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1st Marine Division (Rein) MFM
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 September 1968 to 30 September 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDERMajor A. F. Bauer
1-30 September

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters

Capt. G. B. Barnett
1-30 September

Battery A-1-13

Capt. A. J. Swett
3-12 September

Battery C-1-11, 3/11

Capt. J. A. Murray
1-7 September

Battery G

1st Lt. E. P. Visser
1-30 September

Battery I

Capt. W. C. Whitworth Jr.
1-30 September2. LOCATION

Headquarters 3-11

1-30 September 1968: Dai Loc AT963619

Battery A-1-13

3-12 September 1968: Da Nang AT923790

Battery C-1-11 3/11

1-7 September 1968: Da Nang AT922795

Battery G 3/11

1-30 September 1968: Da Nang AT923691

Battery I 3/11

1-21 September 1968: Dai Loc AT883580

22-23 September 1968: Dai Loc AT915584

24-30 September 1968: Dai Loc AT883580

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Liaison Officer

Major F. H. Butler Jr.
1-8 September 1968Major D. E. Schaet
9-30 September 1968

Battalion Adjutant

1st Lt. O. J. Toland
1-30 September 1968

Personnel Officer

1st Lt. O. J. Toland
1-30 September 1968

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S-2/S-5	1st Lt. W.J. Lazott 1-8 September
	1st Lt. Reistetter 9-30 September
S-3	Major J.C. Adams 1-8 September
	Major F.H. Butler 9-30 September
S-3A	1st Lt. Rehmann 1-30 September
S-4	CWO G.R. Hammond 1-8 September
	1st Lt. R.D. Rodriguez 9-30 September
Ordnance Officer	CWO G.R. Hammond 1-8 September
	1st Lt. R.D. Rodriguez 9-23 September
	CWO C.M. Silver 24-30 September
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt. J.W. Heritz 1-30 September
Communications Officer	Capt G.B. Barnett 1-8 September
	1st Lt. E.H. Kropp 9-30 September
Survey Officer	1st Lt. A.D. Reistetter 1-8 September
	1st Lt. C.A. Campbell 9-30 September
Medical Officer	Lt. J.D. Kiley USNR 1-30 September
Battalion Naval Gunfire	Lt. J.M. Vanasek USN 1-30 September

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>
34	353	3	9	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 September 1968 the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines were in direct support of the 7th Marines in that portion of the Da Nang TAOR occupied by the 7th Marine Battalions.

Operation Mameluke Thrust, which began 190600Z May 1968, continued through the month of September.

At 131415H a 105 howitzer tube was damaged at I-3-11 due to a premature projectile ignition. One (1) USMC WIA, routine med evac, and two (2) USMC WIA, non evac, resulted.

At 211020H, I-3-11 moved to AT883500 to support the forces in operation Dodge Valley. At 231445H, I-3-11 secured from the operation and returned to its position at Hill 65 (vicinity of AT883500).

On 15, 18, 22, 24, and 29 September enemy rocket firing was sighted and in each case fire was placed on the firing site. The rocket attacks caused only minor damage to US facilities.

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AND CASUALTIES INFLICTED

ROUNDS CALIBER

UNIT	105	155	4.2
7th MAR	4,612	0	0
11th MAR	257	0	0
ARVN	0	0	0
RECON	131	0	0

CASUALTIES INFLICTED

	KIA	WIA
3/11	1	0
3/11 & OTHERS	8	0

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SEQUENTIAL REPORT OF OPERATIONAL EVENTS

1. Topics.

1. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
(a) Losses	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administration	3	12	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
(b) Replacements	4	36	0	0
(c) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(d) Net Gain	1	24	0	0

2. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

3. Organization and Operations.

(a) Units of the Battalion participated in (1) one operation during the month of September 1968.

(1) Operation Maneluke Thrust.
1-30 September 1968, operation is still in effect.

(b) Operation Maxoluke Thrust. Nothing significant to report.
Expending 1236 rounds on 107 targets.

