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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol G. T. BALZER  
1-31 Jan

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Capt G. L. BORTLE  
1-31 Jan

Battery "B"

Capt J. E. DICKINS  
12-31 Jan

Battery "F"

1st Lt B. E. HILL  
12-31 Jan

Battery "G"

Capt R. T. PACE  
1-31 Jan

Battery "H"

Capt R. M. BROWN  
1-31 Jan

Battery "I"

Capt D. F. MILLER  
1-15 Jan

107mm Mortar Battery

Capt R. F. BUNCH  
16-31 Jan  
Capt R. F. BUNCH  
1-11 Jan  
Capt S. J. MACK  
12-31 Jan2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officer

Major W. H. COOPER  
25-31 Jan

Battalion Liaison Officer

Major J. F. SPANGLER  
1-31 Jan

Battalion Adjutant

1st Lt. J. C. FITZSIMMONS  
1-31 Jan

Personnel Officer

1st Lt. J. C. FITZSIMMONS  
1-22 Jan1st Lt. Z. [REDACTED]  
23-31 Jan

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Ordinance Officer

Survey/Metro Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Communication Officer

Medical Officer

Battalion Naval Gunfire LNO

Capt M. W. LEFAVOR

24-31 Jan

Major J. C. ADAMS

1-31 Jan

1st Lt. E. P. VISNER

1-31 Jan

Capt J. M. LUTTON

1-31 Jan

Capt J. M. LUTTON

1-31 Jan

W.O. G. R. HAMMOND

3-31 Jan

GySgt R. L. RINEHART

1-31 Jan

1st Lt. P. T. KEARNEY

1-31 Jan

Capt G. B. BARNETT

1-31 Jan

Lt. L. V. ANGIOLETTI, USNR

1-31 Jan

Lt. E. C. FOWLER

1-31 Jan

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

OFF ENL

48 651

USN

OFF ENL

4 11

OTHER

OFF ENL

0 0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 January the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of the 7th Marines in that portion of the Da Nang TAOR occupied by 7th Marine Battalions. The units of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines were located as follows: Headquarters Battery at coordinates AT 963619; Battery "G" at coordinates AT 923691; Battery "H" at coordinates AT 921795; Battery "I" at coordinates AT 883580; and Mortar Battery at coordinates AT 964618. Two 4.2 Inch Mortars were located at coordinates AT 815382 Reinforcing B Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

At 030230H Battery "G" came under mortar fire; approximately 30 rounds landed in the position. Golf fired counter-mortar fire. Two small explosions were observed at the suspected enemy mortar position. At 030230H, Battery "I" received incoming explosive devices. These explosive devices were delivered by making a reverse slope ramp with a charge placed behind the explosive device (thereby providing the force to propel the device). At 030400H, Da Nang Airfield came under rocket attack. Battery "G" reacted immediately returning counter rocket fire in less than 2 minutes. Further fire missions were given to Batteries "M", "K", "W", and 8". Batteries "K", "WT", and 8" did not fire because of a check fire. Known results of the counter rocket fire were 4 VC KIA, 21-122mm rockets and 1-140mm rocket recovered and numerous packs and equipment collected.

At 072210H, Battery "H" and FLC received enemy rocket fire. Flashes were observed and Battery "H" laid all Howitzers on the flashes and commenced firing direct fire. Corrections were given by forward observers at Battery "H" until rounds were on target. At 072213, a fire mission was processed (based on a 2ray intersection with FSCC clearance) and continuous fire was maintained until succeeding missions were passed down. Missions were fired on the rocket site and on enemy escape routes. The effects of the counter rocket fires were inconclusive. There was no report of captured enemy materiel.

On 10 Jan, the two 4.2 Inch Mortars located at coordinates AT 815382 displaced and moved to coordinates AT 876475 and were OPCON to the An Hoa complex under the control of the An Hoa Coordinator. On 26 Jan, these two mortars were attached to Battery "Q". On 12 Jan, Battery "F" (2nd Bn, 11th Marines) and Battery "B" (1st Bn, 12th Marines) were attached to the 3rd Bn, 11th Marines.

On 26 Jan, Battery "I" again received sachel charges propelled from an inclined plane system. No damage or casualties were caused by the sachel charges. Battery "F" received sachel charges from the inclined plane system on the evening of 28 January. Again, no casualties or property damage.

At 300142H, rockets landed at Battery "H" causing minor property damage and two casualties (one med-evac). Counter rocket fire was delayed by being

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unable to obtain a triangulation of the rocket site and by excessive delays in obtaining clearance on rocket site grids determined by inter-section. Once clearance was obtained both Batteries "G" and "H" fired on suspected rocket sites. Following these missions, Battery "H" fired an additional 14 missions on suspected escape routes.

