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APPENDIX (9) TO
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
01 Mar 67 to 31 Mar 67

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol A. S. RUGGIERO
1-31Mar

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

1stLt K. J. EGGE
1-31Mar

Battery "G"

Capt J. D. KELLEY
1-4Mar

Capt P. G. SCHARF
5-31Mar

Battery "H"

Capt H. F. GOTARD
1-31Mar

Battery "I"

Capt P. J. MORGAN
1-31Mar

107mm Mortar Battery

Capt R. A. HEATH
1-31Mar

2. LOCATION

1-31Mar: Chu Lai Combat Base, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officer

Maj H. R. ANKER
1-31Mar

Battalion Liaison Officer

Maj M. D. JULIAN
1-31Mar

S-1/Personnel Officer

WO J. D. CURLEW
1-31Mar

S-2

1stLt J. D. SINGER
1-5Mar

1stLt W. E. MCARTHUR
6-29Mar

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Maj T. F. GRAY
1-31 Mar

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Capt P. G. SCHARF
1-4 Mar

1stLt W. E. MCARTHEUR
5-29 Mar

Capt J. E. DILLON
30-31 Mar

S-4/Ordnance Officer

Capt T. R. MCELROY
1-31 Mar

Survey/Metro Officer

1stLt K. J. EGE
1-31 Mar

Supply Officer

2ndLt B. T. ERICSSON
1-11 Mar

GySgt K. MANUEL
12-31 Mar

Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt J. W. EVANS
1-31 Mar

Communications Officer

Capt R. A. MATHIESSEN
1-31 Mar

Medical Officer

Lt M. L. FIALCO USN
1-31 Mar

Regimental Naval Gunfire LnO

Lt R. W. KEELEER USN
1-31 Mar

Battalion Naval Gunfire LnO

Lt(jg) J. E. NAMPITO USN
1 Mar

Lt(jg) J. A. WELIS USN
2-31 Mar

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC | | USN | | OTHER |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| | OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL | NONE |
| | 40 | 515 | 3 | 11 | |

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, during the period 1 March to 31 March was in direct support of the 7th Marines Regiment in that area of the Chu Lai Combat Base occupied by battalions of the 7th Marines. As the month began, a Battalion Command Group and Battery "G" (-), composed of 2 howitzer sections and a headquarters from Battery "G", and 2 howitzer sections from Battery "I" (rear) was at grid (BS 812382). Battery "D", 2d Battalion, 11th Marines was at grid (BS 760470). This Command Group and Batteries were in support of Operation DeSoto. At 021000H Battery "D" (-) was displaced by helicopter back to Chu Lai Combat Base. At 021400H control of the artillery was turned over to Battery "I" (-) and the Command Group commenced helilift back to Chu Lai Combat Base. On 3 March 1967, Battery "G" (-) commenced helilift to Quang Ngai Air Field. Battery "G" (-) left (2 howitzers) from Battery "I" (rear) at Duc Pho where Battery "I" took command making it a 6 section battery. Operation DeSoto continued. Operation Deckhouse VI ended on 2 March 1967. The remainder of Battery "I" personnel and equipment commenced helilift to Duc Pho on 11 March 1967 and was completed on 13 March 1967.

On 11 March 1967 Battery "I" helilifted (4 howitzers) from top of Nui Dang, grid (BS 817382) to the bottom, grid (BS 81153835), lift was completed at 111520H.

Battery "I" received 50 to 60 mortar rounds in their position grid (BS 81153835) receiving casualties of 3 KIA and 14 WIA, and damaged two (2) howitzers on 240100H. Battery "I" fired counter mortar and incoming stopped.

On 241300H, the 107mm Mortar Battery displaced two (2) howtars to grid (BS 57419251) laid and ready to fire at 241400H.

On 25 March, 107mm Mortar Battery displaced two (2) more howtars to grid (BS 57419215) these were laid and ready to fire at 251000H.

On 25 March two (2) 155 howitzers from 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was helilifted to Duc Pho, these were laid and ready to fire grid (BS 81153935) at 251530H.

Two (2) 107mm Mortars from 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was helilifted to top of Nui Dang grid (BS 81883847) laid and ready to fire 251720H.

On 26 March 1967 four (4) howtars returned from grid (BS 57419215) laid and ready to fire grid (BT 550009) at 261500H.

On 27 March 1967 the two (2) 107mm howtars from 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was returned to Chu Lai Combat Base and two (2) 107mm howtars

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Nui Dang 271100H one tube was laid and ready to fire 271130H the other tube due to helilift did not have all section gear and was not laid till 271700H at this time both tubes laid and ready.

On 271300H two (2) howtars from 107mm Mortar Battery displaced from (BT 550009) to grid (BS 56549835) laid and ready to fire 291430H.

On 311500 a Battalion Command Group plus Battery "H", 3d Battalion left for Quang Ngai for participation in Operation Boone.

