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HEADQUARTERS  
4th Battalion, 11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines(-) (Rein), 1st Marine Division  
(Rein) FMF, FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

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

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for this Battalion is submitted in compliance with references (a) and (b) for the period 1 September to 30 September 1966.

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation. 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein)
- b. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered. 010001H September to 302400H September 1966
- d. Command and Executive Staff

Commanding Officer	1 to 30 September	LtCol G. R. LAMB
Executive Officer	1 to 30 September	Maj F. R. HARPER
S-1	1 to 30 September	CWO J. N. CLOW
S-2	1 to 30 September	Capt R. E. PRIMER
S-3	1 to 30 September	Capt R. J. GRAHAM
S-4	1 to 30 September	Capt C. E. SINCLAIR

2. Commanding Officer's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During the period 1 to 30 September, this battalion continued to support operations of the III MAF. The battalion and its assigned 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
Battery "N"	G/S 2d ARVN Division

In addition to the organic batteries listed above, this battalion has operational control (OPCON) of the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery and the 3d 155mm Gun Battery. The battalion continued to man an observation post at coordinates BS 517778 (Nui Tron). On 4 September, Battery "K" reported to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, for OPCON in conjunction with Operation NAPA. On 8 September, two (2) 155mm howitzer (towed) from Battery "N" reported to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation FRESNO. During September 1966, this battalion fired 1665 missions as follows:

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H &amp; I</u>
258	26	1381

The battalion has fired a total of 15670 rounds during this period.

<u>155How</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>155Gun</u>
13,917	915	838

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## (1) Losses:

- (a) Battle: None
- (b) Non Battle: None
- (c) Administrative: 4 Officers, 38 Enlisted, 1 Enlisted (USN)

## (2) Gains:

- (a) Replacements: 5 Officers, 74 Enlisted, 1 Enlisted (USN)

## (3) POW's captured: None

## (4) Morale: Excellent

(5) Personal Services: A weekly PX run has been established for the personnel of this battalion. Once monthly, a mail (money orders, stamps, etc.) run is sent to each battery.

## (6) Promotions: 28 Enlisted, 2 Officers

(7) Awards and Decorations: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze to 2 Officers.

b. Administration

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

(2) The following disciplinary action was awarded by this command during the reporting period.

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c. Intelligence

(1) On the morning of 4 September, two small children, ages 7, were apprehended in the Motor Transport tent and were released to their parents.

(2) On the morning of 4 September, small arms fire was heard in the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters. Two fire teams were sent to investigate. One Viet Cong suspect was brought in and turned over to 9th ITT. The suspect was given an Identification Card and released by 9th ITT.

(3) On the morning of 7 September, 2d Platoon, 3d 8<sup>th</sup> Howitzer Battery (SP) received six rounds of sniper fire (small arms). One round of direct fire was placed in the area from which the small arms originated. No further activity.

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(4) On the evening of 8 September, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) received small arms fire at their post # 7. Firing came from South and West from said position. Two rounds small arms were returned by post # 7, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).

(5) On the evening of 8 September, Battery "K" thought they had personnel outside their wire. Small arms rounds were being fired from West to East in front of their position. Two hand illumination flares were fired and 4 rounds of small arms at a movement on the outer wire with negative results.

(6) On the morning of 11 September, Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) were attacked by Viet Cong. A force of about 20 Viet Cong attacked with small arms, grenades and AT/Rockets also. This attack lasted about 15 minutes. 5 Marine personnel were wounded. They were treated at the Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty. One Viet Cong KIA was confirmed, 4 Viet Cong KIA were probable and 8 Viet Cong WIA (probable) were claimed. A list of equipment captured follows:

- Seventeen (17) potatoemasher type grenades.
- Two (2) 40.80 anti-tank rockets RP 62.
- Three (3) magazines (Chicom assault).
- Two (2) magazines 9mm.
- Seventeen (17) home made grenades.
- Five (5) satchel charges (home made).
- One (1) rifle grenade.
- One (1) pocket knife.
- Four (4) cartridge belts.
- One (1) M-26 grenade.

