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HEADQUARTERS
4th Battalion, 11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 January 1967

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
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Encl: ✓(1) 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d),
enclosure (1) is submitted.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion, 11th Marines
 1st Marine Division (Rein), FTF

LtCol G. R. LAMB

(1-31 Jan)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery

Capt H. M. KISER

(1-31 Jan)

Battery "K"

Capt R. T. BAILEY

(1-31 Jan)

Battery "L"

Capt R. E. PFRIMMER

(1-31 Jan)

Battery "M"

Capt C. E. SINCLAIR

(1-18 Jan)

Capt R. J. GRAHAM

(19-31 Jan)

2. LOCATION. 1-31 January: GIU LAI, Republic of Vietnam.3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj P. E. BURAN

(1-31 Jan)

S-1

2dLt J. W. WELLS

(1-31 Jan)

S-2

2dLt W. J. DECKER

(1-15 Jan)

Capt H. M. KISER

(16-31 Jan)

S-3

Maj G. J. WATERS

(1-31 Jan)

S-3A

Capt R. J. GRAHAM

(1-18 Jan)

Capt C. E. SINCLAIR

(19-31 Jan)

S-4

Maj G. V. MEMMER

(1-31 Jan)

Supply Officer

Capt J. G. HENDERSON

(1-31 Jan)

Motor Transport Officer

2dLt D. L. BAYSE

(1-22 Jan)

2dLt L. J. WALSH

(23-31 Jan)

Maintenance Officer

CWO C. T. COFFIN

(1-11 Jan)

2dLt R. G. SHORE

(12-31 Jan)

Communications Officer

Capt D. A. COSTIN

(1-31 Jan)

Medical Officer

Lt T. M. MORAN, MC USN

(1-22 Jan)

Lt H. R. BIRD-BAKER,

(23-31 Jan)

MC USN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
28	481

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	10

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 January, this battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein) in the CHU LAI area. The battalion and its assigned batteries have the following missions:

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

In addition to organic batteries, this battalion has operational control of the 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) for coordination of local security, camp construction, messing, billeting, maintenance and combined fire direction center at collocated positions at coordinates BT441100, BT39461445, and BS53909441. The battalion manned observation posts at coordinates BS517778 (Nui Tron) from 1-23 January and at coordinates BS474864 (An Hoa) from 9-25 January. The Provisional Battery moved to the battalion CP on 11 January and was deactivated. The 155mm Howitzers (TD) were assigned to Battery "K" for maintenance and dual weapon capability for contingencies. During January 1967, the battalion fired 790 missions, with a total of 7654 rounds.

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

During the month of January, this battalion increased its intelligence gathering facilities. No new VC or NVA units were confirmed to be located in the battalion's area, although some previously confirmed units have possibly combined to form new units.

By midmonth, all M109 howitzers were operational, as a direct result of a concerted maintenance and repair program. The Battalion Maintenance facilities received outstanding support from Force Logistics Support Group-Bravo and a U.S. Army Contact Team. There are no supply problems of great significance.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration. (See Appendix 1)

a. The following losses and gains in personnel occurred during the period:

(1) Losses:

(a) Battle: 0

(b) Non-battle: 0

(c) Administrative: 22 enlisted, 6 officers, 3 Navy.

(2) Gains:

(a) Replacements: 55 enlisted, 3 officers, 4 Navy.

b. POWs captured: None

c. Morale: Excellent

d. Personal Services: The weekly PX run for personnel of the battalion and collocated units was continued. Once monthly, a mail run (money order, stamps, etc.) is sent to each battery.

e. Promotions: 47 enlisted.

f. Awards and Decorations: 8 Purple Hearts

1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Silver)

3 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Bronze)

g. The following courts-martial and article 15s were awarded:

(1) Special: 1

(2) Summary: 0

(3) Article 15: 11

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2. Intelligence. (See Appendix 2)

a. Two events (patrol, outpost, listening post, or ambush) per battery, per day were conducted. A slight increase in VC markers, aiming stakes, position drawings, etc., was observed in the areas surrounding the battery

positions of this battalion. To some degree, this may be related to the attack on 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines' position on 13 January. On one occasion, enemy forces cut a battery's outer perimeter wire under the cover of cannon fire. VC harassing grenades and small arms activity has been light.

b. The Battalion Forward Observers at An Hoa and Nui Tron received several reports from local villagers and ARVN or CIC personnel concerning VC activities in those areas. On at least three occasions, these reports resulted in confirmed VC KIAs as a result of subsequent fire missions.

