

HEADQUARTERS
4th Battalion, 11th Marines
1st Marine Division(Rein)FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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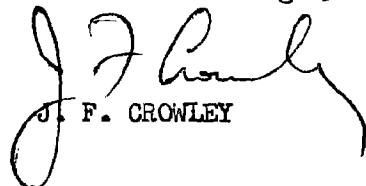
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Subj: Command Chronology; Period 1 June 1966 through 30 June 1966;
submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A
(b) RegtO 5750.2

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the information contained in references (a) and (b),
enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 June through 30 June 1966.


J. F. CROWLEY

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TAB (c)
ENCLOSURE (2)

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. 4th Battalion, 11th Marines(Rein)
- b. Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam
- c. Period covered: 010001H June to 302400H June 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

Commanding Officer	1 to 30 June	LtCol J. F. CROWLEY
Executive Officer	1 to 30 June	Maj R. L. McDANIEL
S-1	1 to 30 June	WO J. N. CLOW
S-2	1 to 30 June	1stLt R. H. SCHMIT
S-3	1 to 12 June	Maj E. T. GARRETT
	12 to 27 June	Maj O. V. LIPPOLD Jr.
	27 to 30 June	Maj G. K. MAXWELL
S-3A	1 to 30 June	2dLt D. A. BALFANZ
S-4	1 to 27 June	Maj G. K. MAXWELL
	27 to 30 June	Maj O. V. LIPPOLD Jr.

2. During the period 1 to 30 June this battalion continued to support operations of III MAF. The battalion had the mission of general support of the 1st Marine Division(Rein), and reinforcing 2d Battalion(-), 11th Marines and 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. On 2 June 1966, 11th Marines assumed OPCON of Battery "M". Detachment, headquarters Battery and Battery "K" participated in Operation KANSAS. This battalion including 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery(SP) has fired 604 missions as follows:

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H & I</u>
131	121	352

The battalion fired 6,996 rounds as follows:

<u>155mm</u>	<u>8"</u>
6,453	543

3. Detailed Description of Significant Eventsa. Personnel.

(1) Losses:

- (a) Battle: 5 Enlisted
- (b) Non-battle: 2 Enlisted
- (c) Administrative: 3 Officers, 36 Enlisted, 3 Enlisted (USN)

(2) Gains:

(a) Replacements: 5 Officers, 23 Enlisted, 1 Enlisted (USN)

(3) POW's Captured: None

(4) Morale: Excellent

(5) Personal Services: This organization is presently receiving one run weekly from the Division PX section.

(6) Promotions: 27 Enlisted

(7) Awards & Decorations: NUC - 1 Enlisted; PH- 3 Enlisted; VCG- 1 Enlisted.

b. Administration. This battalion carried on normal administrative functions during this month. No problems were encountered.

c. Intelligence. This battalion carried out normal intelligence functions during this reporting period. On 21 June 1st Plt 8" received small arms fire and automatic weapon fire with several rounds of rocket fire. There was no damaging effects. On 27 June 1st Plt 8" received heavy small arms and automatic fire, accompanied with hand grenades and rifle grenades and what was believed to be rockets. No injuries were received.

d. Training. No new concepts were introduced which required special training.

e. Special Operations. On 2 June 1966, Battery "M" chopped to OPCON 11th Marines and moved into position at coordinates BS 60427219 and laid on azimuth 5200. Battery "K" chopped to OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines upon deployment from position to coordinates BS 56710193 laid on azimuth 3200. On 10 June 1966, one Forward Observer Team consisting of one officer and one radio operator, was deployed to an observation post at coordinates BS 517778. The observation post remains manned by personnel of this battalion. On 16 June 1966, a Command/Control group from HQ Btry was deployed to Coordinates BT 225318 to prepare for Operation KANSAS. On 16 June 1966, the Command/Control Group assumed OPCON of Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines with six 155mm Howitzers, M1 and a detachment from HQ Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines with two 155mm Howitzers, M1. Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines occupying a position at coordinates BT 225318 with an azimuth of fire of 4400. Detachment, HQ Btry, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines occupying a position at coordinates BT 164413 with an azimuth of fire of 4800. On 17 June 1966, Battery "K" with 4 155mm Howitzers, M109 was deployed to coordinates BT 225318 for Operation KANSAS. Laid on azimuth 4400. Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to coordinates BT 133368 with an azimuth of fire of 3900. Detachment, HQ Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to coordinates BT 225318 in position with Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines with an azimuth of fire of 4400. On 24 June 1966, Command/Control Group, 4th Battalion 11th Marines displaced to coordinates BT 294234. Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced to coordinates BT 294234 and laid on azimuth 4400.

