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Encl: ✓(1) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDERLt. Col. H.C. Chase
1-30 JuneSUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters

1st Lt. R.B. Blanchard
1-30 June

Battery C-1-11, 3-11

Capt J.A. Murray
14-30 June

Battery G

Capt R.G. Dietz
1-30 June

Battery H

1st Lt. J.R. Gill
1-14 June

Battery I

Capt G.P. Adams
1-30 June

Mortar Battery

1st Lt. M.S. Moseley
1-14 JuneORION UNITS

Battery F-2-11

Capt D.F. Sortino
1-30 June

Battery A-1-13

Capt V.B. Snider
5-15 June

Battery C-1-13

Capt M.F. Shaski
5-19 June

Mortar Battery 1-13

Capt J.D. Dempsey
16-19 June2. LOCATION

Headquarters Battery 3-11

1-30 June 1968: DAI LOG, AT963619

Battery C-1-11, 3-11

14-30 June 1968: DA NANG, AT922795

Battery G-3-11

1-14 June 1968: THUONG DUC, ZD149539

15-30 June 1968: DA NANG, AT923691

Battery H-3-11

1-14 June 1968: DA NANG, AT922795

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Battery I-3-11

1-30 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT683580

Mortar Battery 3-11

1-14 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT965621

Detachment Mortar Battery 3-11 (TWR)

1-3 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT876475

4 June 1968: Rejoined Mortar Battery

Battery F-2-11

10-23 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT962609

24-27 June 1968: THUONG DUC ZG144530

28-30 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT874475

Battery 4-1-13

5-14 June 1968: DA NANG, AT923691

Battery G-1-13

5-19 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT874475

Mortar Battery 1-13

16-19 June 1968: DAI LOC, AT88662

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officer

Major A.F. Bauer

1-30 June

Battalion Liaison Officer

Major F.H. Butler

1-30 June

Battalion Adjutant

1st Lt. J.C. Fitzsimmons Jr.

1-30 June

Personnel Officer

1st Lt. Z.D. Everett

1-30 June

S-2/S-5

Capt G.L. Bortle

1-29 June

SSgt J.M. Bennett

30 June

S-3

Major J. G. Adams

1-30 June

S-3A

1st Lt. L.P. Ruane

1-21 June

1st Lt. A.D. Reistetter

22-30 June

S-4

Capt J.M. Lutton

1-30 June

Ordnance Officer

W/O G.R. Hammond

1-30 June

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Mortar Transport Officer

Communication Officer

Medical Officer

Battalion Naval Gunfire L.N.O.

1st Lt. P.T. Kearney

1-30 June

Capt G.R. Barnett

1-30 June

Lt. L.V. Angioletti USNR

1-30 June

Lt. E.C. Fowler

1-6 June

Lt. J.G. Vansek

7-19 June

Lt. J.F. Moravac

20-30 June

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
45	510

USN	
OFF	ENL
4	11

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 June 1968 the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, was in direct support of the 7th Marines. The units of the 3rd Battalion were located as follows: Headquarters Battery at grid AT963619; Battery G at grid AB119539; Battery H at grid AT922793; Battery I at grid AT 983580; Mortar Battery (A) at grid AT963619; Whiskey "X", detachment of Mortar Battery, was at grid AT876475.

Operation Mameluke Thrust, which began 190600H May 68, continued all through the month of June.

There were many changes in batteries assigned to the control of 3-11 during the month. The changes were:

031200 dropped G-3-11 to 3-11 from 1-13,
051500 A-1-13 assigned to 3-11 from 1-13;
051800 G-1-13 assigned to 3-11 from 2-13;
101700 F-2-11 assigned to 3-11 from 2-13,
140200 C-1-11 joined 3-11 from 2-13,
140800 dropped Mortar 3-11 to BRT 2-7,
140800 moved H-3-11 to BRT 2-7,
151900 G-3-11 assigned back to 3-11 from 1-13
151900 A-1-13 assigned back to 1-13 from 3-11
161600 Mortars 1-5 assigned to 3-11 from 11th Marines,
190500 dropped G-1-13 to 1-13,
190600 dropped Mortars 1-13 to 1-13.

