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Command Chronology

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for this battalion is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 December to 31 December 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. 1 December to 31 December 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

Commanding Officer	1 to 31 December	Lt Col G. R. LAMB
Executive Officer	1 to 3 December	Unassigned
	4 to 22 December	Maj R. J. HENLEY
	23 to 25 December	Unassigned
	26 to 31 December	Maj P. F. BURAN
S-1	1 to 31 December	2d Lt J. W. WELLS
S-2	1 to 6 December	Capt H. M. KISER
	7 to 31 December	2nd Lt W. J. DECKER
S-3	1 to 31 December	Maj G. J. WATERS
S-3A	1 to 31 December	Capt R. J. GRAHAM
S-4	1 to 31 December	Maj G. V. MEMMER
Supply Officer	1 to 31 December	Capt J. G. HENDERSON
Motor Transport Officer	1 to 31 December	2d Lt D. L. BAYSE
Maintenance Officer	1 to 31 December	CWO C. T. COFFIN
Communications Officer	1 to 31 December	Capt D. A. COSTIN
Medical Officer	1 to 31 December	Lt T. M. MORAN MC USNR
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battery	1 to 6 December 7 to 31 December	Capt R. C. TITUS Capt H. M. KISER
Commanding Officer, Battery "K"	1 to 31 December	Capt R. T. BAILEY
Commanding Officer, Battery "L"	1 to 31 December	Capt R. E. PFRIMMER
Commanding Officer, Battery "M"	1 to 31 December	Capt C. E. SINCLAIR

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

a. During the period 1 to 31 December, this battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division. The battalion and its assigned batteries have the following 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 "M"	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 (SF) and the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SF) 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 an observation post at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron) during the month and manned an observation post at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa) from 13 to 27 December. During 1 and 2 December, the Provisional Battery supported the 2d ARVN Division, in conjunction with Operation QUANG TIN #122. During the period 12-19 December, the Provisional Battery was OPCON, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines in conjunction with Operation SUTTERA. During the period 1-6 December, Battery "L" was in Direct Support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, and the 1st Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SF) was in General Support, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in conjunction with Operation SUTTER. During December 1966, this battalion fired 681 missions as follows:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
212	122	347

The battalion has fired a total of 5841 rounds during this period.

<u>155 How</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>155 Gun</u>
5191	284	366

The battalion has been credited with:

<u>VC KIA's (Conf)</u>	<u>VC KIA's (Prob)</u>	<u>VC WIA's (Prob)</u>
3	43	15

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events.

a. Personnel

(1) Losses:

- (a) Battle: None
- (b) Non Battle: 1 Enlisted
- (c) Administrative: 2 Officers 16 Enlisted

(2) Gains:

- (a) Replacements: 5 Officers 27 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, etc.) is sent to each battery.

(6) Promotions: 1 Officer 21 Enlisted

(7) Awards and Decorations: 3 Purple Hearts

b. Administration

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

(2) The following Article 15's were awarded by this battalion during the reporting period.

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c. Intelligence.

(1) During the month of December, this battalion continued to conduct at least one event (patrol, outpost, listening post or ambush) per battery, per day. No significant changes or trends from the previous month, pertaining to local intelligence data, were noted in this regard.

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(2) Commencing 17 December and continuing through 23 December, intelligence agent reports reflected (various) VC unit infiltrations in the northern area of the Chu-Lai TAOR, with the assigned missions of attacking/harassing units of this battalion and other friendly units in proximity during the Christmas holidays. Friendly units involved were apprised and increased vigilance was initiated.

(3) During December, the battalion forward observer at An Hoa received several reports from local villagers concerning sightings of VC units in that area, up to and including battalion level. Exploitation of these reports has been hindered due to the language barrier and lack of an interpreter at the forward observer's position.

d. Training.

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

e. Special Operations

(1) Operation QUANG TIN #122. The Provisional Battery, with four 155mm Howitzers (Towed), displaced from its primary position at coordinates BS60757207 to coordinates BS67616834, in order to support, the 2d ARVN Division search and destroy operation in Quang Ngai Province during the period 010500H to 022000HDEC66. The battery's mission was General Support, 2d ARVN Division. The principal direction of fire was azimuth 3400. The battery fired 20 missions:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
10	5	5

The battery expended 499 155mm Howitzer rounds:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
241	180	78

(2) Operation SUTTER. Battery "L", occupying its primary position at coordinates BT39461445, supported a search and destroy operation in the RAOR to the west of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR, in the Tam Ky sector, Quang Tin Province, during the period 010700H to 061815HDEC66. The battery was assigned the mission of Direct Support, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. The battery's principle direction of fire was azimuth 4600 and 16 missions were fired.