3. Training. Normal training on general military subjects and technical training was conducted. Adoption of new artillery observer terminology was initiated without difficulty.

4. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. Maintenance of all vehicles and equipment is to be an area requiring many man-hours. (See Appendix 4)

5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

a. During the reporting period, the Battalion Surgeon made a minimum of two visits per week to the Combined Action Company dispensary at Ly Tin (BT46950795). Medical supplies were also furnished during these visits. On 5 January, the Civic Action Officer visited the Village Chief of Ky Khuong and discussed getting with the Hamlet Chiefs of Khuong Dai, Khuong Phu, Khuong Venh and Khuong Hung. This meeting was held on 26 January, at which time items of interest (access road into Khuong Dai, medcaps in all village areas, helping in their schools) were discussed.

b. On 27 January, the Battalion Executive Officer, the Civic Action Officer, and the Village and Hamlet Chiefs visited the hamlet of Khuong Dai. Also discussed and laid out at this time was the continuation of the access road from Route 1 on to the three hamlets in the area (BT445095).

6. Organization and Operations

a. Command:

<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of Fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Battalion	BT441100	
Battery "K"	BT44150955	4500
Battery "L"	BT39461445	4600
Battery "M"	BS53909441	4200

Hq Platoon,
3d 8" HowBtry (SP)

BT438097

1st Platoon,
3d 8" HowBtry (SP)

BT43910964

4000

2nd Platoon,
3d 8" HowBtry (SP)

BS53999442

4300

3rd Platoon,
3d 8" HowBtry (SP)

BT43810974

4800

Hq Platoon,
3d 155mm GunBtry (SP)

BT437098

1st Platoon,
3d 155mm GunBtry (SP)

BT39511445

4900/4600

2nd Platoon
3d 155mm GunBtry (SP)

BS54069429

3550

3rd Platoon
3d 155mm GunBtry (SP)

BT43730965

4200

b. Operations. None

7. Close Combat. (See Appendix 3)

a. During this period, the Battalion Headquarters complex, located at BT441100, consisting of Headquarters Battery, Battery "K", 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), and the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP), Battery "M" at BS53909441, and Battery "L" at BT44150955 experienced twelve incidents of enemy contact consisting of probes, harrassing small arms fire and fragmentation grenades. One M37 truck from Battery "M" suffered extensive damage resulting from mine action. The battalion had ten Marines WIA, one med-evaced. There were no known enemy casualties. Appendix 3 of this enclosure contains the specific details of each individual incident.

3. General Support. (See Appendix 3)

a. The following missions were fired during the reporting period:

OBSERVED

176

UNOBSERVED

134

H&I

480

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm How

6245

8" How

387

155mm Gun

522

c. The battalion has been credited with:

VC KIAs (Conf)

155

VC KIAs (Prob)

56

VC WIA's (Prob)

106

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Staff Journals

a. S-1 - APPENDIX 1.

b. S-2 - APPENDIX 2.

c. S-3 - APPENDIX 3.

d. S-4 - APPENDIX 4.

APPENDIX 1 (S-1 Journal) to Enclosure (1) Command Chronology of CO, 4/11, ltr 3: GJW:JEV ever 5750 serial 004/67 dtd 31Jan67.

