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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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(2) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

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Encl: ✓(1) 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 January to 31 January 1967

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDER

Lt Col I. L. CARVER(1Jan-31Jan)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Capt W. A. HALL(1Jan)

Battery D

Capt D. B. NEWTON(2Jan-31Jan)

Battery F

Capt R. H. ALEXANDER(1Jan)

107mm Mortar Battery (Towed)

Capt J. PIPTA(2Jan-31Jan)

Capt J. F. LLOYD(1Jan)

Capt W. A. HALL(2Jan-31Jan)

1stLt C. L. WAGONER(1Jan-7Jan)

Capt R. L. VENATOR(8Jan-31Jan)

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-31Jan 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

Chu Lai, RVN

1-31Jan Headquarters Battery

BT 441 084

1-31Jan Battery D(-)

BT 440 085

1-31Jan 3rd Platoon, Battery D

BT 442 083

1-31Jan Battery F(-)

Tien Phouc, BT 105 141

1-31Jan 1st Platoon, Battery F

BT 442 083

1-31Jan 107mm Mortar Btry (Towed)

BT 439 084

5-31Jan 2d Platoon, 107mm Mort Btry AT 814 384

3. STAFF OFFICERS

BnExecO

Maj J. J. MARRON(1Jan-31Jan)

Bn SgtMaj

SgtMaj P. T. OTT(1Jan-31Jan)

Bn S-1

Capt T. W. ROBERTS(1Jan-16Jan)

Bn S-1

2ndLt A. A. BOROWICKI(17Jan-31Jan)

Personnel Officer

2ndLt A. A. BOROWICKI(1Jan-31Jan)

Bn S-2

Capt W. A. HALL(1Jan)

Bn S-2

Capt R. H. ALEXANDER(2Jan-31Jan)

Bn S-3

Capt C. G. DOKOS(1Jan-4Jan)

Bn S-3

Maj J. CLATWORTHY(5Jan-31Jan)

Bn S-3A

1stLt J. D. WRIGHT(1Jan-4Jan)

Bn S-3A

Capt C. G. DOKOS(5Jan-31Jan)

Bn S-4

Capt J. PIPTA(1Jan)

Bn S-4

Capt W. R. MCADAMS(2Jan-26Jan)

Bn S-4

Capt R. H. ALEXANDER(27Jan-31Jan)

Bn LnO

Maj J. CLATWORTHY(1Jan-4Jan)

Bn LnOA

Maj C. E. MCDANIEL(1Jan-4Jan)

Bn LnO

Maj C. E. MCDANIEL(5Jan-31Jan)

Bn Supply Officer

2ndLt W. C. SHOEMAKER(1Jan-31Jan)

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Bn MT OfficerCapt D. B. NEWTON(1Jan-31Jan)  
GySgt L. V. WHITE(1Jan-31Jan)AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>Off</u>  | <u>Enl</u> | <u>Off</u> | <u>Enl</u> |
| <u>43</u>   | <u>560</u> | <u>3</u>   | <u>12</u>  |

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Personnel and Administration

Battle casualties for the month of January include four WIA's (evacuated) and eight WIA's (not evacuated). This command sustained eight non-battle casualties (not evacuated). Personnel losses due to administrative reasons included four Marine Officers and seven Marine Enlisted transferred from the Battalion. Two Navy Officers and two Navy Enlisted were also transferred. In turn, the command received two Marine Officers, one Navy Officer, 64 Marine Enlisted and three Navy Enlisted. During the month of January, five Officer and 29 Marine Enlisted promotions were effected. Two reductions were also effected. Members of this command were presented three Good Conduct Medals and four Meritorious Masts.

2. Organization and Operations

Due to the New Years truce the battalion did not fire any missions until after 0700 on 2 January.

Battery E, 2nd Battalion remains deployed and OPCON to the 11th Marines. On 5 January, the 2nd Platoon, 107mm Mortar Battery (Towed) with FDC personnel attached departed to An Hoa and was placed under OPCON of Battery Group E, 11th Marines. The 107mm Mortar Battery rotates approximately one half of its deployed personnel weekly. This was done on 17 and 25 January.

Battery F(-) remains at Tien Phouc and the other units of the battalion remained in position at the base camp.

At 130220H January, this battalion was attacked by an estimated company of VC (about 60-100 men) and received 20-25 82mm mortar rounds, four rifle grenades, one RPG-2 rocket and numerous rounds of small arms. The battalion fired 889 rounds of illumination (105 and 107), 83 rounds of HE (Counter Mortar) and a large number of small arms. In addition, the 81mm mortars from Hill 35 (I-3-5) fired 97 rounds of HE on possible withdrawal routes and mortar sites. This unit threw approximately 20

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M-26 grenades of which 10-12 failed to function. The battalion's reaction to the attack was timely and professional and resulted in 17 VC KIA's (confirmed), seven VC Captured (three of these were WIA's) and the capture of numerous weapons and items of ordnance while sustaining only four WIA's (one evacuated, not serious).

