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HEADQUARTERS  
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
1st Marine Division, (Rein) FMF  
APO San Francisco, California, 96602

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June to 30 June 1967

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5720.2B

Encl: (1) 3rd 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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3rd Bn/11th Div

Cmd Chron

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June 1967 to 30 June 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

COMMANDERA. S. RUGGIERO  
1-29 June  
G. T. BALZER  
29-30 JuneSUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Battery "G"

Battery "H"

Battery "I"

107mm Mortar Battery

1stLt K. J. EGE  
1-3 June  
Capt J. D. JONES  
4-30 June  
Capt P. G. SCHARF  
1-30 June  
Capt H. F. GOTARD  
1-30 June  
Capt J. H. DILLON  
1-30 June  
Capt R. A. HEATH  
1-30 June2. LOCATION

1-30 June: Da Nang, Quang Nam, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion X.O.

Battalion Liaison Officer

S-1 Personnel Officer

S-2

S-3

S-3A

S-4 Ordnance Officer

S-5

Major T. F. GRAY  
1-5 June  
Major O. K. JOHNSON, JR.  
6-30 June  
Major J. A. LIVINGSTONE  
1-30 June  
WO J. D. CURLEE  
1-30 June  
1stLt M. W. HOWE  
1-30 June  
Major M. D. JULIAN  
1-30 June  
Capt P. J. MORGAN  
1-30 June  
1stLt D. P. BURNS  
1-30 June  
Lt R. W. KEELER USN  
1-30 June

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Survey/Metro Officer

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communication Officer

Medical Officer

Regimental Naval Gunfire LNO

Battalion Naval Gunfire LNO

2ndLt K. E. PITCHER

1-30 June

2ndLt S. P. RYAN

1-30 June

1stLt J. W. EVANS

1-30 June

Capt R. A. MATHIESEN

1-10 June

Capt L. K. RUSSELL

10-30 June

Lt M. L. FIALCO

1-30 June

Lt W. LONG USN

1-30 June

LtJg J. A. WELLS USN

1-30 June

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
38	602	4	11	0	1

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 June 1967, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in that portion of the Da Nang TAOR occupied by their battalions. All batteries remained in their present positions throughout the month. Headquarters Battery, located at coordinates AT 988652, Battery "G" located at coordinates AT 966619, Battery "H", located at coordinates AT 921795, Battery "I", located at coordinates AT 882580, Mortar Battery, located at coordinates AT 988652, two (2) 4.2 inch mortars still located at coordinates AT 988649, reinforcing Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. From 10-12 June, Battery "M", which is in general support, reinforcing the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, was assigned a mission of direct support for operation BUTLER from its combat base. During 13-19 June 1967, the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines formed an Artillery Group to support operation ARIZONA. The Artillery Group consisted of the following units: Detachment Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battery "I", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines; 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery; one (1) Platoon, Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; 1st Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery; Detachment Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines (Searchlights); Battery "G", 29th Artillery (Searchlights); 2nd Platoon, 1st Armored Amphibian Company. Batteries "I", "K", "E", and 1st Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery supported operation ARIZONA from their present combat bases. Detachment Battery "M", 2nd Platoon, 1st ALVT, Detachment Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines, and Detachment Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Group moved from their normal combat bases to the vicinity of Battery "I" to support operation ARIZONA. The 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery moved to coordinates 921 795 and Battery "G", 29th Artillery moved to blocking positions to support the operation. The operation terminated on 22 June 1967. On 18 June 1967, Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, one section 1st ALVT's and 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery formed an Artillery Group to support operation BROWN. This group was located at Battery "G" permanent position. Battery "G" was relieved as the Command Group by Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at 191800H June 67. The section of 1st ALVT's was released from the operation at 201530H. Operation BROWN terminated at 221400H June 67. On 29 June 1967, LtCol GEORGE T. BALZER relieved LtCol A. S. RUGGIERO as 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Commanding Officer. Immediately following the change of command ceremony, the 275,000th round to be fired by 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines since arriving in Vietnam was loaded by LtCol RUGGIERO and fired by Colonel G. E. MORRIS, 11th Marines Commander.

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3 July 1967~~SECRET~~MISSIONS FIRED IN DA NANG COMBAT AREA

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED-----4,752

Targets of Opportunity----- 250

Harassing and Interdiction-----4,206

Registrations----- 76

Defensive Targets----- 94

Fire for Effect Missions----- 47

Prep Fires----- 53

F. O. School----- 28

TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED-----20,546 Rds.

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## PART III .