Battery G supported Mameluke Thrust Operating Forces from a position in Thuong Duc Valley from 19 May until 15 June. From 2 June through 15 June, "G" was OpCon to 1-13. Late on 15 June "G" was back at AT923691 supporting 1-7 in its TACR.

Battery H supported 2-7 in the 2-7 TACR until 14 June when BRT 3-11 traded roles with 2-7. Battery H and Mortar battery 3-11 departed on the SLF with BRT 2-7 and Battery C-1-11 joined 3-11 and supported 3-11 in the former 2-7 TACR.

Battery I supported forces in the 3-7 TACR and additionally supported Mameluke Thrust Forces. On 9, 11, and 18 June "I" also provided support to 3-5. For 1 day only (19 June) "I" supported just 3-5 and F-2-11 provided support for 3-7.

On 24 June when 3-7 provided forces for Operation Mameluke Thrust, "I" supported these forces and the forces that remained in the 3-7 TACR. This arrangement continued until 29 June when F-2-11

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assumed the support of the 3-7 operating forces. At that time "I" supported only the forces in the 3-7 TAOR until the end of the month.

From 5 to 15 June, A-1-13 supported forces occupying the 1-7 TAOR. At that time A-1-13 rejoined 1-13.

G-1-13 provided fires to 1-26 from 5 to 8 June. On 9 and 10 June, fires were provided to both 1-26 and 3-5. On 11 June, "C" fired reinforcing missions as directed by 3-11. From the 12th to the 17th, "C" supported 3-5. From the 18th until "C" rejoined 1-13 on the 19th, "C" again fired reinforcing missions as directed by 3-11.

Mortars 1-13, from 16-19 June, prepared to fire in defence of the 7th Marine CP.

From 11 to 17 June, F-2-11 supported 1-26. On the 18th, "F" supported 3-5; on the 19th 3-7. From the 20th to the 22nd, "F" provided reinforcing fires as directed by 3-11. On the 23rd, "F" moved to a position from which they supported 3-5 from 24 to 27 June. "F" again moved on 28 June. From 29 June until month's end, "F" supported 3-7 Mameluke Thrust Operating Forces.

Units under the control of 3-11 were attacked by fire on 3 dates during June. On 10 June Hill 55 (3-11 CP) received approximately 11 82mm mortar rounds. F-2-11 received small arms fire on 21 June. Battery "F" had 6 82mm mortar rounds land outside the wire and Hill 55 (3-11 CP) was hit by RPG 40's and 60mm mortars. No casualties or significant property damage resulted from these attacks by fire.

3-11 answered 84 calls for fire by Recon during June killing 79 and wounding 46.

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AND CASUALTIES INCURRED

ROUNDS BY CALIBER

UNIT	105	155	162
7th Mar	40,70	68	605
11th Mar	4341	2	673
ARVN	2	0	72
RECON	2406	0	0

CASUALTIES INCURRED

	VIA	VIA
2/11	48	85
3/11 & OTHERS	15	72

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics.

a. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
(1) Losses	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administration	<u>4</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Battle KIA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle WIA (Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle MIA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle DOW	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Non-Battle	<u>4</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

	USMC		USN	
(2) Replacements	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
(3) Net Loss	<u>0</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
(4) Net Gain	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

b. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

c. Organization and Operations.

(1) Units of this Battalion participated in one (1) operation during the month of June 1968.

(a) Operation Mameluke Thrust, 19 May to 30 June 1968.
Operation still in effect.

(2) Operation Mameluke Thrust, 3/5, 1/7, 3/7, and 1/28 supported from 1-30 June 1968 by G-3-11, I-3-11, F-2-11, C-1-13. The supporting units expended 6,362 rounds on 1,366 missions.

SURVEILLANCES:

KIA 88 Structures (destroyed) 1 Secondary Explosions 4

*88 KIA's must be shared with all supporting arms. These kills can be identified as "killed by fragmentation wounds".

