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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 TO 31 JANUARY 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATAUNCLASSIFIED
1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines 1-31 Jan LtCol Mark P. FENNESSY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1-31 Jan	Capt J. C. MOFFETT
Battery A	-do-	Capt T. P. DEVITT
Battery B	-do-	Capt W. S. WALTERS
Battery C	-do-	Capt E. J. DYER, Jr
Mortar Battery	-do-	Capt T. G. BROOKS

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company	-do-	2dLt B. N. GOOCH
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2. LOCATION

1-31 January 1967: DANANG, Republic of VIETNAM

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31 Jan	Maj J. A. BYRD
S-1	-do-	2dLt R. A. HARDIE
Personnel Officer	-do-	2dLt J. E. ODOM
S-2	-do-	Capt L. J. SCHUMACHER
S-3	-do-	Maj W. K. KRAMER
Assistant S-3	-do-	Capt D. S. DRUM
Liaison Officer	-do-	Maj R. G. CORBIETT
Naval Gunfire Officer	-do-	Lt E. C. COMINGS (USN)
Survey/Metro Officer	-do-	1stLt J. N. ROACH
Communications Officer	-do-	Capt A. R. BERGSTROM
S-4	-do-	Capt C. W. MEIER
Ordnance Officer	1-3 Jan	Capt C. B. CURTIS
	16-31 Jan	SSgt R. D. TEVIS
Battalion Surgeon	1-31 Jan	Lt C. A. HAERTER, MC (USNR)

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>
144	528	4	11	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The mission of direct support of the 1st Marine Regiment and providing supporting fires for GVNF units on an as required basis continued throughout the reporting period. On three occasions two LVTH-6' tractors were attached to infantry units to provide a direct fire capability in areas that were non-trafficable for tanks or Ontos. Especially significant was the artillery support provided units of 4/51st ARVN South of the 1st Marines TAOR, grid square BT 1050, when attacked by an estimated 300 man battalion sized Viet Cong force during the evening of 10 January 1967. A total of 361 rounds of artillery ammunition was fired throughout the period of the attack. The U. S. Adviser with the ARVN unit attacked, reported a confirmed body count of 20 KIA with an additional 50 KIA (probable) based on evidence at the scene of the encounter and Vietnamese Agent reports. Also numerous weapons were left by the Viet Cong during the course of their withdrawal. During the early morning hours of 15 January 1967, an estimated 300 man battalion sized Viet Cong force attempted to overrun the 1st Platoon, Company K and 1st Platoon, Company M, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines by launching a series of human wave attacks against their position. All artillery pieces within range and available to this battalion were employed in delivering continuous artillery support consisting of illumination and high explosive shells expending 330 rounds of artillery ammunition in a five hour period. Subsequent to the Viet Cong withdrawal, infantry patrols sweeping the area collected 57 Viet Cong KIA and a large quantity of weapons and explosive charges. From the evidence at the scene and blood trails, an additional 60 KIA (probable) were reported.

The battalion observation post on Marble Mountain continued to be manned for surveillance of the coastal areas as well as inland. A naval gunfire beacon team remained emplaced on the observation post throughout the period.

Two 155mm Howitzers (towed) were manned throughout the period by personnel from Mortar Battery and located with 1st 8" Howitzer Battery to provide additional artillery support in the northern portion of the DANANG TAOR. An additional two sections were placed in a training status to man an additional two 155mm Howitzer (towed), planned to be located in the Battery A position in the near future, to provide additional supporting fires to the South. On 26 January 1967, Battery C returned to operational control of this battalion and occupied a position contiguous to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post (BT 07056561). The 3d Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company displaced to a position contiguous to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines Command Post (AT 98596756) on 27 January 1967.

Toward the end of the month, Mortar Battery prepared to displace a battery (-), composed of four 4.2 Mortars M-30, by helicopter to the outpost of NUI LAC SON (BT 022288) to provide supporting artillery fires for Company F, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines which has been assigned an area of operations in the surrounding SONG LY LY and SONG LAU Valleys. All movement and

resupply will be by helicopter as the position is inaccessible to other modes of transportation. The emplacement of the four 4.2" Mortars was completed on 28 January 1967.

