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HEADQUARTERS  
4th Battalion, 11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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31 Oct 1966

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 11 October to 31 October 1966.

  
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation. 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
- b. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered. 010001H October to 312400H October 1966
- d. Command and Executive Staff

Commanding Officer	1 to 31 October	LtCol G. R. LAMB
Executive Officer	1 to 31 October	Maj F. R. HARPER
S-1	1 to 31 October	CWO J. N. CLON
S-2	1 to 2 October	Capt R. E. PFRIMMER
	3 to 31 October	Capt H. M. KISER
S-3	1 to 31 October	Capt R. J. GRAHAM
S-4	1 to 6 October	Capt C. E. SINCLAIR
	7 to 31 October	Capt G. V. MEMMER

2. Commanding Officer's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During the period 1 to 31 October, this battalion continued to support operations of the III Marine Amphibious Force. The battalion and its assigned batteries have the following assigned missions:

4th Battalion	G/S of 1st Marine Division
Battery "K"	Modified mission GS/Rein 2d Battalion, 11th Marines
Battery "L"	Modified Mission GS/Rein 2d Battalion, 11th Marines
Battery "M"	Modified mission GS/Rein 3d Battalion 11th Marines
Provisional Battery (Four 155 How Towed)	G/S of 2d ARVN Division

In addition to the organic batteries listed above, this battalion has operational control (OPCON) of the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) which have the mission of general support of the 1st Marine Division. The battalion continued to man an observation post at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron). From 2 October to 17 October and from 30 October to 31 October the battalion manned an observation post at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa). During October 1966, this battalion fired 932 missions as follows:

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H &amp; I</u>
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The battalion has fired a total of 8434 rounds during this period.

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel

(1) Losses:

(a) Battle: None

(b) Non Battle: None

(c) Administrative: 2 Officers, 31 Enlisted, 1 Enlisted (USN)

(2) Gains:

(a) Replacements: 5 Officers, 81 Enlisted

(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: 3 Officers, 150 Enlisted

(7) Awards and Decorations: None

b. Administration

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

(2) The following courts-martial and Article 15 UCMJ were awarded by this command during the reporting period.

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c. Intelligence

(1) On the evening of 1 October, Battery "M" located at coordinates BS53999443 received approximately twelve (12) rounds of small arms fire (carbine) in their battery position. Four (4) rounds of 155mm Howitzer self-illumination were fired by Battery "M". Incoming fire ceased when illumination commenced.

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(2) On the evening of 10 October, Headquarters Battery located at coordinates BT441100, received five to ten rounds of small arms fire and one (1) grenade from northwest of the battery position. One marine was wounded (non-evac).

(3) On the evening of 12 October, the battalion forward observer at coordinates BSL74864 reported that villagers on the road at coordinates BS528888 were stopped at 0800 by two (2) VC and forced to return to their village. Villagers report that VC were hiding in caves in their area.

(4) On the evening of 15 October, the battalion perimeter, coordinates BT441100, received 20-25 rounds of 60mm mortar and rifle and hand grenades plus light small arms fire. Incoming fire lasted six to eight minutes. Origin of fire could not immediately be determined. Four (4) Marines were wounded.

(5) On the evening of 17 October, a Battery "K" security post, coordinates BT44150955 spotted two (2) figures running in a southerly direction ten (10) meters outside their perimeter wire. The post fired small arms fire but no positive surveillance could be made. Later the same evening several positions throughout the battalion perimeter received a total of four to five rounds of small arms fire and Headquarters Battery's post #6 at coordinates BT441100 received one (1) incoming dud grenade which landed four to six feet in front of their bunker. Two (2) VC were observed on the southeastern side of the battalion perimeter but no fire was returned.