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
4	6	6

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The battery expended 173 155mm Howitzer rounds:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
18	141	14

In addition to the support provided by Battery "L", the 1st Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP), located at coordinates BT39511445 and laid on azimuth 4900, fired 10 general support missions as follows:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>
3	7

The platoon expended 158 155mm Gun rounds:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>
37	121

The 1st Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was credited with one (1) VC KIA (Confirmed) and 30 VC KIA's (Probable).

(3) Operation SIERRA. The Provisional Battery reported to the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON at 120600HDEC66, in conjunction with the 2d ARVN Division and 2d Battalion, 7th Marines joint operation. The battery displaced from its primary position at coordinates BS60757207 to coordinates BS61746409, laid on azimuth 2800, and was assigned the mission of Direct Support of 2d Battalion, 7th Marines. The battery returned to OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines on 191430HDEC66, returning to its primary position at coordinates BS60757207. The battery fired 113 missions in support of the operation:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>
57	56

The battery expended 927 155mm Howitzer rounds:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>
489	438

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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 53909441	4200
Provisional Battery (Four 155 How TD)	BS 60757207	5400/5200
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	4300
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

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g. Close Combat.

(1) During the month, the battalion headquarters complex, located at coordinates BT441100, consisting of Headquarters Battery, Battery "K", 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), and 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP), experienced 17 incidents of enemy contact consisting of light probing contact in the form of harassing, small arms fire and fragmentation grenades during the hours of darkness. The battalion did not suffer any equipment damages or losses, and had one (1) Marine WIA (non-med evac). Outside of one (1) VC WIA (Probable) no other enemy losses are known. TAB 3 to Appendix B to Enclosure (1) (S-3 Journal) contains the specific details of each individual incident.

h. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

(1) During the month of December, 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 24 December, the Civic Action Officer visited the Ly Tin District Chief and furnished approximately 17,000 pieces of bubble gum, received by Capt R. T. BAILEY for distribution in the villages of Ky Kauong, Ky Kein, Ky Chan, Ky Xuan, Ky Hoa, Ky Ha, and Ky Sanh.

(2) On 20 December, the battalion furnished a TD18 tractor, under the control of the Civil Affairs Officer, to assist the local villagers in removing trees and stumps from a dirt road under construction at BT445095 to approximately 700 meters north. The road, when completed, will be used by the local villagers for access to Khuong Dai #1 and #2 and Khuong Phu.

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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

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b. Documentation

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TAB 1 (S-1 Journal Entries) to APPENDIX B (Documentation) to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology of 1-31 December 1966.

- 010900 Meritorious Mast presented to Sergeant K. D. BAYLESS (Headquarters Battery) by Battalion Commander.
- 010915 Message received from American Red Cross representative concerning Private Rufus F. HARPER, Jr. (Battery M). Message received by them from American Red Cross at Ruston, Louisiana. Message states: Advise service man that grandfather Joseph C. HILBURN died A. M. 28 November 1966. Place of interment is Blackwell Rolden Funeral Home, Bastrop, Louisiana. Message sent to Battery M First Sergeant to inform Pvt HARPER of message.
- 040900 Major R. J. HENLEY assigned as Battalion Executive Officer vice Major F. R. HARPER, Jr., transferred. Second Lieutenant W. J. DECKER assigned as Battalion Assistant S-2. Both assignments effective 4 December 1966.
- 070830 Captain H. M. KISER assigned as the Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battery vice Captain R. C. TITUS transferred. Second Lieutenant W. J. DECKER assigned as Battalion S-2 vice Captain H. M. KISER, relieved. Both assignments effective 7 December 1966.
- 070900 Letter received from Commanding General, 1st Marine Division awarding Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Silver Star) to Gunnery Sergeant Richard T. ARMSTRONG (Headquarters Battery). Letter readressed and forwarded to Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines as a matter pertaining to a member of their command. Gunnery Sergeant ARMSTRONG transferred to that command on 28 May 1966 by RSO 110-66.
- 090800 Certificate of Appointment presented to First Sergeant D. R. HUGHINS (Headquarters Battery) for promotion to Sergeant Major. Certificate of Appointment presented to Sergeant A. O. PUTTIN (Battery L) for promotion to Staff Sergeant. Both promotions presented by Battalion Commander on 8 December 1966.
- 100840 Purple Heart Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant J. J. MILLER (Battery L). Gold Star, in lieu of Second Award of the Purple Heart Medal awarded to Chief Warrant Officer 2 J. M. CLOW (Headquarters Battery). Both awards presented by Battalion Commander on 10 December 1966.
- 101300 Inspection team from 1st Marine Division Legal Section inspected Battalion Legal Section.
- 101330 Casualty report submitted to Division Casualty Center on Corporal D. L. CARR (Headquarters Battery) for wounds received on 9 December 1966.
- 111200 Call received from American Red Cross regarding message received from American Red Cross, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Message said: Please notify service man of death of grandmother Ludie NORWOOD on 9 December.