(7) On the evening of 11 September, Battery "M" received 3 incoming grenades. It could not be determined which direction the grenades came from or the type.

(8) On the evening of 12 September, Battery "L" received one 60mm mortar round in their position. There was no injury or damage. Four rounds of direct fire were fired at a movement in the tree line with negative results.

(9) On the morning of 13 September, Battery "M" received 1 grenade and 15 rounds of automatic weapons fire from 300 meters South of their position. No fire was returned due to the position of a friendly patrol in the vicinity.

(10) On the afternoon of 20 September, Battery "M" wiremen found a dud in the middle of the road between 3d Battalion, 7th Marines CP and Company I, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines. An engineer team was dispatched to check the dud. It turned out to be a 155mm round that had been booby trapped. The round was disarmed and destroyed in place.

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(11) At 0800 on 21 September, a routine patrol from Battery "M" was dispatched to patrol near the Battery "M" position. The patrol returned and reported finding one grappling hook (Homemade), several broken branches in line and a pile of rocks generally pointing to the Battery. All were located on the reverse slope of a hill.

(12) On the afternoon of 23 September, a patrol from 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was operating about 300 meters outside the perimeter wire. The patrol heard three shots and advanced in the general direction. They saw two PF's and one Marine advisor (Sgt) advancing toward them. They reported that they had a Viet Cong in a tunnel. The patrol radioed back and was advised to help dig out the Viet Cong. The patrol started digging and also threw one hand-grenade into the tunnel. Further digging failed to turn up anything except a few dishes. The tunnel had caved in from the explosion.

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

e. Special Operations

Period 1-10 September

On 4 September, Battery "K" chopped OPCON to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines for Operation NAPA.

On 6 September, Battery "M" and the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) occupying position, coordinates BS 53999443, and BS 53999442 were relaid on azimuth 5200, and the 1st Platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) occupying position coordinates BT 43910964 was relaid on azimuth 3500 to support reconnaissance elements on Hill 707, coordinates BS 418998. Upon completion of mission, Battery "M" and 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) relaid on their original azimuths of 4200 and 4000 respectively with the 1st Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) remaining on azimuth 3500.

On 7 September, Battery "K" returned OPCON this Headquarters and occupied position, coordinates BT 44440876, azimuth 5600. On the evening of 7 September, Battery "L" displaced two (2) M109's to position, coordinates BS 576986, azimuth of fire 1500 in preparation for displacement to Battery "N" position, coordinates BS 60607210 (Quang Ngai).

On 8 September, the two (2) M109 howitzers from Battery "L" at coordinates BS 576986 displaced to Battery "N"'s position, coordinates BS 60607210, and laid on azimuth 5400. Two (2) 155mm howitzers (towed) from Battery "N" displaced to coordinates BS 645728 and reported to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation FRESNO on 8 September. Battery "N" now consisting of two (2) M109 howitzers and two (2) 155mm howitzers (towed).

On 10 September, two (2) 155mm howitzers (towed), returned OPCON to Battery "N" and occupied position, coordinates BS 60607210, azimuth of fire 3000. Battery "N" now has two (2) howitzers laid on azimuth 3000, and two (2) laid on azimuth 5400. The two (2) M109 howitzers departed Battery "N" position for Battery "L" position, coordinates BT 39501447. Upon arriving at the An Tan Ferry, coordinates BT 49750665, the two (2) M109 howitzers were unable to make the crossing and were subsequently emplaced and laid at coordinates BT 49850665, azimuth of fire 4800.

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Period 11-26 September

On 11 September, the two (2) M109 howitzers at the An Tan Ferry, coordinates BT 49850665, displaced to Battery "L" position, coordinates BT 39501447, azimuth of fire 4600. On 11 September, Battery "K" displaced their battery position to coordinates BT 44150955, azimuth of fire 4500.

On 15 September, Battery "N" occupying position BS 60607210 relaid one (1) howitzer on azimuth 1100 to support a Radio Relay Team at coordinates BS 661760 (Buddha Mountain).