Two patrols, two Listening Posts, and an ambush are employed daily to a distance of 500 meters from the perimeter of the Command Post and adjacent batteries. No contact was made during the month. Several bamboo stakes were found that appeared to be direction pointers oriented towards the Command Post and believed to have been emplaced by the Viet Cong. In addition, warning signs and propaganda leaflets, written in English, were found. No probes were experienced during this period.

The Battalion Civil Affairs Program consisted of a continuing MEDCAP program and conducting English Language Classes for the school teachers in the immediate area. As a result of these classes, an offer has been made by the teachers to reciprocate by conducting Vietnamese Language Classes for interested Marines. This recent proposal is in the formative stages at this time. A total of 613 men, women, and children were treated by battalion medical personnel during the period:


<u>Location</u>	<u>Patients</u>
1st Battalion CP	477
YEN NE (3) (AT9867)	60
Battery C, 1/11 (AT8757)	76

During the month five County Fair Operations were conducted within the TAOR. These operations were supported from the current battery positions without displacements being necessary. Cumulative surveillances for the period reflect the following Viet Cong casualties being attributed solely to artillery fire delivered by this battalion:

Confirmed -	236 KIA	Probable -	76 KIA
	7 WIA		0 WIA

A summary of the artillery missions fired and the ammunition expended follows:

<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Missions Fired</u>		<u>Ammunition Expended</u>		
	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration	2		34		34
Observed	588	283	6283	1091	7374
Unobserved	109	1	607	6	613
H & I	452	51	1111	96	1207
TOTAL	1151	335	8035	1193	9228



The following battle casualties were experienced by the battalion:

KIA - 1

WIA - 4

The following awards were presented during this period:

Bronze Star - 2

Purple Heart - 4

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

with Palm - 1

with Silver Star - 1

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

060600H County Fair 1-25 commenced.
(TAB (A))

080600H County Fair 1-28 commenced.
(TAB (A))

081330H County Fair 1-25 terminated.
(TAB (A))

091600H County Fair 1-28 terminated.
(TAB (A))

100500H County Fair 1-29 commenced.
(TAB (A))

101745H Received final surveillance of 20 KIA (Confirmed)
and 50 KIA (Probable) for missions fired for
4/51st ARVN.
(TAB (A))

120830H County Fair 1-29 terminated.
(TAB (A))

130252H Battery A fired for 4/51st. 30 KIA (Confirmed).
(TAB (A))

150115H 1st Platoon, K/3/1 and 1st Platoon, M/3/1 attacked,
fired TOT and supporting fires for 5 hours.
(TAB (A))

201300H BAS conducted MEDCAP in YEN NE (3) hamlet. Treated
60 Vietnamese for various ailments and injuries.

210600H County Fairs 1-31 and 1-32 commenced.
(TAB (A))

211200H 15 Vietnamese Teachers currently being given
English lessons by the Battalion S-2 visited the
CP and had lunch with the Battalion Commander and
some of his Staff.

221200H County Fair 1-31 terminated.
(TAB (A))

221600H County Fair 1-32 terminated.
(TAB (A))

(ENCLOSURE 1)

251000H

HOA THAI village chief requested help for 278
refugee families moving into YEN NE (3).

260930H

HOA THAI village chief met with the Battalion
Commander, Executive Officer and Civil Affairs
Officer. Discussion concerned proposed help
Battalion can give the YEN NE (3) hamlet.
Garbage to be used for pig feed and scrap
lumber were initial items decided on.

290930H

2/1 commenced Operation (Un-named) vic (AT 9958,
9959, 9960). H Company and G Company plus
1 Platoon each from A/1/1 and B/1/1 were
committed. Number of rounds fired totaled
1474 for 79 missions. One series of 3 fire
missions resulted in 20 KIA (confirmed) V.C.
casualties. Operation ended 312030H January 1967.