On 26 June 1966, Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and detachment, Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to coordinates BT 56710193 and laid on azimuth 3200.

On 27 June 1966, Command/Control Group to Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines returned to coordinates BT 565022 to resume operations. On 29 June 1966 Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and Detachment, Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines embarked aboard shipping for return to DaNang.

f. Command and Control.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Bn	567019	
Battery "K"	44440876	5600
Battery "L"	39501447	4600
Battery "M" (4 155mm How M109)	567019	3200
(4 155mm How M1)	604722	5200
HQ Plt 3d 8" How Btry	567019	
1st Plt 3d 8" How Btry	568019	2600
2d Plt 3d 8" How Btry	568019	2600
3d Plt 3d 8" How Btry	563023	3600

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action. This organization is presently holding Med Cap once a week in the following villages Phoue An, Trung An(1) and Trung An(2) treating approximately (150) one hundred and fifty adults and children each week.

SIGNIFICANT S-1 JOURNAL ENTRIES

011500HJun Health & Welfare msg sent by AMRCROSS for PFC R. D. DE CARLO of Btry K to Jayne De Carlo, 2344 Lincoln Park West, Chicago, Illinois.

021700HJun Msg rec fr CO, 11thMar to CG, 1stMarDiv Showing Task Organization for 4/11 to include HqBtry, Btry K, Btry L, Btry M & 3d 8" How Btry (SP).

071330HJun Call rec fr Regt S-1 that msg rec fr AMRCROSS stating that father of Sgt CAIN of Btry L died on 5Jun66. Emergency lv req for service man to attend funeral. Div authorized emergency lv and orders issued to start lv 8Jun66.

071430HJun Auth rec fr Div to issue emerg lv orders on CWO-2 CLW for CONUS. Orders issued for 8Jun66.

080900HJun Auth rec fr Div to issue Emerg lv orders in connection with PCSO on Cpl RICE of Btry M. Orders issued to lv 9Jun66.

081300HJun Msg rec fr AMRCROSS on Health & Welfare of msg sent for Cpl MORRIS of HqBtry. Msg said Dr. FOSTER states father Stanford MORRIS elderly. Has been in failing health. Has episodes of congestive heart failure. Prognosis grave and potential critical. Life expectancy under a year but not critical at the moment. Mother has chronic medical problems, but not seriously ill. Msg rec fr AMRCROSS in Yaphank, New York.

081530HJun Msg rec fr AMRCROSS that Health & Welfare msg rec fr AMRCROSS Chicago, Ill. Wife Jayne lives in Lincoln Girls Club. 2344 Lincoln Park, West Chicago. Health fine. Does not know who is sending poison pen letters. Wife states wrote service man 2 days ago. Jayne is wife of DE CARLO of Btry K.

090830HJun Bn Adj CWO-2 CLW departed for CONUS on Emergency Leave.

101000HJun Auth rec fr Div for emerg lv for Cpl MORRIS of HqBtry to commence fr here on 11Jun. Orders issued for emerg lv.

161230HJun Word rec fr Regt to stand by to move forward to set up a forward CP for Battalion upon notice. Battery's alerted to have personnel ready to move out. Personnel moved out at 1745, 16Jun66 to set up forward CP. Party included both BN CO & XO. Maj LIPPOLD (Bn S-3) remained as officer in charge of rear CP area. Part of personnel returned to Bn area after delivering ammo to forward position at 2200, 16Jun66.

201100HJun Word rec fr Btry K that Cpl PINS, PFC VAN, Pvt ROOKE wounded by VC at 200030HJun66. Rpt of casualty turned into Division and Regt at 201000HJun66. Personnel not evacuated but returned to duty from Btry BAS.

201110HJun Word rec fr Btry L that Sgt ROLLINS KIA at 200030HJun by VC when camp was invaded and a hand grenade was thrown into his tent. Casualty rpt turned into Division by phone and Graves Registration contacted. Necessary papers picked up and being completed for submission by Btry L. Ltr of condolence prepared for CO to sign and submission to Division for mailing to next of kin (father).

221015HJun Word rec from Regt S-3 that Cpl SPENCE and LCpl JENSEN of HqBtry involved in an auto accident with the MRC-83 they were in and a vehicle of 7th Motors. Accident happened 3 miles south of Tam Ky. Evacuated to B Med at 0930, 22Jun66.

221040HJun Word rec fr 1stSgt of Btry M that AMRCROSS called him regarding emerg lv of Sgt PERKINS of Btry M to CONUS. Regt called and req lv authority to issue orders.