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SURVEILLANCE:

KIA 9 : Structures (destroyed) 0 : Explosions 0 :

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

4. Training. New members of this battalion attended a 3 day orientation program.

5. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. None

6. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. 3-11 assumed civic affair of Hoa Binh hamlet, vic AT985665 on 26 September 1968.

7. Psychological Operation. Nothing significant to report.

8. Combined Action Company Program. Liaison Officers from each battery attempted to make weekly visits to the CAP units that are supported by this battalion. During their visits they gave instructions on calls for artillery fire, artillery capabilities, and on defensive fire planning.

9. Medical. Treated 426 Marines and 215 Vietnamese (under med cap). Two Vietnamese women each delivered a child at the Battalion Aid Station.

ANNEX A
STAFF JOURNALS

✓ APPENDIX 1 S-1 JOURNAL
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S-1, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
 Da Nang Combat Base
 010001H September 1968 to 302400H September 1968

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010001H Journal Opened
 050800H 2 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 060800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 061430H 6 Enlisted Jd 2nd Bn 13th Marines
 061430H 7 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 061430H 1 Officer Jd 2nd Bn 13th Marines
 070800H 3 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 071500H 1 Enlisted Jd 2nd Bn 13th Marines
 080800H 1 Officer Dr Headquarters 11th Marines
 081500H 1 Enlisted Jd 2nd Bn 27th Marines
 081500H 1 Enlisted Jd 11th Motors
 081500H 1 Enlisted Jd Headquarters Bn 1st Marine Division
 081500H 2 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 101430H 5 Enlisted Jd 2nd Bn 13th Marines
 110900H 1 Enlisted Dr Camp Butler while sick
 111445H 1 Enlisted Jd 2nd Bn 27th Marines
 120800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS while on Emergency Leave
 140800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
 170800H 1 Enlisted Dr Camp Butler while sick
 180800H 1 Officer Dr CONUS
 230800H 1 Enlisted Dr 2nd Marine Division while on special leave
 231130H 1 Enlisted Jd CONUS
 231600H 1 Officer Jd 1st Tank Bn
 231645H 1 Enlisted Jd 1st Hospital Company

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240800H 1 Officer Dr CONUS
250800H 1 Enlisted Dr 3rd FSR
261630H 3 Enlisted Jd Headquarters Battalion 1st Marine Division
270800H 1 Enlisted Dr CONUS
281500H 1 Officer Jd CONUS
290900H 1 Enlisted Jd Headquarters Battalion 1st Marine Division
301030H 1 Enlisted Jd Headquarters Battalion 1st Marine Division
301230H 1 Officer Jd CONUS
302400H Journal Closed

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S-2, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
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010001H September 1968 to 302400H September 1968

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022210H H-3-11 had 702mm Mortars land in perimeter wire.
Direction of flashes was south. 106's fired 6 rounds at
target AT 955584 and AT 961602.

071910H G-3-11 received 3 mortars outside of their wire at vicinity
of AT 922688. No crater analysis since rounds landed in
water.

092215H Hill 55 received a mortar round, (vicinity of AT 972611) near
the eastern side of the hill. Negative casualties or damage
resulted.

121825H Hill 55 received one (1) artillery round (vicinity AT 964621)
50 meters outside of wire on west side of hill. Negative
casualties or damage resulted. A crater analysis was made
determining a back azimuth of 4400 mils.

152050H Rockets reported by OP's. Received grid AT 031665 from 11th
Marine Regiment. The grid was outside fire capability of 3-11.
Two (2) rockets hit III MAF area.

180520H Rockets reported by OP's at grid AT 954665 and AT 936699.
Negative clearance from FSCC to return fire. Five (5)
rockets hit vicinity DaNang Air Strip.

230245H G-3-11 reported that four (4) 82mm mortars landed in 1-7
sector. No sighting.

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281830H G-3-11 took approximately twenty (20) 82mm mortar rounds.
Fired counter mortar fire. No damage or casualties.