- 031000 Call received from American Red Cross representative concerning Lance Corporal K. R. BARNES (Battery L). Message received from American Red Cross CONUS stating brother (BARNES) of service man killed in auto accident at 0030 E. H., 1 January 1967. Funeral arrangements pending. Emergency leave for Lance Corporal BARNES requested from Division thru FAG S-1 and approved by Division. Lance Corporal BARNES departed 3 January 1967 for CONUS on authorized Emergency Leave in connection with permanent change of station due to RTD of February 1967.
- 031300 Second Lieutenant J. J. MILLER (Battery L), Corporal H. M. MISKELLEY (Headquarters Battery), Lance Corporal B. E. BOWEN (Battery M) awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Bronze) this date. Staff Sergeant P. H. HOPE (Headquarters Battery) awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Silver) this date.
- 051500 Battalion Promotion Board met at 1330, 5 January 1967 for authorization of promotions to Corporal and Lance Corporal. Board approved 31 Corporal and 29 Lance Corporal promotions.
- 051530 Message received from American Red Cross representative regarding Lance Corporal L. L. L. (Battery M) notification of death of Grandfather. Message received from Commanding Officer of Battery M by radio for relief for Lance Corporal L. L. L.
- 060900 Second Lieutenant J. M. WELLS (Battalion Adjutant) departed for Okinawa in a TAD status in connection with inventory of nuclear pubs.
- 071100 Message received from American Red Cross regarding Corporal R. C. JENKINS (Battery L) Emergency Leave request. Quote: Service man's mother request emergency leave due to illness of father. Dr. Goldberg states father Robert suffering from degenerative neurological disease. Affecting his balance and walking. Cannot be left alone. Presently at home. Dr. & family considering Hardship discharge request. Dr. Recommends leave. Unquote. Battery Commanding Officer notified and man requested leave. Division contacted and leave in connection with PDS authorized to commence 7 January 1967. Man departed 7 January 1967.
- 071500 Casualty reports submitted to Division Casualty Center on Second Lieutenant J. L. JONES (Battery M), Staff Sergeant J. M. MORRIS (Battery M), Lance Corporal R. L. S. SMITH (Battery M), Private First Class R. I. HARPER (Battery M), Private First Class S. L. SELL (Battery M), and Private F. D. CARROLL (Battery M) for injuries received on 6 January 1967 when a truck they were in hit a land mine.

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- 20900 Second Lieutenant R. G. SHORE (Headquarters Battery) assigned as Battalion Maintenance Officer, vice CWO-2 C. T. OFFIN, relieved.
- 20930 Second Lieutenant L. J. WALSH (Headquarters Battery) assigned as Assistant Battalion Motor Transport Officer, effective 12 January 1967.
- 131600 Casualty reports received on Captain H. M. KISER and Lance Corporal R. HULL (Headquarters Battery) for wounds received on 13 January 1967. Report forwarded to Division Casualty Center.
- 60900 Captain H. M. KISER (Headquarters Battery) assigned as Battalion S-2 as additional duty effective 16 January 1967, vice Second Lieutenant W. J. DECKER, transferred.
- 61400 Second Lieutenant TYLER of Division Information Service Office conducted inspection of Battalion Informational Services.
- 70900 Captain R. J. GRAHAM assigned as Commanding Officer of Battery M, effective 19 January 1967, vice Captain C. E. SINCLAIR, reassigned. Captain C. E. SINCLAIR assigned as Assistant Battalion S-3 effective 19 January 1967, vice Captain R. J. GRAHAM, reassigned.
- 90930 Purple Heart Medals awarded to Second Lieutenant J. L. JONES, Staff Sergeant J. M. MORRIS, Lance Corporal R. L. STANLEY, Private First Class R. F. HARPER, Private First Class S. L. SELL, and Private F. D. CARROLL (Battery M) by Battalion Executive Officer on 19 January 1967.
- 410830 Casualty reports turned into Division Casualty Reporting Center on Major P. F. BURAN and Gunnery Sergeant J. B. JATSON (Headquarters Battery) for wounds received on 20 January 1967 while riding in a CH-46 helo.
- 20900 Lieutenant T. M. MORAN (Battalion Surgeon) transferred to Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines, effective 22 January 1967. Lieutenant H. R. BIRD-BAKER assigned as Battalion Surgeon, replacement for Lieutenant MORAN.
- 21230 Second Lieutenant J. W. WELLS (Battalion Adjutant) returned from Okinawa (TAD) on 22 January 1967.
- 30900 Second Lieutenant L. J. WALSH (Headquarters Battery) assigned primary duty as Battalion Motor Transport Officer effective 23 January 1967, vice Second Lieutenant D. L. BAYSE, transferred.
- 40830 Purple Heart Medal presented to Captain H. M. KISER (Headquarters Battery) on 24 January 1967 by Battalion Commander.

