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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines (-) (Rein), 1st Marine Division
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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 November to 30 November 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 November to 302400H November 1966
- d. Command and Executive Staff.

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| Commanding Officer | 1 to 30 November | LtCol G. R. LAMB |
| Executive Officer | 1 to 24 November | Maj F. R. HARPER |
| | 25 to 30 November | Unassigned |
| S-1 | 1 to 30 November | 2d Lt J. W. WELLS |
| S-2 | 1 to 30 November | Capt H. M. KISER |
| S-3 | 1 to 16 November | Capt R. J. GRAHAM |
| | 17 to 30 November | Maj G. J. WATERS |
| S-4 | 1 to 30 November | Maj G. V. MEMMER |

2. Commanding Officer's Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

- a. During the period 1 to 30 November, this battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division. The battalion and its assigned batteries have the following assigned missions:

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| 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 "E" | Modified mission GS/Rein 3d Battalion, 11th Marines |
| Provisional Battery (Four 155 How Towed) | G/S of 2d ARVN Division |

- b. In addition to organic batteries listed above, this battalion has operational control of the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) for the purpose of coordination of local security, camp construction, messing, billeting, maintenance, and combined fire direction centers at collocated positions located at coordinates BT441100, BT39461445, and BS53909441. The battalion continued to man observation posts at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron) and at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa). During the period 19-27 November, the Provisional Battery reported to the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, for OPCON in conjunction with Operation RIO BLANCO. During November 1966, this battalion fired 785 missions as follows:

Observed
216

Unobserved
29

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The battalion has fired a total of 6,997 rounds during this period.

155 How
6,073

8"
296

155 Gun
628

The battalion has been credited with:

VC KIA's (Conf)
81

VC KIA's (Prob)
12

VC WIA's (Conf)
30

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel

(1) Losses:

(a) Battle: None

(b) Non Battle: None

(c) Administrative: 1 Officers 30 Enlisted

(2) Gains:

(a) Replacements: 1 Officers 12 Enlisted

(3) POW's Captured: None

(4) Morale: Excellent

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

(6) Promotions: 1 Officers 15 Enlisted

(7) Awards and Decorations: 5 Purple Hearts, 3 Bronze Stars

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 the command during the reporting period.

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c. Intelligence

(1) During the month of November this battalion averaged conducting at least one event (patrol, observation post, listening post, or ambush) per battery per day. As a result of the intelligence information gained from this increased reconnaissance and security activity and our usual intelligence information received from the battalion forward observers at Nui Tron (BS517778) and An Hoa (BS474864) the following intelligence information has been compiled.

(2) On numerous security patrols conducted during the month within 500 meters of the battalion CP complex perimeter and other battery markers pointing to security positions, gun positions, communications, and FDC bunkers were found and destroyed.

(3) No significant change in enemy tactics was observed as the result of the contacts between batteries of this battalion and local VC. All contacts were of relatively short duration, consisted of small arms, hand grenade or rifle grenade exchange and, except for scattered incidents of sniper fire on vehicles, all took place at night during periods of reduced visibility.

(4) VC sited by reporting forward observers, adjacent units and Vietnamese intelligence sources reflected a continuing build up of VC and North Vietnamese Forces inside and outside the TAOR. Significant among these sitings were three Ly Tin agent reports on from 150 men to 250 men VC units operating in the Ly Tin, 5th Marines, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, and 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, area. No significant contacts by this battalion's personnel are known to have been made with any of these units.

(5) Also significant were increased sitings of VC during the middle and end of the month by Battalion Forward Observers on Nui Tron and An Hoa.

d. Training

(1) No new concepts were introduced which required special training.

e. Special Operations

(1) On 7 November, the Provisional Battery located at coordinates (BS60757207) relaid on azimuth 5100 to support Company C (-), 1st Battalion, 7th Marines in conjunction with Operation SAND BAR. The 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS54069429 relaid on azimuth 3500 to reinforce the fires of the Provisional Battery in support of Operation SAND BAR.

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(2) On 19 November, the Provisional Battery located at coordinates BS60757207 reported to the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation RIO BLANCO.

(3) On 20 November, Battery "M", the 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP), and the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) located at coordinates BS53909441, BS54069429, and BS53999442 respectively relaid on azimuth 3800 to answer calls for fire in support of 3d Battalion, 11th Marines in conjunction with Operation RIO BLANCO.