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- d. Training. New members of this Battalion attend a three and 1/2 day orientation program.
- e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. 11 M35A2C and 1 Degreasing unit were received by this command during the month of June.
- f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. Nothing significant to report.
- g. Psychological Operation. Nothing significant to report.
- h. Combined Action Company Program. Liaison Officers from each battery attempted to make weekly visits to the C.A.P. Units which this Battalion supports and gave instruction on calls for artillery fire and artillery capabilities. Liaison Officers also assisted the C.A.P. Units with defensive fire planning and firing defensive fires.
- i. Medical. Delivered one healthy boy to 35 year old Vietnamese woman.

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010001H Journal Opened
010800H 1 Enlisted Dr COMUS
011300H 3 Enlisted Jd COMUS
011500H 1 Enlisted Jd COMUS
020400H 1 Enlisted Dr to Camp Butler while sick.
021100H 1 Enlisted Jd COMUS
021300H 1 Enlisted Jd 11th Marines
030800H 2 Enlisted Dr Camp Butler
060800H 6 Enlisted Dr COMUS
060800H 1 Enlisted Dr Camp Butler while sick.
061245H 1 Officer Jd COMUS
070800H 6 Enlisted Dr COMUS
070800H 1 Enlisted Dr Camp Butler
070800H 20 Enlisted Dr to 4/11
070800H 1 Officer Dr to 4/11
080800H 6 Enlisted Dr COMUS
080800H 1 Enlisted Dr COMUS
090800H 1 Enlisted Jd COMUS
100800H 1 Enlisted Dr to Camp Butler while sick.
101200H 2 Officers Jd COMUS
101500H 1 Enlisted Jd COMUS
110800H 2 Enlisted Dr to COMUS

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110800H 1 Enlisted Dr to 4/11
 120800H 6 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 120800H 1 Enlisted Dr to Headquarters Battery 11th Marines.
 130800H 2 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 130800H 1 Enlisted Dr to Camp Butler while sick.
 150800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 151630H 1 Officer Jd CONUS
 151630H 1 Enlisted Jd from Camp Butler
 170800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 171600H 1 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 180800H 2 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 190800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 191130H 2 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 201430H 6 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 211445H 1 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 211445H 1 Enlisted Jd from 2nd Bn 11th Marines
 230800H 7 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 230841H 1 Officer Jd from 7th Engineer Bn
 231500H 3 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 240800H 5 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 241245H 2 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 250800H 3 Enlisted Dr CONUS

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250800H 1 Officer Dr to 7th Engineer Bn
260800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
261645H 6 Enlisted Jd CONUS
271105H 3 Enlisted Jd CONUS
281400H 1 Officer Jd from 3d Bn 1st Marines
281500H 2 Enlisted Jd CONUS
290800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
290800H 1 Officer Dr CONUS
302400H Journal Closed

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S-3, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
 Da Nang Combat Area
 010000H June 1968 to 302400H June 1968

010001H Journal Opened

012400H Fired 579 Missions Expending 1797 Rounds.

022400H : Fired 388 Missions Expending 1155 Rounds.

031200H Battery G Assigned OpCon 1-13.

032400H Fired 928 Missions Expending 3048 Rounds.

041830H "WX" Displaced From Grid AT 876475 By Helicopter.

042210H "WX" Ready To Fire From New Position (AT965618).

042400H Fired 370 Missions Expending 1043 Rounds.

051500H A-1-13 OpCon 3-11 From 1-13; C-1-11 OpCon 3-11 From 2-13.

051530H 4 Guns A-1-13 Moved Into Position At Grid AT923691.
 Other 2 Guns Left Old Position (Grid AT890659) At 1430.

051900H 2 Guns A-1-13 Arrived At Grid AT923691.

052400H Fired 359 Missions Expending 1045 Rounds.

062400H Fired 344 Missions Expending 900 Rounds.

070545H 100-150 VC/NVA (Grid AT998612) Reported By 3-11 Tower
 (Grid 967617). Negative Clearance Owing To Friendlies
 In Area.

071610H Recon Insert Night Scholar Fired On 20 NVA At Grid
 AT813470 Killing 7.

