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## HEADQUARTERS

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

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 5750  
 4/11 S&C #195-67  
 1 Jun 1967

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 To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines (Rein), 1st Marine Division (Rein),  
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 Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 to 31 May 1967  
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 (b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
 (c) DivO 5750.2B  
 (d) RegtO 5750.2C

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

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

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TAB (I)

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER  
 4th Battalion, 11th Marines LtCol G. M. B. LIVINGSTON (1-31 May)  
 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	Capt D. A. COSTIN 1stLt J. A. PAYNE	(1-11 May) (12-31 May)
Battery "K"	Capt C. E. ASH Capt D. B. CHAPLA	(1-26 May) (27-31 May)
Battery "L"	Capt R. E. PFRIMMER	(1-31 May)
Battery "M"	Capt W. S. PARKER Capt W. J. NIXON Jr	(1-29 May) (30-31 May)

2. LOCATION. 1-31 May; DANANG, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj P. F. BURAN	(1-31 May)
S-1	2dLt J. W. WELLS	(1-31 May)
S-2	1stLt J. A. PAYNE Capt J. W. STADTLER	(1-3 May) (4-31 May)
S-3	Maj G. J. WATERS	(1-31 May)
S-3A	Capt D. B. CHAPLA 1stLt J. L. JONES	(1-26 May) (27-31 May)
S-4	Maj G. V. MEMMER	(1-31 May)
Supply Officer	1stLt E. F. CARLSON	(1-31 May)
Motor Transport Officer	2dLt G. L. GRUHL	(1-31 May)
Maintenance Officer	1stLt R. G. SHORE	(1-31 May)
Communications Officer	Capt D. A. COSTIN	(1-31 May)
Medical Officer	Lt H. R. BIRD-BAKER, (MC) USN	(1-31 May)

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USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
23	491	1	10

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 May, the battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein) in the Danang TAOR. Battery "L" displaced from Chu Lai to Danang by sea transport arriving on 1 June. The battalion and its batteries have the following missions:

4th Battalion	G/S 1st Marine Division (Rein)
Battery "K"	Modified mission G/S, Rein, 3d Bn, 11th Marines
Battery "L"	Modified mission G/S, Rein, 1st Bn, 11th Marines
Battery "M"	Modified mission G/S, Rein, 3d Bn, 11th Marines

The battalion furnished personnel to man 11th Marines observation post "FALCON" (AT93247805) used as counter mortar/counter rocket observation post. The battalion provided artillery support from primary positions for Operations conducted within and adjacent to the TAOR. Two FO teams were provided to support ARVN forces in conjunction with Operation UNION. One forward observer accompanied a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion insert (Dateline) from 20-25 May in support of the Reconnaissance effort. Battery "K" reverted to CPOCN this Headquarters from 3/11 on 1 May 1967. During the month the battalion fired 1,562 missions, with a total of 10,502 rounds.

PART II  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel and Administration. (See Appendix 1)

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

## (1) Losses:

- (a) Battle: None
- (b) Non-Battle: 3 Enl
- (c) Administrative: 1 Off; 15 Enl

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## (2) Gains:

(a) Replacement: 2 Off, 58 Enl

b. POWs captured: None

c. Morale: Excellent

d. Promotions: 56 Enl

e. Awards and Decorations: 1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
4 Purple Heart Medals

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

(1) Special: 1

(2) Summary: 5

(3) Article 15's: 13

g. Special Services: 2 mobile runs per week to Battery "K".

2. Intelligence. (See Appendix 2)

a. Daily perimeter patrols and scheduled listening posts were conducted throughout the month.

b. A Vietnamese village chief reported the location of three mines to the Commanding Officer of Battery "K" on the main road adjacent to the position area.

3. Training.

a. Normal training during the period was limited because of the required improvement of newly occupied positions.

b. Preliminary instruction was presented to selected battalion personnel on the M-16 rifle by the FMFPAC contact instruction team on 12 May 1967.

c. A training inspection was conducted by the FMFPAC Inspection Team on 29 May 1967.

4. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. (See Appendix 4)

a. Approximately 69% of the total requisitions submitted since arrival in Vietnam have been filled.

b. The current deadline status of motor transport equipment is 33%. Eleven are deadlined for 2d echelon only awaiting parts; twenty-two are deadlined for a combination of 2d and 3d echelon work.

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5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

a. Due to the displacement of the Battalion from Chu Lai to the Danang TAOR the Battalion S-5's functions during the period 1-31 May consisted of a liaison visit to the 1st Marine Division G-5 to obtain information in regards to our new Civic Action area of responsibility.

b. The Battalion was assigned the village of Hoa Loc and the specific hamlets of Dai La, Phu Ha, Xuan Loc and Phu Thuong Xa.

c. One liaison visit was also made with the Commanding Officer of the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines for the purpose of coordination of effort in respect to Civic Action.