During January this unit supplied five Naval Gun Fire Teams to units of Task Force X-Ray and two FO Teams to accompany Marine Convoys.

The firing units in the 2nd Battalion position area supported the 5th Marines (OPCON 7th Marines) in an active program of sweeps, patrols and outposts within the TAOR and supported elements of the 1st Recon Battalion within the RAOR. A summary of missions fired and total ammunition expended for January from the 2nd Battalion position is as follows:

Missions Fired

|       | <u>OBS</u> | <u>UNOBS</u> | <u>H&amp;I</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 105mm | 121        | 29           | 261            | 411          |
| 107mm | 39         | 3            | 57             | 99           |

Ammunition Expended

|       | <u>HE</u> | <u>ILL</u> | <u>WP</u> | <u>OTHER</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| 105mm | 1980      | 509        | 51        | 2            | 2542         |
| 107mm | 482       | 650        | 4         |              | 1136         |

A summary of all missions and ammunition expended by 2nd Battalion (less Battery E and 2nd Plt, 107mm Mort Btry) during the month of January is as follows:

Missions Fired

|       | <u>OBS</u> | <u>UNOBS</u> | <u>H&amp;I</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 105mm | 165        | 40           | 429            | 634          |
| 107mm | 39         | 3            | 57             | 99           |

Ammunition Expended

|       | <u>HE</u> | <u>ILL</u> | <u>WP</u> | <u>OTHER</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| 105mm | 3432      | 545        | 156       | 2            | 4135         |
| 107mm | 482       | 650        | 4         |              | 1136         |

3. Training

A program for cross-training Field Artillery Batterymen in all calibers of artillery weapons was initiated on 16 January 1967. Personnel (O811's) sent to this battalion received training on both the 105mm Howitzer and on the 107mm Howitzer while personnel sent from this battalion receive training on the weapons of the unit to which they

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were sent.

The following was the schedule for January.

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 16-21 January | 12 0811's to 4/11 (155 How Self propelled and towed)          |
| 23-28 January | 12 0811's to 4/11 (155 How Self propelled and towed)          |
| 30 January    | 6 0811's to 3rd 155mm Gun Btry<br>5 0811's to 3rd 8" How Btry |

#### 4. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

Logistic support for Battery F(-) at Tien Phouc, and 2nd Platoon, 107mm Mortar Battery (Towed) at Hill 300 (AT 814384) was accomplished by the battalion. Approximately 100,000 pounds of all classes of supplies were delivered by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft.

The 2nd Battalion now has a Landing Zone capable of handling up to six CH-46 helicopters simultaneously and since 10 January resupply to our deployed units has been from this landing zone.

In the early morning of 13 January, while this unit was being attacked and the 107mm Mortar Battery (Towed) was firing 489 rounds of perimeter illumination, two illumination rounds became stuck in the tubes. These tubes were taken to FLSG-B by EOD personnel for removal of the rounds and returned on 18 January.

#### 5. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

a. On 22 and 25 January 1967, clothing was distributed to 100 Vietnamese civilian families living in Khuong Binh, Tien Xuan and Ky Ha Hamlets of the Ly Tin District. This clothing was sent to GySgt L. V. White (Bn MTO) from the people of his home county, Deely County, Georgia. Major J. Clatworthy, who was representing the commanding officer, Lt Chastang, the battalion civil affairs officer, GySgt White, and a detail of men from the battalion assisted the District Chief, Lt Duoc, during the distribution.

A "Thank You" letter was received by the command and a copy is attached as TAB J to this enclosure.

This Battalion is to be assigned two of these hamlets for civic action purposes in the near future.

b. The Battalion's MEDCAP program was grossly curtailed during the month because of heavy rains. A total of 17 civilians were treated in the village of Khuong Binh. Two of the 17 were injured during the in-

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surgent attack on the battalion's defensive position on 13 January:

(1) An old man sustained a shrapnel wound of the knee which was sutured at the Battalion Aid Station and he was MEDEVAC'ed to the First Medical Battalion for X-ray and orthopedic evaluation, and (2) a child sustained a shrapnel wound of the neck which lacerated the sternocleidomastoid muscle. The youngster was MEDEVAC'ed to the First Medical Battalion for X-ray and inpatient surgical treatment.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel and Administration

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 12 January | Joined one Marine Officer, three Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer and two Navy Enlisted. Transferred two Marine Officers and seven Marine Enlisted. |
| 13 January | VC attacked the Battalion position. Four WIA's from hostile action (one evacuated) and eight WIA's as indirect result of hostile action.             |
| 16 January | Joined five Marine Enlisted  |
| 17 January | Joined eight Marine Enlisted   |
| 20 January | Joined nine Marine Enlisted  |
| 23 January | Joined seven Marine Enlisted   |
| 26 January | Joined 21 Marine Enlisted  |