On 20 September, the battalion observation post at coordinates BS 517778 (Nui Tron) was instructed to increase the surveillance to the West of their position due to the report of increased activity in the area vicinity, coordinates BS 4781.

On 22 September, the task organization of the battalion was modified as follows: 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) is no longer attached to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines; 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) are OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines: ADCON remaining with the 11th Marines. Additionally, Battery "M" Forward was redesignated Battery "N".

On 24 September, the firing of 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was restricted to the firing of observed missions.

On 26 September, 1st Plt 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) relaid one gun on azimuth 5700 to support Rough Rider convoy going to Danang and returning on the 27th. Upon return of the convoy, the gun was relaid on its original azimuth of 4400.

f. Command and Control

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of Fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Bn.	BT 441099	
Battery "K"	BT 44440876 BT 44150955	5600 4500
Battery "L"	BT 39501447	4600
Battery "M"	BS 53999443	4200
Battery "N"	BS 60607210	5400/3000/1100
HQ Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Btry (SP)	BT 438097	
1st Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Btry (SP)	BT 43910964	3500
2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Btry (SP)	BS 53999442	4000
3d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Btry (SP)	BT 43810974	4800

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of Fire</u>
HQ Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BT 437098	
1st Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BT 39511445	4900/4000
2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BS 54069429	4150
3d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BT 43780965	4000

g. Close Combat.

During the early morning of 11 September, the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) colocated with Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines at coordinates BT 438096, BT 438097, and BT 441099 respectively were attacked by an estimated twenty (20) Viet Cong inflicting five (5) USMC casualties. Viet Cong casualties were one (1) KIA (confirmed), four (4) KIA (probable), eight (8) WIA (Probable). Tab (5) to Appendix B to Enclosure (1) refers.

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Command Chronology 1 September to 30 September 1966.

References

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

b. Documentation

Attached

Not attached

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- 010900HSep BnAdj CWO-2 CLOW evacuated to 1stMedBn at 010800HSep66.
- 030800HSep Certificates of Appointment presented this date as indicated:  
R. F. COULTER, GySgt (Btry K), J. M. MORRIS, SSgt (Btry M).
- 040900HSep FMFPac Inspection Team conducted inspection of Battalion this date.
- 061500HSep Capt B. L. WHITLEY (HqBtry) awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Silver), 1stLt C. R. ASH (Btry K) (Bronze), this date.
- 121000HSep BnAdj CWO-2 CLOW returned from 1stMedBn at 120930HSep66.
- 182100HSep GySgt G. W. WILLIAMS (HqBtry), PFC J. D. ROBINSON (HqBtry) wounded when powder cannister exploded. Cannister was designed as a trip flare. GySgt WILLIAMS evacuated by chopper to 1stMedBn and PFC ROBINSON treated at BnAidStation and returned to duty in Bn area. Casualty report turned into Division Casualty Reporting Section on 19Sep66.
- 221300HSep CO, 11thMar msg 210220ZSep66 rec directing ADCON of 3rd8"HowBtry(SP) returned to 11thMar effective 2400, 22Sep66. ADCON no longer belongs to 4thBn, 11thMar.
- 251900HSep PFC M. C. KENNEDY (HqBtry) accidentally shot himself in the wrist at 1555, 25Sep66 in An Tan while on authorized liberty. PFC KENNEDY evacuated to 1stMedBn for treatment.
- 271800HSep Captain promotions presented to 1stLts A. F. SWENSEN and H. M. KISER by Bn CO on 27Sep66.