6. Organization and Operations. (See Appendix 3)a. Command

<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Direction of Fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Battalion	AT957756	
Battery "K"	AT879579	4400M
Battery "L"	BT108584	3200M
Battery "M"	AT919802	5400M

b. Operations

(1) Operation UNION. Battery "L" provided artillery support from its primary position to the 1st ARVN Ranger Group in conjunction with the operation. Two FO teams were provided to support the 1st ARVN Ranger Group in conjunction with Operation UNION and UNION II.

(2) Operation WEBSTER. Battery "K" provided artillery support from its primary position to the 7th Marines in conjunction with the operation.

(3) Operation DUVAL. Battery "M" provided artillery support from its primary position to the 7th Marines in conjunction with the operation.

7. Close Combat. (See Appendix 3)

a. The artillery complex in which Battery "M" is collocated received 11 incoming 140mm rockets in front of the position area on 16 May 1967. Battery "M" did not experience any casualties.

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8. General Support. (See Appendix 3)

a. The following missions were fired during the period.

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
231	213	1118

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm How

10,502

c. The battalion was credited with:

<u>VC KIA (C)</u>	<u>VC KIA (P)</u>	<u>VC WIA (C)</u>	<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS</u>	<u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>JUNKS</u>
72	17	7	28	26	24

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Staff Journals

- ✓ a. S-1 Journal (Appendix 1)
- ✓ b. S-2 Journal (Appendix 2)
- ✓ c. S-3 Journal (Appendix 3)
- ✓ d. S-4 Journal (Appendix 4)

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APPENDIX 1 (S-1 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO, 4/11  
ltr 3:GJW:jev over 5750 serial # 195-67 dtd 1Jun67

011600H Bn XO and Sgt COLLIN arrived at 1stBn, 1stMar Forward Command Post to continue the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of 1 Marine and 12 friendly WIA's from Artillery fire.

021300H Bn XO and Sgt COLLIN returned to the 4/11 Command Post area.

030900H Bn XO and Sgt COLLIN departed for K/3/1 CP area to continue investigation.

031100H Bn XO and Sgt COLLIN returned to 4/11 CP area.

040830H Bn XO and Sgt COLLIN departed CP area for 1stMedBn to catch helicopter to USS Repose to continue investigation.

0411400H Capt J. V. STADTLER Jr. joined the Battalion and was assigned primary duty as Bn S-2. He is TAD from 1st FAG.

041815H Bn XO and Sgt COLLIN returned to Bn area after conducting investigation on USS Repose.

050900H Received Award of the Purple Heart Medal on MSgt D. M. BARRELLI, LCpl G. P. STINSON, Cpl P. R. DIETSCHE, LCpl J. H. ZAMROK, Cpl W. J. SIMS, LCpl N. H. HENSLEY, and LCpl G. R. COOPER.

071200H 2dLt W. T. PEDERSEN joined the Battalion and was assigned to Battery "K".

090900H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE departed area to Battery "K" to hold an administrative inspection.

101300H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE returned to Battalion Command Post area.

121330H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE departed area to Battery "L" to hold an administrative inspection.

130800H 1stLt J. A. PAYNE assigned as CO, Headquarters Battery and Capt D. A. COSTIN relieved from that position and assigned primary duty as Bn CommO.

130900H Message received from Red Cross, case of LCpl J. A. CARDILLO (Hq Btry). Message: "Grandmother ill with pneumonia, congestive heart failure, kidney failure. Progress very poor. Mother states very close relationship in family. Have been living with grandmother eight years. Mother will provide transportation cost upon arrival, CONUS."

141500H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE returned to Bn area after administrative inspection of Lima Battery.

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170830H Bn CO presented Purple Heart Medal to LCpl P. M. TURNER (HqBtry), a letter of commendation to LCpl J. L. MEECE (HqBtry), and Good Conduct Awards to SSgt P. DECONICK, Sgt J. J. LATOUR, and Sgt R. W. WELLIANS (all HqBtry).

180830H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE departed area for Battery "M" to conduct administrative inspection.

181600H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE returned from Battery "M".

240930H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE departed area for Battery "K" to conduct an administrative inspection.

241545H Bn Adjutant and Sgt POOLE returned from Battery "K".

251330H Division Legal conducted a legal inspection of 4thBn, 11thMar, in Bn S-1 office.

