinity AT 925535 and prepares to support infantry movement 040400H May 1968. On 4 May, Battery "I" will join "W" Battery (-) and form Battery Group "I". 3/11 FDC will exercise tactical fire direction for the operation. A Battery Group central FDC will compute technical data for the Battery Group weapons. Medium and Heavy Artillery will provide support from present positions.

b. Battery Group "I".

(1) Battery CO of Battery "I" is the Battery Group CO.

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- (2) "W Battery (-) and Battery "I" will form the Battery Group. "W" Battery (-) will have but 4 107mm mortars.
- (3) "W" Battery will displace 031600H and occupy position vicinity AT 925535.
- (4) Battery "I" will displace earliest possible time on 4 May and occupy position vicinity AT 925535.
- (5) The Battery Group will establish a Combined FDC.
- (6) Tactical fire direction will be exercised by 3/11 FDC.

c. 155 Howitzers of "W" Battery.

- (1) Provide support as directed by 3/11 FDC. 3/11 FDC will provide technical fire direction.

d. Battery "K".

- (1) General Support, reinforcing 3/11.

e. Battery "Q".

- (1) Reinforcing 3/11.

f. Coordinating Instruction.

- (1) The Battery Group is authorized direct liaison with 2/7.
- (2) Receive front line reports hourly until the infantry has set in for the night.
- (3) Night defensive fires should be received from the FO within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of stopping for prolonged periods. These defensive fires should be adjusted to desired locations ASAP.
- (4) Metro will be available through normal channels.
- (5) Be prepared for the Use of CS gas.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Will be published separately.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Communications-Electronics. ✓ See Annex A (frequency plan).

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b. Command Post. 3/11 Command Post will be located at Hill 55.



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	4/11	(2)
	"K" 4/11	(2)
	"I" 3/11	(2)
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Time Zone H

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

(1) Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st MAF
- (2) Det A, 109, Company C, Special Forces, Thong Duc
- (3) The 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division, will conduct a Search and Destroy Operation in the Mortar Valley/Happy Valley area in conjunction with 7th Marine Operations in the Thong Duc area.

2. MISSION. The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines supports forces under 7th Marine control which are assigned to Operation Mameluke Thrust.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Artillery Employment.

- (1) On D-1, Battery G displaces to a rendezvous point at Hill 65. Two 105 Howitzer sections from Battery G will remain at Hill 65 until a sufficiently large forward position area is available. The remainder of Battery G, Battery K (-), and Det IVTH-6's will form a convoy and proceed to Hill 52 (vic AT 217553). From the position at Hill 52, artillery will provide support until the infantry forces have advanced so far into the Thong Duc Valley that further close support is no longer feasible. When this

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occurs, artillery will be displaced on order to a position that will be determined during the Operation.

b. Battery G

- (1) Provide priority of fires as well as Liaison and FO personnel to 1/7.
- (2) Move by motor march to vicinity 217553 on D-1. Leave Hill 10 at the earliest possible time on D-1.

c. Battery K (-) 4 155 Howitzers (SP)

- (1) Reinforcing 3/11.
- (2) Join the convoy from Battery G when they arrive at Hill 65 and proceed to vicinity 217553.

d. Detachment LVTH-6's.

- (1) Join the convoy from Battery G at Hill 65 and proceed to vicinity 217553.
- (2) Provide defensive fire for the common battery position of Batteries G and K.

e. Battery I.

- (1) Support convoy between Hills 65 and 52. See Annex A (On Calls and Check Points on Road from Hill 65 to Hill 52).

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day is 19 May 1968.
- (2) Sav-a-Plane requests will be forwarded by 1/7 FSCC to 3/11 FDC, then sent to 7th Marine FSCC.
- (3) Position reports will be submitted hourly by 1/7 FSCC, or more frequently when troops are moving, to the Battery G FDC. Battery G will forward Position Reports to the 3/11 FDC.
- (4) FO's must plan and send, to the Battery FDC, defensive fires within 1/2 hour of stopping for prolonged periods. These defensive fires should be adjusted to desired locations ASAP.
- (5) Direct liaison is authorized between Battery G and 1/7.
- (6) Concentration Numbers. Use BnO 3000.5.
- (7) Prep fires will precede most infantry maneuvers. Copies of requested prep fires will be sent to 3/11 FDC by the Battery G FDC.
- (8) FO's will report canopy height.
- (9) High angle fire will be used for danger close missions where the trajectory passes over the head of, or close to, friendly troops when in high canopy.
- (10) Danger close will be reported by the FO within 900 meters of friendly troops while operating in hill/mountainous terrain.
- (11) Thrust Points. See Annex C (Thrust Points).

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. To be published separately.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.
 - a. Communications-Electronics. See Annex B (Frequency Plan).
 - b. Command Post. 3/11 Command Post will be located at Hill 55.

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ANNEXES: A- On Calls and Check Points on the Road from Hill 65 to Hill 52.
B- Frequency Plan
C- Thrust Points

Distribution:	11th Marines	(4)
	4/11	(2)
	"K" 4/11	(4)
	"G" 3/11	(4)
	"I" 3/11	(4)
	"Q" 11th Marines	(2)
	C Plt 3d 8" Howitzers	(2)
	File	(10) 6
	7th Marines	(2)
	7th Marines FSCC	(2)
	1/7	(2)
	1/7 FSCC	(10)

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ANNEX A
ON CALLS AND CHECK POINTS ON ROAD FROM HILL 65 TO 52

ROAD BETWEEN HILL 65 & HILL 52

	<u>GRID</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
TX 181	866 574	STREAM CROSSING
182	854 568	SOUTH BEND IN ROAD
183	842 561	EAST TIP OF SMALL FINGER LAKE
184	836 560	WEST TIP OF SMALL FINGER LAKE
185	830 557	DIP IN ROAD
186	819 552	SOUTH BEND IN ROAD
187	813 546	ROAD COMES CLOSEST TO RIVER AND BEGINS TO RUN PARALLEL WITH IT.
188	807 553	HILL 25
189	788 552	HILL 52
193	845 564	AMBUSH SITES
194	840 560	AMBUSH SITES
195	835 566	AMBUSH SITES
196	819 551	AMBUSH SITES
197	813 551	AMBUSH SITES
198	808 553	AMBUSH SITES
199	195 535	AMBUSH SITES
TX 200	800 552	AMBUSH SITES

CHECK POINTS

#1	854568
#2	838561
#3	824555
#4	810545
#5	805545
#6	212549

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<u>THRUST PT.</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>THRUST PT.</u>	<u>GRID</u>
CLOTHING	ZC2149	AUTO	AT9678
STATE	AT8289	INSECT	AT8177
ANIMAL	AT9551	HOLIDAY	AT9662
GEM	AT8887	ATHLETE	AT8458
FISH	AT8152	CIGARETTE	AT8444
CARD GAME	AT8383	GENERAL	AT9161
MONTH	BT0553	BOYS NAME	AT9544
FURNITURE	AT9282	ACTRESS	AT8461
GASOLINE	AT8955	VEGETABLE	ZC2142
INDIAN	AT9476	RAILROAD	AT8165
MAGAZINE	BT0357	GOLFER	AT9240
CITY	BT8975	ACTOR	BT0766
COUNTRY	BT1158	DAY	AT8670
RELIGION	AT8072	782GEAR	AT9866
COLOR	AT9172	US RIVER	BT0571
FRUIT	BT1659	COWBOY	AT8967
WEAPON	BT1455	BIRD	AT9466
RANK	AT8680		
BEER	AT9655		

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