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1st Marine Division, (Rein) FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May 1967 to 31 May 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 14th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol A. S. RUGGIERO

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Battery "G"

Battery "H"

Battery "I"

107mm Mortar Battery

1stLt K. J. EGE
1-31 May
Capt P. G. SCHARF
1-31 May
Capt H. F. GOTARD
1-31 May
Capt P. J. MORGAN
1-10 May
Capt J. E. DILLON
10-31 May
Capt R. A. HEATH
1-31 May

UNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13 Marines
(Under OPCON 1-5 May)

Capt J. V. BRENNAN

Detachment, Battery "K"
4th Battalion, 11th Marines
(Under OPCON 1-2 May)

2ndLt K. A. KOELLN

3rd Plt, 1st Armored Amphibian Company
(Under OPCON 21-25 May)

2d Lt ROBERSON

2. LOCATION

1-31 May: Da Nang, Quang Nam, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion X.O.

Battalion Liaison Officer

S-1 Personnel Officer

S-2

Major T. F. GRAY
1-31 May
Major J. A. LIVINGSTONE
1-31 May
WO J. D. CURLEE
1-31 May
2ndLt K. E. PITCHER
1-23 May
1stLt M. W. HOWE
25-31 May

S-3

S-3A

S-4 Ordnance Officer

Survey/Metro Officer

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communications Officer

Medical Officer

Regimental Naval Gunfire LNO

Battalion Naval Gunfire LNO

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

OFF	ENL
30	625

USN

OFF	ENL
4	11

OTHER

OFF	ENL
0	

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M. D. JULIAN

1-31 May

Capt J. H. DILLON

1-10 May

Capt P. J. MORGAN

10-31 May

1stLt D. P. BURNS

1-31 May

2ndLt K. E. PITCHER

1-31 May

2ndLt S. P. RYAN

1-31 May

1stLt J. W. EVANS

1-31 May

Capt R. A. MATHIESEN

1-31 May

Lt M. L. FIALCO MC, USN

1-31 May

Lt R. W. KEELER, USN

1-10 May

Lt W. LONG, USN

11-31 May

Lt J. A. WELLS

1-31 May

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 and 2 May, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, with Battery "K", 4th Battalion 11th Marines and Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines under its operational control was in direct support of the 7th Marines (Rein) in that portion of the DaNang TAOR occupied by battalions of the 7th Marines and 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. On 2 May, Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines reverted to the operational control of its parent battalion. From 2 to 5 May, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines with Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines still under its operational control continued in direct support of the 7th Marines (Rein). On 5 May, Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines became part of Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. During the period from 5 May to 31 May, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in the area of the DaNang TAOR occupied by the battalions of the 7th Marines. As the month began, Battery "H" was still located at coordinates AT 921795. Battery "G" at coordinates AT 933463. Battery Group "I" (Battery "I" plus the platoon of Battery "K" located at Battery "I" position.) was located at coordinates AT 882580. Mortar Battery was at coordinates AT 988649. Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines reverted to the operational control of its parent battalion and displaced its 4 155mm SP Howitzers to a position adjacent to Battery "I". The Battery Group "I" was dissolved at this time. As Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines moved to the embarkation area, the boundaries of the 7th Marines Battalions changed and the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines occupied the area vacated by the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. To support the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, Battery "G" displaced on 5 May from coordinates AT 933633 and occupied the position vacated by Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines at coordinates AT 966619. On 9 May a platoon from Mortar Battery consisting of two (2) 4.2 inch M30 mortars and 25 Marines were helilifted to coordinates AT 815382 and assumed a reinforcing mission to Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. This platoon of mortars has remained there through 31 May. On 16 May, Battery "E" received 10 to 11 140mm rockets from the communist insurgents. Battery "H", though under fire, immediately commenced counter-rocket fires. Subsequent surveillance as verified by captured insurgents established that the timely, accurate counter-rocket fire of Battery "H" accounted for 13 insurgents killed in action and 31 unfired rockets captured. From 16 May to 18 May, Battery "I", reinforced by Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, supported Operation Webster from combat base positions. On 19 May, Battery "H", reinforced by Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines supported Operation Duval from combat base positions. From 21 May to 25 May, 3rd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company displaced from its base position to coordinates AT 827856 and assumed the mission of direct support of Task Force 1/7 for Operation Duval.

