

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol G. T. BALZER  
1-31 August

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Battery "G"

Battery "H"

Battery "I"

107mm Mortar Battery

Capt J. E. SELWAY  
1-31 August  
1st Lt S. G. BOWEN  
1-31 August  
Capt R. A. HEATH  
1-31 August  
Capt J. H. DILLON  
1-2 August  
1st Lt D. P. BURNS  
3-31 August  
Capt J. D. JONES  
1-31 August

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officer

Battalion Liaison Officer

S-1/Personnel Officer

S-2

S-3

S-3A

S-4/Ordnance Officer

Major G. K. JOHNSON, JR.  
1-31 August  
Capt P. G. SCHARF  
1-10 August  
Major W. W. BARTON, JR.  
11-31 August  
WO J. D. CURLEE  
1-31 August  
1st Lt M. W. HOWE  
1-31 August  
Major J. A. LIVINGSTONE  
1-31 August  
Capt H. F. GOTARD  
1-31 August  
Capt J. M. LUTTON  
1-31 August

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Survey/Metro Officer

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communications Officer

Medical Officer

Regimental Naval Gunfire LNO

Battalion Naval Gunfire LNO

1st Lt M. W. HOWE

1-31 August

GySgt R. L. RINEHART

1-31 August

2nd Lt S. P. RYAN

1-31 August

1st Lt J. W. EVANS

1-31 August

Capt L. E. RUSSELL

1-31 August

Lt IL V. ANGIOLETTI, USNR

1-31 August

Lt W. LONG, USNR

1-31 August

Lt J. A. WELLS, USNR

1-31 August

#### 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
38	554	3	11	0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 August, the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in that portion of the Da Nang TAOR occupied by its Battalions. The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines units were located as follows: Headquarters Battery at coordinates AT 988652; Battery "G" at coordinates AT 966619; Battery "I" at coordinates AT 882580; Battery "H" at coordinates AT 921759; Mortar Battery at coordinates AT 988652. Two 4.2 inch mortars were located at coordinates AT 815382, reinforcing Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. On 1 August, Battery "G" displaced from coordinates 966619 to a new combat base at coordinates 923691. On 18 August, 1967, 2-LVTH-6 from 1st Armored Amphibian Company displaced from their combat base to Battery "G" combat base to reinforce Battery "G". On 20 August, 1967, Headquarters and Mortar Batteries commenced to move from their combat base at AT 988652 to the 7th Marine Regiment combat base, at coordinates AT 967446. Mortar Battery called its tubes out of action at 211015H and was operational in the 7th Marines Regiment combat base at 211100H. Headquarters Command Group remained operational during its move and activated in the new combat base at 221445H. Operation "YAZOO" commenced at 270500H August 1967. Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines established an Artillery Command Group at Hill 55, in its normal combat base, becoming operational at 270500H August 1967. On 31 August 1967, Operation "YAZOO" continues.

MISSIONS FIRED IN DA NANG COMBAT AREA

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED-----	14,647
Targets of Opportunity-----	224
Harassing and Interdiction-----	13,558
Registrations-----	68
Defensive Fires-----	96
Fire for Effect Missions-----	675
Prep Fires-----	14
Counter Rocket Fires-----	0
FO School-----	12

TOTAL AMMUNITION EXPENDED-----66,553

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel and Administrations.

Losses	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
Administrative	4	27	0	3
Replacements	6	24	1	5

Prisoners of War: None

Morale and Personnel Service. Morale continues to remain at a high level. Mail service is excellent. Movies are scheduled to be shown nightly.

Promotions.                      to Cpl              35  
   to LCpl            39

Awards and Decorations.   Purple Heart    2

Discipline.            1 CO's NJP, violation Article 92 (UCMJ)

b. Intelligence. Nothing significant to report.

c. Organization and Operations. At 270500H Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines activated an artillery command group to support Operation "YAZOO". Battery "O" composed of two (2) 155 HOW (SP), two (2) LVTH-6, one (1) 155 Gun, and one (1) 8" HOW, was formed by the 11th Marines on 27 August 1967. Two LVTH-6 and two (2) 155 HOW (SP) were located at Hill 65, the Battery "K" combat base at this time. One (1) 8" HOW and one (1) 155 Gun moved to Hill 37, the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines combat base. Movement of this unit to its ultimate position at ZC 213557 was delayed by bridge damage in the vicinity of Hill 65. On 28 August, one (1) 8" HOW moved from Hill 37 and effected rendezvous with the two (2) LVTH-6 and two (2) 155 HOW (SP) at Hill 65. The 155 Gun, which was inoperable because of a gas leak, remained at Hill 37. Battery "O", minus the 155 Gun, effected a crossing at the damaged bridge site at 281300H and moved to its position area at ZC 213557. At 281458H Battery "O" became operational and chopped OPCON to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. On 29 August, the 155 Gun was repaired and moved to Hill 65, the Battery "K" combat base. At this time Phase II of Operation "YAZOO" was deferred indefinitely and the Commanding Officer, 11th Marines directed that the 155 Gun and 8" Howitzer be positioned at Hill 65. Accordingly, the 155 Gun remained at Hill 65 and the Commanding Officer, Battery "O" dispatched