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No Loco Parentis. Body at Fairchild Funeral Home. Body to be shipped to the Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Teller City, N. C. for burial. Service man concerned is PFC George R. MORWOOD (Battery K). Battery CO notified to pass word on to PFC MORWOOD.

- 171100 Second Lieutenant J. W. WELLS (Headquarters Battery) assigned as Adj/S-1 vice Chief Warrant Officer 2 J. W. GLOW, transferred.
- 210900 Division Administrative Inspection Team arrived to inspect Battalion administration at all levels.
- 220900 Major R. J. HENLEY transferred to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP for duty with G-3. Relieved as Battalion Executive Officer this date.
- 240900 Report of Live Casualty, case of Pvt J. D. ROBINSON, Cpl R. L. McGHEE, forwarded not recommending approval of Purple Heart Medal.
- 241100 Message received from American Red Cross representative concerning Lance Corporal William J. SHIS (Battery K). Message received from American Red Cross at Jacksonville, Florida. Message states: Advise service man that mother's condition improved and does not require surgery at this time.
- 241300 Message received from CG 1stMarDiv 221259Z Dec66, Congressional Interest Case of Private First Class Ronald G. BLACK 2140587, (Btry K). PFC BLACK alleges that he receives no milk and that there is a shortage in 155mm, 8" ammo and 60 & 81mm Mortar ammo.
- 261000 Major P. F. BURAN assigned as Battalion Executive Officer vice Major R. J. HENLEY, transferred. (See entry, 220900)
- 261600 Message received from American Red Cross representative concerning Lance Corporal Russel D. FUGETT (Battery M). Message received from American Red Cross at Plainview, Texas. Message states: Condition of service man's mother critical. Mother has Malignant Terminal Cancer. Service man's presence required. Service man is taking leave.
- 270830 Purple Heart Medal awarded to Corporal D. L. CARR (Headquarters Battery). The award was presented by the Battalion Commander on 27 December 1966.

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- 061830 Battery "K"'s perimeter position reported it apprehended one 13 year old VCS named Truang Cong Rang trying to steal a trip flare and/or trip flare wire from the outer row of concertina wire. This is the same area where a marker was found several days ago pointing to local security post. The VCS was questioned and released.
- 082115 The battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) received a report from the local village chief that one (1) or two (2) VC Companies are located two or three thousand meters southeast of the battalion forward observer's position.
- 090850 The battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) received a report from the local village chief that many VC were located in the area of coordinates BS4484 and BS4584. This information was verified by the local ARVN unit. It is estimated that one or two VC Companies are involved.
- 111930 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) reported a perimeter position observed an explosion 20 to 30 meters west of position (BT439096). The explosion appeared to be a grenade, but sounded louder than a M-26. Illuminated area with inconclusive results.
- 131855 The battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) received reports from two Vietnamese families that a small force of VC regulars are located one mile west of forward observer position. No further information is available.
- 171600 Ly Tin Agent reports VC platoon in vicinity of coordinates BT418124 VC plan to use Ky Khuong as a base to launch attacks/harassment action against An Bo Bridge (BT430109).
- 181900 Ly Tin Agent report DTG 171700, advises 45th VC Main Force Battalion located at coordinates BT319082, BT322082, and BT332076. Further advises that their original intent to attack Hill 54 (BT395145) on 14 December 1966 has been delayed one week to 21 December 1966. Agent also advises that VC District Force Company designated V-14 is located at coordinates BT346085, and BT353077 intends to attack An Bo (BT430109) in conjunction with the above Battalion.
- 191650 The battalion forward observer at An Hoa (BS474864) reports local villagers report VC element in area of coordinates BS482872 and BS474864 during the evening of 17 and 18 December. Forward observer also reports possible cave or tunnel at above position.