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MISSIONS FIRED IN DA NANG COMBAT AREA

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED	3,828
Targets of Opportunity	203
Harassing and Interdiction	3,316
Registrations	89
Defensive Targets	92
Fire for Effect Missions	115
Prep Fires	13
TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED	18,618 Rounds.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
Losses	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
Administrative	1	27	0	0
Replacements	5	85	0	0
Prisoners of War	None			

Morale and Personnel Service. Morale remains at a high level. Mail service is good and movies are shown six nights per week.

Promotions.

to 1st Lt	1
to SSgt	2
to Cpl	29
to LCpl	3

Awards and Decorations.

Bronze Star	1
Navy Commendation Medal	3
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross	1
Purple Heart	6

Discipline.

1 Spl Cm	Article violation 92	Finding guilty
1 Spl CM	Article Violation 123	Finding guilty
1 SCM	Article violation 92	Finding guilty
1 SCM	Article violation 103	Finding guilty

b. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

c. Organization and Operations. Operation Webster which lasted from 16 to 18 May was supported by Battery "I" from their normal position on Hill 65. The initial stage of Operation Duval on 19 May was supported by Battery "H" from their permanent position.

d. Training. An extensive 3 day replacement orientation course was initiated. During the month the course was run 3 times and a total of 53 Marines completed it. The course includes fam firing of both the M-14 and M-16 rifles in addition to 14 hours of classroom presentation. Familiarization training with the M-16 rifle was completed in all batteries.

e. Supply, Motor Transport and Logistics. The construction of 15 tin roofed huts, a galley, pot shack, and garbage shack were the main events during this period. Basic improvements of all battery positions was continued throughout this period.

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f. Medical, Messing and Other Services. The improvement of messing facilities as a result of the above noted construction was the only thing significant in this area during the month.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. Conducted MEDCAP at the Battalion Command Post and treated 77 Vietnamese for various minor ailments. Continued support of LeDong School constructed by 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines in Yan Ne (1) at 987663 which provides instruction in grades 1 through 4 for 60 students ages 6 to 11. Donated 33 school kit refills.

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DOCUMENTATION TO COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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JOURNAL

S-1 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Area
010001H May 67 to 312400H May 67

010001 Journal opened
040800 Dp 1stLt GRAY
051630 Jd 2ndLt HELDRECH
071600 Jd 2ndLt SMITH
160100 6 WIA, Battery H
191300 Col NORRIS presented awards to LtCol RUGGLIERO (Bronze Star); Maj LIVINGSTONE (Navy Commendation Medal); 1stLt GRIMM (Navy Commendation Medal).
230800 Appt 1 2ndLt to 1stLt
241630 Jd 1stLt HOWE
301600 Jd Maj JOHNSON
311200 Jd Capt JONES
311300 Red 6 Purple Heart awards for Battery H
312400 Journal closed

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JOURNAL

S-2 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Area
010001H May 67 to 312400 May 67

010001H

Journal opened for month of May 67

011200H - 311200H

Challenge and password promulgated

181000H

100mm Mortar Battery, while unloading trash at dump (AT 991673) noticed Vietnamese had peculiar sacks. A shakedown was conducted and the following items were recovered: 1 electrical set for claymore mine; 12-.45 caliber rounds; 2-.45 caliber magazines; 10-.30 caliber M4 rounds; 2-12 gauge shotgun shells; 5-40mm rounds; 2 5.56mm rounds; 1-.30 caliber carbine rounds; 1 unidentified round; 6 BA-30 batteries and 1 fuse igniter. All items were taken back to battery area. No check of identification of Vietnamese was made.