(4) On 27 November, the Provisional Battery located at coordinates BS60757207 returned to the OPCON of the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and reverted to the mission of General Support of the 2d ARVN Division.

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 53909441 | 4200 |
| Provisional Battery (Four 155 How Td) | BS 60757207 | 5400/5100 |
| 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 | 3500 |
| 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 | 4900/4000 |
| 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) | BS 54069429 | 4100 |
| 3d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) | BT 43780965 | 4200 |

g. Close Combat

(1) During the morning of 3 November, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) reported that an unknown number of VC fired on seven of their marines in a truck at coordinates BS565995. VC had at least one automatic weapon. Fire was received from both sides of the road on which the truck was traveling. Marines returned six rounds small arms fire and the truck continued through the action zone. No friendly or enemy casualties.

(2) During the evening of 5 November, Battery "M" located at coordinates BS53909441 received approximately thirty (30) rounds of small arms fire from three (3) different locations outside the battery's perimeter wire. Battery "M" self-illuminated and additional illumination was provided by the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and Company "H", 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines (81mm Mortar). No friendly or enemy casualties.

(3) During the evening of 6 November, Headquarters Battery located at coordinates BT441100 received one (1) hand grenade from the north thirty (30) meters outside the battery's perimeter wire. The battery returned one (1) M6 grenade in the direction from which the incoming grenade originated. Two (2) rounds of small arms fire was fired at a fleeing figure observed one hundred (100) meters south of the battery perimeter observed after a hand illumination flare was fired. No friendly or enemy casualties.

(4) During the evening of 11 November, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) listening post located vicinity of coordinates BT437098 received approximately ten (10) rounds of small arms fire from four (4) VC located seventy five (75) meters from the battery's perimeter to the northwest. The battery returned fifty (50) rounds of small arms fire. A squad size patrol at 120700H discovered two (2) sets of tracks leading up to the listening post and several footprints in the area from which the small arms fire originated. No friendly or enemy casualties.

(5) During the morning of 13 November, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) located at coordinates BT437098 received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from an unknown location to the north of the battery position. No friendly casualties.

(6) During the evening of 13 November, Headquarters Battery located at coordinates BT441100 received one (1) fragmentation grenade from an unknown location to the south of the battery perimeter and one (1) fragmentation grenade from an unknown location to the north of the battery perimeter. No friendly casualties.

(7) During the evening of 17 November, Battery "K" located at coordinates BT44150955 received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from an unknown location to the southwest of the battery position. No friendly casualties.

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(8) During the evening of 19 November, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) located at coordinates BT437098 received two (2) fragmentation grenades from the northwest of the battery position. Grenades were M26 type fired from a rifle with a grenade adapter. A hand illumination flare was fired and fifteen (15) rounds of small arms fire was fired at three (3) figures running to the northwest of the battery position. No friendly or enemy casualties.

(9) During the late evening of 20 November, Battery "K" located at coordinates BT44150955 received one (1) M26 fragmentation grenade fired with with a grenade adapter. The battery returned five (5) M26 fragmentation grenades fired with the M1A2 grenade adapter at suspected movement one hundred and fifty (150) meters to the east of the battery position. Four (4) hours later during the early morning hours of 21 November, Battery "K" received three (3) M26 fragmentation grenades fired with a grenade adapter. The battery returned fifteen (15) rounds of small arms fire at muzzle flashes observed to the east of the battery position approximately one hundred and fifty (150) meters from the perimeter wire. A squad size patrol at first light found one (1) M1A2 grenade adapter, and numerous M26 fragments in craters near battery position. No friendly or enemy casualties.

h. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

During the month of November the Battalion surgeon made at least two visits per week to the Combined Action Company dispensary at Ly Tin (BT46950795). Medical supplies were also furnished to the dispensary during these visits. On 1 November the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer attended the Independence Day celebration in the Combined Action Company compound. The Battalion furnished candy to the Ly Tin District Chief for further distribution to the local children by the hamlet chiefs.

During the period 15-30 November the Battalion furnished TD-15 and TD-18 tractors under the control of the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer to assist the local villagers in constructing a dirt road from the vicinity of BT44095 to approximately 300 meters north. The road when completed will be used to transport school and building supplies to vicinity of Khuong Dai school (BT447107) and for general traffic by the local population.

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Appendix A: List of References to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
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ReferencesAttached

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

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TAB 1 (S-1 Journal Entries) to APPENDIX B (Documentation) to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology of 1 - 30 November 1966.