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- 250900 Purple Heart Medal presented to Lance Corporal R. HULL (Headquarters Battery) on 24 January 1967 by Battalion Commander.
- 260830 Meritorious Mast presented to Corporal J. A. BIEGGER (Headquarters Battery) by Battalion Commander on 26 January 1967.
- 310830 American Red Cross message received from New York on Lance Corporal J. B. WARSHAWSKY (Headquarters Battery) stating "Family request presence. Doctor STILLMAN states Father Sidney had second heart attack. Hospitalized. Prognosis guarded. Unable to predict life expectancy. Recommend serviceman's presence." Emergency leave requested from Division. Approval received from Division and orders issued on emergency leave on 31 January 1967.

APPENDIX 2 (S-2 Journal) to Enclosure (1) (Command Chronology) of CO, 4/11,
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031700H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that the ARVN interpreter stated one Battalion of VC is located in the vicinity of Grid Squares 4337, 4437, 4386, and 4486. The reliability of the information is not known. The interpreter also stated that the villagers living in this vicinity have moved to An Hoa.

051910H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), received a report from an ARVN Lieutenant that approximately 2 VC Battalions, wearing camouflage utilities, are with the workers located in the area bounded by BS500830, BS496873 and BS510867.

060400H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), reported a VC Battalion in the area bounded by BS550810, BS540808 and BS543798. This Battalion is the same VC Battalion that Battery "N" fired on on 2 January 1967. The information was obtained from the ARVN CIC at Quang Ngai.

061345H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), reported that one wounded civilian and one VC returnee were moved from their position to Quang Ngai by helicopter. The VC prisoner's name was IX MINH CHALL, from the 1st VC Regiment. He surrendered by entering the village of VAN LOC (3) in the vicinity of BS508789 and turning himself in to the Montagnards. The wounded civilian received his wounds from a 60mm mortar rounds fired by the Montagnards.

091130H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that they Medevaced a Vietnamese civilian, with a stomach wound, to the Quang Ngai hospital. The Medevac was completed at 091212.

091353H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), relayed an ARVN CIC report that one company of VC entered the village of An Tho at BS54157681 at 081000H and are still in the village.

092007H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), relayed a report from the ARVN CIC that 50 VC are occupying the village of MINH THANH at BS51757646.

101900H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), received a call from the ROK Headquarters informing them that they could expect an attack during the night. H&I's previously called into Battery "M" were sufficient to negate the VC attack with one additional HE H&I. The H&I was requested on a hill northeast of the Forward Observer's position. The hill was used by the VC as a mortar position during two previous attacks.

