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 1st Battalion, 11th Marines
 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF (G-3)

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Encl: (1) 14 April to 30 April 1971 Command Chronology
 (2) 14 April to 30 April 1971 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
 Command Chronology

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1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	Capt R. L. MATTHEWS	14-30 April 71
Battery "A"	Capt R. E. DENNIS	14-30 April 71
Battery "B"	Capt R. C. CHAMPION	14-30 April 71
Battery "C"	Capt D. P. GARNER	14-30 April 71
107mm Mortar Battery	1stLt P. T. BAHRY	14-30 April 71

2. LOCATION

14-30 April 71, Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj W. C. DOERNER	14-30 April 71
S-1	1stLt W. M. BROWN	14-30 April 71
S-2	1stLt D. G. HOVANESIAN	14-30 April 71
S-3	Maj L. C. GAPIENSKI	14-30 April 71
S-3	Maj A. P. BARRY	14-30 April 71
S-3A	Capt J. E. EGLOFF	14-30 April 71
S-4	Capt B. R. FRANCIS	14-30 April 71
S-5	1stLt W. M. BROWN	14-30 April 71
Liaison Officer	Maj H. H. BROOKS	14-30 April 71
Naval Gunfire Officer	Lt (JG) P. B. FARR	14-30 April 71
	Lt (JG) D. P. HOWE	14-30 April 71
Communications Officer	Capt R. L. MATTHEWS	14-30 April 71
Motor Transport Officer	Capt A. B. JOSEPH	14-30 April 71
Supply Officer	1stLt G. P. KOLB	14-30 April 71

4. DETACHMENT, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 11TH MARINES

FSC	LtCol S. M. MORROW	14-30 April 71
AFSC	Maj H. H. BUTLER	14-30 April 71
TIO	1stLt D. P. HOUSTON	14-30 April 71
FSC Watch O	WO R. F. FLEMING	14-30 April 71
NGLO	LCDR W. F. HERRIN	14-30 April 71
NGLO	Lt (JG) F. D. OSBORN	14-30 April 71
NGLO	Lt (JG) D. B. AVISON	14-30 April 71

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4. DETACHMENT, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, 11TH MARINES (CONT.)

AIR SECTION

Aerial Observer	Capt J. E. EGLOFF	14-30 April 71
Aerial Observer	1stLt D. G. HOVANESIAN	14-30 April 71
Aerial Observer	1stLt C. L. BENNETT	14-30 April 71

IOD SECTION

FA Officer	1stLt W. B. CLARK	14-30 April 71
FA Officer	1stLt R. J. MAKOVITCH	14-30 April 71
FA Officer	1stLt R. A. SMITH	14-30 April 71
FA Officer	1stLt D. J. CLARK	14-30 April 71

5. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
69	771	06	16

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During the last two weeks in April the Battalion continued the mission of direct support for the 1st Marine Regiment and Reconnaissance elements. Additionally, IOD sites, counter-rocket OP's, and daily aerial VR's supplemented artillery fire to fulfill the assigned counter-rocket task. The Battalion continued to prepare for embarkation scheduled for the coming month of May.

Two FO Teams were dispatched on 14 April and 15 April to Hill 190 and Hai Van Pass in support of local Regional and Popular forces. The Battalion counter-rocket observation post located at OP Crowsnest, which had been manned with observer personnel from Mortar Battery, terminated operations on 15 April and displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. On 16 April operational control of Battery "D", 1st Battalion, 82nd Army Artillery passed from this Battalion to the XXIV Corps Artillery. Platoon "CY", with two 105mm howitzers, located at Hill 270, terminated operations on 21 April and displaced all personnel, equipment, and weapons to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. The IOD site located at Hill 270 ceased operations on 22 April, turned the IOD over to the Army, and displaced the remaining equipment and personnel to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. On 23 April the Battalion activated an IOD site on Hill 327-OP Hawk in preparation for the forthcoming high threat period. The IOD site located at OP Reno ceased operation on 30 April and displaced personnel and equipment to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. The Forward Command Post displaced from Hill 34 and resumed operations at the Northern Artillery Cantonment on 15 April 1971. The Battalion fired a total of 1,606 missions and 3,595 rounds were expended.