- 011600 Major Promotion presented to Captain G. D. MANNER of Headquarters Battery by Acting Battalion Commander on 1 November 1966.
- 041800 Certificate of Appointment for Gunnery Sergeant presented to Staff Sergeant W. O. KRAM of Headquarters Battery by Battalion Commander on 4 November 1966.
- 061600 Bronze Star presented to First Lieutenant C. E. ASH, Jr. of Battery K, First Lieutenant D. L. HERRING of Battery M, and Corporal J. D. COETZ of Battery L at appropriate ceremony by Battalion Commander at 1400, 6 November 1966.
- 071600 Casualty report submitted to 1st Marine Division on Chief Warrant Officer - 2 J. N. CLOW for wound received on 6 November 1966.
- 090915 Purple Heart Medal awarded to Major F. R. HARPER, Jr. of Headquarters Battery on 9 November 1966 by Battalion Commanding Officer.
- 090920 Private First Class W. C. MULLINS of Battery K reported by Battery Commanding Officer to Battalion Commanding Officer as being on unauthorized absence since 1830, 8 November 1966. Report of unauthorized absence reported to 11th Marine Regiment and 1st Marine Division.
- 100800 Message received from American Red Cross, Detroit, Michigan and passed on by American Red Cross representative at 1st Marine Division concerning Private First Class G. R. HARRINGTON of Battery M requesting emergency leave due to death of father. Emergency leave requested from 1st Marine Division and approved. Private First Class HARRINGTON departed on emergency leave for 20 days on 10 November 1966.
- 101200 Purple Heart Medals awarded to Lance Corporal R. O. HEAD, Corporal R. G. WALKER, Lance Corporal J. R. ANDERS, and Lance Corporal W. E. SPILLMAN of Headquarters Battery on 10 November 1966 by Battalion Commanding Officer.
- 110910 Certificate of Appointment for First Sergeant presented to Gunnery Sergeant B. R. MAHONEY of Battery K by Battalion Commander on 11 November 1966.
- 121830 Congressional Correspondence received on Private First Class D. I. INGEBRIGTSEN of Battery M. Battery M contacted to send man concerned with Health Record and Service Record Book in to see Battalion Medical Officer.
- 141400 Private First Class W. C. MULLINS of Battery K taken into custody by Battery K Commanding Officer at 0910, 14 November 1966 in 1st Marine Division (Rear) area and returned to Battery K Command Post area.

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- 171000 Major G. J. WATERS assigned as Battalion S-3 vice Captain R. J. GRAHAM. Captain R. J. GRAHAM assigned as Assistant Battalion S-3. Assignment of Major WATERS and Captain GRAHAM effective 17 November 1966. Captain C. M. JOHNSON assigned as Assistant Battalion S-3 effective 18 November 1966. Captain R. E. PFRIMMER assigned as Battery L Commanding Officer vice Captain C. M. JOHNSON effective 18 November 1966.
- 240930 Major F. R. HARPER, Jr. Battalion Executive Officer departed for DaNang for duty as Assistant Division G-3 in compliance with transfer orders effective 25 November 1966.
- 251535 Gunnery Sergeant W. O. KEAN of Headquarters Battery wounded when Bouncing Betty Trip Flare exploded and flying piece struck arm breaking it. Gunnery Sergeant KEAN evacuated by ambulance to 1st Medical Battalion from Battalion area at 1530, 25 November 1966.
- 261300 Casualty report turned into 1st Marine Division on Gunnery Sergeant W. O. KEAN of Headquarters Battery for injuries received on 25 November 1966.

