

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

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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 to 31 Aug 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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4th Bn/11th Mar
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion, 11th Marines Maj J.S. HOLLINGSHEAD (1-31 Aug)
1st Marine Division (Rein),
FMF

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1stLt J.A. PAYNE	(1-31 Aug)
Battery "K"	Capt D.B. CHAPLA	(1-31 Aug)
Battery "L"	1stLt M.A. RIGNEY	(1-31 Aug)
Battery "M"	Capt W.J. NIXON	(1-31 Aug)
Battery "N" (Provisional)	1stLt J.L. JONES 1stLt K. KOELLN	(19-28 Aug) (28-31 Aug)

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj G.V. MEMBER	(1-31 Aug)
S-1	1stLt J.W. WELLS	(1-31 Aug)
S-2	Unassigned	
S-3	Maj L.J. SZAFRANSKI JR	(1-31 Aug)
S-3A	1stLt J.L. JONES	(1-18 Aug) (29-31 Aug)
Survey/Metro	1stLt E.L. NEAL	(27-31 Aug)
S-4	Capt E.G. HANNAH	(1-31 Aug)
Supply Officer	1stLt P.R. PELCZARSKI	(1-31 Aug)
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt G.L. GRUEL	(1-31 Aug)
Maintenance Officer	1stLt R.G. SHORE WO T.O. SMITH JR	(1-6 Aug) (7-31 Aug)
Communications Officer	2ndLt E.L. GREATHOUSE	(1-31 Aug)
Medical Officer	Lt. V. BARRESI (HC) USN	(1-31 Aug)

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USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
25	433	1	9

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period of 1-31 August, the Battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), in DaNang TAOR. Battery "L" displaced two guns to position located at Grid (139580) in support of Operation "Pike". The guns arrived at this position at 311600H Jul 67. The guns returned to their primary position at 031910H Aug 67. Battery "M" displaced two guns to Hill 45 at 070855H Aug 67 and returned guns to Battery "M" position at 071620H Aug 67. A two gun displacement to Hill 190 was conducted each day for a period of three days on the 12, 13, and 14 of Aug. On the 7th of August this Battalion furnished two Forward Observer teams and one Liaison Team to 2/11 for Operation "Cochise" to work with the ARVN Forces. These teams returned to this unit on 272200H Aug 67. Battery "N" was formed at Grid (88827737) at 191000H, consisting of two guns from each of the following Units; Battery "L", 3rd 155 Gun Battery, and 1st Armored Amphibious Tractors. Battery "M" relocated two guns on 251912H to Hill 190. On 27 Aug 67 Battery "L" displaced two guns to Battery "M" position, arriving there 271225H Aug.

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

The Battalion is maintaining the 11th Marines Observation Post "Falcon" (AT93147821), and Observation Post "Plaid 24" (AT8977-8211). These Observation Posts are used as Counter Mortar Rocket Observation Posts. During the month the Battalion fired 4,160 missions, expending a total of 18,284 rounds.

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 reporting period.

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(1) Losses:

(a) Battle: None

(b) Non-Battle: 7

(c) Administrative: 50

(2) Gains:

(a) Replacement: 2 Off, 24 Enl

b. POW's captured: None

c. Morale: Excellent

d. Promotions: 1 Off, 25 Enl

e. Awards and Decorations: 1 Commendation W/V, 1 Purple Heart, 16 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry.

f. The following Courts-Martial and Article 15's were awarded:

(1) Special: 0

(2) Summary: 1

(3) Article 15's: 4

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

2. Intelligence. (See Appendix 2)

a. Daily perimeter patrols were conducted throughout the month.

b. 4th Bn OP Plaid 24 reported that 7 Viet Cong were in village (AT897814) passing out Propaganda Leaflets and assassination lists. Two elderly Vietnamese came to F-2/7 position to report this information. They stated that their names were on the lists.

c. 4/11 Civic Action Officer received information from the village chief of Hoa Lac that the T89 Bn and 2/6 Bn are in the area. Their mission is to attack DaNang Air Base, Esso Plant, or FLC. Time of attack unknown. Meeting was held at Khung My to determine date.

3. Training

a. Normal training and certain technical training has been conducted in the Battalion with the goal of increasing firing efficiency.

4. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. (See Appendix 4)~~DECLASSIFIED~~
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a. Approximately 59% of the total of 17215 requisitions have been filled since arrival in Vietnam. 10225 requisitions are complete.

b. The current deadline status of motor transport equipment is 18%. There are 4 vehicles down for 2nd echelon, and 12 vehicles for 3rd echelon maintenance.

5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

a. The Battalion Civic Action area of responsibility is the village of Hoa Lac, consisting of the seven Hamlets of Dai La, Xuan Loc, Phu Thong, Thon Phu Ha, Lac Hoa, The Lum, and Thoung Phi.

b. Med Caps were initiated and are now conducted three times per week. The attendance for the period was 429 with 7 evacuated for evaluation.

c. Major J. S. Hollingshead presented a sewing machine to the Hamlet of Xuan Lac.

d. The construction of Maternity Hospital at Xuan Lac is to be completed in the first week of September. 8-6X6 beams, 100 bags cement, 2-55 gal drums, and white wash materials were delivered for the hospital.

e. A Project Submittal sheet for work at the Buddhist Pagoda was submitted for signature to the U.S.A. Representative in the Dia Loc district. 50lbs of clothing and 55 school kits delivered to Dai Loc. 50 school kits were delivered to Xuan Loc.