Enemy activity remained at a low level during the reporting period. Danang Air Base received four enemy 122mm rockets on the morning of 27 April. One rocket landed in a fuel dump destroying one fuel tank, with the remaining three rockets causing no damage. The Battalion Aerial Observer Section continued aerial reconnaissance of the rocket belt and the Battalion counter-rocket observation posts were continually manned.

The scheduled re-deployment during the month of May caused the main efforts of the Battalion to be concentrated on preparation for embarkation.

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SUMMARY OF SURVEILLANCE FOR 14 APRIL TO 30 APRIL 1971

DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

Secondary Explosions = 119

SUMMARY OF MISSIONS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED

<u>TYPE OF MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS FIRED/AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY CALIBER</u>			
	<u>105mm</u>			
OBSERVED COUNTER-BATTERY SPECIAL PURPOSE	<u>1st Marines</u>	<u>1st Bn (Rein), 11th Marines</u>	<u>Recon</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
	11/286	30/715	2/16	3/87
		913/1281		
		22/67		
		<u>107mm</u>		
OBSERVED COUNTER-BATTERY SPECIAL PURPOSE	<u>1st Marines</u>	<u>1st Bn (Rein), 11th Marines</u>	<u>Recon</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
	3/21	11/39		
		1/1		
		<u>155mm</u>		
OBSERVED COUNTER-BATTERY SPECIAL PURPOSE	<u>1st Marines</u>	<u>1st Bn (Rein), 11th Marines</u>	<u>Recon</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
	9/65	4/60	2/9	5/16
		62/190		
		1/1		
		<u>8" Howitzer</u>		
OBSERVED COUNTER-BATTERY SPECIAL PURPOSE	<u>1st Marines</u>	<u>1st Bn (Rein), 11th Marines</u>	<u>Recon</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
	1/6	510/719		
		16/16		

Total Missions Fired (USMC) = 1,606

Total Rounds Fired (USMC) = 3,595

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SUMMARY OF MISSIONS AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED (Cont.)

TYPE OF MISSION NUMBER OF MISSIONS FIRED/AMMUNITION EXPENDED BY CALIBER

Battery "D", 1st Battalion, 82nd Army Artillery
(Period 141200 - 160001 April 1971)

8" Howitzer

OBSERVED
 COUNTER-BATTERY
 SPECIAL PURPOSE

1st Marines 1st Bn (Rein), 11th Marines Recon ARVN

1/13

175mm Gun

OBSERVED
 COUNTER-BATTERY
 SPECIAL PURPOSE

1st Marines 1st Bn (Rein), 11th Marines Recon ARVN

Total Missions Fired (Army) = 1

Total Rounds Expended (Army) = 13

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1. Personnel and Administration

(a) Administration	USMC	USMC	USN	USN
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Losses	03	202	00	00
Administrative	03	202	00	00
Battle KIA	00	00	00	00
Battle WIAE	00	00	00	00
Battle WIANE	00	00	00	00
Battle POW	00	00	00	00
NBC	00	00	00	00
(b) Replacements	00	00	00	00
(c) Net Loss	03	202	00	00
(d) Net Gain	00	00	00	00

(e) Awards

Presented: None

Recommendations to
Higher Headquarters
for approval

Bronze Star Medal	06
Navy Commendation Medal	40
Navy Achievement Medal	68

(f) Approved awards forwarded
to other commands: None

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2. Intelligence. During the last two weeks of April enemy activity continued at a low level of intensity and gradually increased in tempo at the end of the period with the approach of the low lunar illumination period. Firing elements of the Battalion attacked one target of opportunity, an enemy bunker and rocket site, producing 13 secondary explosions, and acting on firm intelligence data attacked a heavily booby trapped area between 23 April and 27 April producing 106 secondary explosions. The surveillance of excellent effect on target was provided by ARVN forces sweeping through the booby trapped area.

