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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

2d Battalion, 11th Marines Lt.Col B.A. MOORE, JR. (1-31 August 1968)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	CWO2 C.D. PECK	1-31 August 1968
Battery D	Capt C.G. BLASI	1-31 August 1968
Battery E	1stLt J.M. DAVIS	1-31 August 1968
Battery F	Capt D.F. SORTINO	1-31 August 1968
Mortar Battery	1stLt R.L. WAGONER	1-13 August 1968
	1stLt J.J. BROCHTRUP	14-31 August 1968

2. LOCATIONS

2d Bn, 11th Mar	1-31 August 1968	An Hoa	At 866472
Hq Battery	1-31 August 1968	An Hoa	AT 866472
Battery D	1-31 August 1968	Liberty Bridge	AT 92505254
Battery E	1-5 August 1968	An Hoa	AT 877478
	6-20 August 1968	Antenna Valley	AT 86903601
	21-28 August 1968	An Hoa	AT 87654720
	29-31 August 1968	Liberty Bridge	AT 92405378
Battery F	1-31 August 1968	An Hoa	AT 86464714
Mortar Battery	1-6 August 1968	An Hoa	AT 864469
	7-31 August 1968	An Hoa	AT 87754787

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

BnExecO	1-31 August 1968	Maj G.L. HILLYARD
BnSgtMaj	1-31 August 1968	SgtMaj B.A. ANDERSON
Bn S-1	1-31 August 1968	1stLt J.S. PAULK
Bn S-3	1-31 August 1968	Maj D.J. BLAUL
Bn S-3A	1-31 August 1968	1stLt T.M. MOORMAN
Bn S-4	1-10 August 1968	1stLt J.A. WEBB
	11-20 August 1968	CWO2 H.W. CUTLER
	21-31 August 1968	1stLt M.A.G. NELSON
BnCommO	1-31 August 1968	1stLt J.W. BORHMAN
BnMtO	1-31 August 1968	1stLt L.L. STRAUCH
BnSupplyO	1-31 August 1968	1stLt K.A. POUCH
BnOrdO	1-31 August 1968	CWO2 H.W. CUTLER
BnSurvO	1-31 August 1968	CWO2 C.D. PECK
BnLnO	1-31 August 1968	Maj L. MICHAEL

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>
42	565	3	12	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August the Battalion provided fire support for the 5th Marine Regiment in Operation Mameluke Thrust and Sussex Bay. On 4 August, the SLF (2/7) was chopped opcon to the 5th Marines. This action resulted in the establishment of unusual command and control relationships between this battalion and the two artillery units of the SLF: H 3/11 and W 3/11.

The SLF units were, in theory, opcon to the 5th Marines while 2/11 remained in its normal direct support role. As the senior artillery unit, 2/11 directed the fires of the SLF batteries and submitted operational data to the 11th Marines concerning these units, but actually were never given a clear cut tactical control of either battery.

On 23 August the SLF was chopped and H 3/11 displaced and left the control of 2/11, while W 3/11 remained under this semi-control until it was heli-lifted on 24 August. A similar relationship was encountered when H 3/11 was assigned a direct support mission with the 51st ARVN Regiment who was opcon to the 5th Marines during a portion of Operation Sussex Bay (29-31 August 1968). This again resulted in 2/11 controlling the fires of and acting as a reporting agency for H, 3/11 without a clear cut tactical relationship being established.

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On 050600HAUG68 Battery E was helio-lifted to a fire base at grid 86893601. Battery E remained at this fire base co-located with Company F, 2/27 for security until 200800HAUG68 when the battery was helio-lifted back to the An Hoa combat base. On 281800HAUG68 Battery E displaced by motor march to new position at grid 92405378 to support Operation Sussex Bay. During the road march Battery E received small arms fire and Battery D conducted a fire mission in support of Battery E on grid 915497. The small arms fire caused no casualties, or equipment damage to Battery E.

The battalion began to produce its own met data early in the month after comparing it to electronic met produced by 11th Marines and finding only small differences in computed corrections, 10-50 meters range correction and 4-7 mils difference in met deflection correction.