ENCLOSURE (1)

[REDACTED]

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB (A) Excerpts from S-3 Journal

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ENCLOSURE (1)

JOURNAL

NAVMC 219-GS (REV. 5-63)
SUPERSEDES 2-52 AND 8-56 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED

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1st Battalion, 11th Marines

PLACE

BA NANG TAOR, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

FROM (Date and hour)

0001 1 JAN 1967

TO (Date and hour)

1330 8 JAN 1967

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
		1	011300H	Changed watch Marble Mountain. HOA VANG provided interpreter to introduce teams to Monks.	11th Mar
		2	020900H	Commenced un-named Operation. Cordon by 2/1 and units of 9th Mar. In BT 9665, 9666, 9765, 9766. FSCC 2/1 will clear all missions.	S
		3	031705H	2 DTH 6's attached 1/1 for Operation approximately 7 days BT 1857.	S, 11th Mar
		4	040710H	Notified by 1st Mar of 3 Company sized Operations. L Company vic BT 1163 - 1 day, C Company vic BT 1259 - 2 days, B Company vic 1857 - 5 days.	S
		5	041130H	2/1 Operation (020900H) terminated.	S
		6	051300H	From 1st Mar ARVN Operation started 051400H for 2 days area bounded by BT 0365, 0565, 0569, 0469, 0470, 0370, unit APC-24.	S
		7	051400H	Directed by 11th Mar to provide F.O. team ASAP to BT 028651 to support ARVN Operation (051300H)	S, T
		8	051900H	Notified by Advisor unit APC-24 (ARVN) that F.O. team will not be needed.	S, T, 11th Mar
		9	051930H	Submitted Spot Report to 11th and 1st Mar. Btry B, direct fire at 5 VC. No casualties observed. 6 rounds fired.	S, T, 11th Mar
		10	060600H	COUNTY FAIR 1-25 commenced vic BT 0363, 0364. 3d platoon, 1st AA Company up on Btry B COF for quick fire channel.	11th Mar
		11	060900H	Notified by 1st Mar that FCL (grid 990-069 to 010630 to 010600 to TAOR) has been cleared for 9th Mar until 070100H.	S, F, M
		12	061300H	Directed by 11th Mar to provide F.O. team for 2 ARVN convoys to go South to edge of TAOR AND RETURN	S, T
		13	061700H	1st Mar ARVN Operation unit APC-24 terminated.	11th Mar
		14	061730H	Notified by 1st Mar that FCL (entry 060900H) is cancelled.	S, M
		15	070820H	Notified by 11th Mar that ARVN convoys are cancelled.	S, T
		16	072210H	Sent Spot Report to 1st and 11th Mar concerning wounded member of F.O. team. Not evacuated. Spot Report #147	1st, 11th Mar
		17	080600H	COUNTY FAIR 1-28 began vic BT 061666. Frag Order (3/1) 2-67.	S
		18	081330H	COUNTY FAIR 1-25 ENDED.	S

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DA NANG TAOR, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

FROM (Date and hour)

1600 9 JAN 1967

TO (Date and hour)