(6) During the morning of 18 October a Headquarters Battery security post, coordinates BT441100, observed what appeared to be a ceremonial party of from four to six local villagers, including one (1) woman and one (1) child, passing from the southeast around the battalion perimeter to a point just west of Highway One to the north of the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) position, coordinates BT437098. The 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) dispatched a patrol to the area. The patrol found one (1) large and five (5) small freshly dug holes. One (1) bundle of rice straw burnt at one end and one (1) bamboo stick flat on one end and sharpened on the other end were found in the large hole.

(7) On the morning of 20 October the battalion forward observer at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron) received information from the ARVN that one (1) battalion of VC were observed at coordinates BS503845-BS502855, 700 VC were observed at coordinates BSL80818-BSL65825, and one (1) regiment of the 3rd NVA were observed at coordinates BS510830-BSL47790. All of these units were moving south. During the evening of 20 October, the battalion observer at coordinates BSL74564 (An Hoa) observed four (4) VC moving along the base of a mountain at coordinates BSL43847. The VC appeared to be carrying one (1) mortar. Observation was poor due to rain and haze at the base of the observation post.

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(8) On the afternoon of 21 October a Headquarters Battery patrol found a blood stained shirt and drag marks leading away from the battery's perimeter wire. One (1) VC was probably killed in this area by small arms fire delivered by Headquarters Battery during darkness on 20-21 October. The patrol also recovered one (1) USMC bayonet, a small amount of trip wire, and numerous homemade canisters in the same vicinity. Stick and rock formations were found in the area pointing at perimeter security posts.

(9) On the evening of 23 October, Headquarters Battery, coordinates BT441100, received small arms fire from 50-60 meters southeast of the Battery's perimeter wire. Headquarters Battery and Battery "K", coordinates BT44150955, security returned 40-50 rounds of small arms fire. The search at first light proved negative.

(10) On the evening of 24 October, Headquarters Battery, coordinates BT441100, received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire and one (1) grenade from south of their position. Two (2) VC were observed in the same area. During the firing 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Security Officer called Headquarters Battery to inform them that two (2) VC were observed moving north toward the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines perimeter. A fire mission was called on a VC escape route to the north of the Battalion perimeter, it was fired by the 2nd Battalion 11th Marines. Coverage of the target was excellent. The search at first light proved negative.

(11) On the evening of 26 October, the battalion perimeter (BT441100) received one (1) grenade from 30 meters northwest of the perimeter wire, one (1) VC was observed at coordinates BT439105 and two (2) VC were observed at coordinates BT437104. 200 rounds of small arms and automatic weapons fire were fired at the figures. Illumination of the area was provided by 107mm Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Search at first light proved negative.

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

e. Special Operations.

Periods 1-10 October

On 1 October the 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53999442 fired a mission in support of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion on a VC ambush at coordinates BS448875. Four (4) VC, KIA's were confirmed.

On 4 October the Provisional Battery located at coordinates BS60607210 fired a mission on 15-20 VC at BS475783. The mission was requested by the battalion forward observer at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron). Three (3) VC, KIA's were confirmed.

On 10 October, Battery "M", 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), and 2nd Platoon, 155 Gun Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53999443, BS5399942, and BS53069429 respectively fired preparation fires on coordinates BS459855 in support of the 7th Marines.

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Period 11-31 October

On 11 October, Battery "M", the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), and the 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53999443, BS53999442, and BS54069429 respectively commenced answering calls for fire in support of Operation KENT.

On 14 October, Battery "M" and the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53999443 and BS53999442 respectively fired a preparation fire on coordinates BS431954 in support of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

On 17 October, the battalion forward observer at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa) was relieved in place by a forward observer team from the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

On 19 October, the Provisional Battery located at coordinates BS60607210 relaid one (1) howitzer on azimuth 6000 in order to support a 2d ARVN Division operation.

On 20 October, the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53999442 relaid on azimuth 4200 to support a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion reconnaissance team.

On 23 October, the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53999442 relaid on its original azimuth of 4000.