071800H 3-11 Tower (Grid 967617) Fired On 40 NVA At Grid
 AT990597 Killing 15 And Wounding 3.

072400H Fired 420 Rounds Expending 1403 Rounds.

081230H 3-11 Tower (AT967617) Fired On 25 NVA At Grid AT991597.
 Negative Casualties Observed Because Of Trees.

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010001H Journal Opened

070545H At AT 998612 OP Laugh observed 100-150 VC/NVA crossing on open area in two groups (one group in open-one along tree line) leading south westerly carrying packs and rifles and some civilians in group. Fire mission called; negative clearance as 27th Marines had troops within 300 meters.

071300H 3/11 Tower observed approximately 40 NVA with weapons, including 2 machine guns and heavy packs. Enemy continually moved through tree line and open area despite incoming artillery. Results 15 VC confirmed and 15 probable KIA at coordinates AT 990597.

081230H 3/11 Tower (AT967617) Fired on 25 NVA at grid AT991597. negative casualties observed because of trees.

100035H At 9661 Hill 55 (3/11 and 7th Marines CP) received approximately 14 82mm mortar rounds. OP Laugh observed 3 enemy tubes firing from two positions at grids AT 992602 and 992606. Grater analysis revealed two different azimuths (2650 mils and 2350 mils. Negative casualties.

121145H 3/11 Tower (AT967617) fired on 15-20 NVA. No casualties observed.

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270420H Rocket attack. 3 ray Intersection on rocket site at
Grid BT074657. Clearance denied.

290400 India Battery at AT 8857 reported receiving 6 incoming
mortar rounds. All landed outside wire and were
82mm.

290110H Hill 35 received 6 incoming mortars. Landed outside
perimeter. Finger 3 received 4 incoming RPG-2 (B-40)
rifle grenade rounds which resulted in 1 bunker destroyed
and 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. S-2 investigation revealed
that reported mortar rounds were in fact RPG (B-40) rocket
rounds.

302400H Journal Closed.

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082400H Fired 388 Missions Expending 1622 Rounds.
092400H Fired 199 Missions Expending 1723 Rounds.
100055H 3-11 CP and 7th Marines Communications Area On Hill 55 Received About 11 82mm Mortar Rounds. Negligable Damage To 3-11.
101230H Recon Insert Night Scholar Fired On 8 VC At Grid 822479 Killing 7.
101520H G-1-13 Fired The Wrong Charge Wounding 1 USMC.
101700H F-2-11 On Gun To 3-11. Transferred From 2-13.
102400H Fired 397 Missions Expending 1128 Rounds.
112400H Fired 462 Missions Expending 1571 Rounds.
121145H 3-11 Tower (AT967617) Fired On 15-20 NVA. No Casualties Observed.
121800H 3 Howitzers Of A-1-13 Arrived At Grid AT883579 From Grid AT923691. Left Old Position At 1600.
122400H Fired 377 Missions Expending 2059 Rounds.
131530H 3 Howitzers Arrived At Grid ZC151541 From Grid AT883579. Departed At 0930.
131800H 2 Howitzers From G-3-11 Arrived At Grid AT883579 On The Way To Grid AT923691. Left ZC151541 At 1000.
132400H Fired 428 Missions Expending 1599 Rounds.
140800H Joined G-1-11 From 2-13. Dropped H-3-11 And Mortars 3-11 To BDE 2-7.

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140929H Recon Insert Night Scholar Fired On 4 VC At Grid
 AT845499 Killing 3.

141655H 3 Howitzers Of A-1-13 Arrived At Grid AT883579 From
 Grid AT923691 In Route To Thuong Duc. Departed At
 923691 At 1525.

142400H Fired 167 Missions Expending 1093 Rounds.

151015H A-1-13 Departed At 883579 For ZC 151541.

151100H C-1-13 Fired Wrong Charge Wounding 3 USMC.

151700H A-1-13 Arrived At ZC 151541.

151900H C-3-11 Returned To 3-11 Control And A-1-13 Returned To
 1-13 Control. Remaining 3 Howitzers From "G" arrived AT923691.