- 31200H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported sighting suspicious movement throughout the morning at BS50158845, where a hut was located. Approximately seven persons were apparently carrying supplies from the river crossing BS50428946 to the hut, a suspected supply point for VC.
- 151000H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that Sgt. BUU, ARVN interpreter, stated at 1715 upon his return from An Hoa Hamlet, that seven families consisting of 31 refugees; 10 men, 7 women, 14 below the age of 16 have entered An Hoa Hamlet at BS430873. The people walked in to the hamlet at 1000 bringing all personal effects with them.
- 161630H Headquarters Battery security patrol found 10 fresh graves, approximately 24 to 48 hours old, at BT431099. Later the patrol found a marker made with two pieces of wood forming a "T" pointing to the Headquarters Battery lookout tower, BT444106. The patrol also found five Vietnamese males of military age, who had valid I.D. cards, in a house at BS448106. A check with Vietnamese official disclosed that the graves were old and were recently polished up for TET.
- 61000H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported two VC surrendered to a patrol and were taken by USMC helicopter to the ROK Headquarters. KMC Capt Chew is on his way to the hamlet of An Hoa to gain more information.
- 61930H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that an ARVN Officer, M.O. NGHEIN, received information from the villagers of An Hoa that a VC road block had been set up at BS499883 and BS500880, prohibiting villagers from going east to BINH SON. A company size VC force is at the road block.
- 70855H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that he had located the road block at BS50168835. It was first sighted while watching 14 villagers walking from An Hoa going east along the road. When the villagers turned the bend, they hesitated before continuing on to the road block. There were approximately eight to ten VC at the road block. It was impossible to determine the exact road block material. About five minutes after the first villagers entered the road block, two more civilians approached, hesitated and then continued on.
- 71400H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), observed seven persons at BS47178302. The people gathered under a tree when a helicopter approached.
- 81437H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported they could see what they believed to be a VC platoon at BS548877. The VC were moving down a mountain side.

211430H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that ARVN Sgt. BUU at that position, received a report from a villager of An Hoa Hamlet, who formerly lived in the area southwest of Hill 167, BS4685. The villager reported a cave at BS46968535 with an opening of 1 meter by 1 meter and a big rock in front of the opening. The villager estimated the cave was big enough to contain a company of men.

221945H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), relayed an ARVN CIC report of a VC Regiment located in the village area bounded by BS55507690, BS434465 and BS56307610.

232205H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), relayed a report from the ARVN CIC stating that a Vietnamese civilian stated that there were VC sleeping at the following locations: 50 VC at hamlets MINH THANH (BS506750), and MINH THANH (2) (BS511755), 85 VC at AN THO (BS543767), and 60 VC at PHUOC LOC (1) (BS565763). Units are unidentified at this time.

241930H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), received a report from W.O. NGHIEM (ARVN Officer) via telephone at 241930H from An Hoa Hamlet saying that a 45 year old woman suspected of being a member of a VC Cadre, was captured at 241000H at BS470875. She was on her way to the TR. BONG area when captured by Popular Forces. She had in her possession a list of supplies, 10,000 piasters, and a book containing a list of names of persons who would get the supplies. The woman is being held at a school house in An Hoa Hamlet by L.O. NGHIEM, one Sergeant and five of his men. The name of the woman is LE THI HO, and she lives in NHAU HO, BS4988. She will be taken by helicopter to BINH SON for further interrogation.

51600H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), reported that GySgt. PORR of the ROK CIC had received a Vietnamese agents report saying that at 241000 the 60th VC Battalion composed of 450 men had moved from the village of VINH TUY (BS466830) to the vicinity of VINH LOC (4) (BS542815). This Battalion is well armed and is reported to have two 60mm mortars.

51800H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that a female VC courier had been taken to 2nd ROK Marine Headquarters.

71030H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), received a report from an ARVN CIC agent that the 31st Battalion of the 21st Regiment, composed of approximately 600 men with 600 civilian workers, are presently located at the following coordinates: BS435798, BS443798, BS452797. The Battalion is equipped with the following equipment: four 30 cal. light machine guns, six 57mm recoilless rifles, two anti-aircraft guns, one GRC-9, six telephones, and 500 kilometers of land line wire.

