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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 February 1968 to 29 February 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER
3d Battalion, 11th Marines	LtCol G. T. BALZER 1-14 Feb LtCol H. C. CHASE 15-29 Feb

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	Capt G. L. BORTLE 1-29 Feb
Battery "G"	Capt R. T. PACE 1-8 Feb 1st Lt. T. P. RUANE 9-29 Feb
Battery "H"	Capt R. M. BROWN 1-4 Feb 1st Lt. N. F. CARLUCCI 5-29 Feb
Battery "I"	Capt R. F. BUNCH 1-29 Feb
107mm Mortar Battery	Capt S. J. MACK 1-29 Feb

2. LOCATION

1-29 Febuary: Da Nang, Quang Nam, Republic of Veitnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS	
Battalion Executive Officer	Major W. H. COOPER 1-29 Feb
Battalion Liaison Officer	Major J. F. SPANGLER 1-29 Feb
Battalion Adjutant	1st Lt. J. C. FITZSIMMIONS 1-29 Feb
Personnel Officer	1st Lt. Z. L. EVERETT 1-29 Feb
S-2/S-5	Capt M. W. LEFAVOR 1-29 Feb
S-3	Major J. C. ADAMS 1-29 Feb
S-3A	1st Lt. E. P. VISSER 1-4 Feb 1st Lt. M. B. CAMPAIGNE 5-29 Feb
S-4	Capt J. M. LUTTON 1-29 Feb
Ordinance Officer	WO G. R. HAMMOND 1-29 Feb
Survey/Metro Officer	GySgt. R. L. RINEHART 1-6 Feb
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt. P. T. KEARNEY 1-29 Feb

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Communication Officer	Capt G. B. BARNETT 1-29 Feb
Madical Officer	Lt. L. V. ANGIOLETTI, USNR 1-29 Feb
Battalion Naval Gunfire LNO	Lt. E. C. FOWLER 1-29 Feb

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
40	535	4	11	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 Feb the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in that portion of the Da Nang TAOR occupied by the 7th Marine Battalions. The units of the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines were located as follows: Headquarters Battery at grid AT 963619, Battery "G" at grid AT 923691, Battery "H" at grid AT 921795, Battery "I" at grid AT 883580, Mortar Battery at grid AT 964618. Two 4.2 Inch Mortars were located at grid AT 876474, attached to Battery "Q". Battery "B" (1st Battalion, 12th Marines) and Battery "F" (2nd Battalion, 11th Marines) were attached to the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery "B" was located at grid AT 070657 and Battery "F" at grid AT 990679.

At 010054H the Da Nang area came under a rocket attack. By 010057H a three ray intersection was formed at grid AT 045647. The grid was sent to Battery "F", which subsequently reported shot at 010104H and rounds complete at 010108H. At 010010H grids AT 051644, AT 536642, AT 054645 were sent to Battery "F"; these locations were suspected escape routes. Rounds were complete on these grids by 010121H. At 010513H rockets were again reported; a two ray intersection was formed at grid AT 022577 but could not be cleared. Grid AT 022593 was cleared and shot by Battery "B" at 010528H and by Battery "F" at 010530H. Received EOM on this grid at 010534H. During this rocket attack, Battery "I" received about 15 enemy mortar rounds, with no resulting damage. Again at 021200H Battery "I" received two enemy mortar rounds, there was no damage reported.

At 030312H rockets were again sighted. A three ray intersection was formed at grid AT 973649. This grid was sent to Battery "G" and was fired on within minutes. Battery "G" also fired Counter Rocket Fire at grids AT 983664, AT 976665, AT 978678, and AT 978650. Battery "B" fired Counter Rocket fire at grids AT 978681 and 979666. Mortar Battery, with the attached 155 Howitzers delivered Counter Rocket Fire on grids AT 975675, AT 952620, AT 985665, and AT 967672. All Counter Rocket fire was completed by 030350H.

On 6 Feb there were rocket attacks in the Da Nang area. Rockets were first reported at 060100H. Battery "F" commenced Counter Rocket fire at 060112H on grid AT 923706. Batteries "K" and "I" fired Counter Rocket fire at grid AT 887680. Mortar Battery fired on grid AT 961597. During this rocket attack Battery "G" received about 25 122mm Rockets. The Fire Direction Center (FDC) bunker at Battery "G" received a direct hit temporaily trapping the Battery Commander and 4 of the 6 living FDC men inside the gutted bunker. Headquarters 3/11 FDC assumed technical control until Battery "G" set up an alternate FDC within 30 minutes. Battery "G" suffered 2 KIA's and 20 WIA's in this action. At 060125H the second rocket attack started. An intersection could not be obtained. 7th Marines FSCC cleared grid AT 061695. This grid was sent to Battery "F" and they commenced Counter Rocket fire at 060132H. The 155 Howitzers attached to Mortar Battery fired at grid AT 947606. Battery "M" fired at grid AT 881665. Finally, a three ray intersection was formed at grid AT 001578. This grid was fired by the 155 Howitzers attached to Mortar Battery. During this second rocket attack Mortar Battery and Headquarters Battery 3/11 received 5 or 6 incoming rockets with about 4 more landing in the 7th Marine area of Hill 55. These rockets caused only minor damage to one structure in Mortar Battery. At 060431H the third rocket attack commenced. At 0435H grid AT 993599 was sent to Batteries "F" and "B". Battery "B" also fired Counter Rocket fire at grid AT 000583. Mortar Battery fired grids AT 993599 and 966630. Battery "I" fired at grid AT 004580. Then TOT's were fired on that location by Mortar Battery and the attached 155 Howitzers at 0530H. This concluded the Counter Rocket fire for this attack.