151940H 3 USMC Killed And 7 Were Wounded When Rounds Landed Near
 Them Owing To Range. Dispersion On A Danger Close 50
 Meters Mission Fired By C-1-13.

152400H Fired 382 Missions Expending 2168 Rounds.

161600H Mortar Battery 1-13 Assigned On Con 3-11 From 11th Marines.

162400H Fired 422 Missions Expending 2265 Rounds.

171635H Med-Evaced Corpsman From Battery G When Shower Collapsed
 On Him.

172400H Fired 594 Missions Expending 1370 Rounds.

180010H 100 VC Reported By 3-5 In Village (Grid AT964515).

182400H Fired 525 Missions Expending 2105 Rounds.

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190500H Drop C-1-13 To 1-13.
 190600H Drop Mortar Battery 1-13 To 1-13.
 191650H 3 From Battery I Injured When M-151 Went Off Road. No
 Medevacs; Vehicle Retrieved.
 192150H Surveillance On 100 VC (Grid AT964515). Much Equipment
 And 2 Bodies Found (1 Was NVA Major) When 3-5 Entered
 The Village. Villagers Reported That NVA Carried Out
 Bodies Throughout The Night.
 192400H Fired 504 Missions Expending 1874 Rounds.
 202400H Fired 452 Missions Expending 1562 Rounds.
 210010H F-2-11 Received Incoming Small Arms Fire. No Damage
 Or Casualties.
 212400H Fired 598 Missions Expending 1759 Rounds.
 222400H Fired 726 Missions Expending 1901 Rounds.
 230730H F-2-11 Departed For Thuong Duc.
 231915H F-2-11 Arrived At Grid ZC144530; Ready To Fire.
 231940H Recon Insert Fast Day Fired On 25 VC At Grid AT814499
 Killing 9.
 232400H Fired 580 Missions Expending 1654 Rounds.
 242400H Fired 533 Missions Expending 1264 Rounds.
 251205H Recon Insert Parallel Bars Fired On 100 VC, Grid
 AT964515, Killing 26.
 252400H Fired 710 Missions Expending 2089 Rounds.

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260754H Recon Insert Parallel Bars Fired On 9 VC Along With
Other Small Groups Of VC, Grid AT957508, Killing 7.

261200H Recon Insert Parallel Bars Fired On 8 NVA, Grid
AT957508, Killing 6.

261600H Recon Insert Parallel Bars Fired On 16 NVA, Grid
AT966513, Killing 4.

261645H Recon Insert Parallel Bars Fired On 5 NVA At Grid
AT966513 Wounding 2.

262400H Fired 519 Missions Expending 1778 Rounds.

270120H Rocket Attack. 3 Ray Intersection On Rocket Site At
Grid BT074657. Clearance Denied.

272400H Fired 574 Missions Expending 2231 Rounds.

281405H F-2-11 Moved By Helicopter To AT874475.

281830H Only Could Move 5 Howitzers Because Of Weather. 5 Guns
Ready To Fire.

282400H Fired 622 Missions Expending 1631 Rounds.

290100H 6-82mm Mortar Rounds Landed Outside The Wire At Battery I.

290110H Hill 55 Attacked By RPG 40's and 60mm Mortars. No
Damage Or Casualties in 3/11 CP Area.

290915H Recon Insert Hanover Sue Fired On 10 VC At Grid AT844552
Killing 5.

291315H Recon Insert Trailer Park Fired On 4 VC At Grid AT823472
Killing 3 And Wounding 1.

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291420H Remaining 105 Howitzer And Battery Vehicles From F-2-11
Departed Thuong Duc (1 Crippled M-35 Left Behind).

292000H F-2-11 Convoy Arrived At The 11th Marines CP.

292400H Fired 670 Missions Expending 2229 Rounds.

300700H F-2-11 Convoy Departed For Grid AT874475.

301430H Convoy Arrived At Grid AT874475.

301810H Recon Insert Parallel Bars Fired On 6 VC, Grid
AT954514, Killing 2.

302400H Fired 642 Missions Expending 2034 Rounds.

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