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- 221000 Received from Capt. Piper, the S-3 at 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, that a Popular Forces platoon reported that a nine (9) man V.C. squad has come into the immediate area with the mission of destroying the CAC unit and/or hit the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines complex during the holidays.
- 232045 Brigade Headquarters, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, reported via the Battalion Forward Observer at An Hoa (BS474864), a Battalion of V.C. moved to coordinates BS505350 yesterday from coordinates BS452846. No other details available at this time.
- 241928 The Battalion Forward Observer at An Hoa (BS474864), reported that the village chief reported approximately thirty (30) V.C. with rifles at BS458372.
- 250830 The Battalion Forward Observer at An Hoa (BS474864), reported that the thirty (30) V.C. reported on DTG 241928Dec66 have moved south of BS4538 to BS4684.

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- 010500 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) displaced to coordinates BS67616834 and laid on azimuth 3400 in order to support the 2d ARVN Division in conjunction with Operation QUANG TIN #122.
- 010700 The mission of Battery "L" was changed from General Support/Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, to Direct Support 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in conjunction with Operation SUTTER.
- 022000 Upon the termination of Operation QUANG TIN #122, the Provisional Battery (BS67616834) displaced to its primary position at coordinates BS60757207, and laid two (2) howitzers on azimuth 5400 and two (2) howitzers on azimuth 5200, reverting to primary mission.
- 022215 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from 25 meters to the northwest of the battery position. Battery illuminated with hand flares and returned 45 rounds of small arms fire. Results inconclusive.
- 050015 Battery "K" (BT44150955) position received one (1) fragmentation grenade between guns #1 and #2. Battery illuminated with a hand flare and observed a figure running in a northerly direction outside the perimeter wire. Battery fired a short burst with a M-60 machine gun with inconclusive results.
- 051050 1st Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT39511445) fired a mission on 30 VC in a woodline at coordinates BT359087; requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion team. 20 rounds of HE were expended. 30 VC KIA's (Probable).
- 051325 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC in a village located at coordinates BS54787582 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Five (5) rounds of HE, four (4) of which were fuzed with VT, were expended. Two (2) VC KIA's (Probable).
- 051420 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC in a village located at coordinates BS48457695 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). 12 rounds HE and 12 rounds WP were expended. Three (3) VC KIA's (Probable) and three (3) VC WIA's (Probable).

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- 060200 A 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) 7 man ambush located at coordinates BT432099 made contact with two (2) VC. The ambush threw one (1) M26 grenade and fired 10 rounds of small arms fire at the enemy with negative results.
- 061225 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC on bicycles located at coordinates BS48757855 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). 11 rounds HE, 9 of which were fuzed with VT, were expended. One (1) VC KIA confirmed.
- 061815 Battery "L" reverted to its original mission of General Support/Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 062250 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) position received one (1) fragmentation grenade on the northeast of the battery position. Battery returned one (1) M26 grenade and illuminated with hand flares. Results inconclusive.
- 061100 The Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC in boats at coordinates BS50377471 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). 11 rounds of HE fuzed with VT were expended. Two (2) VC WIA's (Probable).
- 080100 A Headquarters Battery (BT441100) listening post 150 meters south-east from the perimeter wire made contact with 2-3 VC while moving into position. The listening post threw one (1) M26 grenade and fired 30 rounds of small arms fire at the enemy. One (1) VC, WIA (Probable). At 080145H the listening post threw two (2) M26 grenades at the probable VC WIA and immediately received one (1) incoming fragmentation grenade. The listening post was withdrawn and Battery "K" fired 8 rounds of shell illuminating. Negative surveillance. A patrol of the area during the early daylight hours had inconclusive results.
- 081130 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC on a trail located at coordinates BS49257931 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Three (3) rounds HE fuzed with VT were expended. One (1) VC WIA (Probable).
- 090200 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) position received two (2) fragmentation grenades apparently fired from a rifle with a grenade adapter. Battery also received 10 rounds of small arms fire from the north of the position. Battery returned 90 rounds of small arms fire at movement observed approximately 150 meters to the north of the position. Battery "K" and 2d Battalion, 11th Marines provided illumination. Results inconclusive.

