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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines (-) (Rein), 1st Marine Division, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1st MarDiv 5750-6)

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for this Battalion is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 August to 31 August 1966.
2. This document is downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL upon removal of TAB (6) to Appendix B of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
- b. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam
- c. Period Covered. 1 August to 31 August 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

Commanding Officer (1Aug-20Aug) LtCol J. B. STRIBLING
 Commanding Officer (21Aug-31Aug) Maj I. L. CARVER
 Bn Executive Officer (1Aug-19Aug) Maj M. P. FENNESSY
 Bn Executive Officer (20Aug) Maj I. L. CARVER
 Bn Executive Officer (21Aug-31Aug) Maj J. E. DAUSMAN
 Bn SgtMaj (1Aug-31Aug) SgtMaj R. T. OTT
 Bn S-1 (1Aug-31Aug) Capt G. W. MEIER
 Bn S-2 (1Aug-31Aug) GySgt J. GAROLA
 Bn S-3 (1Aug-31Aug) Maj J. E. DAUSMAN
 Bn S-4 (1Aug-31Aug) Capt R. E. ALEXANDER
 Bn Ln Officer (1Aug-31Aug) Maj B. F. OGDEN
 Bn Supply Officer (1Aug-31Aug) Capt J. P. MANGAN
 Bn Comm Officer (1Aug-31Aug) 1stLt J. VALDOV
 HqBtry Commandant (1Aug-31Aug) Capt G. W. GORE
 HqBtry 1stSgt (1Aug-31Aug) 1st Sgt M. W. REYNOLDS
 Btry "D" Commanding Officer (1Aug-31Aug) Capt C. G. DOKOS
 Btry "D" 1stSgt (1Aug-31Aug) 1stSgt P. M. RUDOLPH
 Btry "E" Commanding Officer (1Aug-31Aug) Capt F. BUBENHOFER Jr.
 Btry "E" 1stSgt (1Aug-17Aug) M/Sgt P. J. TIMS
 Btry "E" 1stSgt (18Aug-31Aug) M/Sgt N. J. KINCAID
 Btry "F" Commanding Officer (1Aug-31Aug) Capt J. E. HARRIS
 Btry "F" 1stSgt (1Aug-31Aug) SgtMaj M. L. WILLIAMS
 MortBtry Commanding Officer (1Aug-31Aug) 1stLt C. L. WAGONER
 MortBtry 1stSgt (18Aug-31Aug) M/Sgt P. J. TIMS

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

Significant events during the month of August included participation in a regimental operation, COLORADO, and Battery F participation in Operation JACKSON with 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery D (-) remained in position at Tien Phouc (BT 114) and the 3d Platoon, Battery D was helilifted to Hau Duc (BT 0706).

From 6 August through 20 August, the Battalion, reinforced with elements of the 11th Marines, participated in Operation COLORADO. (See Appendix B TAB (5) A total of 1152 missions and 15,237 rounds were expended of all calibers and types.

During the period 25-29 August, Battery F was OPCON 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for participation in Operation JACKSON. Battery F fired a total of 14 missions expending 176 rounds.

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At 1150 on 30 August, the 3d Platoon, Battery D departed for MAG 36 for helilift to Hau Duc (BT 0706) to provide General Support for the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion and conduct fire missions for Popular Forces and ARVN units in the area.

The firing units in the 2-11 position area supported the 5th Marines in an active program of sweeps, patrols and outposts within the TAOR. A summary of missions fired and total ammunition expended for August from the 2-11 position is as follows:

MISSIONS FIRED

	OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
105mm	75	51	216	342
107mm/4.2"	37	36	49	122

ROUNDS EXPENDED

	HE	WP	ILL	OTHER	TOTAL
105mm	2886	42	182	1	3111
107mm/4.2"	949	27	93		1069

A summary of all missions fired and total ammunition expended by the 2d Battalion during the month of August is as follows:

MISSIONS FIRED

	OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
105mm	240	152	999	1391
107mm/4.2"	88	51	93	232

ROUNDS EXPENDED

	HE	WP	ILL	OTHER	TOTAL
105mm	11,645	856	393	11	12,905
107mm/4.2"	2,086	167	345		2,598

3. Detailed description of significant events

a. Personnel. Battle casualties for the month of August included 9 WIA and 1 KIA. This command sustained 9 non-battle casualties. Personnel losses due to administrative reasons include 3 officers and 31 enlisted transferred from this battalion. In turn, 2 officers and 21 enlisted were received as replacements. During the month of August, 13 enlisted promotions were effected; 9 Purple Hearts were awarded and 14 Good Conduct Awards presented.

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b. Administration. Normal and routine administration was carried on during the month of August with no apparent problems.

c. Intelligence. See Appendix B TAB (2)

d. Training. Not applicable

e. Special Operations. Operation COLORADO, a coordinated ground reconnaissance, search and destroy operation was conducted by the 5th Marines and GVNAF forces in the Hiep Doc Song, Ly Ly Valley, Quang Tinh and Quang Nam provinces during the period 6-20 August 1966. A summary of this battalions involvement is contained in Appendix B TAB (6). TAB (5) to Appendix B is a sketch map (1:250,000) of position areas occupied.

f. Command and Control. Locations and azimuth of fire as of 312400 August 1966.