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- 040645 Two small children found in M.T. tent (Ages 7) released to parents.
- 040945 Small arms fire heard in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters, Coordinates BT 441101. Two fire teams sent to investigate, one VC suspect brought in and turned over to 9th ITT. Suspect was given an ID card and released by 9th ITT.
- 070130 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), BS 539944 received six rounds sniper fire (small arms) from BS 531943. One round direct fire placed BS 53944. No further activity.
- 082115 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), BT 438097 received small arms fire at their post # 7 BT 439098. Firing came from South and West from said position. Two rounds small arms were returned by post # 7, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).
- 082200 Battery "K" thought they had personnel outside their wire. Small arms rounds were being fired from West to East in front of their position. Two hand illumination flares and 4 rounds of small arms were fired at a movement on the outer wire with negative results.
- 110130 Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), and 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP), coordinates BT 441099, 438097, 438097 respectfully were attacked by Viet Cong. A force of about 20 VC attacked with small arms and grenades. This attack lasted about 15 minutes. 5 Marine personnel were wounded. They were treated at the Battalion aid station and returned to duty. One (1) VC KIA confirmed, 4 VC KIA (probable). 8 WIA (probable).
- 112100 Battery "M" received 3 incoming grenades at coordinates BS 5386405. It could not be determined which direction the grenades came from or their type.
- 122230 Battery "L" took one 60mm mortar round in their position, no injuries or damage. 4 rounds direct fire were fired at a movement in tree line.
- 130300 Battery "M" received 1 grenade and 15 rounds of automatic weapons fire from 300 meters South of their position. No fire was returned due to position of a friendly patrol in the vicinity.
- 201540 Battery "M" on 200910 reported a dud found by wiremen at coordinates BS 554957 in the middle of the road between 3d Battalion, 7th Marines CP and Company I, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines CP. An Engineer team was dispatched to check the dud. It turned out to be a 155mm round that had been booby trapped. The round was disarmed and destroyed in place.
- 211130 Battery "M" dispatched a routine patrol from their area at 0800 to patrol near Battery "M" position. The patrol returned and reported finding one (1) grappling hook (Homemade), several broken branches in line and a pile of rocks generally pointing to the Battery. All were located on reverse slope of hill near coordinates BS 548942. The patrol destroyed the markings.

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- 231345 A 4th Battalion, 11th Marines patrol was at coordinates BT 444106 about 300 meters out from the battalion's perimeter wire. The patrol heard three shots and advanced in the general direction of the firing. About fifty meters further, the patrol heard automatic weapons fire about fifty meters away. They saw two Vietnamese Popular Force and one Marine advisor (Sgt) advancing toward them. The Marine advisor reported that they had a VC in a tunnel. The patrol radioed back and were advised to help dig out the VC. The patrol started digging and also threw one hand-grenade into the tunnel. Further digging failed to turn up anything except a few dishes. The tunnel had caved in from the explosion.
- 281400 A 4th Battalion, 11th Marines patrol was sent out at 1330H to patrol the perimeter of the Battery area BT 441099. At 1400H, the patrol found a detailed drawing of the Headquarters Battery area in the sand at coordinates BT 441101.
- 281945 The following spot reports were received from 5th Marines:  
 (1) Coordinates BT 402091, BT 403094. 1 VC demolition platoon armed with explosives. Rating (C-3).  
 (2) Coordinates BT 370107, BT 374185. Approximately 100 VC with one 60mm mortar and one .30 cal. machine gun. Possible intentions to harass by mortar fire Ongbo Bridge and Myphi Fort.  
 (3) Coordinates BT 435104, possible element of the 706 Battalion in the area. C-3 rating.
- 290945 A 4th Battalion, 11th Marines patrol was sent out at 0930H to patrol the area around the Battery "K", 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) area. At 0945H, coordinates, BT 433091, this patrol found a booby trapped 60mm mortar round. EOD was notified and removed the round for further investigation.
- 301400 On the afternoon of 30 September 1966, a woman by the name of FROMTHUM, age about 35 was brought to Headquarters Battery position in a litter by two men, one her husband. She had a wound in the left arm and side. Supposedly this wound was inflicted by a RVN Marine at coordinates BT 425105 at 1400 this date. This woman was treated at Battalion Aid Station and then transferred to First Med- Battalion for further treatment.

