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HEADQUARTERS
4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-)
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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30 Mar 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines(-), 1st Marine Division(Rein), FMF,
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1. The following Command Chronology is submitted in accordance with
references (a) and (b):

- a. 4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-)
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| Commanding Officer | LtCol J. F. CROWLEY |
| Executive Officer | Maj E. T. GARRETT |
| S-1 | CWO J. N. CLOW |
| S-2 | 1st Lt C. I. ADAMS |
| S-3 | Maj G. K. MAXWELL |
| S-3A | 1st Lt J. F. LLOYD, Jr. |
| S-4 | Maj E. R. ALVES, Jr. |

2. Enclosures (1) through (5) are significant journal extractions and
section summaries for the reporting period ending 291500H Mar 66.


J. F. CROWLEY

4/11/78 Marines

1-29 Mar 66

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ENCLOSURE (9)

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SEQUENCE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Mar 66 OPCON III MAF. The battalion is supporting operations of III MAF. The battalion assumed OPCON/ADCON of Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-), and ADCON of the following units:

Battery "K", 4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-)
Battery "M", 4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-)
3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

19 Mar 66 The battalion assumed OPCON of the following units:

Battery "M", 4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-)
3rd 155 Gun Battery (SP) (-) (Rein)

29 Mar 66 The battalion chopped OPCON to CG, 1st Marine Division.

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1 Enclosure (1)

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SIGNIFICANT S-1 JOURNAL ENTRIES AND ADMIN OPERATIONS

1. Significant Journal Entries

- 021200H Jd Btry M, 3rd 8" HowBtry(SP) & 3rd 155mm GunBtry(SP) for ADCON ONLY as of 010400Z Mar66 IAW CO, 11thMar msg 010715ZMar66
- 040800H Operation UTAH commenced
- 081900H Operation UTAH terminated
- 131000H RSO rec assign Maj GARRETT to 4/11 fordu & tr Maj ETTER fr 4/11 fordu
- 151100H BSO published assigning Maj GARRETT as BnExecO vice Maj ETTER
- 161000H BSO published tr approx 60 men between Btry's eff 22, 23 & 24Mar66
- 200400H Operation TEXAS commenced
- 240800H Informed PINCHHITTER 1 of WIA of HM3 R. E. MILLER Btry M on 20Mar66. Sent SRB to PINCHHITTER 1
- 251930H Operation TEXAS terminated
- 261000H BSO published assign Capt BURKHART as Btry K CO vice Capt WALL, Capt WILLIAMSON as Btry M CO vice Maj BLACK & 1stLt ISAACS as HqBtry CO vice Capt MOFFETT
- 281600H Msg rec stating eff 291500HMar 4thBn(2), 11thMar(-) (HqBtry, Btry K, Btry M) chop to CG, 1stMarDiv. Auth CG 3rdMarDiv msg 271210Z Mar
- 290900H Ltr rec fr CO, Btry M to CG, 3dMarDiv recommending Purple Heart decoration for PFC M. J. ANTONINO & PFC D. H. GIRTON

2. Administration Summary

a. This organization encountered no major problems since landing in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. The present strength of this organization is:

USMC		NAVY	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
20	374	1	7

b. This organization has received a total of 2 officers and 4 enlisted Marines for the month of March 1966.

c. One Special court martial and one Article 15, UCMJ, were awarded during this period

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- d. The morale of this organization is excellent.
- e. One Vietnamese Cross of Valor was presented to 1stLt C. A. SPADAFORA, 087444/0802, USMC of Battery M.

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Significant S-2 Journal Entries and Intelligence Summary

1. Significant S-2 Journal Entries

261000H The Battalion S-1 and his security party received six (6) rounds of small arms fire while traveling on Highway #1 at coordinates 594932. No injuries were sustained.