Hq Btry	441 084	
Btry D(-) (Tien Phouc)	115 140	az 6200
3d Plt, Btry D (Hau Duc)	076 067	az 2000
Btry E	442 083	az 4000
Btry F	439 083	az 4800
Mort Btry	439 084	az 6200

g. Close Combat. See Appendix B TAB (2)

h. Fire Support. Not applicable

i. Logistics. Logistic support for Battery D(-) at Tien Phouc and 3d Platoon, Battery D at Hau Duc including arrangements for the air lifting of supplies, was accomplished by the battalion. 223,000 pounds of all classes of supplies were delivered by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. (See Appendix B TAB (4)). Logistic support for Operation COLORADO is covered in Appendix B TAB (6).

j. Air Defense. Not applicable

k. Combat Air Support. Not applicable

l. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

MED CAP personnel saw a total of 195 Vietnamese people during August. The majority of the cases were minor ailments like skin diseases and infected wounds. On 3 August, 44 Vietnamese people were seen, one seriously debilitated boy was initiated on therapy for malnutrition.

During Operation COLORADO, the Battalion Aid personnel in the field saw 146 Vietnamese as described in Appendix B TAB (6). The Battalion Aid personnel at the base camp treated 4 Vietnamese, one a small child who

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was taken to 1st Medical Battalion for treatment of an abscess.

On 30 August, the Battalion Surgeon was called to see a comatose 7 year old Vietnamese boy on Route #1, who had been hit by a truck. The diagnosis was concussion or possible subacute subdural hematoma. The child was taken to the 1st Medical Battalion for treatment.

m. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or other Special Warfare. Not applicable.

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Appendix A (List of references) to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (-) (Rein)
Command Chronology 1 August to 31 August 1966.

References

Attached

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| a. Maps: | Vietnam, 1:50,000; AMS sheets 6657 III and 6658 II, series L 701 and sheets 6639 I, 6640 III and 6739 IV, series L 7014. | Not attached |
| b. Journals | | Appendix B - |
| c. After Action Report, Operation COLORADO, dtd 20Aug66 | | Appendix B ✓ |

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UNIT OR SECTION	
S-1 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines	
PLACE	
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FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour):
010001 Aug66	312400 Aug66

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT				
		1	021800	Jd 1 & 6 NGF from Subic Bay from TAD	
		2	031000	Civic Action - assisted 44 Med.	
		3	121400	Oper. Colo. - Capt C. W. MEIER - HqBtry - WIA - treated and returned to duty-Tam Ky	
		4	121400	Oper. Colo. - Sgt H. H. SMITH - HqBtry - WIA - Med Evac to B Med - Tam Ky	
		5	121400	Oper. Colo. - Sgt M. D. JACOBS - HqBtry - WIA - Med Evac to 3rd Med - Tam Ky	
		6	121400	Oper. Colo. - 2ndLt G. J. INDEST III - D Btry - WIA - Med Evac to 3rd Med - Tam Ky	
		7	121400	Oper. Colo. - Cpl D. T. PITCAITHLEY - D Btry - WIA - Med Evac to 3rd Med - Tam Ky	
		8	170930	Oper. Colo. - LCpl J. R. LARSON - E Btry - WIA - Med Evac to B Med - Tam Ky	
		9	180900	Civic Action Oper. Colo. - Med 146 Civilians treated.	
		10	190900	Civic Action - Med Treated 4 Children	
		11	210800	Ch of Command. Maj I. L. CARVER relieved LtCol J. B. STRIBLING	
		12	251800	Pvt. J. A. RICH - D Btry - KIA - while on patrol - Tien Phouc - Med Evac USS REPOSE (AH-16)	
		13	251800	PFC H. C. JALOMO - D Btry - WIA - while On patrol - Tien Phouc - Med Evac B Med Returned to duty	
		14	251800	Cpl R. M. SIMMONS - D Btry - WIA - while on patrol - Evac to B Med	

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UNIT OR SECTION

S-2 2dBn 11th Marines

PLACE

FROM (Date and hour)

010800H Aug 1966

TO (Date and hour)

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		J-1	010800H	Journal Opened	
		J-2	010935H	Bn CP Village 442089 Rec 25 rds SA fr 5 VC coor 440090. Friendly Plt returned 20 rds SA fire. Friendly Plt searched area with neg results. No friendly cas. Bn alerted	M,S,T,F.
		J-3	042045H	Bn CP Village 442089 was attack by unk nr of VC. VC fired 7 or 8 rds of SA fire fr coor 445096. Friendly troops fired 60-70 rds of SA fire. Bn alerted. Bn patrol searched area with neg results.	M,S,T,F.
		J-4	042215H	5th Mar S-2 rpt that at 041700H a man whose older and younger brothers were killed by by VC said that an old man from his vill saw 50 VC traveling along river at corr 442093 and 4309 approx 100 meters N of Hill 22. VC were armed with rifles, prob Automatic rifles and MGs. VC wore black P.J. shorts with camouflage covers, packs, ammo belts, moved into woods W of RR track than S.	M,S,T,F.
		*J-5	071600H	Btry H working party rec 5-10 rds of SA/AW fire at coor 282250. 1 USMC WIA. rec 2 superfiscial wounds left arm. Friendly troops ret 50 rds 50 cal MG fire and 40 rds of SA fire. Friendly WIA returned to duty.	M,S,T,F.
		*J-6	071845H	Bn CP coor 134364 rec 1 rd of SA fire. VC sniper fired on friendly Helo. No friendly cas. No en cas. Friendly troops returned 100 rds SA fire.	M,S,T,F.
		*J-7	072300H	Contrive DX and Cottage Bailey rpt agents info that 1 VC Bn at vic 161095-165079 desg 108th Bn with 1-81 mm Mortar, 3-60mm Mortar, 27 BARs and individual weapons. Charlie Co fr 602nd Bn composed mostly of Mountaggard. Reported moving fr 003097 to 162077 carrying 1-60mm Mortar, 1 MG. Btry Delta Xray fired 48 rds HE. Damage assessment unk.	M,S,T,F.