On 23 October, the 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53069429 fired a mission on a suspected VC company at coordinates BS43667576. The mission was requested by the battalion forward observer at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron). Three (3) VC KIA's were confirmed.

On 25 October, Battery "K" located at coordinates BT44150955 fired preparation fires on two (2) landing zones, coordinates BT352025 and BT364005, in support of a 3d Battalion, 5th Marines helicopterborne assault. On 25 October, Battery "K" located at coordinates BT44150955 and Battery "L" located at coordinates BT39461445 commenced answering calls for reinforcing fires from the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines in support of Operation DOVER.

On 28 October, Battery "L" located at coordinates BT39461445 fired six (6) preparation fires requested by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on the following coordinates: BT327117, BT329112, BT326109, BT323107, BT321111, and BT325112. These missions were fired in support of Operation DOVER.

On 29 October, Battery "M" located at coordinates BS53999443 and the Provisional Battery located at BS60607210 stood by to answer calls for fire in support of a "Rough Rider" convoy moving from Chu Lai (BT521043) to Quang Ngai (BS606721). The Provisional Battery relaid one (1) howitzer on azimuth 0100 to ensure coverage of the southern portion of the convoy's route.

On 30 October, the battalion inserted a forward observer team at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa).

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f. Command and Control

<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of Fire</u>
Headquarters 4th Bn.	BT 441100	
Battery "K"	BT 44150955	4500
Battery "L"	BT 39461445	4600
Battery "M"	BS 53999443	4200
Provisional Battery (Four 155 How Td)	BS 60607210	5400
HQ Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	BT 438097	
1st Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	BT 43910964	3500
2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	BS 53999442	4000
3d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	BT 43810974	4800
HQ Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BT 437098	
1st Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BT 39511445	4900
2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BS 54069429	3800
3d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)	BT 43780965	5000

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Appendix A: List of References to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein)  
Command Chronology 1 October to 31 October 1966.

References

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

Attached

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Tab 1 (S-1 Journal Entries) to Appendix B (Documentation) to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology of 1 - 31 October 1966.

- 010815 Received telephone conversation from American Red Cross on Sergeant James C. DAVIS of Battery "M". "From: American Red Cross, Richmond, Kentucky: Sister Brenda Johnson killed in car accident. Family requesting emergency leave. Body Oldom-Roberts and Power Funeral Home. Services pending." Battery "M" notified at 0825. 11th Marines (S-1) notified at 0835. Clearance received from 11th Marines to issue temporary additional duty orders at 1230. American Red Cross, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, notified at 1330 that Sergeant DAVIS would depart Republic of Vietnam at approximately 0800, 2 October 1966.
- 051300 Captain promotion presented to First Lieutenant R. C. TITUS of Headquarters Battery by the Battalion Commanding Officer on 5 October 1966.
- 080900 Certificate of Appointment for Gunnery Sergeant presented to Staff Sergeant J. N. DIETRICH of Battery "M" by the Battalion Commanding Officer on 8 October 1966.
- 091330 Captain promotion presented to First Lieutenant J. G. HENDERSON of Headquarters Battery by the Battalion Commanding Officer on 9 October 1966.
- 100900 First Lieutenant promotion presented to Second Lieutenant A. S. HILL of Battery "L" by the Battalion Commanding Officer on 10 October 1966.
- 101100 Commanding General, 1st Marine Division message 071330Z October 1966 received assigning 4th Battalion, 11th Marines to administrative control of Task Force X-Ray effective 10 October 1966.
- 110900 Casualty report submitted to 1st Marine Division on Corporal R. G. WALKER of Headquarters Battery for injuries received during Viet Cong attack at approximately 2145, 10 October 1966.
- 160900 Casualty reports submitted to 1st Marine Division on Major F. R. HARPER, Lance Corporal J. R. ANDERS, Lance Corporal R. O. HEAD, and Lance Corporal W. E. SPILLMAN of Headquarters Battery for injuries received during Viet Cong attack at approximately 2330, 15 October 1966.
- 161600 Emergency leave requested for Lieutenant T. M. MORAN (Battalion Medical Officer) to Granger, Iowa for 30 days. Leave approved by 1st Marine Division to leave 17 October 1966. Orders issued to leave 17 October 1966.
- 221130 Casualty report submitted to 1st Marine Division on Second Lieutenant J. J. MILLER of Battery "M" for injuries received while on assignment as a forward observer.