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSa. Personnel and Administration

<u>Losses</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	0	1	0	0
Non-battle	0	0	0	0
Administrative	7	65	0	0
Replacements	5	45	0	0
Prisoners of War	None			

Morale and Personnel Service. Morale remains at a high level. Mail service is good and movies are shown seven nights weekly.

Promotions

To Sgt-----5

To Cpl-----53

To LCpl----26

Awards and Decorations

Purple Hearts-----2

Navy Commendation Medal----5

Bronze Star-----4

Discipline

1 Special Courts Martial, Art. 92	(Guilty)
1 Special Courts Martial, Art. 92	(Not Guilty)
1 Summary Courts Martial, Art. 134, 108	(Guilty)

15 Commanding Officers Non-Judicial Punishment

(1) Art. 86 UCMJ-----1

(2) Art. 92 UCMJ-----8

(3) Art. 111 UCMJ-----1

(4) Art. 113 UCMJ-----3

(5) Art. 134 UCMJ-----2

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b. Intelligence. There were no significant events to report.

c. Organization and Operations. Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, which is in general support, reinforcing the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, supported operation BUTLER during the period 10 to 12 June from its combat base. Operation ARIZONA, which was conducted during the period 14 to 22 June was supported by Detachment Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines; Detachment Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines; Detachment Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines (Searchlights; 2nd Platoon, 1st ALVT. Battery "I", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, and Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines supported the operation from their normal positions. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery supported this operation from Battery "G" normal combat base. Operation BROWN, which was conducted during the period 18 to 22 June, was supported by Battery "G", two (2) LVTH 6's and 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery from Battery "G" normal combat base.

d. Training. A two (2) hour class was held for all officers and staff NCO's on the M-16. Twenty-seven (27) Marines completed the Battalion's 3 day orientation course.

e. Supply, Motor Transport and Logistics. Support of operations against the insurgent Viet Cong constituted the only significant undertaking of this reporting period.

f. Medical, Messing and Other Service. No significant events to report.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. On 20 June, a 14 year old male amputee named Dong X was forwarded through the USOM hospital in Da Nang to Saigon for the fitting of an artificial leg. Dong X lost his leg when he stepped on a V.C. mine last fall. 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines made the arrangements for the project when they were in this position, and the project will be completed by this Battalion this month.

On 28 June the Battalion S-5 took a combined patrol of one squad of Marines and one squad ARVN in to a nearby hamlet. The villagers were called to a meeting and were told about civic activities of the Battalion. They were also told about the cooperation the Battalion anticipated getting from them. The meeting was highly successful with enthusiastic friendship being shown by the Vietnamese. Attendance at MEDCAPS has greatly increased.

During June:

53 Vietnamese civilians were treated under the MEDCAP program.  
1 Vietnamese was given evacuation assistance. 2440 Piasters were donated to the teacher of the LeDong school, attendance 60 Vietnamese children. The school is entirely supported by this Battalion.

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PART IV

DOCUMENTATION TO COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## JOURNAL

S-1 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Area  
010001H June 67 to 302400H June 67

010001	Journal opened
060800	Dp 1stLt EGE, CONUS
051300	Dp 1stLt CLARK, Camp Butler
080900	Dp 1stLt TIMM, CONUS
081400	Jd Capt RUSSEL
081500	Rec 3 Bronze Stars
100900	Dp Capt MATHIESON, CONUS
141300	Rec 1 Bronze Star
161300	Jd Lt RUANE
171400	Rec 1 Purple Heart
180900	Dp Maj GRAY, CONUS
181400	Jd Lt BLANCHARD
201300	Award Capt MORGAN Bronze Star
261200	Jd Lt BARRITEAU
291000	LtCol GEORGE T. BALZER relieved LtCol A. S. RUGGIERO as Battalion Commander.
302400	Journal Closed

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S-2 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
 Da Nang Combat Area  
 010001H June 67 to 302400H June 67

010001H Journal opened for month of June 1967

011200H Challenge and passwords promulgated.

131700H OP LAUGH observed an ARVN truck which detonated a mine at AT 993646. 2 injured persons were carried toward road. Notified 2nd Bn, 51st ARVN Regt and 3/11 BAS.

Unknown On 13 June 1967 Hq Btry, 3/11 reported 3 listening devices disappeared from inside the Bn perimeter protective wire at AT 990652. Devices were not in use because of a malfunction. The exact date of the incident cannot be determined. The devices will be replaced by Hq Btry ASAP.