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- 021000 Headquarters Battery security patrol in the vicinity of BT441100 found several markers formed by C-rations cans and sticks pointing to battalion perimeter security positions. One (1) fuse time, M-65A1, was found inside a house 300 meters west of the Battalion C.P.. One (1) freshly dug mortar position was found in the same area. Markers were destroyed and fuze taken to battalion S-2.
- 022000 5th Marines reported 3rd VC Regional forces at BT429070 and BT440098; 310th Battalion dressed in blue uniforms and possessing two 57mm RR, one 81mm mortar, two 60mm mortars, three 30 cal. machine guns; 103rd VC Company (105 men) at BT429005 and BT440005. They possess one 57mm RR, one 60mm mortar, and two 30 cal. machine guns; also 400 men with mortars at BT425092. Info rating of C-2. 310th VC Bn at BT360059 and BT48077.
- 022200 5th Marines reported the 304th VC Battalion (300 men) at BT376058, BT379059, BT383051, and BT399051; grey uniforms, coolie infantry hats with plastic covers, small arms, one 57mm RR, 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars. They are attempting to combine with 113th Regional Forces Battalion to attack Hill 54, Khong Ky Sanh, An Bo Bridge, and the outpost at Ky Chanh. Info rating of C-2. Armed Huey's and flare ships standing by on station and one platoon of Amtracs on stand-by.
- 030950 3rd 155 Gun Battery (SP) reported unknown number of VC fired on seven of their marines in a truck at BS565995. VC had at least one automatic weapon. Fire received from both sides of the road on which the truck was traveling. Marines returned six rounds small arms fire and the truck continued through the action zone.
- 031330 Battery "K" reported observing approximately 50-75 men at BS470079 M-1's, Carbines, Grease Guns; weapons were old and dirty. Some men had ARVN 2nd Division patches on and some uniforms were new. Also a man on top of a civilian bus with a M-1 rifle and grenade launcher. In the vicinity of Ly Tin village (BT469078) they were stopped, I.D.'s and weapons were checked. One (1) man had no I.D. card. Ly Tin policeman said he was a P.F.; his unit could not be determined. Many such troops moving North and South, mainly North. Upon check by a 5th Marines patrol, personnel were found to be P.F.'s and ARVN attending opening of new market place in Ly Tin and the celebration that followed.

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- 041600 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) security patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male at BT432098 who had a temporary I.D. card and brought him to the S-2/Battalion local security officer. After preliminary screening and a check with the local villagers, the man was identified as a local resident. The man was escorted to his house. Patrol will return to make sure he has a I.D. card by 8 November.
- 052035 Battery "M" (BS539944) reported receiving approximately 30 rounds of incoming small arms fire from three different locations. Battery was put on 100% alert. Self-illumination and illumination from 3/11 used. No fire returned. Infantry had patrol scheduled, but cancelled it. Battery "M" will send patrol out at dawn. Dawn patrol result: negative.
- 051029 Battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS479564) observed 3 boats coming in from a southeasterly direction along Northwest fork of the SONG TRA DONG River. At the river fork they were observed to debark 30 Vietnamese males who appeared to be carrying weapons and wearing military uniforms. After leaving the fork, one boat continued into main fork of river and picked up five to six women and then returned back up to the Northwest fork. This has been observed for last few days. An aerial observer was requested over this area.
- 071500 A VC sniper fired (4) four rounds at 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery vehicle at BT483071. Vehicle continued to Battery area. No fire was returned.
- 091245 11th Marines Air Observer reported 100 VC herding cattle in Grid Square BS4580; moving in a easterly direction.
- 100945 Battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) reported a mountain chief observed Vietnamese people fleeing KMC operation. One Battalion of VC sleeping in vicinity of BS4376 will begin to move parallel to Highway 5B (BS4978, BS5079, BS4979) to engage KMC's at 2100 hours.
- 112000 11th Marines reported 3 possible battalions of VC around Nui Tron area; 48th (BS559778), 80th (BS485815) 60th (BS458775).
- 112235 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) listening post (BT437098) received approximately 10 rounds small arms fire from four VC located 75 meters north/northwest of perimeter wire. Battery returned 50 rounds of small arms fire. Patrol at first light observed two tracks leading up to the perimeter wire and several foot prints in area from which small arms fire originated.