2. Organization and Operation

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 22 January | New Year Truce lifted at 0700 (Task Force X-Ray Msg 291455Z Dec 66)  |
| 3 January  | Btry D had premature burst approximately 10 meters from muzzle. Sustained two WIA's, one evacuated.  |
| 5 January  | 2nd Platoon, 107mm Mortar Btry, departed for Hill 300 (AT 814384) for an operation under OPCON of Battery Group E, in support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. (CG 1st MarDiv Msg 030749Z Jan 67)  |
| 13 January | 2nd Bn. was attacked by an estimated company of VC (about 60-100 men) the attack was repulsed with very light friendly casualties. (After Action Report, TAB E to Enclosure (1), Congratulatory Msg's TABs F, G, H and I to Enclosure (1)) |

3. Training

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 16 January | Sent 12 0811's to 4th Battalion for cross training |
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in all calibers of artillery and received 12 0811's in return. (11th Mar Bul 1540 dtd 3 Jan 67)

- 23 January Sent 12 0811's to 4th Battalion for cross training in all calibers of artillery and received 12 0811's in return. (11th Mar Bul 1540 dtd 3 Jan 67)
- 30 January Sent six 0811's to the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery and five 0811's to 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery in the cross training program and received a like number in return. (11th Mar Bul 1540 dtd 3 Jan 67)

4. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

- 9 January Resupply of Battery F(-)
- 3 January 105mm Howitzer round malfunction - high order burst 10-20 meters in front of muzzle
- 13 January Two Howtar tubes sent to FLSG-B (EOD) rounds stuck in tubes.
- 18 January Two Howtar tubes returned from EOD.
- 24 January Resupply to Battery F(-)
- 27 January 107mm Howtar short round 30-40 meters in front of gun no explosion
- 30 January Resupply to Battery F(-)

5. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- 13 January Two Vietnamese civilians wounded in the attack on our position received medical attention at the BAS and were evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion.
- 22 January Clothing was distributed to 100 Vietnamese families in two hamlets in the Ly Tin District.
- 25 January The remainder of the clothing was distributed to one more hamlet in the Ly Tin District.

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CG 1st MarDiv msg 140641Z Jan  
CG TF X-Ray msg 130400Z Jan  
11th Mar msg 140045Z Jan  
"Thank You" ltr from Ly Tin District Chief

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Chu Lai RVN

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## TO (Date and hour)

312400H Jan 1967

| TIME |     | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS  | ACTION TAKEN<br>M-Maps T-Troops<br>S-Staff F-File |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|---|
| IN   | OUT |            |                 |  |   |
|      |     | 1          | 010800          | Jd 2 Marine Enlisted   |   |
|      |     | 2          | 011000          | Bn CO left for Danang  |   |
|      |     | 3          | 032000          | Premature burst of 105 Howitzer Round,<br>2 WIA's (PFC C. C. WREN medevac & PFC A. J.<br>MELLON)                         |   |
|      |     | 4          | 110800          | Bn CO arrived back in area   |   |
|      |     | 5          | 111200          | 2 Vietnamese Army Personnel and 1 Civilian<br>Vietnamese Catholic Priest visited compound<br>messes with Staff & Officer |   |
|      |     | 6          | 111300          | The Vietnamese Personnel and Priest depart   |   |
|      |     | 7          | 121300          | Jd 1 Marine Off, 3 Marine Enl, 1 Navy Off,<br>2 Navy Enl. Trans 2 Marine Officers and<br>7 Marine Enlisted.              |   |
|      |     | 8          | 130200          | VC attacked entire perimeter w/auto wpns<br>& mortars (4 WIA's and 8 WIA's)  |   |
|      |     | 9          | 141300          | Trans 1 Marine Off and 1 Navy Enl, joined<br>2 Marine Enlisted.  |   |
|      |     | 10         | 141500          | LtGen WALT arrived   |   |
|      |     | 11         | 141545          | LtGen WALT departed  |   |
|      |     | 12         | 150945          | Jd 1 Marine Enl  |   |
|      |     | 13         | 161700          | Jd 5 Marine Enl  |   |
|      |     | 14         | 171800          | Jd 8 Marine Enl  |   |
|      |     | 15         | 181130          | Bn CO & Bn SgtMaj departed for Danang  |   |
|      |     | 16         | 191300          | Jd 1 Marine Enl  |   |
|      |     | 17         | 201345          | MGen NICKERSON & BGen STILES arrived   |   |
|      |     | 18         | 201400          | MGen NICKERSON & BGen STILES departed  |   |
|      |     | 19         | 201700          | Jd 9 Marine Enl  |   |