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PLACE	
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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				
		*J-8	081700H	Spl Forces Advisor with ARVN unit rpt U/I VC unit approx 200 VC commanded by Phan-Van Hoach with 1-60mm Mortar, 1-57 RR 2-30 MGs, 6-BARS. At 080700H moved fr Binh-Nam to BT 240430. Unit policing directing workers to BT 190399	
				U/I VC unit approx 400 VC with green uniforms. 1 AA Gun, 2-57 RR, 1-81mm Mortar, 3-60mm Mortar, 3-30 MGs loc at BT 102291-BT 095285-BT 110301 poss 3d Regt or 32nd Bn.	
				U/I VC unit approx 500 VC with green uniforms, 3-57 RR, 2-81mm Mortar, 6-60mm Mortar, 5-30 MGs loc at 080630H moved fr (BINH-GIANG) to BT 192460 and BT 213460 poss 72nd Bn.	
				U/I VC unit approx 120 VC with Comdr CAN loc at BT 203452. Poss Main Force unit coordinated with Guerrillas.	M,S,T,F.
		*J-9	091430H	Spl Forces Advisor with ARVN unit and Dist Chief rpt 50 VC attack the village at 082030H coor 172415 killing one village female and one child. VC threw hand grenades and used Sub-MGs than fled towards BAU BANG lake. Also stated that since U.S. Marines moved into area VC have broken up into squad size units. Normally a Company size VC unit operates in the THANG BINH area and this area.	M,S,T,F.
				U/I VC Bn loc in grid coor 1735-1835-1734-1834. Bn is a Local Force. C-3	M,S,T,F.
		*J-10	091730H	Spl Forces Advisor with ARVN unit rpt that U/I VC unit approx 300 VC, comdr VIHN armed with 1-57 RR, 2-81mm Mortar, 2-60mm Mortar, 3-30 MGs at 090500H moved to BT 155304-144296-168313. Poss 70th Bn	M,S,T,F.

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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
		*J-11	100730H	Obs sniper fire from NW of Bn CP position Friendly Troops fr 3dBn 5th Marines in area. No friendly cas. Coord 131351. Area under surveillance.	M,S,T,F.	
		*J-12	102215H	Friendly ambush rec incoming rifle fire fr coord 441085. Bn alerted.	M,S,T,F.	
		*J-13	101710H	Spl Forces Advisor with ARVN unit rpt 100 VC poss V-15 Co wearing black uniforms with 1-60mm Mortar, 1-30 MG, 7-BARs moved fr BINH SAU to BINH HAU BT 197386 to 256397 poss element of Dist Force. Mission - Ambush. C-1		
				U/I VC unit approx 50 VC with 1-BAR wearing black uniforms at BT 254353 poss guerrilla force.		
				U/I VC unit approx 300 VC, comdr CAO, wearing grey uniforms with 1-57 RR, 1-81mm mortar, 3-60mm Mortar, 4-30 MGs at 100500H moved to BT 213447-204434 poss 72d Bn.	M,S,T,F.	
		*J-14	102045H	Bn CP rec 10-12 rds of SA fire fr 132362. Bn troops did not return fire. Friendly troops in area. No friendly cas. No en cas.	M,S,T,F.	
		*J-15	111230H	Bn CP was in process of displacing with vehicles on line ready to depart area when 3-5 VC snipers opened fire on convoy. Pers dismounted and took cover. Bn pers pinned down about 20 minutes. VC fired about 150 rds of SA fire. Friendly troops returned approx 150-200 rds of SA and MG fire. After fire fight died down Bn pers remounted vehicles and departed as snipers fired on convoy. No friendly cas. No en cas.	M,S,T,F.	

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING JOURNAL

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a. Unit or Section:

- (1) Enter designation of unit if this is a unit journal for regiment, air group, or smaller unit.
- (2) Enter designation of section if this is a section journal maintained by a general staff section.

b. Place: Enter coordinates or name of locality.

c. From: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is opened.

d. To: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is closed.

2. Body:

a. Time In:

(1) Unit Journal. Enter time information is received within unit. In most instances this would be TOR at unit communication center.

(2) Section Journal. Enter time information is received within section.

b. Time Out:

(1) Unit Journal. Enter time outgoing information is delivered to addressee. In most instances this would be TOD by unit communication center.

(2) Section Journal. Enter time outgoing message is delivered to originator's communication center for transmittal, or time information is transmitted by releasing section.

c. Serial No.: Number each entry consecutively as information is received by keeper of journal.

d. DTG: Enter date/time group of radio message.

e. Incidents, Messages, Orders:

(1) Important incidents, messages and orders are recorded as they are made known.

(2) Although brief, entries must include all vital elements of information, such as what, where, when, how, and who.

(3) Original entries should not be altered, but should be supplemented or corrected by later entries when necessary.

(4) A synopsis of written or oral messages is entered in the journal, leaving the full account for the journal file and other supporting documents.

(5) Oral messages are reduced to writing and processed like written messages.

f. Action Taken: This column is used to indicate administrative action taken, such as, routing to cognizant unit staff officer(s), dissemination of pertinent information and/or filing of message. Some of the more common symbols used to indicate action taken are: "M", posted on situation map; "S", circulated to unit staff; "F", information disseminated to troops or subordinate units; "F", filed in journal file.

3. Ending:

a. Summary: A brief summary of major activities, with reasons underlying decisions, is entered in the journal at the close of each day. This is written in narrative form under the column entitled "Incidents, Messages, Orders."

b. Closing: Journals are closed daily or at the end of periods or phases prescribed by higher authority.

4. Journal File:

Journal file is considered a part of the journal. It contains messages, orders, records of conversation, and other documents supporting journal entries.