During the early morning hours of 27 April the enemy launched four 122mm rockets at the Danang Air Base. One rocket impacted in the Northeast Fuel Dump destroying one large fuel tank with the remaining rockets causing no damage.

The Battalion Aerial Observer Section continued aerial reconnaissance of the rocket belt and the Battalion counter-rocket observation posts continued surveillance throughout the TAOR.

3. Maintenance, Equipment, and Supply. During the last two weeks of April logistical functions consisted of routine maintenance, motor transport support, and preparation of unit equipment and supplies for re-deployment. The Battalion established technical assistance contact teams to aid elements of the Battalion in preparing their electronic, motor transport, and ordnance equipment for embarkation. By the end of April, 75% of the Battalion's motor transport assets had been prepared for embarkation. All vehicles satisfactorily passed the agricultural pre-embark inspection and were re-located at the 11th Motor Transport Battalion.

Supply Sections continued preparation and packing of organizational supplies, equipment, and personal effects for re-deployment.

The Battalion, in compliance with Project 805, transferred ordnance items to the Republic of Vietnam's Armed Forces consisting of six 105mm howitzers from Battery "A". Four 155mm howitzers (T) were turned over to FLC for retrograde.

4. Training. With the anticipated stand-down for re-deployment of the Battalion next month, preparation for embarkation was emphasized during the reporting period. Daily training to maintain and increase proficiency in responding to calls for fire continued on the battery level.

5. Operations. During the last two weeks in April enemy activity continued at a low level of intensity.

On 14 April an FO team composed of one Officer and one radio Operator was dispatched from the Battalion to Hai Van Pass and on 15 April another Battalion FO team was placed on Hill 190 for operation. The Battalion counter-rocket observation post located at Crowsnest, which had been manned with observer personnel from Mortar Battery, terminated operations on 15 April. All personnel and equipment were displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. On 16 April operational control of Battery "D", 1st Battalion, 82nd Army Artillery passed from this Battalion to their parent unit, the XXIV Corps Artillery. Platoon "CY", with two 105mm howitzers located at Hill 270, terminated operations on 21 April and displaced all personnel, equipment, and weapons to the Northern Artillery Cantonment

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and the IOD site located at Hill 270 ceased operations on 22 April, turned the IOD over to the Army, and displaced remaining personnel and equipment to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. The Battalion established an IOD site on Hill 327-OP Hawk in anticipation of the forthcoming high threat period. This IOD site was activated on 23 April. On 30 April the IOD site located at OP Reno terminated operations and displaced personnel and equipment to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. The Forward Command Post located at Hill 34 displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment and resumed operations from that position.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- | <u>NO.</u> | <u>DTG</u> | <u>Entry</u> |
|------------|------------|--|
| 1. | 141200H | 1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines comes under operational control of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Brigade. |
| 2. | 141201H | The 1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines continues in direct support of the 1st Marine Regiment deployed around Danang, Republic of Vietnam. The Battalion has operational control of three 105mm howitzer batteries, one 107mm mortar battery, one 8" howitzer battery (SP), two platoons of 155mm howitzers (T), and one U.S. Army composite artillery battery consisting of two 8" howitzers (SP) and two 175mm guns. The Battalion also continues operational control of three IOD sites and six counter-rocket observation posts. Battery "A", which stood down for re-deployment on 13 April, is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795); Battery "B" and Platoon "BX" with two 155mm howitzers (T) is located at Hill 55 (AT964618); Battery "C" (-) with four 105mm howitzers and Platoon "CX" with two 155mm howitzers (T) is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT927797) and Platoon "CY" with two 105mm howitzers is located at Hill 270 (AT865681). The 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Post is located at Hill 34 (AT985-719) with "A" and "C" Platoon located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT927797) and (AT921794) and "B" Platoon co-located with Battery "B" at Hill 55 (AT964618). Battery "D", 1st Battalion, 82nd Artillery (USA) is located at Hill 65 (AT881580). The Battalion Command Post continues operations from the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795) with a Forward Command Post composed of the Fire Direction Center located at Hill 34 (AT989706). IOD sites under operational control of the Battalion are located at Hill 270 (AT865681), Hill 55 (AT964618), and OP Reno (AT884746). Counter-rocket observation posts under operational control of the Battalion include OP Batman (AT922798), OP Hawk (AT971738), OP Tiger (AT989707), OP Jones (AT932761), OP Condor (AT947745), and OP Crowsnest (BT069707). |
| 3. | 141500H | Battalion FO Team sent to Hai Van Pass (AT938916). |
| 4. | 150800H | Forward Command Post displaces from Hill 34 to Northern Artillery Cantonment. |
| 5. | 151200H | Battalion FO Team sent to Hill 190 (AT886823). |
| 6. | 151600H | Operations cease at OP Crowsnest (BT069707) as a counter-rocket observation post with the displacement of Mortar Battery Observer personnel and equipment to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. |