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Tab 2 (S-2 Journal) to Appendix B (Documentation) to 4th Battalion,  
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- 011918 Battery "M" (BS53999443) received approximately twelve (12) rounds of small arms fire. Four (4) rounds of self-illumination were fired. Number of VC unknown.
- 102145 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) received 5-10 rounds of small arms fire and one (1) grenade from an unknown location to the northwest. One (1) friendly WIA.
- 121907 The battalion forward observer at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa) reported that villagers (BS528888) were stopped this morning at 0800 by two (2) VC and forced to return to their villages. Villagers stated that the VC were hiding in caves in the area.
- 152345 The battalion perimeter (BT441100) received 20-25 60mm mortar rounds and rifle and hand grenades plus light small arms fire. Attack lasted 6-8 minutes. Origin of fire and grenades unknown. Four (4) friendly WIA. Search at first light revealed the following equipment in the position: one (1) anti-tank rifle grenade, one (1) M26 grenade, one (1) potato masher, and three (3) blast type grenades.
- 172105 Battery "K" (BT44150955) observed two (2) figures running in a southerly direction ten (10) meters outside their perimeter wire. Small arms were fired at the two (2) figures with negative results.
- 172105 The battalion perimeter (BT441100) received 4-5 rounds of small arms fire and one (1) grenade (dud). Definitely identified two (2) VC at two (2) different locations on the southeastern side of the battalion perimeter.
- 180800 A Headquarters Battery security post observed a ceremonial party of from 4-6 people (including one (1) woman and one (1) child) passing around the battalion perimeter, across Highway #1 and back. A patrol from the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) found five (5) small holes and one (1) large hole at coordinates BT436100. Inside the large hole was one (1) bundle of rice straw burnt at one end, also one smooth piece of bamboo, flat at one end and sharpened on the other end.
- 200934 Information received from the ARVN via the battalion forward observer at coordinates BS517778 that one battalion of VC were observed at coordinates BS503845-BS502855, 700 VC were observed at coordinates BS480818-BS465825, and one regiment of the 3rd NVA were observed at coordinates BS510830-BS447790. All of these units were observed moving in a southerly direction.

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- 201700 The battalion forward observer at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa) observed four (4) VC moving along the base of a mountain at coordinates BS443847. The VC appeared to have one (1) mortar. Observation was poor due to rain and haze at the base of the observation post.
- 202330 Headquarters Battery position (BT441100) received light small arms fire and observed one (1) figure 40-50 meters from the perimeter wire. Four (4) rounds of small arms fire were delivered at the figure with unknown results.
- 211500 A Headquarters Battery routine patrol found a bloodstained shirt and drag marks at coordinates BT442104. Suspect one (1) VC KIA (probable) from small arms fire delivered from the Headquarters Battery position on 20-21 October. Recovered one (1) USMC bayonet, trip wire, and numerous homemade canisters in pointing at the battalion security posts.
- 232355 Headquarters Battery perimeter (BT441100) received small arms fire from 50-60 meters southeast of the perimeter wire. The battery returned 40-50 rounds of small arms fire. Search at first light with negative results.
- 242100 Headquarters Battery perimeter (BT441100) received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire from the south of the position. Two (2) VC were observed in the same area and 50-60 rounds of small arms fire was delivered at the figures. The 2d Battalion, 11th Marines fired a defensive concentration on a known VC escape route. Search at first light had negative results.
- 262100 Headquarters Battery perimeter (BT 441100) received one (1) grenade from 30 meters northwest of the perimeter wire. Observed one (1) VC (BT439105) and two (2) VC (BT437104). 200 rounds of small arms and automatic weapons fire were delivered on the figures with negative results. Illumination provided by 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. Search at first light with negative results.