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			010001	Opened	
		*	051500	3d Plt, 3d 8" How Btry commenced movement Northwest on Highway #1. Reached CP 1st Bn 5th Marines Bn 5th Marines (BT 3914) at 1730 and were reinforced by a platoon of infantry and an engineer squad. Proceeded Northwest on Highway #1. Encountered difficulty crossing rivers at BT 4311 and BT 379174.	
		*	051600	2d Battalion received reinforcements for Operation COLORADO. Units were assigned firing positions in the vicinity of the 2d Battalion CP (BT 4409) preparatory to movement to the objective area. 1st Plt, 3d 155mm Gun Btry remained Hill 54 (BT 3914) as that was adjacent to the route of march. Mortar Battery, 2d Bn, 11th Marines was attached to 2d Bn, 5th Marines and departed to join that organization.	
		*	051900	Main body of the 2d Bn (-) (Rein) joined the convoy of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines for movement Northwest on Highway #1 to firing positions in the vicinity of Tam Ky (BT 3121) and Tang Binh (BT 1641) Order of March; Battery H, Command/Control Group, Battery K, Battery D(A), Battery E.	
		*	052100	Head of convoy crossed outer boundary of TAOR.	
		*	052355	3d Plt, 3d 8" How Btry occupied position coord BT 288234 AZ 0030.	
		*	060001	Battery D(-) remained in position vicinity Tien Phouc (BT 115140). On 7 and 8 Aug 66 Battery D(-) expended 111 rounds on 14 targets in support of 2d Bn, 5th Marines.	
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IN	OUT				
		*	060030	2d Bn (-) (Rein) convoy entered TAM KY. Batteries D (-) & E occupied position coord BT 288234 Az 5000. Both Batteries made final preparations for helilift on order to QUE SONG (BT 0434).	
		*	060330	Command/Cont Group established CP, coord BT 105413. No enemy action encountered on the road march. Minor difficulty was met in negotiating a bypass at BT 168272. One vehicle was rendered inoperable and was towed for the remainder of the march.	
		*	060330	Battery "K" arrived position; ready to fire at 0400; coord BT 165243 Az 4000.	
		*	060445	Battery H occupied position, ready to fire at 0500; coord BT 133369 Az 4800.	
		*	060500	3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (-) departed TAOR positions and commenced movement Northwest on Highway #1.	
		*	060600	Batteries H and K engaged in preparatory fires for ARVN units. Fired 139 rounds 105mm HE and 133 rounds 155mm HE.	
		*	060830	Command/Control Group commenced displacement to position coord BT 135369.	
		*	060830	1st echelon Battery K displaced to position coord BT 1345369.	
		*	061230	3d Platoon, 3d 8" How Battery displaced to position vicinity Hill 29 (BT 2232)	
		*	061235	3d Gun Battery (SP) (-) occupied position, coord BT 224320 Az 4300.	
		*	061300	Commanding General, 1st MarDiv, visited Command Post at coord BT 135369.	
		*	061300	Battery E helilifted from TAM KY to coord BT 04503430.	
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IN	OUT				
		*	061335	Battery K occupied position, coord BT 13433707 Az 3700.	
		*	061345	Command/Control Group assumed control at coord BT 135369	
		*	061345	3d Platoon, 3d 8" How Battery occupied position at Hill 29. (BT 225314).	
		*		Note: The Composite Battery (3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (-) and 3d Platoon, and 3d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) remained at this position for the next ten days. Directions of fire were changed frequently to support the changing Zones of Action.	
		*	061530	Battery E occupied position coord BT 4503430 Az 5000. One howitzer was dropped in the Landing Zone causing damage to the rocker arm, sight and mount.	
		*	061950	Battery D occupied position coord BT 288230 Az 5000.	
		*		Note: Significant target surveillance for 7 Aug 66; Conc SE 926 coord BT 985281, one secondary explosion	
		*	081230	Battery D displaced to coord BT 227315	
		*	081430	1st Platoon, 4.2" Mortar Battery reverted to control of the 2d Bn (-) (Rein) and displaced to coord BT 13213682.	
		*	081530	Battery D occupied position, coord BT 22653150 Az 3700.	
		*	081700	1st Platoon, 4.2" Mortar Battery occupied position, coord BT 13213682 Az 4000.	
			081745	FM. 5 VC Houses By Recon 2 destroyed, 3 damaged	
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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		*	081900	Composite Battery reverted to GS/Rein role for remainder of operation.	
		*	091150	Battery E, Gun 4 repaired but developed nitrogen leak so remained out of action.	
		*	091155	CMC visited 3/5 and was briefed by Artillery Group S-3	
		*	091140	Vietnamese Sub Sector Chief visited CP.	
		*		Note: Significant target surveillance for 9 Aug 66; Conc SD 117; coord BT 248251, 30 structures destroyed, five secondary explosions.	
		*	102131	Fired Blocking Fires in support of 1/5 until 110500. Expended 1566 rounds.	
		*	102335	Battery H displaced to coord BT 22553160	
		*	110155	Battery H occupied position, coord BT 22553160 Az 3200.	
		*	110600	Bn Artillery Group fired preparatory fires in support of 3/5. Expended 212 rounds on 42 targets.	
		*	111030	Battery K and 1st echelon Artillery Group Hq departed for position vicinity of Hill 29 (BT 2231)	
		*	111200	1st echelon Artillery Group Hq arrived position vicinity of Hill 29.	
		*	111230	Forward echelon of Command Group assumed control. Coord BT 224317. Rear echelon departed, receiving about 150 rounds of small arms fire from snipers with Marines returning 150 - 200 rounds of small arms.	
		*	111308	Battery K occupied position, coord BT 22353160 Az 3600.	
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IN	OUT				
		*	111441	1st Platoon, 4.2" Mortar Battery occupied position, coord BT 22733166 Az 3600.	
		*		Note: Significant target surveillance for 11 Aug 66; Conc SH 005, coord BT 185284 five buildings destroyed, ten buildings burning, two secondary explosions.	
		*	121230	Battery E began extraction from Que Song. One gun and 27 personnel remained as of 122255.	
		*	121715	Battery E occupied position at coord BT 284229 Az 4800	
		*		Note: Significant target surveillance for 12 Aug 66; SH 008, coord BT 230213, one KIA and one weapon, Conc SD 142, coord BT 170302, ten structures destroyed, 15 structures burning.	
		*	130630	Fired prep fires in support of 2/5. 806 rds	
		*	130930	Remainder of Battery E in position at Tam Ky.	
		*	142003	Battery E, Gun 4 back in action.	
		*	160600	8" How Platoon detached from Composite Btry	
		*	160610	3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) (-) displaced to TAOR. One 8" howitzer (SP) returned with 3d Gun Battery convoy as it was down for a recoil seal.	
		*	161355	ARVN agent surveillance on Conc SE 152 coord BT 203167 fired on 15 Aug, 30 KIA and 80 WIA.	
		*	161515	Replacement 8" How arrived at 8" How Plt position, Az 4200.	
		*	160920	3d 155mm Gun Btry (SP) (-) arrived Base Camp.	
		*	180700	2d Battalion (-) (Rein) units displaced to positions in the vicinity of Tam KY.	