At 071200H Battery "B" (1st Battalion, 12th Marines) and Battery "F" (2nd Battalion, 11th Marines) were detached from 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

On 15 Feb Lt. Col. Chase assumed command of the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. Lt. Col. G. T. Balzer was transfered to serve in another billet in the 1st Marine Division.

At 242315H rockets were sighted in the Da Nang area. Battery "G" fired on the suspected rocket position at grids AT 970654, AT 844740, and AT 836721. At 242335H Battery "G" fired on rocket sites at grids AT 971682 and AT 836721.

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At 250429H Da Nang came under another Rocket attack. A three ray intersection was formed at grid AT 060631. This grid was passed to 11th Marines as 3d Bd Battalion, 11th Marines had no units that could hit this site. At 250456H a recon unit reported a rocket site at grid AT 856722. Battery "G" fired on this site at 250532H. Battery "G" fired on Rocket flashes at grid AT 848730.

On 27 February operation Tampa in the 1/7 TAOR began. Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines was in Direct Support. Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, one platoon 8 Inch Howitzer Battery, and one platoon 3d 155 Gun Battery were in a reinforcing mission to the operation and Battery "B", 4th Battalion, 8th Artillery, US ARMY provided General Support reinforcing fires.

MISSIONS FIRED IN DA NANG TAOR

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED	16,256
Targets of Opportunity	1,103
Harrassing and Interdiction	14,391
Registrations	56
Defensive Fires	76
Fire for Effect	595
Prep Fires	19
Counter Rocket Fires	24
FO School	36
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	75,586

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Feb 68	Da Nang area received two rocket attacks. Battery "F" fired Counter Rocket fire on the first rocket attack. Batteries "B" and "F" fired Counter Rocket fire on the second rocket attack.
1 Feb 68	Battery "I" received incoming mortars.
2 Feb 68	Battery "I" received incoming mortars.
3 Feb 68	Da Nang area received rocket attacks. Battery "G", Battery "B", and 155 Howitzers (attached to Mortar Battery) fired Counter Rocket fire against this attack.
6 Feb 68	Da Nang area received three rocket attacks. Batteries "F", "I", "K", and attached 155 Howitzers of Mortar Battery fired Counter Rocket fire on the first attack. Battery "G" received a direct hit on its FDC. Battery "G" had 2 KIA's and 20 WIA's resulting from this attack. Battery "F" and 155 Howitzers of Mortar Battery responded to the second rocket attack. During this rocket attack the Mortar Battery and HQ Battery area received 5 or 6 enemy rockets. Minor damage to one structure. Batteries "F" and "B" fired Counter Rocket fire on the third rocket attack.
7 Feb 68	Batteries "F" and "B" were detached from 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.
15 Feb 68	Lt. Col. H. C. Chase relieved Lt. Col. G. T. Balzer as Commanding Officer of 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.
24 Feb 68	Da Nang area received a rocket attack; Battery "G" fired Counter Rocket fire.
25 Feb 68	Da Nang area received another rocket attack. The grid of this rocket attack, BT 060631, was determined from a three ray intersection and sent to 11th Marines. Battery "G" also fired Counter Rocket fire for a recon unit.
27 Feb 68	Operation Tampa commenced. Battery "G" in Direct Support.

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PART IV
DOCUMENTATION TO COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Da Nang Combat Base
010001H February 1968 to 292400 February 1968

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010001H	Journal Opened
011500H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
031145H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
031630H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
040800H	Dr 1 OFF & 2 Enl Conus
050800H	Dr 2 Enl Conus, 3 Enl Camp Butler (WIA)
060100H	Dr 2 Enl (KIA)
060800H	Dr 3 Enl Conus
070800H	Dr 1 Enl Conus
071530H	Jd 4 Enl Conus
080800H	Dr 4 Enl Conus, 2 Enl Camp Butler (WIA) Joined 1 OFF 11th Mar.
081300H	Received and Awarded 2 Purple Hearts
081530H	Jd 8 Enl Conus
081530H	Jd 2 Enl 1st Marine Division
091300H	Jd 1 OFF Conus
091600H	Jd 3 Enl Conus
091600H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
100800H	Dr 2 Enl Conus
111030H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
111030H	Received and Awarded 2 Purple Hearts
111300H	Received and Awarded 2 Gold Stars
111300H	Jd 1 OFF Conus
120800H	Dr 1 Enl Conus
130800H	Dr 3 Enl Conus
140800H	Dr 1 Enl Conus
150800H	Dr 1 Enl Conus