The battalion produces its own met data twice daily and also concurrent with high burst registrations which are conducted on a minimum of once a week. The battalion supplements its met data with 11th Marine met data as required.

The construction of two sixty-five foot towers (one within the 2/11 CP and the other in Battery W) will increase the area that high burst (and now center of impact) registrations can be conducted.

AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES

<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>7th MARINES</u>	<u>5th MARINES</u>	<u>RECON</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
105mm How	539	17590	1361	23
4.2" Mortar	218	3069	497	131
				TOTAL 23445

MISSIONS FIRED

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
446	840	1286

HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION

<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
2005	12101

TOTAL ROUNDS AUGUST: 35546

TOTAL MISSIONS AUGUST: 3291

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCES

During the month of August elements of the 2d Battalion were credited with 42 KIA, 37 structures destroyed, and 6 secondary explosions.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSTOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	<u>USMC</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administration	3	34	0	0
Battle KIA	0	1	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	1	3	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	3	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	2	0	0
(2) Replacements	8	86	0	0
(3) Net Loss	4	43	0	0
(4) Net Gain	8	86	1	0
(5) Promotion	3	63	0	0
(6) Awards				
Purple Heart Medal	1	3	0	0

b. Intelligence - Based upon input from the forward observer teams and 5th Marine reports a Counter Mortar Plan was developed for the An Hoa vital area. The plan is updated by crater analysis of incoming mortar fire. In every case of incoming mortar fire, except one, all crater analysis have resulted in Azimuths of fire east of AT 87 and north of AT 44 grid lines.

c. Organization and Operations. - During the month of August this Battalion participated in Operation Mameluke Thrust and Sussex Bay.

d. Training. - The improvement of position areas including extensive field fortifications require a considerable amount of time and effort but the battalion has managed to increase the time spent on training. Training will not reach the level desired by the battalion until the improvement of the position area reaches a point where the battalion can sustain a heavy ground and artillery or mortar attack. The improvement of the position area and increased alert status has provided the battalion with a significant increase in instruction and practical application in field fortifications and defense of position areas. Viewed in this light, training has not suffered but rather has been concentrated in certain areas.

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e. Logistics. - The functions and problem areas in the S-4 during August reporting period related to the relocation of the battalion in the An Hoa area and several tactical moves, including one helio-lift, by the firing batteries. A large part of the great improvement of the new 2/11 position sites accomplished during this period was coordinated by the S-4 section with cooperation by other units in the area. MCB 62 erected a 65 foot observation tower at both Headquarters Battery and Whiskey Battery positions. The 5th Marines S-5 program provided many thousands of sandbags by utilizing Vietnamese labor. Much work was accomplished through temporary loans of equipment by the 7th Engineers and MCB 62.

The reporting function of the S-4 section was accomplished with the required reports submitted before the prescribed due date.

Many problem areas arose during the month due mainly to the battalion moves. The number of moves by the firing batteries necessitated many changes in resupply procedure. A plan to provide 3rd echelon maintenance facilities at the LSU facility in An Hoa meets a great need by this battalion for easily accessible maintenance on this level. Due to the greatly increased usage of illumination rounds in the An Hoa area, a request has been forwarded to 11th Marine Regiment to increase the allowed stockage level at the LSU facility. During the displacement of the Headquarters Battery rear to the An Hoa area, additional non-organic vehicles were required which were supplied by 11th Motors.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. - During the month of August 2/11 discontinued Med-Caps and the distribution of soap to the Vietnamese people in bi-weekly visits to surrounding villages because of the additional work involved in moving into a new position and because of the lack of security in the villages.

2/11 has been co-ordinating with a nearby German hospital in the treatment and consultation of injured and sick Vietnamese patients. The Battalion Surgeon has also performed surgery and minor operations at the same hospital.

g. None

h. Combined Action Company Program. - Will be reported IAW RegtO 3121.1 on 10 September 1968.

i. Any other considered significant - None