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IN	OUT				
		*	180845	Units occupied positions as follows: Battery D coord BT 297229 Az 3700 Battery H coord BT 291224 Az 4100 Battery K coord BT 297230 Az 3700 Mortar Battery coord BT 298229 Az 3700 Command Post coord BT 298229	
		*	181000	8" Platoon occupied position coord BT 290220 Az 3500.	
		*	181500	Forward echelon Command/Control Group displaced to vicinity of Hill 159 (BT 281158).	
		*	181730	8" Platoon occupied position coord BT 28642292 Az 4800.	
		*	181730	Battery "F" occupied position, coord BT 293232, Az 4800	
		*	181900	Forward echelon occupied position at coord BT 281158. CP not activated; informed to return to Tam Ky as soon as possible on 19 Aug 66.	
		*	190615	Units commenced March Order back to Base Camp in the following order; Btry H, Btry K, Btry E, 4.2" Mortar Btry and Btry D.	
		*	190715	Forward echelon Command/Control Group returned to Tam Ky.	
		*	190800	Command/Control Group departed for Base Camp.	
		*	191030	Command/Control Group arrived Base Camp.	
		*	200805	8" How Platoon displaced back to Base Camp.	
		*	251930	DX/2-11 Extraction Force extracting friendly KIA's. Ambushed at BT 157117. Received 3 friendly WIA's and forced to withdraw. One WIA was DOW.	
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IN	OUT				
			261415	Fired all available on VC Company - BT 0100158 Fired 112 rounds HE. No surveillance.	
			270545	F-2-11 March order for Operation JACKSON (OPCON 3-11)	
			292100	F-2-11 Return 2-11 position from Operation JACKSON. Fired 14 missions; 176 rounds.	
			301150	3d Plt Btry D departed for MAG 36 for heli- lift to Hau Doc (BT 0706)	
			312400	Closed	
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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			010001H	"F" Btry continues debarkation from SLF shipping	
			011500H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, by fixed wing aircraft from MAG-12 cancelled; non-availability of aircraft	
			020820H	"F" Btry completes debarkation from SLF shipping	
			031010H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, by helicopter from Ky Ha (MAG-36), sample items: ammunition, "B" ration, rations MCI, recoil oil, radio batteries, cleaning solvent, paint, insect repellant, steaks	
			041700H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, by fixed wing aircraft from MAG-12; ammunition	
			042100H	Medical evacuation of wounded Marine by helicopter	
			*071455H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, sample items: ammunition, rations, and mail	
			*072240H	Resupply of Echo Btry, Que Son, sample items: ammunition, medical supplies, phones, and batteries.	
			*100915H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, sample items: ammunition, sundry packs	
			*102250H	Resupply of Echo Btry, Que Son, sample items: rations, medical supplies	
			*120955H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, sample item ammunition, rations, and batteries.	
			*140930H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, sample items: ammunition, batteries	

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			*150900H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, sample items: ammunition, batteries, personnel and mail	
			*160730H	Sent contact team to 155 Guns to fix gun brakes	
			*200800H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry	
			*210800H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "E" Btry	
			*221600H	Major weapon off deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry	
			*231900H	Medical evacuation of wounded Marine by helicopter	
			250800H	Major weapon to deadline, 107mm, Howtar, 107 Btry	
			251600H	Major weapon off deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "E" Btry	
			280830H	Resupply of Delta ExRay, Tien Phouc, by fixed wing aircraft from MAG-12: sample items: rations, ammunition, and personnel	
			301300H	Airlift of two Howitzer sections to Hou Duc plus rations, ammunition, and personnel	
			301600H	Major weapon off deadline, 107mm Howtar, 107 Btry	
			311230H	Resupply of Delta Yankee, Hou Duc, from Ky Ha (MAG-36) by helicopter, sample items: ammunition, rations MCI	