MISSIONS FIRED AT CHU LAI COMBAT BASE

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED DURING MARCH | 1086 |
| TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY | 167 |
| HARASSING AND INTERDICTION | 858 |
| REGISTRATIONS | 17 |
| DEFENSIVE TARGETS | 10 |
| FIRE-FOR-EFFECT MISSIONS | 33 |
| PREP FIRES | 4 |
| TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED | 7583 |

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

| | USMC | | USN | |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| Losses | | | | |
| Battle | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Non Battle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Administrative | 12 | 46 | 1 | 1 |
| Replacements | 3 | 85 | 0 | 1 |

Prisoners of War. None

Morale and Personnel Service. Morale remains at a high level. Mail service is good and movies are shown six nights a week.

| <u>Promotions</u> | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|---|----|
| | 1stLt to Capt | - | 3 |
| | 2ndLt to 1stLt | - | 1 |
| | SSgt to Gysgt | - | 1 |
| | Cpl to Sgt | - | 9 |
| | ICpl to Cpl | - | 15 |
| | PFC to ICpl | - | 30 |

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ENCLOSURE (1)

Awards and Decorations Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry - 4
Purple Heart - 2

Discipline 2 Special Courts-Martial.

5-67 Violation Articles 99 UCMJ (Guilty)

6-67 Violation Articles 92, 134 UCMJ (Not Guilty)

1 Summary Court-Martial

1-67 Violation Article 134 UCMJ (Guilty)

- b. Intelligence. Nothing Significant to report.
- c. Organization and Operations. Nothing Significant to report.
- d. Training. Nothing Significant to report.
- e. Supply, Motor Transport and Logistics. Nothing Significant to report.
- f. Medical, Messing and Other Services. Nothing Significant to report.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. During March MED CAP runs were made three (3) days a week to Tri Binh I, grid (BS 555987). There are an average of 120 people a week treated. Under public improvements, the school house and road improvements have been completed. A sick bay is in progress and will be completed in the near future. There are plans by the people to build a church. The attitude of the people is very helpful and friendly with intelligence information being supplied by the village chief. Special Courts-Martial.

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S-1 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
 Chu Lai Combat Base
 010001H Mar 67 to 312400 Mar 67

010001H Journal Opened

081400H Promoted 15 enlisted to Cpl. and 30 enlisted to LCpl.

091630H Appointed three (3) 1st Lt to Capt

120815H Received two (2) Purple Heart Awards (Pfc Morton and 2nd Lt Kean)

200900H Appointed one (1) 2nd Lt to 1st Lt

240145H 3 enlisted KIA Battery "I" (Cody, Eckerdt, Preker)

240150H 14 WIA Battery "I"

261600H Received 4 awards, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Scharf, Ashman, Gray and Burns)

270830H 4 enlisted promoted to Pfc

300800H 9 enlisted promoted to Sgt

302100H 3 WIA Battery "H"

312400H Journal Closed

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S-2 3d Battalion 11th Marines
 Chu Lai Combat Base
 010001H Mar 67 to 312400 Mar 67

010001H Journal Opened

011200H-311200H Promulated Challenge and Password

102035H 107MM Mortar Battery fired 3 small arms rounds at suspected movement as 2 tripflares were activated on outside of perimeter wire. Negative results.

112020H Battery "H" observed person on defensive wire, was unable to determine if armed. Battery "H" called for 81MM Illumination, persons fled.

112130H Battery "H" received two (2) incoming small arms rounds. Fired 81MM illumination. Negative results.

161815H Battery "G" received five (5) rounds of sniper fire for a period of 20 minutes. Battery "G" returned 100 of small arms, 4 81MM Mortars and 2 105MM direct fire. Sent 10 man patrol out at 161645 and patrol returned at 161915 with negative results.

240100H Battery "I" (BS 81153835) received 50 to 60 rounds of incoming 82MM mortar, 60MM mortars and 57MM recoilless rifle. Battery "I" fired counter mortar fire and incoming stopped.

312400H Journal Closed

S-3 3d Battalion 11th Marines
 Chu Lai Combat Base
 010000H - 0715 012000H 012000H

Journal Opened

Fired 27 missions expending 279 rounds

Battery "D" 2d Battalion 11th Marines displaced by
 helilift from (BS 760470) back to Chu Lai Combat Base.

Command Group commenced helilift from (BS 812382)
 back to Chu Lai Combat Base.

Fired 30 missions expending 193 rounds

Remainder of Command Group, Battery "G" (-) commenced
 helilift from (BS 812382) to Quang Ngai Air Field,
 to convey back to Chu Lai Combat Base.

Fired 45 missions expending 338 rounds

Remainder of Command Group, Battery "G" arrived
 3d Battalion 11th Marines. Battery "G" two (2)
 howitzers were laid and ready to fire (BT 54750111)
 at 041330H.