- 181140H An 8" Howitzer Battery wire checking patrol, checking the wire at the corner of the Battery "K" and 8" Howitzer Battery positions B438097, found drawings in the sand of perimeter posts 8 and 9. The drawings were about 50 meters in front of the perimeter wire. They were about 6" by 8" and were an exact detail drawing of the bunker. Two small footprints, made by either tennis shoes or small boots, believed to be footprints of the person making the drawings, were found near the drawings. The footprints were made close together as if the person was kneeling or squatting at the scene of the drawings. A drawing to scale was forwarded to 1st FAG S-2.
- 191800H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at An Hoa, (BS474863), reported that ROK Marine Capt. Chew and a civilian interpreter had knowledge of a VC road block prohibiting male traffic to BINH SON. Only females are permitted to pass through safely. The road block is a tax collection point and supposedly is set up between NGOC TRI (2) (BS5288) and AN DIEM (2) (BS5488).
- 300930H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), reported that ROK SSgt KIM had received a report from ROK G-2, that there were 300 VC in the vicinity of hamlets TH THANH (2) and MINH THANH (3). The Forward Observer observed the area for approximately 1 hour. There were several groups of men, 6 to 8, in the area.
- 300945 The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), reported that a Montagnard patrol returned to Nui Tron with two booby trapped grenades. The chief the booby trapped grenades were Chinese. He gave the Forward Observer one and sent the other to Quang Ngai. The booby trapped grenade will be forwarded to 1st FAG S-2.
- 101830H The Battalion Forward Observer Team at Nui Tron, (BS547751), reported receiving a ROK G-2/G-3 report that one VC Battalion is located in the vicinity of the hamlet of LAM LOC, (BS578775). This area is heavily wooded. The Forward Observer was unable to observe any enemy action in this area.

APPENDIX 3 (S-3 Journal) to Enclosure (1) (Combined Chronology) of CO, 4/11,
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021920H Provisional Battery (BS60757207) fired 12 rounds on a suspected VC battalion at BS479782. CIC ARVN reported 3 KIA, 2 MIA and 5 buildings destroyed.

030030H Battery "I" (BT395145). A three man listening post reported hearing noises on SID at same time battery was firing TCT. Noises ceased after firing TOT. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines provided 81mm Mortars illumination resulting in negative sightings. A six man patrol searched battery perimeter at 030030H and discovered the outer protective wire had been cut in five places. Wire was repaired and no other unusual signs of activity were sighted.

032105H Battery "M" and 2d Platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) fired 40 rounds on a suspected VC battalion at BS434669 and BS441867. Lt HA (ARVN) reported 32 KIA (Conf) and 30 WIA (Conf).

040845H Provisional battery at (BS60757207) was notified that mission of G/S 2d ARVN Division was to be terminated and to anticipate returning to the battalion CP on or about 11 January 1967.

042302H Battery "I" and 2d platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) fired 40 rounds on a VC platoon at BS442862 reported by 1st FAG resulting in 40 KIA (Conf).

06091CH An M37 truck from Battery "I" ran over a land mine on road at BS558961 resulting in extensive damage to vehicle and 5 USMC WIA (non-med evac).

061610H Battery "I" and 2d platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) fired 60 rounds on a VC battalion at BS550810 reported by 1st FAG resulting in 4 KIA (Prob) and 2 WIA (Prob).

061700H Battery "I" and 2d platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) fired 60 rounds on VC battalion at BS456901 reported by 1st FAG resulting in 3 KIA (Prob) and 2 WIA (Prob).

071315H Battery "I" fired 11 rounds on 4 VC in open at BS474949 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 4 KIA (Prob).

071630H Battery "I" fired 13 rounds on 6 VC in open at BS427349 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 3 VC KIA (Prob).

080900H 2d platoon, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) and 2d platoon 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) fired 38 rounds in support of the TRA BONG CIDG camp under attack by a VC platoon.