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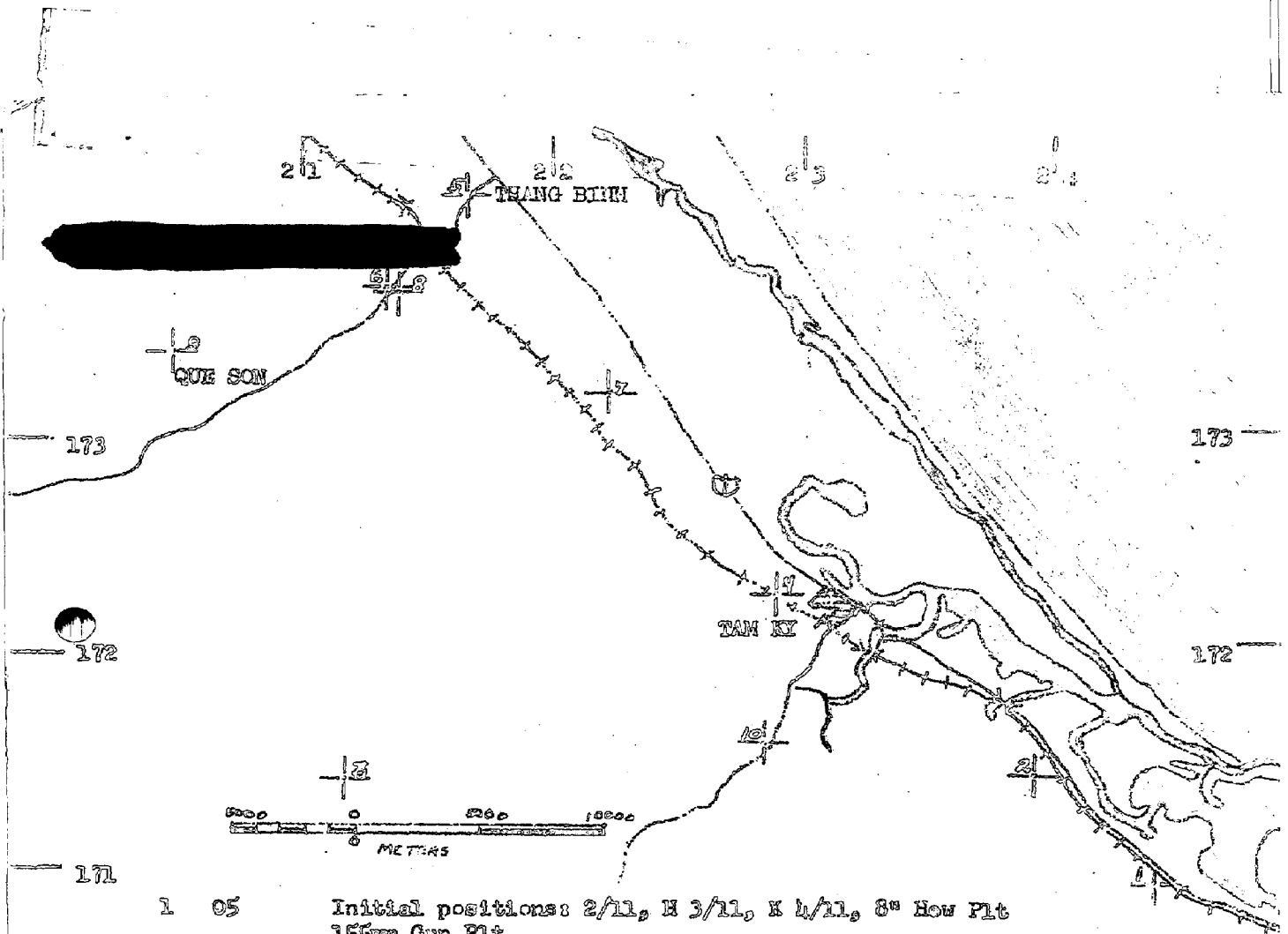
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 - (2) Enter official designation of the organization.
 - (3) Enter the DTG that journal is opened.
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 - b. Time in: Enter the time information was received within your unit, or the time an event took place within your unit.
 - c. Time out: Enter the time outgoing information was delivered.
 - d. Serial number: Number each item consecutively.
 - e. Date Time Group: Enter if available, if not, enter time signed.
 - f. Incidents, messages, orders, etc:
 - (1) First line, enter the addressee if outgoing and the originator if incoming.
 - (2) Entries are recorded in order of occurrence.
 - (3) For written messages or orders, write a brief synopsis which will indicate the substance of the message or order.
 - (4) Oral messages should be recorded in detail or reduced to writing and handled like written messages.
 - (5) Incorrect entries should not be altered but marked "VOID" and corrected with a new entry.
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| 1 | 05 | Initial positions: 2/11, H 3/11, K 4/11, 8" How Plt |
| 2 | 05 | 155mm Gun Plt |
| 3 | 05 | Initial positions: 155mm Gun Plt |
| 4 | 052355 | Battery D(-), TIEN PHOUC |
| 4 | 060030 | 3d Plt, 3d 8" How Btry |
| 5 | 060330 | Batteries D(A) and E |
| 6 | 060445 | Arty Group HQ and Battery K |
| 7 | 061235 | Battery E |
| 8 | 061335 | 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-) |
| 8 | 061345 | Battery K |
| 7 | 061345 | Arty Group HQ |
| 9 | 061530 | 3d Plt, 3d 8" How Btry |
| 7 | 061530 | Battery E |
| 8 | 061700 | Battery D(A) |
| 7 | 11 | 1st Plt, 4.2" Mortar Btry |
| 4 | 121715 | Batteries H and K, Arty Group HQ, 1st Plt, 4.2" Mortar Btry |
| 2 | 160920 | Battery E |
| 4 | 180845 | 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-) |
| 4 | 181000 | Batteries D, H, K, 1st Plt 4.2" Mortar Btry, Arty Group HQ |
| 10 | 181900 | 3d Plt, 3d 8" How Btry |
| 1 | 19 | Forward echelon, Arty Group HQ |
| | | Final Positions: 2/11, H 3/11, K 4/11 |

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To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, Calif 96602

20 August 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Code Name. Operation Colorado
2. Dates of Operation. 5 August 1966 to 19 August 1966 (Participation by Artillery Units)
3. Location. Quang Tin Province RVN
Map sheets 6657 I, IV; 6658 II, III; 6757 IV
4. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marines
5. Reporting Officer. LtCol J. B. STRIBLING
Commanding Officer
2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