A second rocket attack began at 300330H. Having an observer in position to observe the rocket site enabled Battery "G" to deliver immediate accurate fires. Five rockets were knocked out of the air with H.E. V.F. *EDD* and 3 secondary explosions were observed at the site. 155 Howitzers, of Mortar Battery 3/11, also fired on the rocket site. The next morning 4-122mm rockets and three rocket warheads were found at the rocket site.

A third rocket attack began at 300400H. 11th Marines sent a rocket site grid of AT 02026640 which was assigned to Battery "D" and Battery "F". Prior to firing the grid, a check fire was sent by 11th Marines.

At 310101H Mortar Battery 3/11 received twenty 82mm mortar rounds. The rounds landed outside the wire thereby being ineffective.

At 310340H rockets were launched from grids 061063, 966665, and 95346580. Batteries "B" and "F" fired at the first grid (Battery "F" had observation and adjusted fire onto the rocket site). Battery "G" fired the second grid. Batteries "I" and "K" fired the third grid.

#### MISSIONS FIRED IN DA NANG TAOR

TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED	20350
Targets of Opportunity	1085
Harassing and Interdiction	18164
Registrations	91
Defensive Fires	178
Fire for Effect	683
Prep Fires	14
Counter Rocket Fires	113
FO School	22
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	76717

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3 Jan 68 Btry "G" received incoming mortars

3 Jan 68 Btry "I" received incoming explosive devices

3 Jan 68 The Da Nang Air Base came under rocket attack; Btry "G" & Btry "M" returned counter rocket fire

4 Jan 68 Two 4.2" Mortars at WX Position attached to Btry "Q"

7 Jan 68 Btry "H" received incoming rockets

8 Jan 68 Btry "I" received one incoming grenade

10 Jan 68 Btry "I" received one incoming grenade

10 Jan 68 Two 4.2" Mortars at WX Position Song Song moved to An Hoa

12 Jan 68 Btry "B" 1st Bn, 12th Mar. attached to 3d Bn, 11th Mar.

12 Jan 68 Btry "F" 2nd Bn, 11th Mar. attached to 3d Bn, 11th Mar.

15 Jan 68 2½ ton truck from Btry "B" hit mine, truck destroyed

22 Jan 68 Btry "B" had one man wounded from stray round

26 Jan 68 Btry "I" received incoming sachel charges

28 Jan 68 Btry "F" received incoming sachel charges

30 Jan 68 The Da Nang area received three rocket attacks. Six Rockets landed at Btry "H" during the first attack. Btry "G" & Btry "H" fired counter-rocket fire after the first rocket attack, Btry "G" & 155 Howitzers of Mortar Battery responded to the second attack, and Btry "F" and Btry "B" were assigned to fire on the third attack site but did not because of a check fire

31 Jan 68 The Da Nang area came under rocket attack, Btrys "B", "F" & "G" fired counter-rocket fire

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DOCUMENTATION TO COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968

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Enclosure (1)



S-1, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

## JOURNAL

010001H	Journal Opened
011700H	Jd 2 ENL CONUS
030800H	DR 1 ENL CONUS
041300H	Jd 10 ENL CONUS
041600H	Jd 1 ENL CONUS
051300H	Jd 3 ENL CONUS
060800H	DR 4 ENL CONUS
061300H	Jd 1 ENL CONUS
070800H	DR 1 ENL CONUS
071240H	Jd 5 ENL CONUS
071530H	Jd 2 ENL CONUS
080800H	DR 1 OFF and 2 ENL CONUS
081200H	Jd 1 ENL CONUS
090800H	DR 1 ENL CONUS
091300H	Jd 3 ENL CONUS
091630H	Jd 1 ENL CONUS
101300H	Received and awarded 6 Purple Hearts
111145H	Jd 1 ENL CONUS
111300H	Received and awarded 1 Purple Heart
121615H	Jd 2 ENL CONUS
131400H	Jd 1 OFF USN, 11th Marines

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S-1, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

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131400H	JA 5 ENL CONUS
141400H	JA 1 ENL CONUS
150800H	DR 1 OFF CONUS
160800H	DR 1 ENL CONUS
161300H	JA 2 ENL CONUS
170800H	DR 3 ENL CONUS
171300H	JA 2 ENL CONUS, Received and awarded 1 Purple Heart
181300H	JA 2 ENL CONUS
191500H	JA 3 ENL CONUS
201300H	JA 1 OFF, 11th Marines
211700H	JA 2 ENL CONUS
220800H	DR 3 ENL CONUS
221530H	JA 1 ENL CONUS
230800H	DR 1 ENL CONUS
231300H	Received and awarded 1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
231530H	JA 1 OFF CONUS
241300H	JA 1 OFF CONUS
250800H	DR 6 ENL CONUS
251300H	JA 1 OFF CONUS
270800H	DR 6 ENL CONUS
271300H	Received and awarded 1 Bronze Star