221130HJun Word rec fr Btry L that Sgt DAVIS shot accidentally and casualty rpt turned into Div as required. Shooting happened at 200215HJun 1966.

221300HJun Word rec fr Regt that emerg lv for SSgt PERKINS of Btry M approved in connection with PCSO. Orders cut and issued for transfer.

221500HJun Casualty rpt turned into Div on Cpl SPENCE and LCpl JENSEN concerning auto accident at 220930HJun66.

271800HJun Forward troops fr Hq Btry and Btry K returned to respective Btry areas at 1800, 27Jun66.

300800HJun RSO 142-66 rec fr Regt ordering LtCol CROWLEY tr to Regt Hq and LtCol G. R. LAMB assigned as Bn CO effective 1Jul66.

Tab 2 (S-2 Journal Entries) to Appendix B, (Documentation) 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology of 1 to 30 June 1966

210015H- 1st Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery at Coordinates 572964 received a hundred rounds of small arms fire and automatic weapon fire, with several rounds of rocket fire with two rounds making direct hits on one bunker.. Other rounds landed on the hilltop near the ammo bunker with no changing effect. Two personnel injured resulting in medical evacuation.

270120H to 270320H- 1st Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery at coordinates 572964 received heavy small arms and automatic weapon fire accompanying an attack. VC got to the wire but didn't infiltrate. Hand grenades were thrown into the position along with rifle grenades and what was believed to be rockits. Approximately 2000 rounds of small arms and automatic weapon fire were received. No injuries were received.

2-B-1 Tab 2 to Appendix B to
ENCLOSURE (1)

Tab 3 (S-3 Journal Entries) to Appendix B (Documention) to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology of 1 to 30 June 1966

020730H- Battery "M" convoy departed for Quang Ngai

021230H- Received Firecap from Battery "M". Battery "M" chopped OPCON to 11th Marines, Coordinates BS 60427129, Az of fire 3200

021443H- Battery "K" arrived back at position. Battery "K" chopped OPCON to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, Coordinates BT 56710193, Az of fire 3200

050740H- 11th Marines 6 authorized 2d Battalion, 11th Marines 6 OPCON over Battery "L" for displacement to hill 54 at approximately 1500H

141420H- Received commitment from 11th Marines to furnish (1) FO Team on the 17 June 66 for a one day operation with special forces.

161240H- From 4th Battalion, 11th Marines 5; Prepare and/control group to move out: Consist of CO, XO, S-3A, OP Chief, FDC crew, CommO, Comm Chief

161730H- From 11th Marines; Command/Control group departed for operation

161915H- Journal opened upon arriving at position BT 225318. Command/Control Group assumed OPCON Btry "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Az of fire 4400

162120H- Detachment of HQ Btry, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines reported arriving in position at 161930H. Coordinates BT 164413, Az of fire 4800

170900H- Msg from 11th Marines; Btry "K" prepare to move at 1300 to hill 35

180930H- 1st Recon Liaison arrived in this position

181025H- Btry "K" has arrived at this position, Coordinates BT 225318, Az of fire 4400

181500H- 3d Battalion, 11th Marines Naval Gunfire Liaison Team arrived in this position for operations.

191315H- Btry "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines arrived in position, Coordinates BT 133368 Az of fire 4400

191450H- 4th Battalion, 12th Marines arrived at position, Coordinates BT 225318 Az of fire 4400

201118H- From Div G-3: Have been assigned mission to support ARVN operations in this area by verbal order of Div 3 effective 201118. Mission of support Recon remains unchanged. Request priority of fires.

230930H- NGF Liaison Team departed 4th Battalion, 11th Marines position.

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241240H- Command/Control Group arrived Coordinates BT 294234, Btry "K"
4th Battalion, 11th Marines arrived in position coordinates
BT 294234 Az of fire 4400

261105H- Detachment from Btry "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and 4th
Battalion, 12th Marines: CSMO and report this position. 4th
Battalion, 12th Marines will follow Btry "K" in convoy. Come
up on M-19 for contact with 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

281250H- 11th Marines 6 directs 1st Plt 8" to return to 2d Plt 8" position
ASAP

281345H- 1st Plt 8" #2 is on the way to this position.

281400H- 1st Plt 8" #2 arrived at 2d Plt 8" position Coordinates BT 56760190
Layed on 2600

291200H- Btry "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and Detachment, HQ, 4th Battalion
12th Marines departed by LST for DaNang.

291710H- From 11th Marines S-3: Provide 1 forward observer and radio operator
to be picked up at Jaguar pad at 1815 for operation with ARVN

291815H- Forward Observer Team departed for ARVN operation