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| S-2 2ndBn, 11th Mar  |                    |
| PLACE                |                    |
| Cm-Lai RVN           |                    |
| FROM (Date and hour) | TO (Date and hour) |
| 010001H Jan 1967     | 312400H Jan 1967   |

| TIME |     | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS  | ACTION TAKEN<br>M-Maps T-Troops<br>S-Staff F-File |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|---|
| IN   | OUT |            |                 |  |   |
|      |     | J-1        | 010001H         | Journal Opened   |   |
|      |     | J-2        | 020730H         | 1st FAG rpt VC Co at grid 367023.<br>Btry D fired 8 rds HE. ECM. Unobs   | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-3        | 020730H         | 1ST FAG rpt 120 VC at grid 360022<br>ECM. Unobs  | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-4        | 061225H         | 3/5 rpt VC Harbor Site at grid 459015<br>Btry F fired 28 rds HE. ECM. Good effect<br>on tgt.   | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-5        | 061200H         | 3/5 rpt 100 VC in the open at grid<br>425040. Btry F fired 16 rds HE, 3rds WP<br>Btry D fired 16 rds HE, 107 mm Btry<br>fired 12 rds HE. ECM. Excellent coverage<br>of target. | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-6        | 091735H         | 1ST FAG rpt VC activity at grid 382108<br>Btry F fired 12 rds HE. ECM. Good effect<br>on target.   | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-7        | 110315H         | 3/5 rpt 100 VC withdrawing at grid<br>395175. Btry D fired 14 rds HE. ECM.   | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-8        | 120300H         | Btry's D & F, & 107 mm Btry fired 83 rds<br>HE. Counter-Mortar   | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-9        | 130225H         | Approx 1 VC Co attacked 2ndBn, 11th Mar<br>at grid 437085. A complete follow up<br>report was sent to all units.<br>(See TAB to Appendix A)                                    | M, S, T, F.                                       |
|      |     | J-10       | 151740H         | 3/5 rpt VC Comp grid 404017. Btry F<br>fired 4 rds HE. ECM.  | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-11       | 181512H         | 1/5 rpt VC Bn at grid 389046, 393048<br>Btry F fired 22 rds HE. ECM. Unobs   | M, S, F.  |
|      |     | J-12       | 190115H         | 2/11 OP # 18 recd 15 rds sa fire. OP<br>ret'd fire. Spot rept sent to all units  | M, S, T, F.                                       |
|      |     | J-13       | 191430H         | 2/11 Btry F Patrol found 2 ChiCom gren<br>1 3.5 rocket, 1 satchel charge, 1/2 of<br>a bangalore torpedo at grid 441083.<br>ECM info.   | M, S, T, F.                                       |

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|------|-----|------------|-----------------|--|---|
| IN   | OUT |            |                 |  |   |
|      |     | 1          | 010001          | Opened   |   |
|      |     | 2          | 020700          | New Year Truce Lifted  |   |
|      |     | 3          | 032000          | Btry D - Premature Burst Approx 10 meters out of muzzle. 2 WIA Gun #1 out of action for TI   |   |
|      |     | 4          | 041600          | Btry D - Gun #1 back in action   |   |
|      |     | 5          | 051537          | 2nd Plt, 107 Mort Btry departed on operation to Hill 300 - Grid AT 814 384   |   |
|      |     | 6          | 051800          | 2nd Plt, 107 Mort Btry - one gun arrived Hill 300 w/crew and 100 rds other equip & pers remain An Hoa with Btry E. 2nd Plt OPCON Btry Group E. |   |
|      |     | 7          | 080720          | NGF Team out (Sgt Whitesides NCOIC)  |   |
|      |     | 8          | 081145          | NGF Team out (Lt Mowatt OIC)   |   |
|      |     | 9          | 101600          | NGF Team out (LCpl Hope NCOIC)   |   |
|      |     | 10         | 121400          | NGF Team back (Lt Mowatt OIC)  |   |
|      |     | 11         | 130220          | 2/11 hit on NE perimeter (See after action report)   |   |
|      |     | 12         | 130225          | Btry F received 20-25 rds 82mm Mort  |   |
|      |     | 13         | 130400          | Btry D received 4 rifle grenades & SA fire   |   |
|      |     | 14         | 130800          | 5th Marines-Marine exploded bangalore torpedo while assisting 2/11 in clean up patrol. 5th Marines-3 WIA, MEDEVAC called in                    |   |
|      |     | 15         | 130850          | 9th Eng truck hit mine on 2-11/5th Marines access road. 2-11 assist, MEDEVAC called 9th Eng-5KIA 1 WIA   |   |
|      |     | 16         | 131100          | Gen Stiles arrived position - briefed by 2-11 C.O., departed 1145  |   |