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the 8" Howitzer to Hill 65 at 300630H. The 155 Gun and 8" Howitzer became operational as Battery "O" X-Ray at 301200H. On 31 August, Phase I of Operation "YAZOO" continued with Battery "K" providing supporting fires to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines; Phase II was still deferred and Battery "O" and Battery "O" X-Ray were providing reinforcing fires to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

d. Training. Six hours of school was conducted for Officers and Staff NCOs. 15 replacements attended the Battalion orientation course. 12 NCOs attended the 7th Marines' one week NCO Leadership Course. Six hours of legal school was conducted for Officers of this Battalion.

e. Supply, Motor Transport and Logistics. Nothing significant to report.

f. Medical, Messing and Civic Action. During the month of August, the Battalion Headquarters Medcap treated 101 persons. A roving Medcap was initiated into the nearby hamlet of Bich Bac (AT 993651) and met with great success. The Battalion continued to support the Le Dong School (AT 987659) and contributed miscellaneous items to the children of the school and in the hamlet of Bich Bac.

On the 21st of August, the Battalion commenced displacing from its CAAOR to Hill 55. This move abruptly terminated the normal civic activities of the Battalion. 2/51st ARVN has agreed to undertake responsibility for Le Dong with financial assistance from Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines is contemplating assuming the Medcap for Bich Bac provided it is determined that they have the capability for sustained support. Otherwise, responsibility for civic action in this organization's former sphere of influence will pass to 1st Marines.

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PART IV  
DOCUMENTATION TO COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1967 to 31 August 1967

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JOURNAL

B-1, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines  
Da Nang Combat Area  
010001H August 1967 to 312400H August 67

010001H Journal Opened  
010800H Dp Major JULIAN, CONUS  
030800H Dp Capt DILLON, CONUS  
041300H Jd 2nd Lt CAMPAIGNE  
050800H Jd Major BARTON  
060800H Received and awarded 2 Purple Hearts  
141300H Dp Capt SCHARF, CONUS  
170800H Jd 2nd Lt LINDWALL  
171300H Dp 1st Lt STEFL by SR w/sk to CO, Camp Butler  
270800H Jd 1st Lt ROUGHGARDEN, 2nd Lt KING, 2nd Lt VISSER  
301500H Jd Lt (USN) M. V. FERROTTI (TAD)  
312400H Journal closed

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JOURNAL

S-2, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

Da Nang Combat Base

010001H August 1967 to 312400H August 67

010001H

Journal opened for month of August 1967

011200H

G/3/11 Received 2 incoming rifle grenades from AT 923691 - 923704. Fired illumination and returned 81mm HE w/negative results.

112030H

G/3/11 (AT 922693) Received 2 rifle grenades and small arms fire from AT 923694. Fired 81mm illumination and 106mm round. Searched area at first light w/negative results.

212000H

G/3/11 Received 2 incoming rifle grenades at its OP AT 923694. Returned 100 rounds 7.62mm and 81mm illumination. Searched area w/negative results.

261330H

Received Challenges and Passwords for the month of September 1967

312400H

Journal Closed

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JOURNALS-3, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H August 1967 to 312400 August 67

010001H	Journal opened
012400H	Fired 225 Missions expending 984 rounds
022400H	Fired 277 missions expending 1298 rounds
032400H	Fired 334 missions expending 1230 rounds
042400H	Fired 340 missions expending 1283 rounds
052400H	Fired 322 missions expending 997 rounds
062400H	Fired 275 missions expending 857 rounds
072400H	Fired 296 missions expending 929 rounds
082400H	Fired 415 missions expending 1390 rounds
092400H	Fired 305 missions expending 1223 rounds
102400H	Fired 397 missions expending 1256 rounds
112400H	Fired 410 missions expending 1220 rounds
122400H	Fired 337 missions expending 1316 rounds
132400H	Fired 536 missions expending 2640 rounds
142400H	Fired 494 missions expending 2635 rounds
152400H	Fired 460 missions expending 2509 rounds
162400H	Fired 582 missions expending 3100 rounds
172400H	Fired 519 missions expending 2741 rounds
182400H	Fired 516 missions expending 2887 rounds
192400H	Fired 478 missions expending 2876 rounds
202400H	Fired 491 missions expending 2750 rounds
212400H	Fired 555 missions expending 2855 rounds
222400H	Fired 555 missions expending 2387 rounds
232400H	Fired 712 missions expending 3615 rounds

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JOURNAL

S-3, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H August 1967 to 312400 August 67

242400H	Fired 628 missions expending 2822 rounds
252400H	Fired 755 missions expending 3460 rounds
262400H	Fired 580 missions expending 2389 rounds
272400H	Fired 466 missions expending 2416 rounds
282400H	Fired 610 missions expending 3137 rounds
292400H	Fired 539 missions expending 2646 rounds
302400H	Fired 672 missions expending 2776 rounds
312400H	Fired 575 missions expending 2509 rounds
312400H	Journal Closed

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JOURNALS-4, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H August 1967 to 312400H August 67

010001H Journal opened

071000H Helo-lift to Hill 300 with gear

200730H HQ and "W" Battery started move to Hill 55

251700H Move to Hill 55 completed

270700H Operation "YAZOO" commenced

293330H Helo-lift to Hill 300, 13 men and 1000 lbs of gear.

291410H Return trip from Hill 300, 13 men and 1000 lbs of gear .

312400H Journal closed

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