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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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1-28 April

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29-30 April

Battery H-3-11

Capt. A. B. IREWIN

1-30 April

Dattery I-3-11

Capt. W. G. WHITWORTH

1-30 April

Dattery W-3-11

1st Lt. J. E. MURRAY

1-30 April

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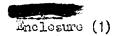
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Liaison Officer

Assistant Liaison Officer

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Adjutant

Personnel Officer

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Ordnanc: Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communications Officer

Survey Officer

Supply Officer

Chaplain

Major A. F. B/UER 1-30 April Major C. J. HORN 1-22 April Capt. H. J. NEWMAN 23-30 April Capt. H. J. NEWMAN 1-22 April Capt. G. P. ADMS 1-27 April Capt. W. R. OTTO 8-28 April 1st Lt. R. R. DAIGLE 1-8 pril 2nd Lt. R. H. BESWICK 9-30 April lst Lt. P. R. DAIGLE 1-26 April 2nd Lt. R. H. BESWICK 27-30 April lst Lt. E. A. KLIEWER 1-30 April

Major F. H. BUTLER 1-22 April

Major C. J. HORN 23-30 April

Capt. J. J. J'MES

1-30 April

Capt. J. P. RIORDAN 1-30 April

lst Lt. F. P. HENRY

1-24 April 1st Lt. D. W. HALTER

25-30 April

1st Lt. J. W. HENITZ

1-24 April

2nd Lt. R. E. GINSBURG

25-30 April

1st Lt. J. M. MARTIN

1-30 April

1st Lt. F. P. HENRY

1-24 April

1st Lt. D. W. HALTER

25-30 April

lst Lt. R. A. TR/IL

1-3 April

1st Lt. B. D. SMITH

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Lt. J. J. BEVINS USN (Chc)

1-21-30 April

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Medical Officer

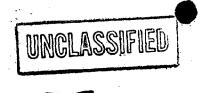
Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt. J. D. KILEY USNR (MC)
1-30 April
Lt. J. M. VANASEK USN
1-3 April
Lt. R. W. EASTON USN
4-8 April
Lt. M. F. HURD USN
9-30 April

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC Off Enl 40 661 USN Off Enl 5 12 OTHER Off Enl

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 April 1969 the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in Operation Oklahoma Hills, which had begun on 31 March 1969.

Forces assigned for the operation included the three battalions of the 7th Marines, 3rd Battalion 26th Marines, and two battalions of the 51st ARVN Regiment. The 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned as a reaction force.

In addition to its organic batteries, 3/11 was assigned for combat operations Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion 13th Marines. General support fires and general support/reinforcing fires were provided by other light, medium, and heavy artillery units.

The area of operation for Oklahoma Hills encompassed approximately 270 square miles and consisted mostly of mountainous terrain with sparse to thick canopy. The eastern part of the AO, which was dominated by the Charley Ridge - Worth Ridge complex, was largely denuded of canopy.

The mission assigned to the 7th Marines included searching and destroying enemy forces, his fortifications and caches. Two USMC battalions moved overland into the AD, while one USMC battalion and two ARVN battalions were inserted by helicopters following preparation fires by artillery. One USMC battalion (1/7) continued to operate in its assigned AD; this was part of the Oklahoma Hills AD.

On D-Day artill ry units were in position to support all maneuver elements. After 3/26 was helilifted to LZ Robbin (20135655), Mortar Battery, 1/13 was helilifted to the same location to provide fires until a fire support base capable of receiving a 105 battery was developed. FSB Rattlesnake (20123651) was built large enough to be occupied by C/1/13 and Mortars 1/13.

FSB Buckskin (*T835659) was subsequently built, and it was occupied by H/3/ll initially. Two other FSBs were built, but not occupied, during April; these bases were developed for possible future use. Only minimal work would be required, such as building ammunition bunkers, atc. Those FSBs are located at AT 823606 and 20 189649.

The largest fire support base for operation Oklahoma mills was located on Mill 52 (#T787551). On D-Day Mill 52 was occupied by a platoon of 8" howitzers (SP), one battery of 155mm howitzers (SP), a platoon (minus) four guns) of LVTH-6s, and one battery of ARVN 105mm howitzers. One platoon of infantry provided security for the hill.