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- 040810 Received Fire Rep from Battery "M" on concentration UZ 118, coordinates BS 511894. Good effect on target, three (3) VC KIA confirmed, two (2) VC KIA probable.
- 041205 Battery "K" reported to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation NAPA.
- 051430 Received from 11th Marines: Mandatory that we maintain two (2) 8" howitzers in the Battery "M" position at all times.
- 070115 2d Plt, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery received incoming small arms fire. Fired one 8" round direct fire in area where incoming small arms fire originated. Clearance granted by adjacent infantry unit 3d Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 071100 Battery "K" returned OPCON this battalion and occupied position, coordinates BT 44440876, azimuth 5600.
- 071510 Battery "L" displaced two (2) M109 howitzers to coordinates BS 576986 in preparation for move to Quang Ngai.
- 080700 Two (2) 155mm Howitzers from Battery "N" reported to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation FRESNO.
- 101750 Two (2) 155mm howitzers (towed) returned from Operation FRESNO and chopped OPCON Battery "N" and laid on azimuth 3000.
- 110130 Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), and 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP complex was attacked by approximately 20 Viet Cong. 5 Marines WIA, 1 VC KIA confirmed, 4 VC KIA (probable), 8 VC WIA (probable).
- 111600 Battery "K" displaced to new battery position (BT 44150955) azimuth of fire, 4500.
- 112100 Battery "M" received 3 incoming grenades (BS 53869405). Type of grenades and direction they came from can not be determined.
- 122300 Battery "L" received one (1) 60mm mortar round. No injuries or damage. Four (4) rounds of direct fire 155mm howitzer were placed at movement in tree line. Mission was cleared by CO 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 130030 Battery "M" received one (1) grenade and 15 rounds of automatic weapons fire from 300 meters South of position. No fire was returned due to position of friendly patrol in vicinity.
- 131740 Received from 11th Marines: There will be no firing in the Chu Lai Defense Command area to the East of Hwy 1.

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- 201245 Received from 11th Marines: 1st Recon Battalion reports that there is increased movement to the West of Nui Tron in the vicinity, coordinates BS 4781. Battalion OP at Nui Tron instructed to increase surveillance to the West.
- 221400 Battery "M" Forward redesignated Battery "N".
- 221500 Received from 11th Marines: Battalion Task Organization was modified as follows: 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) is no longer attached. 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) is now OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, ADCON 11th Marines. 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) is now OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, ADCON 11th Marines.
- 231630 Received from 11th Marines: Relay one (1) gun from 1st Plt, 3d 155 Gun Battery on azimuth 4000. Now one (1) gun laid azimuth 4900 and one on 4000.
- 241450 Received from 11th Marines: 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) restricted to firing observed missions only.
- 252130 Received from 11th Marines: Have 1st Plt 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) relay one gun on azimuth 5700 prior to 260530H. Activate M 462 by 0500H. Reason: to support Rough Rider convoy going to Danang and returning on the 27th.
- 281605 Requested permission from 11th Marines to relay 1st Plt, 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) gun on azimuth 5700 back to its original azimuth of 4900. Permission granted.
- 291510 Received from 11th Marines: Fire Mission; Series Carrot consisting of five concentrations: XY 818, BT 374052; XY 819, BT 367065; XY 820 BT 368058, XY 821, BT 376076, XY 822, BT 369073; fired Battery "K", "I" and 3d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP). Expended 302 155mm howitzer rounds and 29 8" howitzer rounds. No surveillance at this time.

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- 010800 Rations and Class IV, sent to Battery "N" by convoy.
- 040730 FMFPac Inspection Team inspected the Battalion in Logistics, Maintenance, and Fiscal. Inspection completed 041630.
- 051200 Ordnance spare parts sent to Battery "N" by Helicopter.
- 080600 Three trucks with 155mm ammunition and two M-109's sent to Quang Ngai. Trucks and ammunition to support Operation Fresno. Two M-109's assigned to Battery "N".
- 091400 9th Engineer Battalion furnished Low-Boy to transport TD-18 from Battery "M" position to Headquarters Battery position.
- 101300 Rations and Class V sent to Battery "N" by convoy.
- 101400 Two M-109's and three trucks returned from Battery "N".
- 140715 8 BA-279 sent to Battery "N" by Helicopter.
- 170700 Rations and Class V sent to Battery "N" by convoy.
- 181400 Two Gas Check Pads sent to Battery "N" by Helicopter.
- 181800 8 BA-386's sent to Battery "N" by Helicopter.
- 211800 Furnished six men for Regiment to load ammunition at the ammunition supply point. Working party secured at 1900.
- 220800 Rations sent to Battery "N" by convoy.
- 270600 Hot chow and mess equipment sent by convoy to Battery "N".