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Tab 3 (S-3 Journal) to Appendix B (Documentation) to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology of 1-31 October 1966.

- 010950 The 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (BS53999442) fired a mission in support of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion on a VC ambush at coordinates BS448875. Fourteen (14) rounds (HE) were expended. Four (4) VC, KIA's confirmed.
- 011911 Battery "M" (BS53999443) received approximately 10-15 rounds of small arms fire. Battery fired four (4) rounds of 155mm howitzer illumination and self-illuminated their position.
- 021145 Received from 11th Marines: Battery "L" will activate M474 prior to 030600H0CT66 for support of a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, reconnaissance team.
- 021300 A battalion forward observation team was inserted at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa).
- 040950 The Provisional Battery (BS60607210) fired a mission called by the battalion forward observer at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron). The target was located at BS475783; nature of target 15-20 VC. Fifteen (15) rounds (HE) and eleven (11) rounds (WP) were expended. Three (3) VC, KIA's confirmed.
- 091845 Received from 11th Marines: 11th Marines radio call sign changed from "DRINKWATER" to "COLFFURE".
- 101205 Battery "M" (BS53999443), the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (BS53999442), the 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) fired a preparation fire on coordinates BS459855 in support of the 7th Marines.
- 101335 Received from 11th Marines: Battery "M" (BS53999443) will stand-by to receive fire missions from the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines in support of Operation KENT.
- 102145 Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (BT441100) received 5-10 rounds of small arms fire and one (1) grenade from an unknown location. One (1) friendly WIA.
- 140645 Battery "M" (BS53999443) and the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (BS53999442) fired a preparation fire on coordinates BS431954 in support of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.
- 152130 Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (BT441100) received 20-25 grenades and 60mm mortar rounds plus small arms fire. Attack lasted approximately eight (8) minutes. Origin of incoming rounds unknown. Four (4) friendly WIA. Following equipment was found in the battery position: one (1) anti-tank rifle grenade, one (1) M26 grenade, one (1) potato masher, three (3) blast type grenades.

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- 172130 Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (BT441100) received 4-5 rounds of small arms fire and one (1) grenade (dud). Two (2) VC were identified at two (2) different locations on the perimeter wire. No fire was returned.
- 191900 The Provisional Battery (BS60607210) relaid one (1) howitzer on azimuth 6000 in order to support a 2d ARVN Division operation.
- 231417 The 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) fired a mission called by the battalion forward observer (BS517778) on a suspected VC company located at coordinates BS43667576. Eight (8) rounds (HE) and five (5) rounds (WP) were expended. Three (3) VC KIA's confirmed.
- 232355 Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (BT441100) received small arms fire from 50-60 meters southeast of the perimeter wire. Battery returned 40-50 rounds of small arms fire.
- 250736 Battery "K" (BT44150955) fired preparation fires on two (2) landing zones, coordinates BT352025 and BT364005, in support of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 260600 Battery "K" (BT44150955) and Battery "L" (BT39501447) prepared to answer calls for reinforcing fires from the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines in support of Operation DOVER.
- 281215 Battery "L" (BT39501447) fired six (6) preparation fires on coordinates BT327117; BT329112; BT326109; BT323107; BT321111; BT325112. Missions requested by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in support of Operation DOVER.
- 281100 Received from 11th Marines: Battery "M" (BS53999443) and the Provisional Battery (BS60607210) are to be prepared to answer calls for fires in support of the "Rough Rider" convoy moving from Chu Lai to Quang Ngai at 290600HOCT66. Recommended to the 11th Marines that the Provisional Battery relay one (1) howitzer on azimuth 0100 in order to cover the southern portion of the convoy's route. Permission was granted and the Provisional Battery relaid one (1) howitzer on azimuth 0100.
- 301300 A battalion forward observer team was inserted at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa).

