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HEADQUARTERS
3d Battalion, 11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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30 September 1966

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

Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1st Marine Division 5750-6)

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 - 30 September 1966.

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Missions fired during the entire period are as follows:

Targets of Opportunity	117
Preparation Fires	19
Harassing and Interdiction Fires	49
Registrations	11
Defensive Concentrations	35
Fire for Effect Missions	3
TOTAL	224 Missions

Total rounds expended 4789
 Surveillance 146 Confirmed KIA
 114 Confirmed WIA
 62 Probable KIA

f. Close Combat.

(1) 161841 "G" Battery located at coordinates 636 996 received 20 rounds of incoming automatic weapons, 1st Bn 7th Marines fired 8 81mm rounds and 100 rds of small arms ammunition. There was no further surveillance.

(2) 120915 Headquarters 3/11 located at coordinates 551 003 heard movement approximately 50 meters from perimeter wire, called for illumination, one man was spotted running away, 10 rounds of small arms were fired. There was no further surveillance.

(3) 110830 "G" Battery located at coordinates 633 996 received 5 incoming small arms rounds.

(4) 072330 "G" Battery located at coordinates 634 939 received incoming tear gas. A patrol swept the area with negative results.

(5) 042150 "I" Battery located at coordinates 571 956 received 1 sniper round. There were 3 rounds of small arms fire returned with negative results.

(6) 031530 "G" Battery located at coordinates 633 992 received 10 rounds of small arms fire, the battery was alerted. A patrol from 1/7 was sent out with negative results.

(7) 081950 "G" X-Ray located at coordinates 729 539 reported that 7 casualties were taken from an explosion from a mine. Personnel that were injured were putting up the FDC tent when a mine was detonated by a trip wire.

(8) 252315 Whiskey Battery located at coordinates 550 009 received a fragmentation grenade on one of the security observation posts. 1 marine was WIA, 100 rounds of small arms were expended, 3-4 VC were sighted.

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3d Battalion CP	BT549010
Battery G	BS633992
Battery H	BS500032
Battery I	BS568957
Mortar Battery	BS550009

h. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. Nothing significant to report.

i. Logistics. Major logistics effort during this month was planning support for two operations outside the TAO (KHAM DUC & PHASNO-GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1).

(1) SUPPLY. The supply fill rate was 50%. There was difficulty in procurement of mount-out packaging materials, motor transport parts, and bore cleaner.

(2) MOTOR TRANSPORT. A continuing effort is being made to lower the combat deadline. This program is being hampered by a shortage of spare parts and qualified motor transport personnel.

(3) MESS MANAGEMENT and MEDICAL SERVICES. There were no significant occurrences in this area.

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- a. Unit: 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
- b. Location: Chu Lai Combat Base, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered: 1 September 1966 to 30 September 1966.
- d. Command & Staff

Battalion Commander

Lt Col R. E. YOUNG

Battalion Executive Officer

Major R. L. McDaniel

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Lt. R. L. HANDEL

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WO L. A. SMITH

S-3

Major E. R. ALVES

S-4

Lt. P. M. MILLER

CO, Headquarters Battery

Captain T. E. McALROY (22-30 Sept)

CO, Battery G

Captain MORGAN

CO, Battery H

Captain J. D. KELLY

CO, Battery I

Captain T. A. McALROY (1-22 Sept)

CO, 107 Mortar Battery

Lt. PLACHY (22-30 Sept)

Captain T. A. GIBBS

Captain P. G. SCHLAF

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

a. During the period 1 - 30 September 1966 the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines provided artillery support to the 7th Marines at the Chu Lai Combat Base. Although fire support was reduced by the absence of two batteries during most of the period covered, support continued to be provided to the 7th Marines by a redistribution of personnel and artillery pieces.

MISSIONS FIRED

Total missions fired during September	931
Targets of Opportunity	198
Preparation Fires	35
Harassing and Interdiction	418
Registrations	11
Defensive Fires	80
Fire for Effect Missions	189
Total Missions	931
Total Rounds Expended	8,230
Surveillance - Confirmed KIA	146
Confirmed WIA	102
Probable KIA	75
Probable WIA	2
Secondary Explosions	13

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Losses	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	1	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
Administrative	6	69	0	2
Replacements	8	76	1	3

Prisoners of War. None.

Morale and Personal Services. Morale remains at a high level. Movies are shown nightly and mail delivery continues to be good.

Promotions:

SSgt to Lt	1
SSgt to GySgt	1
Sgt to SSgt	4
Cpl to Sgt	14

Awards and Decorations. Purple Hearts - 4b. Administration. No difficulties were encountered.c. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.d. Training. Nothing significant to report.e. Special Operations.

(1) On 7 September 1966 a Battery Group consisting of a command group from "H" Battery, 4 105mm howitzers and 2 4.2 mortars (M-30) was detached and air lifted to KHAM DUC coord 005 086 in support of a reconnaissance mission. On 17 September 1966 the Battery Group returned to the Combat Base, was disbanded and units returned to their parent units. There were a total of 80 missions fired, 6 were targets of opportunity and 73 were harassing and interdiction fires. A total of 1402 rounds were expended.

(2) On 8 September 1966 "G" Battery departed the Combat Base and proceeded to QUANG NGAI (coord 645 728) where 2 155mm howitzers of "M" Battery forward were attached to form a battery groupment. The battery groupment proceeded to the MQ DUC area and took up a battery position in the vicinity of (coord 711 603) and provided support to Operation FRESNO. At 1200 8 September 4 105mm howitzers were displaced to (coord 729 538) to continue to provide support to Operation FRESNO. Bridge capability prevented the movement of the 155mm howitzers from the first position. On 10 September the 2 155mm howitzers returned to QUANG NGAI, took up a position in the vicinity of (coord 603 722) and remained in support of operation FRESNO. Operation FRESNO was completed at 170001H and Operation GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 was commenced in the same general area. On 18 September 1966,

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APPENDIX A (list of references) to enclosure (1) (Command Chronology for 3d Bn 11th Marines).