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- 100315 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) position received one (1) fragmentation grenade on the northeast side of the battery perimeter. Battery returned 15 rounds of small arms fire at a suspected enemy position with inconclusive results. One (1) Marine WIA (Non-med evac).
- 101515 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC in the open located at coordinates BS47807623 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). 6 rounds HE fuzed with VT were expended. Two (2) VC WIA's (Probable).
- 101555 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on 7 VC in the open located at coordinates BS48567541 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). 18 rounds of HE, 4 of which were fuzed with VT, were expended. Two (2) VC WIA's (Probable).
- 111550 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC in boats located at coordinates BS50377471 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). Three (3) rounds of HE fuzed with VT were expended. Four (4) WIA's (Probable).
- 120001 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) heard noises to the north of the battery position. Battery illuminated with hand flares and observed two (2) figures, approximately 75 meters from the battery position, moving toward the north and from the battery position. Battery fired 10 rounds of small arms fire with inconclusive results.
- 120600 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) reported to the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines for OPCON in conjunction with Operation SIERRA.
- 122245 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) position received one (1) fragmentation grenade from the west of the battery position. The grenade landed in the tactical wire in front of one of the battery's guns. No damage was inflicted on any equipment or personnel. Negative sightings under illumination.
- 142125 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) position received one (1) incoming fragmentation grenade on the northwest of the battery perimeter. The battery returned two (2) M26 fragmentation grenades and 15 rounds of small arms fire at probable avenues of approach into the battery position. Battery "K" fired two (2) rounds illuminating. Search of area during morning hours had negative results.
- 152105 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) position received two (2) incoming fragmentation grenades and 20 rounds of small arms fire from the northwest of the battery position. No activity was spotted and no fire returned.

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- 152105 Headquarters Battery (BT441100) position received two (2) fragmentation grenades on the northeast of the battery perimeter. One (1) grenade landed 20 meters outside the perimeter wire and one (1) grenade landed five (5) meters inside the perimeter wire. No activity observed and no fire was returned.
- 160015 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437093) position received two (2) fragmentation grenades and 20 rounds of small arms fire originating from approximately 100 meters to the northwest of the battery position. The battery returned 80 rounds of small arms fire at the suspected enemy position with negative results.
- 160100 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (BT437098) position received five (5) fragmentation grenades and approximately 60 rounds of small arms fire. 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) (BT438097) position received approximately 30 rounds of small arms fire at the same time. Small arms fire appeared to originate from a village to the northwest of the battery positions (BT434095). 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) returned 250 rounds of small arms fire and 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) returned 120 rounds of small arms fire. Illumination was provided by Battery "K". A five (5) man patrol at 16063CH found foot prints indicating 8-10 people were in area where the small arms fire originated. No further action was taken.
- 172230 Battery "I" (BS53909441) position received 3 rounds of small arms fire originating from 100-150 meters to the northeast of the battery position. Battery returned 80 rounds of small arms fire. Results inconclusive.
- 191430 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) returned OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and reverted to the mission of General Support, 2d ARVN Division.
- 200742 Battery "K" (BT44150955) fired a mission on 7 VC in the open located at coordinates BT375084 requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Team. 13 rounds HE were expended. Five (5) VC KIA's (Probable).
- 201825 Battery "L" (BT39461445) fired a mission on four (4) VC in the open located at coordinates BT349164 requested by a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Team. 33 rounds HE, 10 of which were fuzed with VT, were expended. Two (2) VC KIA's (Confirmed), and two (2) VC KIA's (Probable).
- 211150 Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired a mission on VC on a trail located at coordinates BS49107860 requested by the battalion forward observer at Nui Tron (BS517778). 11 rounds of HE were expended. One (1) VC KIA (Probable).

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- 240010 2d Platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (B354069429) position received two (2) rounds of small arms fire from an unknown direction. No action was taken.
- 290210 A Headquarters Battery ambush located at coordinates BT443106 observed two (2) VC 35-40 meters northeast of the ambush site. Ambush fired 30 rounds of small arms fire at the VC. Ambush immediately received one (1) fragmentation grenade and 5-10 rounds of small arms fire from the southeast of the ambush site approximately 50 meters away. Ambush searched the surrounding area immediately after contact was broken with negative results.
- 311845 Battery "L" (BT39461445) position received three (3) rounds of incoming small arms fire from the southwest of the battery position. No action was taken by the battery due to the New Year's Truce.

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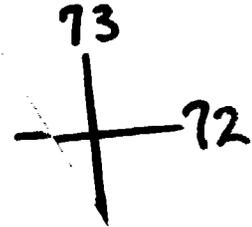
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