Fired 25 missions expending 168 rounds

Two (2) howitzers of Battery "G" departed (BT 54750111)
 for 2d Battalion 11th Marines for upcoming operation.
 Two (2) howitzers laid and ready to fire (BT 443083)
 at 051200H.

Fired 21 missions expending 131 rounds

Fired 43 missions expending 640 rounds displaced by
 helilift from (BS 760470) back to Chu Lai Combat Base

Fired 30 missions expending 213 rounds

Command Group commenced helilift from (BS 812382)
 back to Chu Lai Combat Base.

Fired 31 missions expending 184 rounds

Battery "G" two (2) howitzers displaced (BT 443083).
 (1) one howitzer going to FLSC for six month maintenance,
 the other howitzer going to (BS 633992) it was laid and
 ready to fire at 091400H. to Quang Ngai Air Field,
 to convey back to Chu Lai Combat Base.

Fired 16 missions expending 106 rounds

Fired 15 missions expending 106 rounds

Fired 33 missions expending 334 rounds

Remainder of Command Group, Battery "G" arrived
 Battery "I" started moving (4) four howitzers from
 (BS 817382) to (BS 8115385) move was complete at
 111520H all six (6) howitzers were laid and ready to
 fire at 111520H.

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 Chu Lai Combat Base
 010000H Mar 67 to 312400H Mar 67

111300H Battery "I" rear started moving personnel and equipment by helilift to (BS 81153835).

112400H Fired 23 missions expending 109 rounds

122400H Fired 34 missions expending 255 rounds

131200H Battery "I" completed move to (BS 81153835).

132400H Fired 33 missions expending 184 rounds

142400H fired 36 missions expending 346 rounds

152400H Fired 42 missions expending 280 rounds

162400H Fired 42 missions expending 207 rounds

172400H Fired 37 missions expending 158 rounds

182400H Fired 43 missions expending 339 rounds

192400H Fired 27 missions expending 291 rounds

202400H Fired 26 missions expending 167 rounds

212400H Fired 37 missions expending 272 rounds

222400H Fired 27 missions expending 159 rounds

232400H Fired 32 missions expending 161 rounds

240100H Battery "I" (BS 81153835) received 59 to 60 rounds of incoming 82MM mortar, 60MM mortars and 57 MM recoilless rifle. Battery "I" fired counter mortar

241400H fire and incoming fire stopped. Battery "I" received the following casualties 3 KIA and 14 WIA and two (2) howizers were damaged.

241300H 107MM Martar Battery displaced two (2) howtars from (BT 550009) to (BS 57419215) laid and ready to fire at 241400H.

242400H Fired 34 missions expending 165 rounds

102400H

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250800H 107MM Mortar Battery displaced two (2) howtars from (BT 550009) to (BS 57419215) laid and ready to fire 251000H.

251000H Two (2) 155 Howitzers TD from 4th Battalion 11th Marines were helilifted to Duc Pho (BS 81153835) in support of operation DeSoto. Laid and ready to fire at 251530H.

251100H Two (2) 107MM mortars from 2nd Battalion 11th Marines was helilifted to Nui Dang (BS 81883847) in support of operation DeSoto. Laid and ready to fire 251720H.

252400H Fired 38 missions expending 307 rounds

262400H Fired 38 missions expending 517 rounds

271000H The two (2) 107MM howtars from 2nd Battalion 11th Marines was returned to Chu Lai combat Base and two (2) 107MM howtars from 107MM Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion 11th Marines replaced the trbes from 2nd Battalion 11th Marines. Laid and ready to fire 271700H.

271555H Battery "G" gun returned from RUSG and was laid and ready to fire.

272400H Fired 35 missions expending 307 rounds

282400H Fired 46 missions expending 297 rounds

292400H Fired 58 missions expending 298 rounds

302400H Fired 51 missions expending 329 rounds

311500H Command Group of 3d Battalion 11th Marines left for Quang Ngai.

312359H Fired 46 missions expending 268 rounds

312400H Journal Closed

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3d Battalion 11th Marines
Chu Lai Combat Base
010001H Mar 67 to 312400H Mar 67

010001H Journal Opened

030900H Battalion convoy left for Quang Ngai 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton trucks & 4 Mites.

031545H Convoy returned from Quang Ngai.

101500H Helo Lift for "Beehive" ammo & part of India Bry's equipment, to Duc Pho.

110945H Helo Lift to Duc Pho with India Bry's equipment.

131300H Helo Lift to Duc Pho with the rest of India Bry's equipment.

190715H Helo Lift to Duc Pho with India Bry's equipment consisting of two (2) mites.

260930H Helo Lift consisting of 32 rounds of "Beehive" for Duc Pho.

271700H Helo Lift consisting of 13 rounds of "Beehive" for Duc Pho.

291300H Helo Lift consisting of one (1) M-37 to Duc Pho.

312400H Journal Closed

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