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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines(-) (Rein), 1st Marine Division
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Subj: Command Chronology
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for this Battalion is submitted in compliance
with reference (a) for the period 1 July to 31 July 1966.

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See: A/A report of attack on Btry M (Fwd), 21 Jul 66
at Tab 9, 11th Marines C/Chron.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation. 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein)
- b. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam
- c. Period covered: 010001H July to 312400H July 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

Commanding Officer	1 to 31 July	LtCol G. R. LAMB
Executive Officer	1 to 4 July	Maj R. L. McDANIEL
	5 to 31 July	Maj F. R. HARPER
S-1	1 to 31 July	CWO J. N. CLOW
S-2	1 to 31 July	1st Lt R. H. SCHMITT
S-3	1 to 19 July	Maj G. K. MAXWELL
	24 to 31 July	Capt R. J. GRAHAM
S-3A	1 to 31 July	2d Lt D. A. BALFANZ
S-4	1 to 11 July	Maj O. V. LIPPOLD Jr.
	12 to 31 July	Capt C. E. SINCLAIR

2. During the period 1 to 31 July, this battalion continued to support operations of the III MAF. The battalion and its batteries have the following assigned missions:

4th Battalion (Rein)	G/S of 1st Marine Division
Battery "K"	Modified mission GS/Rein 2/11
Battery "L"	Modified mission GS/Rein 2/11
Battery "M"	Modified mission GS/Rein 3/11
3d 8" How Battery	G/S
Battery "M" Forward	G/S 2d ARVN Division

On 5 July, Battery "K" participated in a one day search and destroy operation with the 7th Marines. On 26 July, Battery "K" and two platoons of 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) deployed to participate in Operation FRANKLIN. During July, 1966, this battalion, including the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), has fired 1090 missions as follows:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H & I</u>
270	225	595

The battalion has fired 10475 rounds as follows:

155mm	8"
10,070	405

3. Detailed description of significant events

a. Personnel.

(1) Losses:

(a) Battle: 4 enlisted, 0 officers

(b) Non-battle: 2 enlisted, 0 officers

(c) Administrative: 6 officers, 77 enlisted, 3 enlisted (USN)

(2) Gains:

(a) Replacements: 4 officers, 78 enlisted, 3 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: 40 enlisted

(7) Awards and Decorations: Purple Heart- 10 enlisted

b. Administration.

(1) Normal administrative functions were accomplished during the month. No difficulties encountered.

(2) The following court-martials and Article 15 UCMJ were awarded by this command during this reporting period.

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c. Intelligence

(1) On the evening of 9 July Battery "K" patrol discovered stakes marking possible avenues of approach into their battery position.

(2) On the morning of 22 July Battery "M" received three rounds of incoming mortar fire impacting 30 meters outside of the perimeter wire. Crater analysis confirmed 3 rounds of 60mm mortar.

(3) On the evening of 22 July Battery "M" received one round of 60mm mortar fire impacting 50-100 meters outside their position.

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

e. Special Operations

Period 1-9 July

On 29 June Battery "M" displaced to coordinates BS 705620 and laid on azimuth 2700 for Operation OAKLAND. On 1 July 1966, Battery "M" returned to OPCON this battalion upon completion of Operation OAKLAND and displaced to coordinates BS 60477220 azimuth of fire 5200.

On 5 July, Battery "K" displaced to coordinates BS 556885 and laid on azimuth 4800 to participate in a one day search and destroy mission with the 7th Marines. Upon completion of the mission Battery "K" displaced to coordinates BT 44440876 and laid on azimuth 5600. On 8 July one forward observer team consisting of one officer and one radio operator was deployed to an observation post at coordinates BS 517778 (Mui Tron). The observation post is continuously manned by personnel from this battalion.

Period 10-16 July

On 14 July Battery "M" displaced to coordinates BS 53909490 with an azimuth of fire of 4200. On 15 July Battery "M" displaced to coordinates BS 53999443 with an azimuth of fire of 4200.