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150800H	Dr 1 OFF 11th Marines
161300H	Received and Awarded 10 Purple Hearts
170800H	Dr 1 Enl Camp Butler
171300H	Received and Awarded 6 Purple Hearts
181400H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
201900H	Dr 1 OFF (KIA)
220800H	Dr 3 Enl Conus
241700H	Jd 2 Enl Conus
250800H	Dr 2 Enl Conus
261400H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
270800H	Dr 2 Enl Conus
271300H	Jd 1 Enl Conus
280800H	Dr 1 Enl Conus
290800H	Dr 5 Enl Conus, Trans 1 Enl HQ 11th Mar
291600H	Jd 4 Enl Conus

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010001H	Journal Opened
010130H	Battery "I" Received Incoming Mortars
020140H	Battery "I" Received Incoming Mortars
060101H	Battery "G" Received Incoming Rockets
060235H	Mortar and Headquarters Batteries Received 5 Incoming Rockets and 1 dud, reported to be 122mm. No casualties, slight damage to Battery Office and perimeter wire.
060245H	Battery "F" reported 12 incoming 122mm Rockets. No casualties or damage. Back azimuth of 3090 mils.
071715H	Mortar Battery reported one dud 90mm tank round impacting in their position. Fired from a USMC tank during a fire fight.
081414H	Battery "I" reports 15/20 NVA in green uniforms and helmets with Mortar at grid AT 867628, 880627, Missions fired, could not observe.
101500H	Battery "B" reports man cleaning weapon with magazine out and weapon on "Safe"; closed bolt snapped trigger and rifle discharged into the air. Investigation in progress.
161405H	Vechile in route to Hill 55 received one sniper round from east side of road at grid AT 983629. Unable to observe sniper location.
171200H	Battery "H" reports VN male age 20 came to main gate with severe machete inflicted head wound. Claimed VC were in village east of "H" positon. VN sent to 2/7 for interrogation. (AT 922793)
181045H	Bravo 1/12 at AT 171656 reports that while burning trash with inflamable liquids, 2 USMC received superficial burns to face and arms. Med Evac to NSA.
260100H	Battery "I" reports that they received two incoming rounds of unknown caliber or orgin; possibly satchel charge.
280830H	Battery "G" reports "A" Co, 1st Bn, 7th Marines received 3 incoming 122mm Rockets at grid AT 90857225, no casualties.
292400H	Journal Closed

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010001H	Journal Opened
010102H	Battery "I" Received Incoming Mortars
010200H	Fired 673 Missions Expending 5398 Rounds
020102H	Battery "I" Received Incoming Mortars
020200H	Fired 798 Missions Expending 3673 Rounds
032400H	Fired 878 Missions Expending 5118 Rounds
042400H	Fired 1101 Missions Expending 6369 Rounds
052400H	Fired 802 Missions Expending 4766 Rounds
060102H	Battery "G" Received Incoming Rockets
060203H	Mortars and Headquarters Batteries Received Incoming Rockets
062400H	Fired 473 Missions Expending 5460 Rounds
071200H	Batteries "B" & "F" Now Detached From 3/11
072400H	Fired 398 Missions Expending 4247 Rounds
082400H	Fired 677 Missions Expending 2298 Rounds
092400H	Fired 707 Missions Expending 3161 Rounds
102400H	Fired 710 Missions Expending 2199 Rounds
112400H	Fired 748 Missions Expending 2735 Rounds
122400H	Fired 549 Missions Expending 1472 Rounds
132400H	Fired 559 Missions Expending 1348 Rounds
142400H	Fired 584 Missions Expending 1303 Rounds
152400H	Fired 519 Missions Expending 1622 Rounds
162400H	Fired 488 Missions Expending 1499 Rounds
172400H	Fired 469 Missions Expending 1986 Rounds
182400H	Fired 591 Missions Expending 2071 Rounds
192400H	Fired 476 Missions Expending 1555 Rounds
202400H	Fired 453 Missions Expending 1718 Rounds
212400H	Fired 472 Missions Expending 1854 Rounds
222400H	Fired 309 Missions Expending 1095 Rounds

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232400H	Fired 466 Missions Expending 1397 Rounds
242400H	Fires 464 Missions Expending 1335 Rounds
252400H	Fired 343 Missions Expending 1455 Rounds
262400H	Fired 440 Missions Expending 1304 Rounds
272400H	Fired 378 Missions Expending 1400 Rounds
282400H	Fired 467 Missions Expending 1258 Rounds
292400H	Fired 267 Missions Expending 1050 Rounds
292400H	Journal Closed

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292400H	Journal Closed

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