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- 270830 Convoy with supplies and hot meal sent to Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.
- 080830 Convoy with supplies and hot meal sent to Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.
- 110830 Ammunition convoy sent to Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.
- 131200 Received cantonment materials for improvement of camp facilities.
- 140900 Battalion observation posts located at coordinates BS 517778 and BS 474864 resupplied by helicopter.
- 150830 Convoy resupplied Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.
- 190830 Convoy resupplied Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.
- 250830 Convoy resupplied Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.
- 290830 Convoy resupplied Provisional Battery at Quang Ngai.

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✓(2) Appendix A

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

*M. N. Wall*  
M. N. WALL

*History "K", 4/11*

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*Jul-Dec 1965*

## BATTERY "K"

4th Battalion (-), 11th Marines (-)  
1st Marine Division (-), (Rein), Fleet Marine Force  
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

MNW:cdb  
3 Jan 1966

Command ChronologyOrganizational Data:

The period covered in this report is from 1 July 1965 to 31 December 1965. During that time the Battery has been located at Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California and Camp Hansen, Okinawa, except as noted below.

The Commanding Officer from 1 July 1965 to 18 July 1965 was First Lieutenant Boyd R. ISAACS, 083399, USMCR. The Commanding Officer from 18 July 1965 to 31 December 1965 is Captain Melvin N. WALL, 076446, USMC.

During this period the Battery was strengthened from 4 officers and 96 enlisted to 5 officers and 117 enlisted, all eligible for duty overseas. This included a 70% turnover in battery personnel within one and one-half months, including three new officers.

Also during this period the Battery organization changed from a towed, 155mm Howitzer, M1A2, Battery, 1133, to a Self Propelled 155mm M109 Howitzer Battery, 1133.

## Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

- 1 July 1965 Commanding Officer: First Lieutenant Boyd R. ISAACS, 083399, USMCR. Battery strength 4 officers and 96 enlisted.
- 18 July 1965 Captain Melvin N. WALL, 076446, USMC, assumed duties as Commanding Officer.
- 1 Aug 1965 "K" Battery became operational with the self-propelled howitzer, 155m, M109. Test firing of all M109's in the 4th Battalion commenced under "K" Battery control. Only minor difficulties were encountered.
- 10 Aug 1965 The Battery's towed 155mm howitzers, M1A2, were turned over to "L" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 16 Aug 1965 "K" Battery's M109's and TD 15's were turned over to H&S Co., 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, for transport to Okinawa. They were accompanied by 10 men.
- 19 Aug 1965 The battery came under the operational command and Administrative control of the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (-), (Rein) Vice Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Authority Commanding General, 1st Marine Division Message 080613Z August 1965 and Commanding General, 1st Marine Division Message 070855Z August 1965. The Battery was then attached to Headquarters, 11th Marines for operational command and administrative control. The Battery was moved to Camp Pendleton, California, to await further movement.