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- 130415 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) patrol (BT437098) received two rounds of small arms fire from unknown location to the North of the battery position. No fire returned.
- 132110 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP) patrol (BT437098) heard metallic sounds coming from the north/northwest of their position. One round of small arms fire fired in direction of sound. Patrol at first light received one round of small arms fire. Area was checked by patrol. Negative results.
- 132130 Headquarters Battery security post (BT441100) received one grenade which landed in a rice paddy to its front. The grenade came from south of the position; no fire was returned.
- 132340 Headquarters Battery security post (BT441100) received one incoming grenade in front the post by the perimeter wire. The grenade came from north of the position. No fire was returned.
- 151130 During a visit to the District Chief Dai Uy, he gave his permission to cut down any brush or trees in our area in order to clear fields of fire and eliminate enemy avenues of approach.
- 170920 Headquarters Battery vehicle traveling north on Highway #1 heard two rounds small arms passing over the vehicle at BT454086. No fire was returned.
- 171745 Battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) reported four women from An Hoa were detained by VC at BS511876. VC questioned the women as to the number and type of personnel at the battalion forward observer's position. One woman was released after being tied up on 17 Nov., the other three women were detained by VC.
- 171800 Ly Tin agent reported 1 VC main force well armed. 94th Battalion (250 men) moved from Quang Ngai to area around Ky Sanh BT418074, BT515043, BT413045 VC dressed in green uniform and bamboo helmet's with blue covers. 100 Laborers appeared to have sufficient engineer tools to build fortifications. Intentions are to harass and attack Marine outposts in the area of Ky Sanh.
- 172115 Battery "K" perimeter position (BT441095) received 2 rounds small arms fire from unknown location southwest of their position.
- 182200 Battery "K" perimeter position (BT441095) observed a small explosion 15 meters outside wire. Unable to detect its source but assumed it was a hand grenade. Patrol was sent out at 190645; negative results.

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- 192345 3rd 155 Gun Battery (SP) reported a security post (BT437098) received two (2) fragmentation grenades in front of their post. One (1) grenade landed inside of their wire. Believe grenades came from school house north/northwest of position.
- 202210 Battery "K" perimeter position (BT441095) received one (1) incoming rifle grenade.
- 210220 Battery "K" perimeter position (BT441095) received three (3) incoming rifle grenades from approximately 150 meters east of position.
- 210830 Follow up on activity information DTG210220 with a search of the adjacent area to a distance of 200 meters from the Battery "K" perimeter wire revealed the following: The three (3) incoming rounds were M26 fragmentation grenades fired with an adapter. Found one (1) spoon from M26 grenade, one (1) M1A2 grenade adapter (remains of numerous fragments from M26 in craters). All of above listed gear was forwarded to 11th Marines S-2.
- 212158 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) heard movement on northwest side of perimeter. Seismic Intrusion Device indicated personnel outside of wire. One M26 grenade thrown in suspected VC area. Results were negative.
- 222040 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) observed one (1) illumination grenade being activated approximately 50 meters north of perimeter wire.
- 222300 At 2300 on 22 November the battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) reported that VC held a propaganda meeting in vicinity of An Hoa village. Vietnamese reported hearing northern dialect spoken.
- 231930 ARVN reported to battalion forward observer on An Hoa (BS474864) that 30 VC with weapons were entering wooded area at BS487878 about 1600 today. ARVN reported 3 VC (2 men and 1 woman) at BS480478. ARVN and KMC patrol sent to investigate and found nothing. 5 VC also reportedly stopped and questioned Vietnamese people at BS618887.
- 251930 Battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474778) received information from ARVN intelligence that their observation post may be overrun tonight.
- 251800 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) vehicle driver reported observing approximately 75 VC suspects on west side of Highway #1 and approximately 100 VC suspects on east side of Highway #1 at BT445094. VC suspects were dressed in civilian clothes and appeared to be carrying weapons.

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271500 Battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474364) reported that word was received from An Hoa village chief that 30 VC were in the village of An Hoa (BS470876). He was unable to observe due to overcast. Word was again received from the same source that at 1415, the 30 VC moved to Coordinates BS480876. Still no visability of area.

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- 011030 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission at four (4) VC on bicycles at coordinates BS4337375 observed by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Eighteen (18) rounds of HE were expended. One (1) VC KIA and one (1) VC WIA were confirmed.
- 021005 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on a VC platoon located at coordinates BS533769 observed by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Forty-eight (48) rounds of HE and four (4) rounds of WP were expended. An ARVN platoon searched the area and found thirty (30) VC KIA's and reported many VC WIA's moving north.
- 031330 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on a VC platoon located at coordinates BS530743 reported by Quang Ngai (ARVN). Eight (8) rounds of HE with VT fuses and twelve (12) rounds of WP were expended. Two (2) VC KIA's and three (3) VC WIA's were confirmed.
- 031750 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) fired a mission requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion team on sixteen (16) VC in the open at coordinates BS434742. Sixteen (16) rounds HE were expended. Ten (10) VC KIA's (probable).
- 040545 Deployed one (1) forward observer team with a MRC-110 to accompany the "Rough Rider" convoy moving from Chu Lai (BT521043) to Quang Ngai (BS607721) and return on 4 November 1966.
- 041125 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on twenty (20) VC in trenches at coordinates BS574745 reported by Quang Ngai (ARVN). Five (5) rounds HE and four (4) rounds WP were expended. Four (4) VC KIA's and six (6) VC WIA's (confirmed).
- 041830 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on an unknown number of VC at coordinates BS529763 reported by Quang Ngai (ARVN). Six (6) rounds HE and five (5) rounds WP were expended. Three (3) VC KIA's and five (5) VC WIA's (confirmed).
- 051150 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on twenty (20) VC in the open at coordinates BS576749 reported by Quang Ngai (ARVN). Eight (8) rounds HE and nine (9) rounds WP were expended. Four (4) VC KIA's, seven (7) VC WIA's, and one (1) VC captured were reported.