Period 17-31 July

On 25 July Battery "K" displaced to coordinates BT 56670190 with an azimuth of fire of 3200 in preparation for deployment on Operation FRANKLIN. On 26 July Battery "K" displaced to coordinates BS 62428447 with an azimuth of fire of 1600 and chopped OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines for Operation FRANKLIN. 1st and 2nd platoons, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) displaced to Coordinates BS 60509950 with an azimuth of fire of 2200 on 26 July with a modified mission of GS/reinforcing 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines for Operation FRANKLIN. On 26 July Battery "M" re-laid on azimuth 2000 to support Operation FRANKLIN. On 29 July the 1st & 2nd platoons, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) reverted to a mission of General Support and occupied positions coordinates; 1st platoon BT 56670190, azimuth of fire 3300; 2nd platoon, BT 56670188, azimuth of fire 2400. Battery "K" returned OPCON this headquarters on 29 July ^{and} occupied position BT 44440876, azimuth of fire 5600, and resumed modified mission of GS/reinforcing 2/11. Battery "M" re-laid on azimuth 4200 on 30 July.

f. Command and Control

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Bn	BT 566022	
Battery "K"	BT 44440876	5600
Battery "L"	BS 62428447	1600
	BT 39501447	4600

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Battery "M" (4 155mm How M1)	BS 60477220	5200
(4 155mm How M109)	BS 53999443	4200
HQ Plt 3d 8" How Btry	BT 565025	
1st Plt 3d 8" How Btry	BT 56670190	3300
	BS 60509950	2200
2d Plt 3d 8" How Btry	BT 56670188	2400
	BS 60509950	2200
3d Plt 3d 8" How Btry	BT 56300223	4900
Provisional Btry (4 155mm How M1)	BS 60477220	5200
	BS 60607210	5400

g. Close Combat. On 21 July, Battery "M" (Forward) was attacked in position by approximately one VC suicide squad inflicting 8 USMC casualties and causing minor damage to one gun.

h. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. During the month of July, the three hamlets assigned to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, Phouc An, Trung An (1) and Trung An (2), were visited approximately once each week by the Medcap Team. The main symptoms treated were: gastric distress, headache, upper respiratory infection, and various skin infections, particularly among the children.

During July the assistant G-5, Major COOK, toured the hamlets and suggested several self-help programs which could be instituted. He is attempting to obtain clearance from the Bishop of Quang Ngai to convert a deserted Catholic Church into a school/dispensary. The Trung An hamlet presently has a teacher and nurse but the school is insufficient and a dispensary nonexistent. Other suggested projects include construction of wells and an internal market area. As time and material become available these projects will be undertaken and completed.

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Appendix A: List of References to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein),
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References

a. Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000
AMS Sheets 6739I, 6739II,
6739III, 6739IV, Series L7014

b. Documentation

Attached

Not attached

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010900HJul LtCol G. R. LAMB officially assumed command as Bn CO.

040800HJul New Bn XO assigned is Maj F. R. HARPER. Maj McDANIEL reassigned to 3/11 by Regt.

110900HJul SgtMaj R. H. ZINGG joined fr CONUS as replacement for SgtMaj CALLAGHAN who will be transferred to Regiment for duty.

161630HJul BnAdj CWO-2 CLOW returned fr CONUS in connection w/emergency leave.

191615HJul DSO 296-66 received to transfer Bn S-3 Maj G. K. MAXWELL to HqBn, Division for duty effective 19 Jul 66.

211600HJul Word rec that 8 personnel were WIA by VC at approximately 210200H Jul 66 at Quang Ngai Airstrip. Personnel WIA were Sgt R. HUNTER (3d8"HB), Sgt C. O. JONES (Btry M), Cpl J. M. THOMAS (3d8"HB), PFC J. BRINGHURST (Btry M), LCpl W. J. RICHARDS (Btry M), LCpl R. P. DORROUGH (Btry M), PFC R. W. MC GAFFERY (Btry M), and PFC D. R. DANIEL (HqBtry). Casualty report turned into Division Casualty Reporting Office.

260900HJul Word rec fr Regiment S-1 that Cpl J. M. THOMAS of 3d8" HowBtry (SP) died at 260145HJul of wounds received in action. Btry notified to get necessary administrative details accomplished, including contacting Graves Registration at Division Headquarters.

261300HJul Jd Capt R. J. GRAHAM and assigned him as Bn S-3.

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031835H Sentry on Battalion post #3 (56150225) received superficial wound of left arm by one round of sniper fire from coordinates 563027. No fire returned. Marine treated at Battalion Sick-Bay and returned to duty.

092120H Report received from Regiment stating, Battery "K" (44440876) would be attacked within 48 hours by two companies of VC. Unit went on 75% alert, patrols were sent out and discovered stakes marking possible avenues of approach. (Attack did not materialize.)

160045H Headquarters Battery area (563023) received five rounds of small arms sniper fire from coordinates 566019. No fire returned.

202250H Battery "M" reported increased enemy activity in their and adjacent positions.

210330H Battery "M" (Forward) attacked by unknown number of VC. One satchel charge superficially damaged gun two. One dud satchel charge was found in the position. Eight friendly WIA. Army advisors with the 2d ARVN Division, Quang Ngai, reported one VC KIA and 3 VC WIA (probable) as a result of Battery "M" (Forward) defensive fires.