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|------|-----|------------|-------------------|--|---|
| IN   | OUT |            |                   |  |   |
|      |     | 17         | 141030            | NGF Team back (LCpl Hepe NCOIC)  |   |
|      |     | 18         | 141500            | Gen Walt arrived position - briefed by 2-11 C.O. and talked to Bn at formation departed 1545 |   |
|      |     | 19         | 161300            | Gen Pearson (USA) arrived and briefed by 2-11 C.O. departed 1400                             |   |
|      |     | 20         | 171200            | 107mm Btry replaced approx $\frac{1}{2}$ personnel at Hill 300                               |   |
|      |     | 21         | <del>171300</del> | <del>Gen Nickerson arr position - briefed by 2-11 C.O. departed 1415</del>                   |   |
|      |     | 22         | 181100            | 2-11 C.O. departed by helicopter to Da Nang  |   |
|      |     | 23         | 200930            | 2-11 C.O. returned from Da Nang  |   |
|      |     | 24         | 201345            | Gen Nickerson arrived, departed 1400   |   |
|      |     | 25         | 210910            | 2-11 C.O. departed by helicopter to Da Nang  |   |
|      |     | 26         | 211730            | 2-11 C.O. returned from Da Nang  |   |
|      |     | 27         | 250800            | 107mm Btry replaced approx $\frac{1}{2}$ personnel at Hill 300                               |   |
|      |     | 28         | 250900            | 2 NGF Teams out (Lt(N) Charvat OIC) (Sgt Whiteside NCOIC)                                    |   |
|      |     | 29         | 271600            | NGF Team back (Sgt Whiteside NCOIC)  |   |
|      |     | 30         | 280800            | Survey Chief departed as FO for Marine Convoy  |   |
|      |     | 31         | 281400            | NGF Team back (Lt(N) Charvat OIC)  |   |
|      |     | 32         | 281630            | Survey Chief returned  |   |
|      |     | 33         | 310730            | Survey Chief departed as FO for Marine Convoy  |   |

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UNIT OR SECTION

S-3, 2-11

PLACE

CHU LAI, RVN

FROM (Date and hour)

010001H Jan 1967

TO (Date and hour)

312400H Jan 1967

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## UNIT OR SECTION

S-4 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

## PLACE

Chu Lai Republic of South Vietnam

## FROM (Date and hour)

010001H Jan 1967

## TO (Date and hour)

312400H Jan 1967

| TIME |     | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS   | ACTION TAKEN<br>M-Maps T-Troops<br>S-Staff F-File |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|---|---|
| IN   | OUT |            |                 |   |   |
|      |     | 1          | 010001H         | Journal opened  |   |
|      |     | 2          | 021630H         | One (1) 107mm Howtar returned from FLSG-B   |   |
|      |     | 3          | 032100H         | One (1) 105mm Howitzer from Btry D damaged by malfunctioning round. Right tire was punched. No other apparant damage. Investigation commences 4 Jan 1967. |   |
|      |     | 4          | 071600H         | Report of 105mm Howitzer which was damaged by malfunctioning round submitted on 7 Jan 1967.   |   |
|      |     | 5          | 091200H         | Resupply of Btry F (-), Tien Phouc. Sample items: Ammunition and Chow. Total 31,000 lbs.  |   |
|      |     | 6          | 130600H         | Two (2) Howtar tubes sent to FLSG-B (EOD) because of rounds stuck in tubes.   |   |
|      |     | 7          | 151600H         | Received two (2) tubes for Howtars at FLSG-B, awaiting removal of rounds.   |   |
|      |     | 8          | 181500H         | Two (2) Howtar tubes returned from EOD.   |   |
|      |     | 9          | 191600H         | Correction submitted on report of malfunctioning round.   |   |
|      |     | 10         | 201800H         | Resupply of Btry F (-), Tien Phouc. Sample items: Mail, batteries and chow.   |   |
|      |     | 11         | 241000H         | Resupply of Btry F (-), Tien Phouc. Sample items: Ammunition.   |   |
|      |     | 12         | 251300H         | Two (2) Howtar tubes received via supply system.  |   |
|      |     | 13         | 271500H         | Malfunction of one (1) 107mm Mortar round. Preliminary report submitted.  |   |
|      |     | 14         | 301300H         | Resupply of Btry F (-), Tien Phouc. Sample items: Ammunition, chow, and personnel. 31,000 lbs.  |   |
|      |     | 15         | 301400H         | Four (4) tubes, 4.2 in M99, turned into FLSG-B for LTL for turnin to FRC-11   |   |

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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Battalion, 11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

3/CGD/hwd  
3480  
17 Jan 1967

  
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

Encl: (1) Combat Operation After Action Report

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.

I. L. CARVER

Copy to: Task Force X-Ray  
1st FAG

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING JOURNAL

### 1. Headings:

#### 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.

#### e. 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; "T", 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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COMBAT OPERATION AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Type of Action: VC initiated attack on defensive position
2. DTG: 130220H Jan 67
3. Unit: 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines(-)
4. Size of Unit: At time of action, Battery E, 2 platoons Battery F, and 1 platoon of the 107mm Howtar Battery were deployed. Units in the Battalion position consisted of Headquarters Battery, Battery D, Battery F (1 platoon) and 107mm Howtar Battery (2 platoons).
5. Number of Troops: 325
6. Estimated Viet Cong Force: One company
7. Estimated Number of Viet Cong: 50
8. Location: BT 442083
9. Casualties:

|     | <u>FRIENDLY</u> | <u>VC</u>        |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|
| KIA | 0               | 17 (Confirmed)   |
| WIA | *10             | 3 (Captured)     |
| MIA | 0               | 4 (Captured POW) |

\* 4 WIA as a direct result of enemy activity and 6 WIA as an indirect result of enemy activity.