6. Task Organization.

2nd Battalion (-), (Rein), 11th Marines	LtCol STRIBLING
Cmd/Control Group	LtCol STRIBLING
Mortar Btry 2/11	Lt WAGONER
Btry E Group	Capt BUBENHOFFER
Btry E(-) (4 How)	
Btry D(-) (Rein) (4 How)	Lt SCHUMACHER
Plt Btry D	
Plt Btry E	
Btry H 3/11	Capt MCELROY
Btry K(-) 4/11 (4 How)	Capt BAILEY
3rd 155 Gun Btry (-) (Rein)	Capt MCNAMARA
2nd Plt, 3rd 155 Gun Btry (4 Guns)	
Plt, 3rd 8" How Btry (2 How)	

7. Supporting Forces.

D Btry (-) 2nd Bn, 11th Marines (Tien Phuoc)

8. Intelligence. 5th Marines Isums

9. Mission. Provide Artillery fire support to USMC and ARVN Forces in the area of operations.

10. Concept of Operations. The Commanding Officer, 11th Marines directed 2nd Battalion 11th Marines (Rein) to provide artillery fire support for Operation Colorado.

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11. Execution. At 051500 Aug 1966 the 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" How-itzers Btry commenced movement to firing positions at Tam Ky. They were joined by a reinforced rifle platoon and a squad of engineers from 1stBn, 5th Marines. The platoon arrived in position at Tam Ky at 052355 August 1966 and fired throughout remainder of the night. At 051900 Aug 1966 the 2ndBn(-), (Rein), 11th Marines commenced displacement by motor convoy to positions in the vicinity of Thang Binh coordinate BT 1641. This movement was made in convoy with the 3rdBn, 5th Marines (-), (Rein). The E Btry Group was dropped at Tam Ky in order to be helilifted to Que Son the following day. E Btry Group occupied firing positions at Tam Ky coordinates BT288232 for the remainder of the night. One ARVN Btry (4-105 How, 2-155 How) joined the convoy at Tam Ky and proceeded to Thang Binh with the convoy. Batteries H, K, and the ARVN Btry arrived in positions near Thang Binh and fired prep fires for ARVN Task Force Alpha at 060600 Aug 1966.

The 4.2" Mortar Btry was attached to 2ndBn, 5th Marines and proceeded to Tam Ky with that Organization.

The 3rd 155 Gun Btry (SP) (-) departed TAOR positions at 060500 and arrived at firing positions vicinity coordinates BT 224320 at 061235 Aug 1966. 3rd Plt, 3rd 8" How Btry displaced from Tam Ky positions at 061230 to positions vicinity BT225314 arriving at 061345 Aug 1966.

At 061530 E Btry (-) (4 How) was helilifted from Tam Ky position to Que Son, coordinates BT045343.

At 081700 1st Plat., 4.2" Mortar Btry detached from 2ndBn, 5th Marines and reverted to control of 2ndBn, 11th Marines. The platoon occupied positions vicinity coordinates BT132368 in support of the 3rdBn, 5th Marines and the 2ndBn, 11th Marines perimeter. At 081900 the 3rd 155 GunBtry (-) (Rein) reverted to GS/Rein mission role for the remainder of the problem.

From 102130 Aug 1966 until 110500 Aug 1966 2ndBn (-), (Rein), fired blocking fires in support of 1stBn, 5th Marines, expending 1566 rounds. At 102335 Aug 1966 the Battalion Commander with H Btry, a security platoon of infantry from 3rdBn, 5th Marines and a platoon of Ontos made a night displacement from Thang Binh to coordinates BT225316 (Hill 29 Area). At 110600 prep fires in support of 3rdBn, 5th Marines was fired expending 212 rounds. On 11 August 1966, K Btry, the Bn Command Group displacing by echelon, and the 4.2" Mortar platoon displaced to coordinate BT2231 (Hill 29 Area). As the rear echelon departed the position, a fire fight with VC snipers broke out. 150-200 rounds of small arms fire was exchanged.

At 121230 Aug 1966, E Btry (-) began extraction by helilift from Que Son to the Tam Ky Area. The Btry occupied positions at BT284229. Because of weather, one gun and 27 personnel were left at Que Son over night. The extraction was completed the following day at 0930.

At 130630 Aug 1966 a prep was fired in support of a helicopter landing by 2ndBn, 5th Marines. 806 Rounds were expended.

At 160610 Aug 1966 the 3rd 155 Gun Btry (-) displaced to TAOR positions. At 180700 Aug 1966 the remainder of the artillery units ~~battalion~~ (Bn Command Group, H Btry, D Btry(-) (Rein) and 8" How plat) displaced to positions at Tam Ky in preparation for

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subsequent exercise.

At 190615 Aug 1966 the Artillery units with the exception of the 8" How Plat, departed Tam Ky for TAOR positions. All units returned to the control of their parent units.

<u>MISSIONS FIRED</u>		<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H & I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>OBS</u>			
8" How	1	114	94	209
155 Gun	1	26	49	76
155 How	15	47	123	185
105 How	120	103	415	638
4.2" Mort	11		33	44
	149	290	714	1152

<u>Ammunition Expended</u>					<u>UNDBS</u>	<u>H & I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>OBS</u>	<u>PREPS</u>	
8" How	1406				8	580	818 1406
155 Gun	738				33	281	430 774
155 How	2234	134	6		195	656	1443 2294
105 How	552	27	60	9	2525	2084	5606 10214
4.2"			598		77		502 579
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12. Naval Gunfire. Naval gunfire support for Operation Colorado was provided as follows:

USS Saint Paul	(CA-73)	6-14 August
USS Mullinix	(DD-944)	7-12 August
USS Buchanan	(DDG-14)	12-14 August
USS Vogelsong	(DD-862)	14-15 August

As was the case of artillery, the preponderance of missions fired were pre-planned unobserved and harrassing and interdiction fires. Two observed missions were fired by the USS Saint Paul and resulted in 4 buildings destroyed, 5 buildings damaged and one secondary explosion. Throughout the operation, a total of 773 rounds of 8" 55 cal and 484 rounds of 5 inch, 54 cal were fired on known and suspected VC targets. A radar beacon was employed at BT35205965.