251450H Received message from Red Cross, Franklin, Pa. concerning Sgt F. J. GRESSLEY Jr. (Btry "L") requesting Emergency leave. Message: "Mother, Claire, patient at Franklin Hospital. Dr. Warren McCaudless states mother's condition terminal of carcinomacosis. Life expectancy days to two weeks. Recommend serviceman's presence."

261145H Bn Adjutant and Bn XO departed area for Battery "L" to conduct an administrative inspection.

261600H Bn Adjutant and Bn XO returned from Battery "L".

261610H Sgt F. J. GRESSLEY Jr. departed on Emergency leave to CONUS for a period of 15 days.

290730H FIFPac Inspection Team arrived at Battalion CP to conduct an inspection into all areas.

290900H Bn Adjutant departed with inspection party for Battery "L".

291040H Capt W. J. NIXON joined Battalion and was assigned CO of Mike Battery as primary duty.

291430H Bn Adjutant returned from Battery "L" with inspection party.

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APPENDIX 2 (S-2 Journal) to Enclosure (1) (Command Chronology) of CO, 4/11  
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021600H Battery "M", reported that security patrol discovered one 105mm dud at (AT917811) and one 82mm mortar dud at (AT922815). At 021000H patrol returned to location of duds and were unable to find them. Local hamlet officials showed money obtained for sale of duds, but would not say who bought them.

101234H Occupied OP FALCON at AT932780 to support 11th Marines' counter rocket observation program.

300830H Battery "A" reported three (3) mines located in the road at AT880573 near their position. One (1) was detonated, no vehicles in area at that time. Road was swept by engineer team which destroyed three (3) in place.

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011045H Battery "K" reverts OPCCN 4/11 from 3/11.

012100H Battery "L" arrived Danang by sea aboard LST 930.

012330H 1st Marines FSCC advised that 2 tanks and 2 infantry squads will be provided as security for Battery "L" tracked convoy enroute to its primary position.

020910H Battery "L" tracked vehicle convoy accompanied by 3rd 155mm Gun Btry (SP) (-) tracked vehicles and security departed MCB 133 for primary position BT108584 arriving at 021020H.

021326H Battery "K" alerted to be prepared to displace to new position area at AT879579 on 3 May 1967.

030943H Battery "K" directed to close station and be prepared to displace upon arrival of security.

031025H Battery "K" displaced to new position at BT879579 and arrived at 031302H.

061224H Battery "K" fired 33 HE on VC movement at grid 198548 reported by 3/7 FO resulting in 2 KIA (Prob).

071030H Furnished FO team to 1st ARVN Ranger Group in conjunction with Operation UNION.

072125H Battery "L" fired 40 HE on a suspected VC Company at 080519 reported by ARVN INO resulting in 40 KIA (Conf).

080930H Battery "L" supporting 1st ARVN Ranger Group from primary position in conjunction with Operation UNION.

081220H Battery "L" fired 25 HE on a VC complex at grid 058499 reported by the 1st ARVN Ranger Group resulting in four buildings destroyed.

082225H Battery "K" fired 61 HE on VC movement at grid 206535 reported by 3/7 FO team resulting in 8 secondary explosions.

092047H Battery "L" fired 18 HE on VC storage area at grid 997544 reported by 1st Marines resulting in two secondary explosions.

092100H Battery "K" fired 15 HE on a VC storage area at 997544 reported by 1st Battalion, 1st Marines resulting in two secondary explosions.

111932H Battery "K" fired 8 HE on VC boat in river at 805540 reported by 3/7 FO resulting in one boat destroyed.

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141020H Battery "K" fired 5 HE on 3 VC in open area 187534 reported by 3/7 FO resulting in 3 KIA's (Prob).

142230H Battery "K" fired 13 HE on a VC infiltration route at 202530 reported by 3/7 FSCC resulting in one secondary explosion.

151500H FO team supporting 1st ARVN Ranger Group in conjunction with Operation UNION returned.

160325H Battery "M" reported that artillery complex their location receiving incoming 140mm Rockets 300 meters south their position in front of Battery "H" perimeter. No damage or casualties reported. Battery "M". Battery "M" fired counter rocket fire on grid 831837 tgt UX 969 and grid 905842, tgt TH 290, grid 830855 - 865855, tgt TH 346.

160800H Battery "K" supported 3/7 from its primary position on Operation WEBSTER conducted within 3/7 TAOR from 160800H to 181200H.

161000H Battery "K" fired 6 HE, 1 WP on VC firing small arms reported by 3/7 liaison officer resulting in several buildings destroyed.

161837H Battery "K" fired 5 HE, 1 WP on 4 VC in open at 212535 reported by 3/7 liaison officer resulting in 2 KIA (Prob).