10. Friendly Equipment Losses: None
- VC Equipment and Weapons Captured:

8-AK 47  
 2-NVN 7.62 SMG, Type 50  
 1-CHICOM 56 Carbine w/rifle grenade adapter  
 1-French 7.62 SMG, M1949  
 32-Assorted Magazines  
 1-M79 Grenade Launcher  
 8-Bangalore Torpedoes  
 1-CHICOM Rocket Launcher  
 3-CHICOM RPG-2 Rockets  
 67-Frag Grenades  
 5-Concussion Grenades  
 58-Assorted Explosive Charges  
 1-CHICOM Rifle Grenade  
 12-M79 Rounds  
 1000-Rounds small arms ammunition

11. Unit's Mission: Direct support of the 5th Marine Regiment
12. Crew served weapons employed by friendly forces:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Type</u>  |
|---------------|--------------|
| 12            | 7.62 MG M-60 |
| 1             | .50 Cal MG   |

13. Estimate of crew served weapons used by VC:

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Type</u>  |
|---------------|--------------|
| 2             | 82mm Mortars |

14. Reinforcements Available: Artillery, air and ground troops were

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2200 all activity and movement had ceased and no further action was taken, except to advise the bunkers to be on the alert for any further movement or activity.

During the period 0150 to 0200 Battery F fired 56 rounds in a "Time on Target" mission. At approximately 0210 one of the men in bunker #11 saw someone crawling near the wire through the sniperscope. The bunker then requested illumination on concentration #3 but failed to observe anything. The bunker again scanned the area with the scope and still observed two figures crawling toward the bunker. When they approached a clear area between the wire, bunker #13 fired a hand flare in front of bunker #11. At this point at least 4 VC were observed moving toward the position and bunker #11 began firing. Shortly after this, the northeastern portion of the position received incoming mortar fire. The majority of the rounds landed slightly behind bunker #15 and in a line across the northern edge of Battery F and HQ Battery. It was from these incoming rounds that the battalion suffered its 4 WIA's. At about this time, a rocket was fired at bunker #13 but missed and landed near the helicopter LZ doing no damage to personnel or equipment. Bunker #13 fired its 50 Cal MG at what it believed were mortar flashes. Continuous illumination on concentrations #2 and #3 was fired and the friendly fire from bunker #11 to bunker #14 became very intense. The countermortar plan commenced and small arms and automatic weapons along the south side of the perimeter continued to fire at any observed movement to their front. Shortly after this our firing was curtailed and the counter-mortar plan was ceased because the position was not receiving any further fire. Continuous illumination was placed on concentration #3 until daylight. Throughout the remainder of the night, sporadic incidences of movement just outside the defensive wire would cause the bunkers to fire in an effort to kill or pin down the VC. Fire support in the form of mortar concentrations from I/3/5 along the outside of the Battalion perimeter was requested and it aided in pinning down the remaining VC. Activity on the northern side of the position consisted of an apparent diversionary move consisting of small arms fire and 3 rifle grenades. No casualties were incurred on this side of the perimeter, but sporadic fire continued from the north until shortly before daylight. Illumination concentration #1 was fired continuously for this portion of the perimeter.

Just after daylight a reaction force, under the direction of the Battalion XO, proceeded to the vicinity of bunker #11 in an effort to capture any VC remaining alive between the inner and outer wire. They were accompanied by the HQ Company Commander of the 5th Marines and a Vietnamese interpreter. The reaction force captured 8 VC; 4 of which were wounded. One died shortly after arriving at the Battalion Aid Station and another died at the 1st Medical Battalion after being evacuated. The POW's were turned over to 9th ITT for interrogation.

After the prisoners were brought in, a patrol was sent outside the wire (500-1000 meters) to search for bodies, weapons, equipment and any additional intelligence information. Items and equipment recovered from the prisoners and found by the patrol are listed in paragraph 10 of this report.

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- available, on call, but not requested.
15. What Radios Were Used: Normal communications (Radio and Wire) remained intact to both higher and subordinates elements throughout the action.
16. Estimated number of small arms rounds fired:

|         | <u>FRIENDLY</u> | <u>VC</u> |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| 0-3     | _____           | _____     |
| 4-10    | _____           | _____     |
| 11-30   | _____           | _____     |
| 31-100  | _____           | _____     |
| 101-300 | _____           | _____     |
| 301- +  | <u>X</u>        | <u>X</u>  |