- 110900H Battery "M" fired 15 rounds on a VC sniper at BS474014 reported by M-24 (An Hoa). VC dispersed.
- 111200H Provisional Battery at BS60757207 closed station and commenced return motor march for Battalion Headquarters (BT441100).
- 111712H Provisional Battery arrived at Battalion Headquarters. The Battery was deactivated and its 155mm Howitzers (50) were transferred to Battery "K" for maintenance and assumption of dual capability in event of contingency deployment.
- 120045H 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) BT437098 reported observing movement in the vicinity of BT437099. Gun crew on gun #2 fired 20 rounds small arms at the observed location. No further movement observed. Follow up patrol searched area at 120730H and found 2 unexploded M26 fragmentation grenades inside wire vicinity gun #2. Grenade destroyed in place by EOD.
- 20900H M-24 (An Hoa) reported receiving small arms fire from VC sniper at BS414854 when CH-46 attempted landing at CP. Battery "M" fired 15 rounds at reported sniper location with good coverage on target. Sniper fire ceased.
- 30030H Battery "M" received one fragmentation grenade between posts #7 and #8. One USMC found unconscious behind post #8 with no visible wounds. Marine was med-evacuated. No further activity observed.
- 30330H Battalion headquarters complex received approximately 50 rounds small arms from vicinity village BT437095 west of perimeter. No fire returned because incoming fire originally believed to be from 2d Battalion, 11th Marines who were engaged with VC approximately 1000 meters to the southwest. The complex began receiving sniper fire again at 130400H. 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) located on western perimeter fired 120 rounds small arms at muzzle flashes. The battalion suffered 3 WIA (1 med-evac) resulting from incoming small arms and expended illumination flares fired by other units in response to VC attack on 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 130730H Seven man patrol searched area reported at 130330H approximately 200 meters west of 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) and found diagram drawn in the sand which appeared to show the Battalion perimeter area with small circles representing bunkers and lines indicating routes of approach and withdrawal.
- 0942H Battery "M" fired 10 rounds on VC sniper at BS413878 reported by 1st Division AO resulting in 3 KIA (Prob).
- 2100H Battery "M" received one incoming fragmentation grenade from southerly direction. Illuminated area with mortars from 2d Battalion, 7th Marines but did not observe any further enemy activity.

- 51505H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 4 rounds on 6 VC in open at BS398802 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 2 KIA (Prob).
- 51535H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 3 rounds on 6 VC in open at BS424784 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 2 KIA (Prob).
- 51720H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 8 rounds on VC in open at BS398802 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 2 KIA (Prob).
- 51940H Battery "L" fired 11 rounds illumination at BT44123 in support of lost patrol from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to reorient patrol.
- 51520H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 60 rounds on 2 VC regiments at BS498792, BS498784, and BS490784 reported by ARVN CIC through M-24 resulting in 56 KIA (Conf) and 70 buildings destroyed.
- 51510H Battery "M" sentry sighted two persons northeast of battery perimeter. Sentry illuminated with hand flare and fired 5 rounds small arms with negative results.
- 52130H 3d platoon 155mm Gun, post #2 observed a fragmentation grenade burst to the northwest approximately 300 meters. Posts #1 and #3 observed muzzle flashes 250 meters to the Northwest at 162150. Watch tower received 2 rounds of small arms fire and the outpost received 8 rounds small arms fire. One person was observed crossing road and railroad tracks to the northeast. Post #2 returned approximately 100 rounds small arms fire under continuous illumination from Battery "K" and 2d Battalion 11th Marines. At 162250H one incoming rifle grenade was observed at BT432001. Post #3 returned approximately 30 rounds small arms fire under continuous illumination with negative results. At 170745H a fire team patrol swept area up to 300 meters outside perimeter wire for one hour but observed no unusual signs or activity.
- 171510H One M37 truck from Battery "L" traveling northeast on highway #1 with three passengers at BT444094 received one round small arms fire from approximately BT446094. No USMC casualties, vehicle proceeded to Battalion CP, reported incident. No action taken.
- 1815H Battery "M" fired 10 rounds on 6 VC in open at BS423871 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 6 KIA (Prob).
- 1815H Battery "M" fired 10 rounds on 2 VC in open at BS423871 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 6 KIA (Conf).
- 2140H Battery "M" security post sighted 2 persons approximately 100 meters from perimeter wire. Under 81mm Mortar illumination from 2d Battalion, 7th Marines the sentry on post fired 5 rounds small arms with negative results.