140935H 3/11 vehicle was proceeding down road and noted 2 children signaling it to stop. Vehicle stopped and children had 1 81mm mortar round that they gave the Marines. Children then ran into rice paddy and returned with a 2nd 81mm mortar round. Children refused to accompany Marines to Hill 65 which was the destination of the Marines in order to obtain reward for the children. Children ran off, efforts to obtain their names was unsuccessful. 2 81mm rounds were turned over to I/3/11 which was located in the vicinity of the incident at AT 942657.

192015H OP LOU at AT 934663 reported 6 VC came into village, AZ 1310 down 100 meters from OP. VC blew approx 6 huts. OP observed outgoing tracer rounds and VC fled to the NE. CAC B-4 is in the area. 3/11 sent out reaction force.

251130H OP LAUGH at AT 990652 observed person going into tree line, AZ 2060 mls at range of about 3000 meters. In the next 15 minutes 4 shots were heard going by tower. Reported to Hq Btry CO and 11th Mar Regt.

Unknown On the afternoon of 26 June 1967, S-2 Officer, 2nd Bn, 51st ARVN Regt turned over two propaganda leaflets to the S-2 Officer, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar. These leaflets were found in the vicinity of Le Son (1). Leaflets forwarded to 11th Mar S-2 for processing.

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JOURNAL

S-2 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Area  
010001H June 67 to 302400H June 67

271440H

I/3/11 patrol found 76 rounds 7.62mm rifle ammo hidden in hole at BT 082524. A thorough search is being made in that vicinity.

281400H

Received Challenge and Passwords for the month of July 1967.

302400H

Journal closed.

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S-3 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
 Da Nang Combat Area  
 010001H June 67 to 302400H June 67

010001H	Opened Journal
012400H	Fired 157 missions expending 708 rounds.
022400H	Fired 123 missions expending 538 rounds.
032400H	Fired 126 missions expending 542 rounds.
042400H	Fired 132 missions expending 568 rounds.
052400H	Fired 143 missions expending 717 rounds.
062400H	Fired 132 missions expending 576 rounds.
072400H	Fired 152 missions expending 508 rounds.
082400H	Fired 168 missions expending 714 rounds.
092400H	Fired 139 missions expending 676 rounds.
102400H	Fired 150 missions expending 635 rounds.
112400H	Fired 150 missions expending 678 rounds.
122400H	Fired 194 missions expending 961 rounds.
132400H	Fired 131 missions expending 576 rounds.
142400H	Fired 139 missions expending 630 rounds.
152400H	Fired 199 missions expending 1210 rounds.
162400H	Fired 248 missions expending 971 rounds.
172400H	Fired 249 missions expending 1245 rounds.
182400H	Fired 160 missions expending 881 rounds.
192400H	Fired 189 missions expending 879 rounds.
201315H	A platoon sized combat patrol from "A" Co, 1st Bn, 7th Marines received 10-15 rounds sniper fire in vicinity of AT 971544. VC not seen. Returned 25 rounds 5.56mm. VC broke contact. While searching area, 1 VC was spotted 10 meters away. Challenged VC who ran west. Fired 5 rds 5.56mm killing 1 VC. When patrol left area, they received approx 30 rds sniper fire from west. Conducted Arty and air strikes. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 VC KIA.

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S-3 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Area  
010001H June 67 to 302400H June 67

202400H	Fired 190 missions expending 683 rounds.
212400H	Fired 181 missions expending 599 rounds.
222400H	Fired 130 missions expending 562 rounds.
232400H	Fired 176 missions expending 508 rounds.
242400H	Fired 127 missions expending 479 rounds.
252400H	Fired 111 missions expending 435 rounds.
262400H	Fired 136 missions expending 504 rounds.
272400H	Fired 154 missions expending 799 rounds.
282400H	Fired 161 missions expending 724 rounds.
292400H	Fired 162 missions expending 624 rounds.
302359H	Fired 134 missions expending 416 rounds.
302400H	Closed Journal.

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GENERAL

S-4 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Area  
010001H June 67 to 302400H June 67

011400 Helo-lifted 2 men to Hill 300 and returned.  
030730 Helo-lifted 8 men to Hill 29 and returned.  
070900 Helo-lifted 8 men to Hill 29 and returned.  
081300 Helo-lifted 12 men to Hill 300 and returned.  
120830 Helo-lifted 4 men to Hill 300 and returned.  
131300 Bn Command departed for operation ARIZONA.  
130900 Helo-lifted 8 men to Hill 29 and returned.  
171400 Bn Command returned from operation ARIZONA.  
211700 Helo-lifted 12 men to Hill 300 and returned.  
221600 Helo-lifted 1 man to Hill 300.  
271100 Helo-lifted 12 men and 200 lbs of gear to Hill 300 and returned.

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