S-1, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Base
010001H April 1969 to 302400H April 1969

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090800H 12 Enl Tr CONUS

O91630H | 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

091630H 1 Off Jd from CONUS

101600H 2 Enl from CONUS

110800H 3 Enl Tr CONUS

11080CH 2 Enl to SK Lod EVAC(NH)

111200H 1 Enl from SK

120400H | 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

121300H | Lend to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

121600H 1 USN Enl Jd CONUS

130200H | 1 Enl to SK Lod EV &C (NH)

130800H 3 Enl Tr CONUS

130800H 1 USN off Tr CONUS

131700H 1 En1 SK Lod EVAC (NH)

141200H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

142300H 1 Enl $MI \land NON-EV \land C$ (H)

151600H | Lenl Jd from CONUS

160800H | Lenl Tr Conus

161600H | 1 Enl from 7th Comm

170800H 8 Enl Tr CONUS

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171600H 2 Enl Jd Pr. CONUS

181000H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

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181600H 1 USN Enl Jd from CONUS

182000H 1 Enl WI = EV AC (H)

190800H 1 Off Tr 3rd 8" Guns

190800H | 1 Enl Tr CONUS

190900H | Enl from SK

191000H | 1 Enl to SK Lod EV C

191600H 2 Enl Jd from CONUS

200800H No Entry

21080CH 2 Enl Tr CONUS

210800H 1 Enl Tr Butler W/WIA

211600H 2 Enl Jd from CONUS

220800H 2 Enl Tr Butler W/SK

221500H 1 Enl to SK Lod EV 10 (NH)

23 03 00H 6 Enl Tr CONUS

230600H 1 Enl Tr butler W/SK

230800H l off Tr CONUS

231600H 1 Off Jd from CONUS

231600H 6 Enl Jd from CONUS

240800H | Lnl Tr Butler W/SK

241600H l Off Jd from 11th MT Dn

251600H 2 Enl Jd CONUS

260800H | I Enl Tr Portsmouth Brig

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S_1, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
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010001H April 1969 to 302400H April 1969

SECRET JOURNAL

261300H 1 Enl from SK

261600H | 1 Enl from SK

261600H 8 Enl from CONUS

261600H USN Enl Jd from CONUS

270800H 3 off Tr CONUS

270800H 7 Enl Tr CONUS

2723 COH | 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

281600H | 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

281600H 1 Enl Jd CONUS

290800H 2 Off Tr CONUS

290800H 3 Enl Tr CONUS

291500H | 1 Enl WIA

29160QH 6 Enl Jd CONUS

300715H 1 Enl DOW

301510H 2 Enl WIA EVAC (H)

301600H 6 Enl Jd CONUS

302400H Journal Closed

S-2, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Base
Olooolh April 1969 to 302400H April 1969

JOURNAL

OlOOOlH Journal Opened

252230H One (1) 250 lb bomb was catapulted by enemy forces on to Finger 3 of Hill 55 from a position approximately 275 m SSE of the Hill. 12 USMC WIA (E), all from 26th Marines. Incident is the first use of this technique in this TOR.

One (1) eight inch howitzer round exploded on Finger 1
of Hill 55 near the main gate. Negative casualties.
Incident may have been similar to that of previous entry
although launch crater was not found.

302400H Journal Closed



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S-3, 3rd Dattalion, 11th Marines
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O1001H April 1969 to 30240CH April 1969

OLOOOLH Journal Opened

011230H Fire mission by battery G resulted in 02 NVA KIA confirmed.

Ol1430H Received report that a fire mission by Battery G resulted in Ol NVA KIA. O2 B-40 rocket launchers, Ol CW key set Ol radio and O2 head sets found at site. Mission fired by Battery I at 9 VC in huts at AT870555 resulted in O3 huts destroyed and O6 probable VC KIA.

012225H 03 60mm rounds impacted Hill 55 (AT97615). Dattery W fired counter-mortar fire.

012400H Fired 115 missions expending 1190 rounds.

022400H Fired 91 missions expending 1103 rounds.

032400H Fired 69 missions expending 705 rounds.

041620H Received FIRECAP from Battery K-4/11.

041730H Received FIRECaP from Platoon A, 1st Armerod Amphibious Co.

042400H Fired 61 missions expending 1156 rounds.

052400H Fired 86 missions expending 1143 rounds.

061305H Received MUVEREP from Battery C-1/13.

061520H Received PANELLEP from Mortar Battery 1/13.

061945H Received FIRECAP from Battery C-1/13 and Mortar Battery 1/13.