- 01005H Resupply helicopter CH-46 with Battalion Executive Officer, Operations Chief and Logistics Chief aboard approached from the northwest at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet and was fired upon by VC with .50 Cal MG from BS469815, BS469816 and BS469814. 2 USMC KIA (1 med-evac, later returned). Resupply not accomplished, rescheduled for later date.
- 12330H Post #5 on western perimeter Battalion headquarters complex manned by 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) received one fragmentation grenade approximately 35 meters west of post. Negative sighting enemy movement, no action taken.
- 22114H Post #13 on northeast side Battalion headquarters perimeter manned by Headquarters Battery received one fragmentation grenade approximately 3 meters inside outer wire. Sentry on post #13 returned one fragmentation grenade to vicinity suspected enemy movement. Fired one hand illumination with negative sightings enemy movement.
- 22114H Post #6, Battery "M" received one fragmentation grenade approximately 40 meters to the southeast in front of post. Fired one hand illumination flare with negative sighting enemy movement.
- 10225H Post #2 on the north side Battalion headquarters perimeter manned by 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) received one fragmentation grenade 15 meters northeast post #2. Observed one person approximately 60 meters to the north of post #2 running north on the east side of highway #1. Sentry fired 30 rounds small arms at fleeing figure. Unable to see any enemy casualties under illumination from Battery "K". No USMC casualties. Follow up 6 man patrol at 240700H searched area for one hour and found evidence of footprints of man running northeast across rice paddy approximately 60 meters northeast post #2 but no evidence of enemy casualty.
- 0900H Battery "L" fired 27 rounds on 6 VC with automatic weapons at BT288077 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 6 KIA (Conf).
- 1955H Post #3, Battery "M" perimeter, sighted one person outside of wire approximately 150 meters and observed the man until he was approximately 75 meters from the wire. The man turned and proceeded away from post #3 after being challenged. The sentry fired 2 rounds small arms, however, the man disappeared into the brush. A four man patrol searched the area at 260700H for 45 minutes but found no unusual signs or activity.
- 1430H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 19 rounds on 12 VC on trail at BS41747922 reported by 1st Recon team resulting in 7 KIA (Prob). Repeated fire with 10 rounds at 261620H on 10 VC resulting in 1 KIA (Prob).

- 280910H Battery "M" fired 10 rounds on 11 in the open at BS483821 reported by N-24 (Nui Tron) resulting in 1 Prob.
- 281240H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired on 15 VC on trail at BS478-805 reported by N-24 resulting in 6 WIA (Conf).
- 281520H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 19 rounds on VC in a house at BS480839 reported by M-24 resulting in 4 KIA (Prob), 2 WIA (Prob).
- 291305H Battery "M" fired 8 rounds at BS483843 reported by M-24 (An Hoa) resulting in 4 WIA (Prob).
- 301300H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 18 rounds on a VC assembly area at BS531770 reported by N-24 resulting in 25 WIA (Prob).
- 301435H 2d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 24 rounds on a VC assembly area at BS534765 reported by N-24 resulting in 20 WIA (Prob).
- 301845H 3d platoon 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 33 rounds on VCs at BT244-146 and BT234148 reported by 1st Recon Team while under attack resulting in 12 KIA (Conf) and 11 KIA (Prob).
- 311205H Battery "L" fired 20 rounds on 15 VC in woods at BT305128 reported by 1st Recon Team resulting in 15 KIA (Prob).

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060830H Convoy to Quang Ngai to return two towed 155 Howitzers to Battalion CP.

101000H All M109s off deadline for first time in approximately 9 months.
Congratulatory message received from CO, 11th Marines

111712H Remaining howitzers, personnel and equipment of Provisional Battery returned to Bn CP area. All towed 155 Howitzers will be maintained and utilized by Battery "K".

201300H Helicopter resupply of Nui Tron fired on by .50 caliber MG AA fire from three positions.

241400H Completed embarkation inspection of all organic Batteries.

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