220615H Battery "M" received 3 rounds of 60mm mortars approximately 30 meters outside of perimeter between 0230-0345.

220845H Crater analysis confirmed 3 rounds 60mm mortar. Azimuth of fire determined to be approximately 4600 mils, elevation 800 mils. Both rounds came from same position (530943).

222100H Spot report from Battery "M" (539545) stating they received at least one round 60mm mortar incoming, impacting 75 meters outside perimeter wire.

222123H Incoming ceased, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines firing counter-mortar at suspect mortar position 800 meters to the direct front of Battery "M" position. (Negative surveillance)

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011440 Received msg fr 11th Mar regarding massing of artillery fires. One practice Time On Target will be held each day.

030930 One M109 enroute from Btry "K" to Btry "M" position.

031340 Received msg from 11th Mar S-3 to prepare to move Btry "K" to Btry "L" position.

031835 Sentry on post 3 grazed by one round of sniper fire. Spot report forwarded.

050305 Btry "K" displaced to participate in one day search & destroy mission.

050700 Btry "K" arrived in position coord BS 556885 laid on azimuth 4800.

051640 Btry "K" displaced and returned to coord BT 44440876 laid on azimuth 5600.

070805 Convoy with relief personnel for Battery "M" (Forward) departed for Quang Ngai.

071130 Convoy arrived Battery "M" (Forward) position in Quang Ngai.

071930 Received msg from 11th Mar that helicopter will pick up forward observer and radio operator at 080920 for transportation to Nui Tron OP. 3/11 team to return to base camp.

101315 Received drill TOT from 11th Mar. Sent guns down data as drill mission (Do not load) Btry "M" fired 4 rounds (Actual). Notified 11th Mar S-3 of incident. Btry "M" CO investigating matter.

102010 Received msg from 11th Mar that Btry "L" will not fire over hill 54. (approx azimuth 1600 $\frac{1}{4}$).

121100 From Battalion Commander to Btry "L": "Job well done on concentration UL091 (coord 30120924) 10 KIA (conf) and 7 WIA (conf)".

141015 From 11th Mar S-3: Prepare Btry "M" for deployment south, lay on azimuth 4200, infantry company co-located in position will provide local security.

141100 Btry "M" departed for new position.

141220 Btry "M" now located coord BS 53909490 azimuth of fire 4200.

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151805 Btry "M" displaced for new location closer to infantry.

151905 Btry "M" now located coord BS 53999443 azimuth of fire 4200.

190700 Msg from Btry "L": Had one premature air burst with fuze quick approximately 1500 meters from the muzzle. Fuze lot suspended from use.

200910 Msg from Battalion XO to Btry "L": "Be prepared to receive two 155mm Guns your position this afternoon. Select and prepare positions for same".

201000 Msg from 11th Mar S-3: "Btry "M" be prepared to receive one platoon 8" howitzers your position". For Btry "K": Be prepared to receive one platoon 8" howitzers your position .

201100 Msg from Btry "L": Fired concentration UL 131 (coord 296157) 3 KIA (conf).

201125 From 11th Mar S-3: Be prepared to fire all available in grid square 5386.

201655 Msg from 11th Mar S-3: Economize on use of 155mm ammunition .

201707 Msg from 3/11: Btry "M" fired concentration UM 973 (coord 588897) 5 KIA (conf) 15-20 WIA (prob).

202250 Msg from Btry "M": Have increased enemy activity our position and adjacent position.

210330 Msg from Battalion XO: Btry "M" (Forward) at Quang Ngai had been attacked by approx 8 VC. Hand grenades and sniper fire used as diversion while satchel charges placed in gun positions. 8 personnel from battery received wounds as a result of attack. Attack occurred between 210200 and 210330 July."

211010 From Battery "M" (Forward): Request for supplies, also battery position to be re-located by 23 July.

220615 Btry "M" received 3 rounds of 60mm mortars approximately 30 meters outside of perimeter between 0230-0345.

220720 Msg from 11th Mar S-3: Army advisors in Quang Ngai now credits Battery "M" (Forward) with 1 KIA (conf) and 3 or more WIA (prob) as a result of 21 July attack .

220845 From Btry "M": Crater analysis conducted on incoming mortar rounds shows approx azimuth of fire 4600 $\frac{1}{4}$ and elevation approx 800 $\frac{1}{4}$. All rounds fired from same location. Search of area provided negative results.

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222100 From Btry "M": Received one round of 60mm mortar approx 50 to 100 meters outside position. Small arms received also.