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S-1, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

JOURNAL

301630H

Jd 1 ENL CONUS, Jd 1 ENL 11th Marines

310800H

DR 1 ENL CONUS

312400H

Journal Closed

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Enclosure (2)

S-2, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
 Da Nang Combat Base  
 010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

010001H Journal Opened

020100H Btry "G" received approximately 30 incoming mortar rounds. Returned 223 HE rounds on enemy position (AT 415674) resulting in 2 small secondary explosions. There were 7 friendly WIA

030230H Btry "I" received incoming explosive devices

072210H Btry "H" received approx. 12 rounds 122mm Rockets. Two buildings destroyed, 1 PRC 25 destroyed. No casualties. Btry returned fire, result unknown

080100H Btry "I" received incoming grenade

102320H Btry "I" received incoming grenade

141030H Btry "B" reported short round injuring 9 civilians. S-5 5th Marines reacted in behalf of the CG

151030H Btry "B" reported 2½ ton vehicle detonated mine. Vehicle was Code X. 1 friendly WIA

181500H OP Laugh (3/11 Tower) observed VC Platoon at grid AT 991598 in trees near huts. Btry "B" and "W" fired. ~~resulting in 1 Probable VC KIA~~

182050H Btry "B" reported M-26 grenade wedged between box and wall of No. 4 sections hut. Grenade detonated. Result: 1 friendly WIA. Engineers investigated

221915H Btry "B" reports spent round from "H" 2/3 fire-fight slightly wounding 1 USMC. Non Evac

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S-3, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

## JOURNAL

010001H Journal Opened  
012400H Fired 7 Missions expending 15 rounds  
022400H Fired 290 Missions expending 749 rounds  
030230H Btry "G" received incoming mortar rounds  
030230H Btry "I" received incoming explosive devices  
032400H Fired 604 Missions expending 3506 rounds  
042400H Fired 602 Missions expending 2691 rounds  
052400H Fired 650 Missions expending 2824 rounds  
062400H Fired 643 Missions expending 2079 rounds  
072210H Btry "H" received incoming rockets  
072400H Fired 620 Missions expending 3942 rounds  
080100H Btry "I" received 1 incoming grenade  
082400H Fired 488 Missions expending 1706 rounds  
092400H Fired 624 Missions expending 2146 rounds  
102320H Btry "I" received one incoming grenade  
102400H Fired 807 Missions expending 2700 rounds  
112400H Fired 520 Missions expending 1918 rounds  
120400H Btry "B" 1st Bn, 12th Mar. Attached to 3d Bn, 11th Mar.  
121617H Btry "F" 2nd Bn, 11th Mar. Attached to 3d Bn, 11th Mar.  
122400H Fired 710 Missions expending 2610 rounds  
132400H Fired 718 Missions expending 2333 rounds  
142400H Fired 699 Missions expending 2279 rounds

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S-3, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

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152400H	Fired 716 Missions expending 3163 rounds
162400H	Fired 671 Missions expending 2176 rounds
172400H	Fired 753 Missions expending 2590 rounds
182400H	Fired 684 Missions expending 2462 rounds
192400H	Fired 560 Missions expending 1617 rounds
202400H	Fired 496 Missions expending 1625 rounds
212400H	Fired 688 Missions expending 1737 rounds
222400H	Fired 620 Missions expending 1682 rounds
232400H	Fired 732 Missions expending 1496 rounds
242400H	Fired 744 Missions expending 2498 rounds
252400H	Fired 793 Missions expending 2685 rounds
260100H	Btry "I" received incoming Sachal Charges
262400H	Fired 733 Missions expending 2199 rounds
272400H	Fired 802 Missions expending 1995 rounds
282150H	Btry "F" received incoming Sachel Charges
282400H	Fired 639 Missions expending 2173 rounds
292400H	Fired 908 Missions expending 4684 rounds
3005143H	Btry "H" received incoming Rockets
302400H	Fired 1062 Missions expending 4435 rounds
310105H	Mortar Battery received incoming Mortars
312400H	Fired 867 Missions expending 5942 rounds
312400H	Journal Closed

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S-4, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
Da Nang Combat Base  
010001H January 1968 to 312400H January 1968

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JOURNAL

010001H

JOURNAL OPENED

312400H

JOURNAL CLOSED

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