300730H G-3-11 received 3 incoming 82mm mortar rounds on West
end of hill. Approximate Grid 921690. Fired counter
mortar fire plan 138 rounds, 24 rounds on escape routes.
Crater analysis was obtained.

302400H Journal closed.

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012400H Fired 432 Missions Expending 1917 Rounds.

022400H Fired 411 Missions Expending 2121 Rounds.

032400H Fired 420 Missions Expending 1765 Rounds.

042400H Fired 477 Missions Expending 1629 Rounds.

052400H Fired 467 Missions Expending 1492 Rounds.

062400H Fired 477 Missions Expending 1416 Rounds.

071910H G-3-11 received 3 mortar rounds outside of their wire at vicinity AT922688. No crater analysis since rounds landed in water.

072255H I-3-11 fired 12 rounds using charge 5 vice correct charge 7, resulting in impact at grid AT916566 instead of intended grid AT946553. Negative damage or casualties resulted.

072400H Fired 468 Missions Expending 1569 Rounds.

082400H Fired 530 Missions Expending 1735 Rounds.

092215H Hill 55 received a mortar round, (vicinity of AT972611) near the eastern side of the hill. Negative casualties or damage resulted.

092400H Fired 406 Missions Expending 1510 Rounds.

102400H Fired 432 Missions Expending 1847 Rounds.

112400H Fired 441 Missions Expending 1471 Rounds.

121825H Hill 55 received (1) one artillery round (vicinity AT964621) 50 meters outside of wire on west side of hill. Negative casualties or damage resulted. A crater analysis was made determining a back azimuth of 4400 mils.

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122400H Fired 475 Missions Expending 1550 Rounds.

131415H A 105 Howitzer tube was blown up at I-3-11 due to a premature projectile ignition. Shell was HE with a MTSQ fuze DODIC 6443714. Lot No. 1A-21-130. Fuze KM-1-24.
 (1) one USMC med evac and 2 USMC treated on position.

132400H Fired 375 Missions Expending 1580 Rounds.

142400H Fired 407 Missions Expending 1371 Rounds.

152050H Rockets reported by OP's. Received grid AT034665 from 11th Marines Regiment. The grid was outside fire capability of 3-11. (2) two rockets hit III MAP area.

152400H: Fired 372 Missions Expending 972 Rounds.

162400H Fired 465 Missions Expending 1018 Rounds.

172400H Fired 254 Missions Expending 1075 Rounds.

180520H Rockets reported by OP's at grid AT954665 and AT936699. Negative clearance from FSCC to return fire. (5) five rockets hit vicinity DA NANG Air Strip.

182400H Fired 388 Missions Expending 1439 Rounds.

192400H Fired 441 Missions Expending 1804 Rounds.

202400H Fired 485 Missions Expending 1332 Rounds.

211020H I-3-11 displaced to grid AT 91485238 to support forces in Dodge Valley Area of Operation

212400H Fired 455 Missions Expending 1357 Rounds.

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222400H Fired 367 Missions Expending 1234 Rounds.
 231445H I-3-11 returned to position at AT883580.
 232400H Fired 190 Missions Expending 732 Rounds.
 241827H Rockets reported by G-3-11 at grid AT887693. Counter
 rocket fire fired by G-3-11 and I-3-11.
 242400H Fired 410 Missions Expending 1787 Rounds.
 252400H Fired 298 Missions Expending 1303 Rounds.
 262400H Fired 281 Missions Expending 1012 Rounds.
 272400H Fired 271 Missions Expending 1356 Rounds.
 281830H G-3-11 received 20 82mm mortars vicinity grid AT922690.
 Negative casualties or damage resulted.
 282400H Fired 313 Missions Expending 1535 Rounds.
 292400H Fired 365 Missions Expending 1268 Rounds.
 300730H G-3-11 received 3 82mm mortars vicinity grid AT921690.
 Counter mortar fire was fired by "G". Negative casualties
 or damages resulted. A crater analysis was made but yielded
 no additional information.
 302400H Fired 303 Missions Expending 1322 Rounds.
 302400H Journal Closed,

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302400H Journal Closed

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