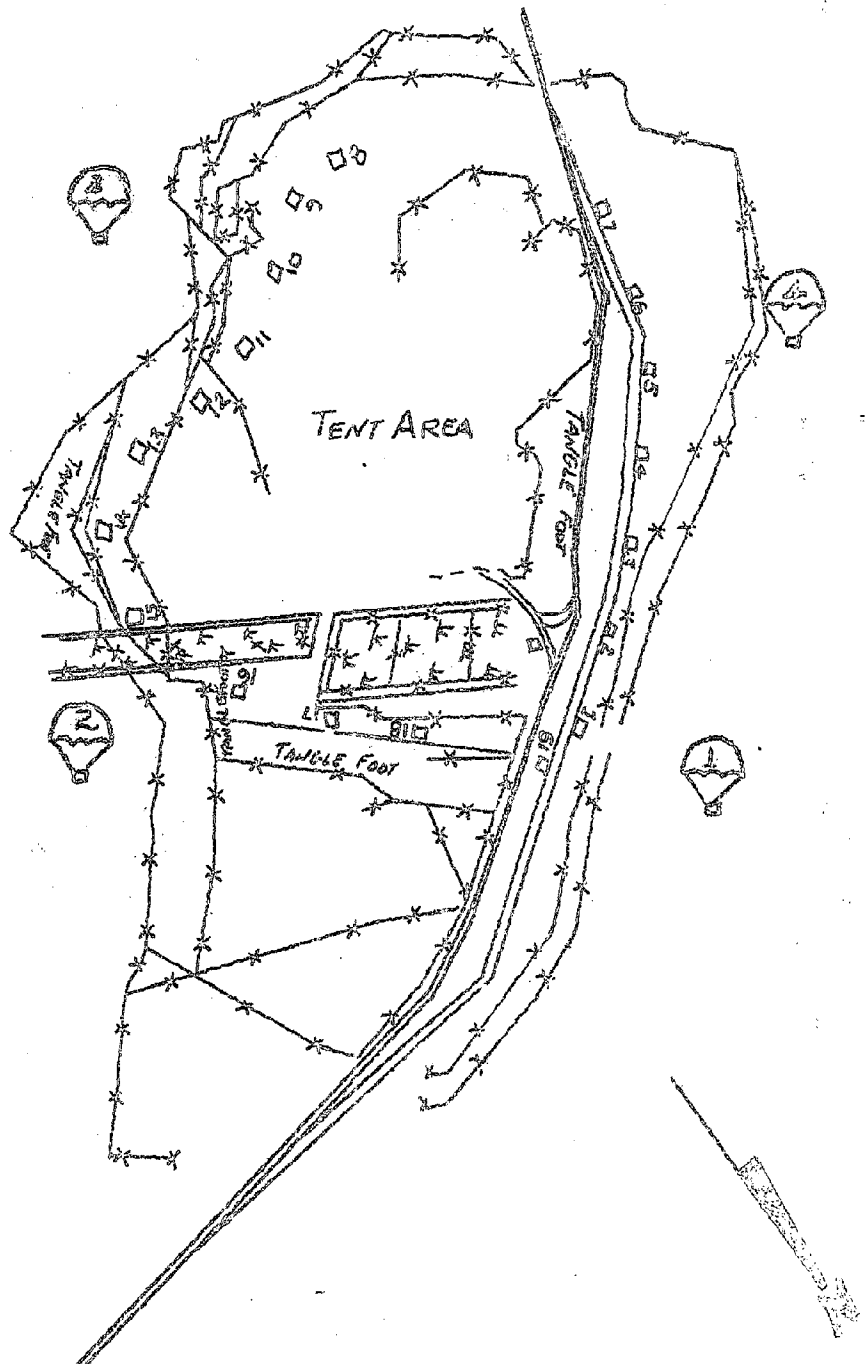
17. Estimated Number of Rounds Fired:

|           | <u>FRIENDLY</u>           | <u>VC</u>                    |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grenades  | <u>20</u>                 | _____                        |
| M-79      | _____                     | _____                        |
| 60mm Mort | _____                     | _____                        |
| 81mm Mort | <u>97</u>                 | <u>20-25</u> (82mm)          |
| 57 RR     | _____                     | _____                        |
| 75 RR     | _____                     | _____                        |
| Artillery | <u>884 Illum) 83 (HE)</u> | _____                        |
| Other     | _____                     | <u>1 Round RPG-2</u>         |
|           |                           | <u>4 Rifle Grenades</u>      |
|           |                           | <u>2 Bangalore Torpedoes</u> |

18. Did the VC use mines? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X
19. Distance at which action was initiated 30 meters.
20. What was the duration of the fire fight? 5 hrs.
21. Why was the engagement broken off?  
VC unable to exploit attack and withdrew.
22. Generally, what was friendly reaction and behavior? Timely and professional
23. Narrative Summary

The first indication of any possible enemy activity in the vicinity of 2/11 on the night of 12-13 January occurred at about 2030 when bunker #13 reported possible VC movement outside of the perimeter wire. Perimeter illumination was fired and the bunker reported sighting some movement well outside the wire. They were advised to keep the area under close surveillance and report any further activity. At about 2050 bunkers #1 and #2 reported possible VC movement outside the wire on their side of the position and called for illumination. The bunkers reported sighting what appeared to be people moving and taking cover. They were advised to keep the area under close surveillance and report any further activity. Bunkers #1 thru #5 continued to report possible activity outside the perimeter wire so the Battalion XO visited the bunkers at approximately 2115. While at the bunkers, the XO directed that illumination concentration #1 and #4 be fired simultaneously. Again some possible movement was detected and illumination concentration #4 was fired 3 more times and #1 once more during the period 2130 to 2200. By

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CG III MAF  
 TO SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES  
 INFO CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG TASK FORCE X RAY  
 FIRST FAG  
 ELEVENTH MARINES

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I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SECOND BN 11TH MARINES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY ON 13 JAN 67 WHILE ENGAGED IN DECISIVE COMBAT WITH THE ENEMY.