222123 From Btry "M": No incoming at this time. Infantry 81mm mortars firing at flashes of mortars approx 800 meters in front of position.

222310 From 2d plt 8": Had premature air burst approx 5 seconds out of tube. Round had a delay setting on fuze. Msg from Division ordnance later stated premature burst caused by rainfall.

231600 From Btry "M": Fired concentration UZ 003 (coord 513891) 10 KIA (conf) and 10 WIA (conf). Fired concentration UZ 002 (coord 487887) on storage area, had 3 secondary explosions.

241745 From Btry "M": Recon OP confirms 19 KIA on concentration UZ 002 (coord 487887).

250940 Msg from 11th Mar S-3: Displace Btry "K" to old Btry "M" position after noon meal. Make certain Btry "K" establishes direct liaison with 3/11.

251445 Msg from Recon OP: Btry "M" fired concentration UZ 011 (coord 50178808) this morning. Surveillance reveals 61 KIA (conf).

251500 Btry "K" now in position coord BT 56670190 laid on azimuth 3200.

251505 Btry "K" CO established liaison with 3/11.

260030 Msg from 11th Mar S-3: Btry "M" not to fire any missions for Recon OP unless positive communications are established with OP.

260345 Btry "K" displaced to participate in Operation FRANKLIN.

260700 Btry "K" established land line communications with 3/11 and chopped to OPCON 3/11 for Operation FRANKLIN.

260730 From 11th Mar S-3: Displace two 8" platoons to participate in Operation FRANKLIN. Relay Btry "M" on azimuth 2000.

260745 Btry "M" re-laid on azimuth 2000.

261130 Fire cap from 8" platoons: coord BS 60509950 azimuth of fire 2200.

261135 Command post report from 8" platoons: departed 4/11 position 0900 arrived present position 0945. Coord BS 60509950.

271645 Msg from 11th Mar S-3: Effective 280400 July mission of two 8" platoons now G/S reinforcing 3/11.

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272310 Msg from Btry "M": Enemy activity to front and rear our position. Receiving support from infantry weapons.

272320 Msg from Btry "M": Infantry spotted movement to front of position, took VC under fire with 3.5 rockets and 81mm mortars, also 60mm mortars. 1 VC KIA (conf). Movement spotted to rear, taken under fire by 60mm mortars. Received sniper fire from right front. Battery fired 4 rounds HE direct fire, sniper fire ceased.

290950 From 11th Mar: Displace platoons of 8" to coord BT 56670190 and BT 56670188. Lay 1st Platoon on azimuth 3300, 2d platoon on azimuth 2400.

291200 1st and 2d platoons of 8" Battery returned from Operation FRANKLIN. In position, 1st platoon coord BT 56670190 laid on azimuth 3300, 2d platoon coordinates BT 56670188 laid on azimuth 2400.

291750 Btry "K" reverted to OPCON 4/11 upon completion of Operation FRANKLIN.

291845 Btry "K" in position BT 44440876, azimuth of fire 5600.

301116 Btry "M" re-laid on azimuth 4200 in accordance with 11th Marines S-3A instructions.

301720 From 11th Marines S-3: Platoon 155mm guns in Btry "M" position; mission G/S reinforcing 3/11. Under OPCON Btry "M".

311150 From 11th Marines: No missions to be fired by platoon of 155mm guns at Btry "M" position until cleared by 11th Marines.

311155 Received from Regional Forces: Surveillance on concentration No. UZ 026 fired by Btry "M", 35 KIA.

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071050 Notified all batteries of suspension of Fuze M51A5 Lot NA-6-45 and NA 6-24.

101400 Furnished 1 M54 and 1 M35 and 1 Wrecker (M62) plus 14 man squad for convoy to TAM KY.

130805 Sent Btry "M" (Forward) 4 safety latch plungers for Towed, 155mm Howitzer M1.

141000 Furnished vehicles to help Btry "M" displace.

210800 Furnished convoy to Quang Ngai to deliver gear to Btry "M" (Forward).

220800 Furnished convoy to Quang Ngai to deliver gear to Btry "M" (Forward).

240800 Furnished convoy to Quang Ngai to deliver gear to Btry "M" (Forward).

260430 Furnished vehicles to help Btry "K" displace.

260845 Furnished vehicles to help displace 2 platoon's 8" Howitzer Battery.

290655 Sent the following gear to Btry "M" (Forward): 100 rolls wire, 100-2' stakes, 100-5' stakes and 100 cases rations.

300800 Sent 800 sand bags to Btry "M" (Forward) by helicopter.

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