062400H Fired 63 missions expending 546 rounds.

070850H Received MOVEASP from Battery H-3/11.

071640H Received FIRMC P from Battery H-3/11.

072400H Fired 76 missions expending 642 rounds.

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Ol0001H April 1969 to 30240CH April 1969

080025H

Battery H-3/11 received O3 RPG rounds near their position.
O3 USMC WIA from Hq Go 2/7. Negative casua; ties from

Battery H.

081605H Received report that a mission fired by reinforcing artillery

resulted in 02 NVA KIA.

082400H Fired 96 missions expending 838 rounds.

O90925H Received report that L-3/26 found enemy Base Camp at ZC153615 with 35 NVA KIA caused by artillery and other supporting arms. D-1/7 located 03 NVA KIA at AT811569 caused by artillery and other supporting arms. Grids are in Oklahoma Hills

operational area.

092400H Fired 58 missions expending 635 rounds.

101640H Gave permission for Battery H to fire one round of CS at AT819637.

102400H Fired 58 missions expending 399 rounds.

112400H Fired 67 missions expending 658 rounds.

122400H Fired 70 missions expending 452 rounds.

132400H Fired 41 missions expending 356 rounds.

142340H Battery I-3/11 received Ol mortar round nor gun pit resulting in Ol USMC WIA.

142400H Fired 23 missions expending 281 rounds.

152400H Fired 80 missions expending 700 rounds.

162400H Fired 66 missions expending 987 rounds.

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S_3, 3rd Dattalion, 11th Marines
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010001H April 1969 to 302400H April 1969

172400H Fired 43 missions expending 448 rounds.

181040H Battery I fired at 06 VC in open using Firecracker resulting in 01 VC KIA.

181305H Battery H reported Ol NVA with Ol AK47 who surrendered to them.

182400H Fired 68 missions expending 570 rounds.

191928H Hill 55 took one (1) LAAW round in the vicinity of 965615.

Negative casualties.

192400H Fired 55 missions expending 1083 rounds.

20105CH Received MOVEMEP from Battery G-3/11.

201550H Received FIRECAP from Battery G-3/11.

202310H Datterylfired counter mortar fire at mortar sites.

202400H Fired 88 missions expending 751 rounds.

210907H Received MOVEREP from Mortar Battery 3/11.

211205H Received MOVEREP from Battery H-3/11.

211515H Received FIRECAP from Battery H-3/11.

212100H Battery I fired mission on 100-150 NVA crossing river.

Requested reinforcing fires. Surveillance showed 73 NVA

KIA from small arms fire and supporting arms.

212400H Fired 72 missions expending 2787 rounds.

222400H Fired 34 missions expending 439 rounds.

230700H Phopped Operational control Battery H-3/11 to 1/13.

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010001H April 1969 to 302400H April 1969

232400H Fired 74 missions expending 742 rounds.

242400H Fired 24 missions expending 316 rounds.

251610H Mission fired by Battery I-3/11 at AT847548 resulted in 3 NVA KIA.

252230H Round impacted on Finger 3 Hill 55 at AT 972612. Crater analysis determined the round to be a 250 lb bomb that was catapulted or launched by a small explosive. Negative casualties from 3/11. 12 USMC WIA from 3/26.

252400H Fired 38 missions expending 504 rounds.

261200H Assumed operational control of Battery B-1/11.

261600H Received FIRECAP from Battery B-1/11.

262400H Fired 95 missions expending 745 rounds.

272400H Fired 47 missions expending 523 rounds.

280925H Hill 55 received two incoming rounds. Crater analysis on the crater found suggested the round was an 8 inch round that had been catapulted or launched by a small charge.

Negative casualties.

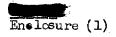
282400H Fired 17 missions expending 124 rounds.

291550H TD-18 driver from Battery G-3/11 attached to 1st AHVN

Ranger Battalion detonated a booby trap. Driver was wounded and medivaced.

29230CH Battery b-1/11 received two incoming rounds in defensive wire. Negative casualties.

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292400H Fired 5 missions expending 26 rounds.

301550H Received report that Scout Observer and radio operator

from Battery I were WIA.

302400H Fired 25 missions expending 222 rounds.

302400H Journal Closed.

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S_4, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Base
Ol0001 April to 302400 April 1969

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Ol000lH Journal Opened.

302400H Journal Closed.

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