AN NVA SAPPER UNIT INITIATED A PROBE OF THE 2D BN 11TH MARINES PERIMETER ON 13 JANUARY AT 0223 THAT LASTED UNTIL 0700. SUPPORTED BY 82MM MORTARS AND RIFLE GRENADES THE VC ATTEMPTED TO BREACH THE DEFENSIVE WIRE AND ATTACK WITHIN THE POSITION. BY THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF A WELL PLANNED DEFENSE, ALERT AND IMAGINATIVE TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL, PROFESSIONAL FIRE DISCIPLINE AS EXHIBITED BY PERMITTING THE ENEMY TO GET WELL WITHIN THE KILLING ZONES BEFORE OPENING FIRE, AND OUTSTANDING EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORTING ARMS, THE DETERMINED ENEMY ATTACK WAS REPULSED. THE 2D BN 11TH MARINES INFLECTED SEVERE LOSSES TO THE ATTACKING NVA EN UNIT WHICH INCLUDED 23 VC KIA, 24 VC KIA PROBABLE, 7 VC PW, 14 WEAPONS, 80 GRENADES, 57 EXPLOSIVE CHARGES, AND 250 ROUNDS OF SA AMMO.

THE 2D BN 11TH MARINES HAD A WELL PLANNED, ALERT DEFENSE WHICH ROSE TO THIS CHALLENGE AND EXECUTED ITS MISSION IN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM AND THE U. S. MARINE CORPS. EVERY MAN INVOLVED IN THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT HAS REASON TO BE PROUD. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

LTGEN WALT SENDS.

TOR: 201200H/RUN/HAS/JAN 67

CCN: 321

WU: 201230H/HAS



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FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN  
TO THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES  
SECOND BN 11TH MARINES  
INFO CG TF X MAY  
11TH MARINES  
5TH MARINES

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REQ 3RD BN 5TH PASS TO CAC- K-4

1. HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT  
DISPLAYED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 13 JAN THAT RESULTED NOT  
ONLY IN REPULSING ENEMY ATTACKS BUT INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES  
AND LOSS OF EQUIPMENT. THESE RESULTS ARE INDICATIVE OF HIGHEST  
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE. REGRET I WAS UNABLE TO VISIT YOU TO  
EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

MGEN NICKERSON SENDS.

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FM CG TF XRAY  
TO SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES  
INFO FIRST FAG  
ELEVENTH MAR

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THE EFFECTIVE DEFENSE OF YOUR POSITION AGAINST THE WELL ORGANIZED  
FRIDAY THE 13TH SAPPER ATTACK, LEADING TO OVER 23 VC KILLED OR  
CAPTURED AT A COST OF ONLY 3 USMC WIA, WAS AN ACTION FOR WHICH  
YOUR COMMAND CAN BE JUSTIFIABLE PROUD. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.  
BGEN STILES SENDS.

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PRIORITY

FM ELEVENTH MARINES  
TO SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES

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MY SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE MASTERFUL DEFENSE OF  
YOUR POSITION. YOUR CONDUCT ON THE MORNING OF 13 JANUARY WAS  
AN OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF COURAGE AND INDICATES A HIGH DEGREE OF  
TRAINING AND PREPARATION. I AM PROUD TO SERVE IN THE SAME REGIMENT  
WITH YOU.

COL NORRIS SENDS.

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The information below is a direct quote from a letter written to the Battalion Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines from the District Chief's Office, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam:

"Distributing presents to the poor people of Ly Tin District furnishes them with happiness and enthusiasm."

The morning of the 22nd of January 1967 the District Chief, Lt. Duoc, from Ly Tin went to the hamlets of Khuong Binh and Tien-Xuan to distribute presents among 100 needy families of these farming hamlets.

Following the District Chief was Major Clatworthy-Carver\*, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Major Stanton, Adviser of Ly Tin, Captain Bell, Communities Leader (ie Civil Affairs Officer) of the 5th Marines, Gunnery Sergeant White, whose home county supplied the presents, and all of the office Chiefs of this District. The presents were packages containing much thick clothes, blankets, shoes, etc. from the people of Deely County, Georgia in the United States to their fellow citizens of Viet-Nam."

This information, in addition to being included in a letter to the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was used as the basis for a radio broadcast over the local Vietnamese radio stations in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces.

\*Actually the Battalion Commander is Lt. Col. I. L. Carver and Major Clatworthy is the operations Officer. Maj. Clatworthy represented Lt. Col. Carver when the clothes were distributed and this caused the confusion in the names.