0700 15 JAN 1967

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		19	091600H	COUNTY FAIR 1-28 terminated	S	
		20	100500H	Notified by 1st Mar that COUNTY FAIR 1-29 began vic BT 083594	S, M	
		21	101754H	RW 236, 237, 239, 240 fired by Battery A in BT 0950, 1050 grid squares. Received final surveillance of 20 KIA confirmed, 50 KIA probable, 2 60mm Mortars, 8 automatic weapons, 3 light machineguns, 1 K47 rifle, 1 shotgun. Total rounds fired: 20NP, 132 HQ, 209 HEVT for 4th Bn, 51st ARVN	1st, 11th Mar	
		22	102000H	A Battery received what was thought to be 5 Chicom concussion grenades between 2010 and 2155. 1 M26 dud also received. No casualties. Submitted Spot Report #148	1st, 11th Mar	
		23	102300H	A Battery fired approximately 100 rounds small arms at 2 persons seen 300 meters East of perimeter at 102235H. Submitted Spot Report #149	1st, 11th Mar	
		24	120830H	COUNTY FAIR 1-29 terminated.	S	
		25	121630H	2 IVTH-6's on Operation with 1/1 returned to battery area	S, 1st, 11th Mar	
		26	122300H	B Battery received 10 heavy caliber sniper rounds. Fired 81mm illum rounds. No movement observed. Submitted Spot Report #150	1st, 11th Mar	
		27	130252H	A Battery fired RW 294 (counter mortar fire) for 51st ARVN. 36 HQ rounds expended. 30 KIA confirmed.	S	
		28	132030H	1/1 commenced Operation (Raid) in AT 9954, 9953, 9952, and 0052. Coordination made with 2/12 for reinforcing fires. 1/1 FSCC to handle all clearances.	S	
		29	132150H	A Battery received 2 incoming grenades that exploded 100 meters from wire. No casualties Submitted Spot Report #151	1st, 11th Mar	
		30	142000H	2 personnel from C-1-11 wounded in truck that hit mine. SANCHEZ, Dennis L. 2249564/0846 L/CPL. Fragmentation in forehead. MEDEVAC. RODRIQUES, Eddie 2105336/2511 L/CPL. Fragmentation in right side. Not MEDEVAC. Submitted Spot Report #152	S, 1st, 11th Mar	
		31	142230H	A Battery received 3 rounds of mortar fire. Returned 96 rounds direct fire, HE and WP.	S, 1st, 11th Mar	
		32	142300H	2 IVTH-6's displaced for Operation with 3/1	S, 1st, 11th Mar	
		33	150700H	K-3-1 and M-3-1 position attacked at 150115H		

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DA NANG TAOR, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

FROM (Date and hour)

0700 15 Jan 1967

TO (Date and hour)

1550 28 Jan 1967

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
				vic BT 050687 by VC mortars and satchel charges. Supported with continuous illum, and HE missions until 0630H. TOT (I, B, CH) on probable origin of attack. 22 missions total. 121 rounds illumination and 209 rounds HE. 57 VC confirmed, 60 probable, 1 POW. Submitted Spot Report #154	
		34	150825H	2 LVTH-6's depart position for Operation with 3/1	S
		35	152000H	2 LVTH-6's returned to battery area.	S
		36	170715H	Notified by 1st Mar that 4 Company Search and Destroy Operation began vic Bt 0761. FCL established between 1/1 and 3/1 for coordination. Ref 3/1 Frag Order	S
		37	181830H	Search and Destroy Operation terminated.	S
		38	201250H	L/CPL FREITAG, Jack R., Battery B, wounded in action while on patrol with F-2-1 as forward observer. Submitted Spot Report #155	S
		39	210600H	Notified by 1st Mar that COUNTY FAIRS 1-31 and 1-32 commenced.	S, M
		40	211600H	Notified by 1st Mar that USS NORTH (DD 859) firing at grid 002578 put 4 to 6 short rounds in grid 0557, resulting in 4 ARVN wounded. 4 personnel MEDEVAC. Submitted Spot Report #156	S, 11th Mar
		41	221200H	Notified by 1st Mar that COUNTY FAIR 1-31 terminated.	S
		42	221600H	Notified by 1st Mar that COUNTY FAIR 1-32 terminated.	S
		43	261310H	C Battery displaced. New grid (BT 0705 6561). Azimuth of fire 6000.	11th Mar
		44	261630H	B Battery received 6 rounds of incoming small arms fire. Submitted Spot Report #157.	1st, 11th Mar
		45	262230H	B Battery received 6 rounds of incoming small arms fire. Submitted Spot Report #158.	1st, 11th Mar
		46	272330H	3d Platoon, 1st Amphibian Armored Company displaced. New grid (AT 9859 6756). Azimuth of fire 2400.	11th Mar
		47	281447H	Mortar Battery (Rear) displaced. New grid (AT 9873 6760). Azimuth of fire 1600.	11th Mar
		48	281550H	Mortar Battery (-) Forward Displaced. New grid (BT 0213 2878). Azimuth of fire 6400.	11th Mar

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