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- | <u>NO.</u> | <u>DTG</u> | <u>Entry</u> |
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| 7. | 160001H | Operational control of Battery "D", 1st Battalion, 82nd Artillery (USA) passes from this Battalion to the XXIV Corps Artillery (USA). |
| 8. | 211700H | Platoon "CY" ceases combat operations at Hill 270 (AT865681) and displaces two 105mm howitzers, equipment, and personnel to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. |
| 9. | 221500H | IOD site located at Hill 270 (AT865681) ceases operation and turns equipment over to Army. Personnel displace to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. |
| 10. | 231000H | IOD site is activated at Hill 327-OP Hawk (AT971738). |
| 11. | 300900H | IOD site located at OP Reno (AT884746) ceases operations and displaces personnel and equipment to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. |
| 12. | 301430H | Battalion FO Team at Hill 190 (AT886823) ceases operations and displaces personnel and equipment to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. |
| 13. | 302400H | The 1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines continues in direct support of the 1st Marine Regiment deployed around Danang, Republic of Vietnam. The Battalion has operational control of three 105mm howitzer batteries, one 107mm mortar battery, two platoons of 155mm howitzers (T), and one 8" howitzer battery (SP). The Battalion also continues operational control of two IOD sites and five counter-rocket observation posts. The Battalion Command Post is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795). Battery "A", which stood down for re-deployment on 13 April, remains located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795); Battery "B" and Platoon "BX" with two 155mm howitzers (T) is located at Hill 55 (AT964618); Battery "C" and Platoon "CX" with two 155mm howitzers (T) is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT927797). Mortar Battery is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT921792). The 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Post is located at Hill 34 (AT985719) with "A" Platoon and "C" Platoon co-located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT927797) and (AT921794), and "B" Platoon is co-located with Battery "B" at Hill 55 (AT964618). Two IOD sites under operational control of the Battalion remain located at Hill 327-OP Hawk (AT971738) and Hill 55 (AT964618). Counter-rocket observation posts remaining under operational control of the Battalion include OP Condor (AT947745), OP Jones (AT932761), OP Tiger (AT989707), OP Batman (AT922798). |

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<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>TGT NO.</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>TGT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>SURVEILLANCE</u>
222000H	RL 2250	AT964664	Bunker & Rocket Site	2/1-F0	13 Secondary Explosions
232245H	RL 2353	AT967670	Booby Trapped Area	2/1-F0	14 Secondary Explosions
242316H	RL 2418	AT966668	Booby Trapped Area	2/1-F0	19 Secondary Explosions
252106H	RL 2552	AT965662	Booby Trapped Area	2/1-F0	38 Secondary Explosions
261947H	RL 2650	AT965672	Booby Trapped Area	2/1-F0	24 Secondary Explosions
270006H	RL 2654	AT971662	Booby Trapped Area	2/1-F0	11 Secondary Explosions

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No significant message traffic originated from the 1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines during the period 14 April to 30 April 1971.

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