13. Administration Matters.

(a) Supply. The LSA was located in Tam Ky and logistic support was furnished primarily by Logistic Support Group Bravo. Artillery units that had access to the LSA by road utilized supply point distribution whereas the units at Que Son and Tien Phuoc were supplied by air utilizing both helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. All classes of supplies were stored within the LSA and logistic support was timely and well administered.

(b) Maintenance. The availability of ordnance contact teams at the LSA facilitated excellent and timely support, thereby limiting the down time of weapons to a minimum. Also noteworthy was the expeditious delivery of spare parts for disabled vehicles, usually no later than the day following the request.

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(c) Transportation. Organic transportation for the most part was used for both displacements and resupply. Some non-organic transportation was used for Class V resupply in order to facilitate the stocking of required amounts of Class V at the Battery positions. Air transportation was used for those Batterys unable to travel by road.

(d) Treatment of Casualties. Evacuation and hospitalization was administered by the S and R detachment of B Company, 1st Medical battalion. Normally all casualties were brought into the S and R unit adjacent to the LSA, treated and then evacuated to B Med's primary location at Chu Lai.

(e) Civil Affairs. During Operation Colorado, 146 Vietnamese people were treated by the 2ndBn, 11th Marines Aid Station personnel. The youngest patient, who had eczema, was two months and the oldest, who had typically vague complaints, was approximately eighty years of age. The majority of these patients were treated at the Thang Binh position. Ninety six people were seen during one three hour period.

The major problems encountered in administering the program were; (1) The language barrier since no interpreter was available; (2) the people, on the whole, lacked the education and knowledge to recognize and successfully cope with their ailments. Even after explanation of how medicine should be taken, they ignored the instruction; (3) the Vietnamese people's drive seemed to be in the direction of acquiring a packaged item, such as pills, as a sort of status symbol rather than for a cure for a disease if used as directed. The last two items could have been considerably alleviated had an adequate interpreter been available.

Surgically, their diseases were treated successfully since the language barrier could be circumvented by direct surgical action by Battalion Aid station personnel (40 treated for infected wounds-draining abscesses). Diplomatically, the gesture of rendering medical aid was appreciated by the people, and perhaps this area was the most successful one as opposed to the actual medical treatment of disease.

(f) Communications. Initially generator problems were encountered with generators for the radio relay. The generators were generally in poor condition and could not stand-up under continuous operation. The problem was solved by acquiring an additional generator from the LSA and having the two remaining overhauled at the first opportunity.

Problems were also encountered with the hot line to the 11th Marines CP. It was always weak and a good part of the time was out. Quite a number of the problems could be traced to the AN/TRC-24 at Tam Ky. In the future radio relay linkage should avoid the use of the AN/TRC-24. The AN/MRC-62 with terminals located in the artillery forward and rear positions has proven to be the most satisfactory arrangement.

The table of equipment for a direct support battalion assigns one AN/TGC-14. On a continually operating basis this equipment must be taken out of service and given preventative maintenance.

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There is a requirement for a second AN/TGC-14 at the battalion level. A recommended TE change has been made by the 11th Marines.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. Engineers with an MRS 100 were provided for the convoy movement on the night of 5 Aug 1966. This was necessary because of several bridges needing repair particularly on the road west of Thang Binh. On any movement of the heavy artillery (155 guns SP and 8" How SP) an MRS 100 moved with the convoy. This was desirable because of the many by-passes necessary to traverse and the requirement to continually improve them particularly after a rain.

Radio Relay was employed in the Command Group CP. Considerable problems were encountered in keeping this set in operation as explained in paragraph 13 f.

15. Commanders Analysis. The operation provided experience and developed confidence in the officers and men that they can perform not only adequately but in many instances superbly.

The nature of the operation called for rapid forward displacement of all artillery elements in order to provide fire in the numerous objective areas of the supported units. This displacement was accomplished by all classes of artillery. It included heli-lifting, 4.2" Mortars and 105mm Howitzers. The Self propelled 155 Guns and 8" Howitzers negotiated the necessary roads and river crossings (3 rivers had to be ferried) and was in position to give maximum general support/reinforcing fires throughout the operation. Towed artillery element moving by night motor march, took positions well inland to support planned operations of the infantry units.

Command/control was exercised over long distances. A tactical Fire Direction Center was operated at the Artillery Command Group C. P. Firing units and observers were widely separated and often 10,000 meters or further from the tactical FDC. Radio was the primary means of communications and as many as 13 nets were manned at one time. Radio communications over all was good, due in larger part to the use of PRC-25's on the nets requiring longer ranges.

Supply and service support was responsive to the needs of the artillery indicating a well planned, well administered system.

Perhaps the best experience and certainly the most satisfying was gained in the area of coordination and execution of task with other units. Engineers did an outstanding job in getting artillery units to initial position areas and in continued improvement of roads thereafter. Logistic support was provided ARVN units by means of assistance in rigging the Vietnamese Marine Artillery Batteries Howitzers for helicopter insertion and retraction, and by furnishing a limited amount of rations and 105mm howitzer ammunition. Despite

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the rapidly changing situation and frequent displacements of artillery units, infantry and Ontos security elements were provided as required for both road marches and assistance in the defense of position areas. This cooperation and coordination developed a feeling of trust and confidence throughout the units.

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