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1st Marine Division, (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Lt. Col. R. B. INGRANDO
1-30 April

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1st Lt. J. M. MARTIN 1-30 April
Battery G-3-11	1st Lt. C. A. CAMPBELL 1-28 April Capt. W. R. OTTO 29-30 April
Battery H-3-11	Capt. A. B. BREWIN 1-30 April
Battery I-3-11	Capt. W. G. WILTWORTH 1-30 April
Battery W-3-11	1st Lt. J. E. MURRAY 1-30 April

2. LOCATION

Headquarters Battery 3-11
1-30 April 1969: Dai Loc AT963619

Battery G-3-11
1-20 April: Dai Loc AT883583
21-30 April: Dai Loc AT787543

Battery H-3-11
1-5 April: Dai Loc AT923691
6-21 April: Dai Loc AT832659
22-23 April: Dai Loc AT923691

Battery I-3-11
1-30 April 1969: Dai Loc AT883581

Mortar Battery 3-11
1-21 April 1969: Dai Loc AT965610

Mortar Battery 3-11
22-30 April 1969: Dai Loc AT965610

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1-30 AprilSUBORDINATE UNITS

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1-30 April

Battery G-3-11

1st Lt. C. A. CAMPBELL
1-28 April

Battery H-3-11

Capt. W. R. OTTO
29-30 April

Battery I-3-11

Capt. A. B. BREWIN
1-30 April

Battery W-3-11

Capt. W. C. WHITWORTH
1-30 April1st Lt. J. E. MURRAY
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22-30 April 1969: Dai Loc AT 965610

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5 May 19693. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major A. F. BAUER 1-30 April
Liaison Officer	Major C. J. HORN 1-22 April Capt. H. J. NEWMAN 23-30 April
Assistant Liaison Officer	Capt. H. J. NEWMAN 1-22 April
Assistant Liaison Officer	Capt. G. P. ADAMS 1-27 April
Assistant Liaison Officer	Capt. W. R. OTTO 8-28 April
Adjutant	1st Lt. R. R. DAIGLE 1-8 April 2nd Lt. R. H. BESWICK 9-30 April
Personnel Officer	1st Lt. P. R. DAIGLE 1-26 April 2nd Lt. R. H. BESWICK 27-30 April 1st Lt. E. A. KLIEMER 1-30 April
S-2/S-5	Major F. H. BUTLER 1-22 April
S-3	Major C. J. HORN 23-30 April
S-3A	Capt. J. J. JAMES 1-30 April
S-4	Capt. J. P. RIORDAN 1-30 April
Ordnance Officer	1st Lt. F. P. HENRY 1-24 April 1st Lt. D. W. HALTER 25-30 April
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt. J. W. HENITZ 1-24 April 2nd Lt. R. E. GINSBURG 25-30 April
Communications Officer	1st Lt. J. M. MARTIN 1-30 April
Survey Officer	1st Lt. F. P. HENRY 1-24 April 1st Lt. D. W. HALTER 25-30 April
Supply Officer	1st Lt. R. A. TRAIL 1-3 April 1st Lt. B. D. SMITH 4-30 April
Chaplain	Lt. J. J. BEVINS USN (ChC) 1-30 April

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3. STAFF OFFICERS (cont.)

Medical Officer

Lt. J. D. KILEY USNR (MC)
1-30 April

Naval Gunfire Officer

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

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
40	661

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
5	12

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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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 AO; 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 AO; this was part of the Oklahoma Hills AO.

On D-Day artillery units were in position to support all maneuver elements. After 3/26 was helilifted to LZ Robbin (ZC135655), 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 (ZC123651) was built large enough to be occupied by C/1/13 and Mortars 1/13.

FSB Buckskin (AT835659) was subsequently built, and it was occupied by H/3/11 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, etc. These FSBs are located at AT 823606 and ZC 189649.

The largest fire support base for operation Oklahoma Hills was located on Hill 52 (AT787551). On D-Day Hill 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.

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090800H 12 Enl Tr CONUS

091630H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

091630H 1 Off Jd from CONUS

101600H 2 Enl from CONUS

110800H 3 Enl Tr CONUS

110800H 2 Enl to SK Lod EVAC(NH)

111200H 1 Enl from SK

120400H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

121300H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

121600H 1 USN Enl Jd CONUS

130200H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

130800H 3 Enl Tr CONUS

130800H 1 USN Off Tr CONUS

131700H 1 Enl SK Lod EVAC (NH)

141200H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)

142300H 1 Enl WIA NON-EVAC (H)

151600H 1 Enl Jd from CONUS

160800H 1 Enl Tr CONUS

161600H 1 Enl from 7th Comm

170800H 8 Enl Tr CONUS

170800H 1 Enl Died Auto Accident CONUS

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 W/ EVAC (H)
 190800H 1 Off Tr 3rd 8" Guns
 190800H 1 Enl Tr CONUS
 190900H 1 Enl from SK
 191000H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC
 191600H 2 Enl Jd from CONUS
 200800H No Entry
 210800H 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 EVAC (NH)
 230800H 6 Enl Tr CONUS
 230800H 1 Enl Tr Butler W/SK
 230800H 1 Off Tr CONUS
 231600H 1 Off Jd from CONUS
 231600H 6 Enl Jd from CONUS
 231330H 1 Enl to SK Lod EVAC (NH)
 240800H 1 Enl Tr Butler W/SK
 241600H 1 Off Jd from 11th MT Bn
 251600H 2 Enl Jd CONUS
 260800H 1 Enl Tr Portsmouth Brig

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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
272300H 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
291600H 6 Enl Jd CONUS
300715H 1 Enl DOW
301510H 2 Enl WIA EVAC (H)
301600H 6 Enl Jd CONUS
302400H Journal Closed

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S-2, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
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010001H April 1969 to 302400H April 1969

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JOURNAL

010001H 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 T/O.R.

280925H 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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01001H April 1969 to 30240H April 1969

010001H Journal Opened

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

011430H Received report that a fire mission by Battery G resulted in 01 NVA KIA. 02 B-40 rocket launchers, 01 CW key set 01 radio and 02 head sets found at site. Mission fired by Battery I at 9 VC in huts at AT870555 resulted in 03 huts destroyed and 06 probable VC KIA.

012225H 03 60mm rounds impacted Hill 55 (AT97615). Battery 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 Armored Amphibious Co.

042400H Fired 61 missions expending 1156 rounds.

052400H Fired 86 missions expending 1143 rounds.

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

061520H Received MOVECAP 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 MOVECAP from Battery H-3/11.

071640H Received FIRECAP from Battery H-3/11.

072400H Fired 76 missions expending 642 rounds.

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080025H Battery H-3/11 received 03 RPG rounds near their position.
03 USMC WIA from Hq Co 2/7. Negative casualties 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.

090925H Received report that L-3/26 found enemy Base Camp at ZC-
153615 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 01 mortar round near gun pit resulting
in 01 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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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 01 NVA with 01 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.

201050H Received MOVEREP from Battery G-3/11.

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

202310H Battery I fired 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 Chopped Operational control Battery H-3/11 to 1/13.

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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 AT972612. 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 ARVN Ranger Battalion detonated a booby trap. Driver was wounded and medivaced.

292300H 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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302400H Journal Closed.

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