2. Intelligence Summary

a. During the period from 1 March 1966 through 29 March 1966, the S-2 conducted normal intelligence functions. Maps were distributed to the batteries of this Battalion by this section.

b. The S-2 section coordinated and briefed all patrols and ambushes departing from the Battalion. During this period three (3) patrols and one (1) ambush were conducted by this Battalion, all resulting in negative contact.

c. During the period, one (1) incident was reported concerning personnel of the Battalion. (Item 1)

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SIGNIFICANT S-3 JOURNAL ENTRIES AND OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. Significant Journal Entries

- 190001H Journal opened upon assumption of OPCON of designated units.
- 190715H Battery "M" was alerted to standby for possible deployment to the South.
- 191800H Headquarters Battery provided a reaction platoon for possible deployment with Battery "M".
- 192235H Battery "M" alerted to deploy at 200500H.
- 200500H Battery "M" deployed to support Operation Texas.
- 201735H A request for one (1) Forward Observer Team was received from 11th Marines. The team, consisting of one (1) officer and one (1) communicator from Headquarters Battery was provided for deployment in Operation Texas.
- 211900H Headquarters Battery provided one squad to provide security for Battery "K".
- 251900H Battery "M" returned from Operation Texas and occupied previous position.
- 281220H One (1) Liaison/FO Team from Headquarters Battery was deployed to participate in Operation Indiana.
- 281930H Deployed a platoon of 155mm Guns(SP) with the mission of GS/Rein. of the 8" Platoon, 3rd 155 Gun Battery(SP) (-) (Rein).
- 282055H Headquarters Battery provided one (1) squad for security of position of 155 Guns and 8" Howitzers.
- 290530H Deployed one (1) Forward Observer Team from Headquarters Battery to participate in Operation Indiana.
- 290530H Deployed four (4) guns from Battery "M" to support Operation Indiana.

2. Operations Summary

a. Upon its arrival at Chu Lai, RVN, the battalion began preparations to assume OPCON of Battery "M", 4th Battalion(-), 11th Marines(-), and the 3rd 155 Gun Battery(SP) (-) (Rein) consisting of four (4) 155mm Guns(SP) and two (2) 8" Howitzers(SP). The battalion assumed OPCON of these units on 19 March 1966.

b. During the period of 1 March 1966 through 19 March 1966, the battalion supported operations of III MAF. During Operation Utah(4 Mar-9 Mar 1966) the Headquarters Battery of the battalion provided one (1) Forward Observer Team, which deployed with ARVN forces, and a provisional rifle platoon for security of artillery positions.

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DECLASSIFIED Significant S-4 Journal Entries and Logistical Summary

1. Significant S-4 Journal Entries

010800 - "K" Battery moved to hill 69. There was difficulty moving the Howitzer (SP) M-109 across a river because the ferry was out of action. The howitzers were moved across the river by using a wrecker and a retriever to tow the ferry across. Total time elapse was forty-five minutes after the initial set up of the wrecker and retriever.

040800 - Furnished ammunition vehicles for Operation Utah.

140800 - Conducted a fall of shot calibration on tube #18787 in accordance with 11thMar msg 070305Z

200400 - Furnished ammunition vehicles for Operation Texas.

271000 - Division Ordnance Officer inspected five (5) Howitzers, Medium, Towed, 155mm, and recommended that all five be placed on deadline. Battalion Ordnance Officer deadlined all towed howitzers.

2. Logistical Summary

After a month in the country, a number of T/E deficiencies have become apparent. Especially in the area of E.G. equipment. Recommendation for changes to the T/E will be forwarded during the month of April. Logistic support, considering the length of the supply line, has been excellent.

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PART IV

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE UNITS

Appendix A - 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

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Enclosure (1)

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c. Upon assumption of OPCON, the battalion exercised only tactical fire direction over the units under its operational control. During Operations Texas and Indiana, the battalion relinquished tactical fire direction of Battery "M" while the battery was deployed in support of these operations.

d. During the period from 19 March 1966 through 29 March 1966, the battalion fired thirty eight (38) missions as follows:

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H & T</u>
3	17	18

e. During the period from 1 March 1966 through 29 March 1966, the Battalion Survey Section established Battalion Survey Control Points and performed position area surveys for Battery "K" and Battery "M".

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