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- 051405 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (BS53999442) fired a mission requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion team on five (5) VC in the open at coordinates BS408867. Fifteen (15) rounds HE were expended. Two (2) VC KIA's (probable).
- 052031 Battery "H" (BS53909441) received approximately thirty (30) rounds of small arms fire from three (3) different locations outside the perimeter wire. Battery went on 100% alert. Battery "H" self-illuminated and additional illumination was provided by the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines and Company "H", 2d Battalion, 7th Marines (81mm Mortar). A fire team size patrol of the area at 060730H had negative results. The Commanding Officer of Company "H" stated that it appears that the VC were trying to draw friendly fire into the local village.
- 062330 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) received one (1) hand grenade from the north, thirty (30) meters outside the battery's perimeter wire. One (1) M26 grenade was returned. Two (2) rounds of small arms fire were delivered at a fleeing figure 100 meters south of the battery perimeter; the figure was observed after a hand illumination flare was fired.
- 070630 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) relaid on azimuth 3000 to support a "Rough Rider" convoy moving from Chu Lai (BT521043) to Quang Ngai (BS606721) and return on 7 November 1966.
- 070700 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) relaid on azimuth 5100 to support Company C (-), 1st Battalion, 7th Marines for Operation SAND BAR.
- 071530 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on an estimated company of VC located at BS48207480 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517773). Thirteen (13) rounds HE fired fuze with VT and three (3) WP were expended. Ten (10) VC KIA's confirmed.
- 071540 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) relaid on azimuth 3500 to reinforce the fires of Provisional Battery (BS60757207) in support of Operation SAND BAR.
- 080105 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) relaid on azimuth 3200 to support Provisional Battery (BS60757207). Reason: intelligence reports two (2) VC companies approaching the Provisional Battery position from the northwest.
- 080545 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) relaid on their original azimuth 3800.

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- 080647 Battery "K" (BT44150955) and Battery "L" (BT39461445) fired preparation fires on Landing Zones Blue (BT36390845) and Red (BT34530725) respectively in support of a helicopter-borne assault conducted by the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 080723 Battery "K" (BT44150955) fired a preparation fire on Landing Zone White (BT37790561) in support of a helicopter assault conducted by the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 091415 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on forty (40) VC with cattle, located at coordinates BS493806, requested by a 1st Marine Division aerial observer. Seventeen (17) rounds of HE were expended. Nine (9) VC KIA's and three VC WIA's were reported.
- 112235 A 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) listening post received approximately ten (10) rounds of small arms fire from four (4) VC located seventy five (75) meters from the battery's perimeter to the northwest. The battery returned fifty (50) rounds of small arms fire. A squad size patrol at 120700H discovered two (2) sets of tracks leading up to the listening post and several footprints in area from which the small arms fire originated.
- 121805 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on five (5) to ten (10) VC in a trench line at coordinates BS49647614 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Three (3) rounds HE fuze with VT and seven (7) rounds AP were expended. Three (3) VC KIA's and one (1) VC WIA reported.
- 121828 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on four boats with VC aboard moving along the SONG TRA KHUC River at coordinates BS55407577 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Six (6) rounds HE fuze with VT were expended. A minimum of eight (8) KIA's were reported.
- 130415 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from unknown location to the north of the battery position. No action was taken.
- 130545 Deployed one (1) forward observer team with a MRC-110 to accompany the "Rough Rider" convoy moving from Chu Lai (BT521043) to Quang Ngai (BS607721) and return on 13 November 1966.