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF,  
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602 (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Amplifying Report on Incident at 4th Battalion, 11th Marines at 0130 on  
 11 September 1966

1. The 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) are colocated with the Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. At 0130, 11 September 1966, these batteries, located at coordinates 438096, 438097 and 441099 respectively were attacked by a force estimated to be twenty (20) Viet Cong. The Viet Cong force approached from a northwesterly direction.

2. All units were at fifty percent alert, because of expected incidents connected with the Vietnamese elections of this date. All outposts guns and howitzers were manned. The attack began with small arms and rifle grenades being fired into the 3d 155mm Gun Battery area, landing mostly in the maintenance area. When the Viet Cong were clearly discernible on the northern wire fire was returned by small arms and M-60 machine guns. Simultaneously, a Russian 4080 type anti tank weapon was fired at howitzer number one (1) 3d 8" Howitzer Battery from outside the perimeter wire. Small arms and rifle grenades continued for fifteen (15) minutes. During this time five figures were observed carrying objects resembling packs or satchel charges. Simultaneously Headquarters Battery was receiving small arms fire, also one M-79 round impacted in a sand bag at the Battalion Aid Station. Illumination was provided by hand held illumination and from 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Viet Cong were on the outside perimeter wire and were hit by friendly fire. Several were observed falling in both 3d 8" Howitzer Battery area and in the 3d 155mm Gun Battery. The entire action lasted approximately fifteen minutes. At this time the Viet Cong broke contact and withdrew to the northwest where a 12.7mm machine gun was heard firing, indicating a covering force for the withdrawal.

3. At first light patrols were sent out to cover the entire perimeter wire, out to a distance of 300 meters. The patrol from 3rd 155mm Guns came upon a critically wounded Viet Cong approximately 150 meters outboard northwest from the outer perimeter of wire. As the patrol approached, he attempted to throw a grenade. The patrol killed him before he could throw the grenade. There were several heavy trails of blood leading to the north and to the northwest from the perimeter wire. Many splashes of blood were found through the entire area. Items of captured equipment found by the patrol included:

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- a. Seventeen (17) potatoemasher type grenades.
- b. Two (2) 40.80 anti-tank rockets RP 62.
- c. Three (3) magazines (Chicom assault).
- d. Two (2) magazines 9mm.
- e. Seventeen (17) home made grenades.
- f. Five (5) satchel charges (home made).
- g. One (1) rifle grenade.
- h. One (1) pocket knife.
- i. Four (4) cartridge belts.
- j. One (1) M-26 grenade.

4. At about 0900, 11 September 1966, the District Chief, Dai uy GIAI toured the scene of the encounter with the Battalion Commander and positively identified the dead VC as a regular force North Vietnamese Army. This identification was made from equipment, armament, medical supplies, and documents found on or near the body. The document, consisting of a letter and currently popular North Vietnamese poem, was retained by the Dai uy and is not available for forwarding.

5. Friendly casualties were:

- a. Staff Sergeant Sammy (N) OLIVERIO (3d8"HowBtry), superficial fragment wound, right elbow and chin.
- b. First Lieutenant John A. H. RESSMEYER (3d155mm Gun Btry), superficial wound, right lower leg.
- c. Private First Class Michael C. PATTON (3d155mm Gun Btry), superficial wounds, right elbow and cheek.
- d. Private First Class William R. THOMAS (3d155mm Gun Btry), superficial wounds, head and cheek.
- e. Private First Class Richard E. GHOULD (3d8"HowBtry), superficial wound, palm of right hand.

All personnel were treated at the Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty.

6. Viet Cong casualties were:

- a. One (1) V.C. KIA (confirmed).
- b. Four (4) V.C. KIA (probable).
- c. Eight (8) V.C. WIA (probable).

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