References

- a. Maps: RVN 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, sheets 6755I, 6755II, 6756III (Quang Ngai)
- b. Maps: RVN 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, sheets 6557I, 6557II, 6557III and 6557IV (KHAM DUC)
- c. Maps: RVN 1:50,000 AMS series L7014 Sheets 6739 (I-IV).

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APPENDIX B (Documentation) to Enclosure (1) (Command Chronology for 3d Bn
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Documents

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[REDACTED]
S-1 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Chu Lai Combat Base
300001H Sep 66 to 302400H Sep 66

010800 JOURNAL OPENED
081730 Following personnel WIA by mine - 6 WIA, 7 WIA
091740 2dLt .. C. DOODY KIA by booby trap. Two men WIA same action
232000 One enlisted WIA

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S-2 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Chu Lai Combat Base
010800H Sep 1966 to 010800H Oct 1966

 010800 JOURNAL OF THE
010800-300300 Submitted ITSUM to 11th Marines S-2
Daily - 1200 Daily promulgated challenge and password.
252315 Whiskey Btry (107mm) 3/11 received 1 grenade resulting
in 1 KIA friendly.
252315 Hq 3/11 outpost received 2 rounds of small arms.
260600 Conducted search of area in vicinity of Whiskey Battery
and Hq Battery with negative results.

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S-3 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
Chu Lai Combat Base
010001H Sep 66 to 302400H Sep 66

010001 JOURNAL OPENED

012400 Fired 2 missions during the day expended 49 rounds.

022400 Fired 8 missions during the day expended 138 rounds.

032400 Fired 6 missions during the day expended 85 rounds.

042400 Fired 4 missions during the day expended 165 rounds.

052400 Fired 13 missions during the day expended 169 rounds.

050945 CO, Battery "H" reported 4 guns have CSMO for airlift to KHAM DUC.

051027 CO, Whiskey Battery reported 2 guns CSMO for airlift to KHAM DUC.

051250 2 guns from Battery "I" moved to Battery "H".

062400 Fired 5 missions during the day expended 175 rounds.

070500 Battery "H" departed for airstrip.

070700 Golf X-ray departed for Operation FREEDOM.

071605 Fire Cap Golf X-ray coord 645 728, Az 1500, 4-105mm How, 2 155mm How.

072400 Fired 17 missions during the day, expended 113 rounds.

081408 Whiskey Battery displaced 2 guns to "G".

081515 Fire Cap Golf, coord 6331 9921, AZ 2400, 1-105mm How, 2 107mm Mortar

081645 Golf X-ray displacing to new position.

081900 Golf X-Ray reported Med Evac for 7 personnel wounded by mine while erecting FDC tent.

082400 Fired 9 missions during the day, expended 194 rounds.

090110 Fire Cap from Golf X-Ray coord 729 538, 4-105mm How.

092400 Fired 4 missions during the day, expended 243 rounds.

102400 Fired 13 missions during the day, expended 332 rounds.

112400 Fired 33 missions during the day, expended 485 rounds.

122400 Fired 12 missions during the day, expended 437 rounds.

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 010001H Sep 66 to 302400H Sep 66

132400 Fired 3 missions during the day, expended 205 rounds.
 142400 Fired 23 missions during the day, expended 490 rounds.
 152400 Fired 21 missions during the day, expended 457 rounds.
 161040 Hotel X-Ray at KHAM DUC displacing to return to base camp position.
 161105 Fire Cap Whiskey coord 550 009 , 4-107mm Mortar.
 162021 Hotel X-Ray returned to base camp
 162400 Fired 14 missions during the day, expended 280 rounds.
 172400 Fired 16 missions during the day, expended 238 rounds.
 182400 Fired 12 missions during the day, expended 283 rounds.
 192400 Fired 37 missions during the day, expended 804 rounds.
 202400 Fired 37 missions during the day, expended 432 rounds.
 212400 Fired 26 missions during the day, expended 480 rounds.
 222400 Fired 28 missions during the day, expended 579 rounds.
 232400 Fired 13 missions during the day, expended 583 rounds.
 242400 Fired 6 missions during the day, expended 249 rounds.
 252400 Fired 29 missions during the day, expended 428 rounds.
 262400 Fired 18 missions during the day, expended 522 rounds.
 270910 Fire Cap Golf X-Ray, coord 712 604, 6 105's in position.
 271410 Fire Cap India, 6 105's in position.
 271730 Fire Cap Golf X-Ray coord 633 992 (Base Camp)
 272400 Fired 30 missions during the day, expended 379 rounds.
 281100 Whiskey Battery received 2 howtars from Golf Battery
 282400 Fired 14 missions during the day, expended 153 rounds.
 292400 Fired 0 missions during the day, expended 0 rounds.
 302400 Fired 4 missions during the day, expended 23 rounds.
 302400 JOURNAL CLOSED

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300001H Sep 1966 to 302400H Sep 1966

071300 Battery "H" departed for KHAM DUC.
080800 Battery "G" departed for "Operation FRESNO"
161500 Battery "H" returned from KHAM DUC
170700 Ammo resupply convoy departed for "G" X-Ray at MO DUC
171615 Ammo resupply convoy returned from MO DUC
210700 Ammo resupply convoy departed for "G" X-Ray at MO DUC
211615 Ammo resupply convoy returned from MO DUC.

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