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- 131935 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on a suspected VC 60mm mortar position located at coordinates BS515758, requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Thirty two (32) rounds HE were expended. Three secondary explosions and one raging fire reported.
- 132130 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) received one (1) hand grenade (fragmentation) from an unknown location to the south of the battery position. No action was taken.
- 132226 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC in a fortified village located at coordinates BS514757 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Thirty two (32) rounds HE and sixteen (16) rounds WP were expended. Seven (7) VC KIA's and four (4) VC WIA's confirmed.
- 13240 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) received one (1) hand grenade from an unknown location to the north of the battery position. No action was taken.
- 172115 Battery "K" (BT44150955) received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from unknown location to the southwest of the battery's position. No action was taken.
- 190700 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) reported to the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation RIO BLANCO.
- 192345 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) received two (2) fragmentation grenades from the northwest of the battery position. Believed grenades were M26 type fired from a rifle with grenade adapter. Fired a hand illumination flare and fired fifteen (15) rounds of small arms fire at three (3) figures observed running to the northwest of the battery position. Squad size patrol at 200700H had negative results.
- 200700 Battery "I" (BS53909441), the 2d Platoon, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (BS53999442), and the 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) relaid on azimuth 3800 to answer calls for reinforcing fires from the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines in conjunction with Operation RIO BLANCO.
- 202210 Battery "K" (BT44150955) received one (1) M26 fragmentation grenade fired with a M1A2 grenade adapter. Battery returned five (5) M26 fragmentation grenades fired with the M1A2 grenade adapter at suspected movement 150 meters to the east of the battery position.

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- 210220 Battery "K" (BT44150955) received three (3) M26 fragmentation grenades fired with a M1A2 grenade adapter. Battery returned fifteen (15) rounds of small arms fire as muzzle flashes observed to the east of the position approximately 150 meters from the perimeter wire. A squad size patrol at 210330H searching the adjacent area found one (1) spoon from a M26 fragmentation grenade, remains of one (1) M1A2 grenade adapter, and numerous M26 fragments in craters.
- 210825 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BS54069429) fired a mission on four (4) VC in open at coordinates BS397797; requested by 7th Marines FSCC. Eight (3) rounds HE were expended. Three (3) VC KIA's (probable).
- 211400 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on eight (8) VC in the open, located at coordinates BS430764, requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion team. Twenty eight (28) rounds HE were expended. Two (2) VC KIA's (confirmed).
- 211435 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on four (4) VC in the open, located at coordinates BS426760, requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion team. Two (2) rounds HE were expended. One (1) VC KIA confirmed and three (3) VC KIA's (probable).
- 271055 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) returned OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and reverted to mission of General Support 2d ARVN Division.
- 290400 A Provisional Rifle Company consisting of Headquarters Battery (20 men), 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (20 men), 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (20 men), participated in a search and clear operation, code named RANGER. Other participating units were a Provisional Rifle Platoon from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Company C, 1st Battalion 5th Marines, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, and Headquarters Company, 5th Marines. The Battalion's Provisional Rifle Company formed a blocking position from BT437097 to BT434104. The operation ended 1100, 29 November 1966. A total of twelve (12) male and thirty eight (38) females Vietnamese were screened by checkpoints of the Provisional Rifle Company at BT433107 and BT436103. Five (5) VC suspects were turned over to C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines for further interrogation. No enemy weapons or documents were found. No friendly or enemy casualties were sustained.

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- 020800 Resupply of vehicle repair parts to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207) by helicopter.
- 030830 Resupply of rations by vehicle convoy to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207).
- 100600 Resupply of rations by vehicle convoy to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207).
- 100930 Resupply to An Hoa Observation Post (BS474864) by helicopter.
- 130600 Resupply rations by vehicle convoy to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207).
- 141400 Resupply rations to Nui Tron Observation Post (BS517778) by helicopter.
- 191300 Dispatched six (6) M54, one (1) M37 to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207) in support of Operation RIO BLANCO.
- 251000 Resupply of rations by vehicle convoy to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207).
- 260900 Arrival Army Contact Team to provide instruction and aid repairs on Howitzer, medium (SP), M109.
- 271330 Six (6) M54, and one (1) M37 dispatched to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207) in support of Operation RIO BLANCO returned to parent units.
- 271800 Contact Team completed visit. Checked all battalion Howitzers. Results: two Howitzers, medium (SP), M109 removed from deadline.
- 280830 Resupply of rations, and supplies by vehicle convoy to the Provisional Battery (BS60757207).

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