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- 22 Aug 1965 "K" Battery personnel embarked aboard the USS Paul Revere (APA 248) at San Diego, California for Okinawa. All battery equipment and vehicles, except office equipment, were left at San Diego to be shipped later via MSTs. Authority Commanding General, 1st Marine Division Message 081755Z August 1965. Battery strength was 5 officers and 114 enlisted.
- 11 Sep 1965 The battery arrived at White Beach, Okinawa and disembarked from the USS Paul Revere. The Battery was assigned to Camp Hansen. A rotation Tour Date of September 1966 was established for most personnel in the unit.
- 24 Sep 1965 The howitzers, M109, and TD 15's, along with the 10 men, arrived with H&S Company, 1st Tank Battalion.
- 25 Sep 1965 Twelve additional M109 maintenance personnel were joined as augmentation while the Battery is operating independently from 4th Battalion control and support. Six were assigned to this Battery while the remaining awaited further orders to "M" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Authority Commanding General, Force Troops letter 107:rkb over 1300 of 30 August 1965.
- 27 Sep 1965 A Field Firing exercise as illumination support of "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines was held. This was the first field exercise of any kind for this Battery with the M109. There were some minor problems with the recoil mechanisms.
- 4 Oct 1965 In compliance with 11th Marines Administrative Order 321-65, the Battery embarked aboard the USS Westchester County, (LST 1167) and the USS Tom Greene County (LST 1159) for a 3 week Field Firing Exercise at Camp Fuji, Japan.
- 7 Oct 1965 Six maintenance personnel were transferred to "M" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Authority 11th Marines Regimental Special Order 152-65 of 6 October 1965.
- 9 Oct 1965 The Battery landed at Numazu Beach, Japan and proceeded to Camp Fuji.
- 11 Oct 1965 The Field Firing Exercise commenced for 3 weeks, one week each for Battery control, Battalion control and Regimental control. Authority 11th Marines Administrative Order 321-65.
- 30 Oct 1965 The Field Firing Exercise secured. Several problem areas in the M109's recoil mechanism, panoramic sight, and breech block were found. All training objectives were met and a great deal of experience in operating with new weapons was gained.
- 2 Nov 1965 The Battery moved from Camp Fuji to Numazu Beach and embarked aboard the USS Wastenow County, (LST 1166), and the USS Whitefield County (LST 1169) for Okinawa. Authority 11th Marines Administrative Order 321-65.
- 6 Nov 1965 The Battery arrived at Naha, Okinawa.
- 22 Nov 1965 Fleet Marine Force, Pacific inspected the Battery for material maintenance procedures and mount-out supply. Reference Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific letter 32/csy 5041 of 23 October 1965. Discrepancies found in the inspection were noted and appropriate action taken to

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- correct all. Reference Force Inspector letter 32/rms 5041 27 November 1965.
- 14-17 Dec 1965 The Battery underwent an NTPI and GNORM in order to test its continued effectiveness as a nuclear delivery unit. This consisted of a records and supply inspection and a field exercise. No problems were encountered in the field exercise. However; as the unit is seperated from 4th Battalion, a number of supply problems were noted. Corrective action is being initiated on the Division level. Reference COMTRAPAC 152039Z October NOTAL; Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific 003500.4B; Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, 00275-65; Commanding General, 1st Marine Division Message 170538Z December 1965, 00289-65.
- 29 Dec 1965 9 men, one 2 1/2 ton truck, 6 x 6, M35, and other small items of T/E equipment from the ordnance, communications and mess sections were transferred to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines for further transfer to "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and 107mm Howtar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.
- 31 Dec 1965 Commanding Officer: Captain Melvin N. WALL, 076446, USMC, Battery strength, 5 officers and 107 enlisted.

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- (a) CG, 1st Mar Div, msg 080613Z Aug 1965
- (b) CG, 1st Mar Div, msg 070855Z Aug 1965
- (c) CG, 1st Mar Div, msg 081755Z Aug 1965
- (d) CG, FTO 107:rkb 1300 30 Aug 1965
- (e) Regt. Special Order 152-65, 6 Oct 1965
- (f) 11th Marines Admin. Order 321-65
- (g) CG, FMFPac ltr 32/csy 5041 23 Oct 1965
- (h) Force Inspector letter 32/nms 5041 27 Nov 1965
- (i) COMTRAPAC 152039Z Oct NOTAL
- (j) CG, FMFPac 003500.4B
- (k) CG, 1st Mar Div, 00275-65
- (l) CG, 1st MarDiv, msg 170538Z Dec 1965
- (m) DivO 008110.2
- (n) CG, 1st Mar Div, ltr 3:OP:smr 3590, 25 Dec 1965, 00289-65