221020H

From Hotel Battery Commanding Officer, intelligence report concerning Fire Mission TH 343: Early morning of 16 May 67, agents of 2/7 reported contact with approx. 200 NVA troops and stated several were wearing blood soaked bandages. The breakdown, according to agents, is as follows: 13 KIA (NVA), 15 WIA (NVA). NVA in progress of reconing new rocket site.

24,615H

Hotel Battery heard several shots fired in the village (AT 925797). The reactionary squad was formed and proceeded to the area. The chief of police was contacted. He stated that 2 VC, one with a .45 caliber pistol, one with a submachine gun of unknown origin had been in the village. He had fired 5 shots at them but there was no indication of either VC being wounded. The chief of police turned over a large cache of the following materials: 1 M18A1 antipersonnel claymore mine PA-30-11-A dated 763; 9 M-26 fragmentation grenades; 4 Chicom grenades; 8" of primer cord; documents and detailed map of Da Nang airstrip; 2 .45 caliber pistol magazines; 7 .45 caliber rounds; 4 sonic intrusion devices; 1 home made detonation device; 1-7.62 cartridge belt; 2-7.62 magazines; 70-7.62mm rounds; 3-.38 caliber special rounds; 1 supplementary charge TNT; 2 cases of pears in U.S. marked boxes; 30 BA-30s and civilian batteries; tools included: 1 saw; 1 screwdriver; 1 wire cutter; 2 shelter halves; 2 blankets; 20 sandbags; 1 nightlighting device; nuts and bolts and wood screws. The village chief also stated there are 2 prostitutes in the area from Saigon that are spies for the VC. All items and information forwarded to 2/7 S-2.

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JOURNALS-2 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Area
010001H May 67 to 312400H May 67

242320H

Received from Hotel Battery: 2/7 has captured 1 VC who resides at house mentioned in earlier spot report. He is a member of Sapper/Assassination unit, planned to use ordnance on vehicles traveling Route Adjacent to this unit.

312400H

Journal closed

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JOURNAL

3-3 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
 Da Nang Combat Area
 010001H May 67 to 312400H May 67

010001H Opened Journal

012400H Fired 202 missions expending 853 rounds.

022400H Fired 158 missions expending 787 rounds.

032400H Fired 155 missions expending 668 rounds.

042400H Fired 126 missions expending 562 rounds.

052400H Fired 120 missions expending 546 rounds.

061505H SPOTREP from 1/7. Combat patrol tripped 1 anti-personnel mine in thick underbrush. Crater was 16" wide 12" deep. Unknown type explosive. 1 USMC WIA, MEDIVAC. A search of the area provided no further results.

062400H Fired 122 missions expending 542 rounds.

072400H Fired 120 missions expending 435 rounds.

082400H Fired 117 missions expending 668 rounds.

092400H Fired 106 missions expending 595 rounds.

102400H Fired 121 missions expending 669 rounds.

111025H SPOTREP from 3/11. Two Vietnamese males approx 8-10 years old observed in vicinity of wire perimeter and appeared to be digging. Reactionary force sent out discovered 1 sonic listening device missing, and the Vietnamese disappeared into the treeline. 51st ARVN were requested to sweep area.

112400H Fired 114 missions expending 686 rounds.

122400H Fired 118 missions expending 531 rounds.

132400H Fired 97 missions expending 418 rounds.

142400H Fired 125 missions expending 700 rounds.

152400H Fired 904 missions expending 695 rounds.

160340H SPOTREP From Hotel Battery. Received 10 to 11 rounds 140mm rocket fire, and 1 dud, mixed with intermediate small arms sniper fire. 6 USMC WIA. Returned 300 105mm HE rounds. Surveillance to follow.

162445H Received follow-up on Hotel's SPOTREP. Units have found 31 launchers, 16 servicable rockets, 24 fired and used launchers, and 47 launching positions.