170600H Operation UNION secured.

171345H Battery "K" fired 23 HE, 1 WP on VC area at 204542 reported by 3/7 liaison officer resulting in one secondary explosion and 10 buildings burning.

171645H Battery "K" fired 10 HE, 1 WP on VC fortification at 182530 reported by 3/7 liaison officer resulting in 4 manufacturing site structures totally destroyed.

171945H Battery "L" fired 8 HE on a recoilless rifle and mortar position at 209558 reported by ARVN advisory (Hoi An) resulting in one secondary explosion.

172050H Battery "L" fired 16 HE, 16 WP on VC troop concentration at 195542 reported by ARVN advisory (Hoi An) resulting in five secondary explosions.

190800H Battery "L" provided artillery support from its primary position to a battalion (-) unnamed operation conducted by 1/1 within the battalion's TAOR.

220945H Battery "K" fired 6 HE on VC movement at 190548 reported by 3/7 FO resulting in 1 KIA (Conf).

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221704H Battery "K" fired 20 HE, 1 WP on VC snipe firing automatic weapon at 939508 reported by 1/7 FO resulting in automatic fire ceasing.

221805H Battery "L" fired 57 HE on VC unloading rockets at 171546 to 178546 reported by ARVN advisory (Hoi An) resulting in 11 junks destroyed, 7 buildings destroyed and 30 KIA (Conf).

222100H Battery "K" fired 4 HE, 4 WP on VC trenches at 848527 reported by 3/7 resulting in two secondary explosions and large fire.

230825H Battery "M" supported 1/7 from primary position in conjunction with Operation DUVAL during period 191200H to 251200H.

231435H Dispatched FO team to support ARVN convoy within the Danang TAOR which departed Hue enroute to Danang.

250905H Battery "L" fired 34 HE on 10 VC in open at 974554 reported by 1/1 FO resulting in 6 KIA (Prob).

251230H Battery "K" fired 7 HE, 7 WP on VC mine field at 939532 reported by 1/7 FO resulting in 2 secondary explosions.

251302H Battery "L" fired 83 HE on VC troop emplacement at 820733 reported by Marine AO resulting in excellent coverage and two secondary explosions.

251730H FO team dispatched to Hill 29 BT227320 to support 1st ARVN Ranger Group in conjunction with Operation UNION II.

290900H Battery "L" supported an unnamed joint operation from its primary position conducted by 1/1 and ARVN forces in the vicinity of Hoi An during period 290900H to 301000H.

291255H Battery "L" fired 40 HE, 2 WP on 7 VC junks at 170510 reported by ARVN advisory (Hoi An) resulting in 6 junks sank, 1 junk damaged.

300840H Battery "L" fired 72 HE, 73 WP on prep fire at 149542, reported by 1/1 FO resulting in one secondary explosion.

301912H Battery "L" fired 12 HE on 30 VC in open at 190548 reported by ARVN advisory (Hoi An) resulting in 5 sampans destroyed, one large secondary explosion, 4 KIA (Prob).

310950H Battery "L" fired 8 HE, 6 WP on a VC meeting house at 205558 reported by ARVN advisory (Hoi An) resulting in one building destroyed.

312235H Battery "L" fired 18 HE on VC company at 110521 reported by ARVN advisor (Hoi An) resulting in 1 KIA (Conf) and 7 WIA (Conf).

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010630H Battery "L" commenced loading aboard LST 980 at Chu Lai.

011245H Battery "L" aboard LST 980 departed Chu Lai enroute to Danang.

012100H Battery "L" disembarked from LST 980 at Red Beach, Danang.

012110H Battery "L" wheeled vehicles executed administrative motor march to the Battalion CP for Bivouac awaiting displacement to primary position on 2May67 vicinity BT108584.

020030H Battery "L" tracked vehicles disembarked at TIEN SHAW ramp, Danang, proceeded to MCB 133 area vicinity BT071715 to remain overnight awaiting displacement to primary position vicinity BT108584.

100930H Initial movement of Engineer materials and ammunition to improve CP FALCON.

120900H Battalion Ammunition Convoy to resupply Battery "K".

130800H Helo resupply of CP FALCON.

130830H Battalion Ammunition Convoy to resupply Battery "L".

150930H FMFPAC Inspection/Assistance Team arrived to school and inspect Motor Transport.

200815H Helo resupply of CP FALCON.

221100H Courtesy visit of two (2) civilian technical representatives (Mr. GREEN and Mr. PETERSON) from Office of the Project Manager, 155mm HONITZER, M109.

290730H Inspection by FMFPAC Material Maintenance Readiness Team.

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