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Da Nang Combat Area
010001H May 67 to 312400H May 67

162400H Fired 101 missions expending 1200 rounds.

172400H Fired 100 missions expending 804 rounds.

181450H SPOTREP from ~~Hotel~~ Battery. While at dump, it was noticed by men on trash detail that some Vietnamese were carrying unusual sacks. A shakedown was conducted with the following results: items recovered were 1 electrical test set for claymore mines; 12-.45 cal rounds; 2 magazines for .45 caliber pistols; 10-.30 cal M-1 rounds; 2-12 gauge shotgun shells; 5-40mm M-79 rounds; 2-5.62mm rounds; 1-.30 cal round for carbine; 1 unidentified round; 6 BA-30 batteries and 1 fuze igniter. No check was made of Vietnamese identification.

182400H Fired 163 missions expending 546 rounds.

192400H Fired 114 missions expending 552 rounds.

202400H Fired 132 missions expending 543 rounds.

212400H Fired 112 missions expending 498 rounds.

221020H Received surveillance from mission fired on the morning of 16 May 1967 by Hotel Battery in counter rocket defense fire: 13 NVA KIA, 15 NVA WIA.

222400H Fired 148 missions expending 842 rounds.

232400H Fired 107 missions expending 270 rounds.

241615H SPOTREP from Hotel Battery. Several shots were heard fired in village at grid 925 797. A reactionary squad was formed and sent to the area. There was seemingly no further activity in the area and contact was made with the village chief of police, who said he fired 5 shots at 2 VC, one with a .45 cal pistol and one with a submachine gun of unknown origin. There was no indication of either being wounded. He then turned over a large cache of materials to the unit. It included the following: 1 M18A1 anti-personnel claymore mine; 9 M-26 fragmentation grenades; 4 Chicom grenades; 8 inches of primed cord; documents and detailed map of Da Nang airstrip; 2-.45 cal pistol magazines; 7-.45 cal rounds; 4 sonic intrusion devices; 1 home made detonation device; 1-7.62mm cartridge belt; 2-7.62mm magazines; 70-7.62mm rounds; 1-.38 cal special round; 1 supplementary charge of TNT; 2 cases of pens in U.S. marked boxes; 30 BA-30s and civilian batteries; one saw, one axe, driver; 1 wire

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JOURNAL

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 Da Nang Combat Area
 010001H May 67 to 312400H May 67

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 2 shelter halves; 2 blankets; 20 sandbags; 1
 night lighting device; nuts and bolts and wood screws.
 The village chief also said that there were two
 prostitutes in the area from Siagon who were spies
 for the VC. This information was passed on to the
 proper authorities.

242320

SPOT REP From Hotel Battery. 2/7 has captured 1 VC
 who resides in house mentioned in earlier Spot Rep.
 He is a member of a ~~sapper~~ assassination unit, planned to
 use ordnance on vehicles traveling route adjacent to
 this unit.

242400H

Fired 149 missions expending 535 rounds.

252400H

Fired 124 missions expending 584 rounds.

262400H

Fired 126 missions expending 499 rounds.

272400H

Fired 105 missions expending 608 rounds.

282400H

Fired 124 missions expending 451 rounds.

292400H

Fired 122 missions expending 561 rounds.

302400H

Fired 166 missions expending 476 rounds.

312359H

Fired 102 missions expending 390 rounds.

312400H

Journal closed.

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JOURNALS-4 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Area
010001H May 67 to 312400H May 67

010001 Opened journal

090730 2 Guns from "W" Battery departed for operation at
 An Hoa

140800 FMF PAC MT ASST TEAM arrived

251600 MCB-4 completed construction projects; 15 tin roofed
 huts, 1 galley, 1 pot shack, 1 garbage shack.

311500 Completed change of gun crews at "W" Battery X-Ray
 position.

312400 Journal closed.

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