6. Organization and Operations. (See Appendix 3)

a. Command

<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Dir of Fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Battalion	AT957756	
Battery "X"	AT879579	4400M
Battery "L"	BT108584	3200M
Battery "H"	AT919802	5400M
Battery "N" (Provisional)	AT888777	4400M

b. Operations

(1) Operation PIKE. Battery "L" provided reinforcing artillery fires for 3/11 in support of 1st Mar, 1 Bn 5th Mar and 1 Company of the 7th Marines.

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(2) Operation COCHISE. Battery "L" reinforced 2/11, support was provided for 1/3 SIF, 5th Mar., and 1st Mar. This battalion furnished two Forward Observer Teams and one Liaison Team.

(3) Operation "UNNAMED". On 21 Aug thru 23 Aug 67, Battery "L" supported two (2) companies of the 1st Marines.

(4) Operation YAZOO. Battery "K" provides reinforcing fires for 3/11 in support of 7th Marines with four (4) guns at primary position and 2 guns on Hill 52.

7. Close Combat

a. The Battalion Headquarters complex had no incidents. Due to the organization of Battery "N", Headquarters Battery has furnished two squads of security troops from 19 Aug to 31 Aug 67. Battery "L" received 15 rocket rounds on the night of 26-27 Aug. Results, 3 USMC (WIA). Personnel treated and returned to duty.

8. General Support. (See Appendix 3)

a. The following missions were fired during the period:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&I</u>
202	330	3628

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm HOW
18,284

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>
22	10	8	3	26	0

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)
- ✓ e. S-5 Journal (Appendix 5)

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APPENDIX 1 (S-1 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of
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011600HAug LtCol LIVINGSTON was relieved of all duties as Bn CO
by Maj J. S. HOLLINGSHEAD at a change of command
ceremony.

011630HAug 1stLt CATALLO reported aboard for duty and was
assigned to Btry "K".

032000HAug LtCol LIVINGSTON departed to CONUS on PCS orders.

050830HAug 2dLt WELLS departed Bn CP to investigate a serious
incident report at Btry "K".

061130HAug Vehicle accident occurred involving a Btry "L" vehicle
which hospitalized Pvt ZINOWICH.

061400HAug 1stLt SHORE departed to CONUS on PCS orders.

091320HAug 2dLt WELLS departed CP for Btry "M" to conduct a
preliminary administrative inspection.

120745HAug 2dLt WELLS departed CP for administrative inspection
at Btry "L".

151340HAug 2dLt WELLS conducted an administrative inspection of
HqBtry.

160830HAug Division Legal Inspection Team came aboard to conduct
an inspection.

170830HAug 2dLt WELLS departed Bn CP to hold an administrative
inspection at Btry "K".

230830HAug Division Administrative Inspection Team came aboard
to conduct an inspection.

231130HAug 1stLt ROSS reported aboard and was assigned to Btry "L"
for duty.

270800HAug 1stLt NEAL reported aboard from HqBtry, 11thMar and
was assigned to HqBtry for duty.

271400HAug 2dLt PELCZARSKI promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

281530HAug 2dLt WELLS promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

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- 081840H OP Plaid reported that 7 Viet Cong were in village (AT897-814) passing out Propaganda Leaflets and Assassination List. Two elderly Vietnamese came to F-2/7 position to report. They stated that their names were on the list.
- 121015H Headquarters 4/11 Fireteam Patrol for N.S.D.C. found trench 100m long 2ft wide and 4ft deep, 150m N.E. of Hoa My (Hamlet) (AT976775). Small girl saw patrol approach and ran into Hamlet. Trench was about 3 or 4 days old.
- 172010H CAP Unit engaged 12 Viet Cong in fire fight. Mike Battery received approximately 200 rds small arm and automatic weapon fire. Mike Battery fired illumination and went on 100% alert. No casualties reported (AT911815).
- 212115H OP Plaid received report from F-2/7 that Viet Cong are supposed to Rocket or Mortar Hotel Battery position and FLC. Vietnamese villagers in area have been warned to move away from American position.
- 221600H Headquarters 4/11 Civic Action Officer received report from village chief of Hoa Lac (U), that the T89 Bn is at (AT877-770 - 869762) and the 2/6 Bn is at (AT885703 - 953683). Their mission is to attack DaNang Air Base, the Esso Plant or FLC. The time of attack is unknown but is supposed to be within one week. A meeting was held in Khung My (H) (AT911683) to determine time of attack.
- 251300H Battery "K" water run received approximately 10 rds of automatic weapon fire from house 50m off left side of road, approximately 100 meters from Popular Force position (AT90-57).
- 262240H Battery "L" received approximately 10 rds of automatic weapon fire from tree line approximately 400 meters in front of Post #17 (BT108589).
- 270230H Battery "L" received approximately 5 rds Rocket at East side of position at junction of 3rd 8" and "L" Battery.
- 270335H Battery "L" received 4 incoming rds into position. They came from approximately 500 meters to the right of Post #19. Flashes were spotted from the Post. Possible that incoming rds were 122mm Rockets. 3 USMC WIA (Minor).

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- 011730H Battery "L" X-RAY fired UL008, Grid (199520). Expended 20HE and 3 WP. Res. 5 structures destroyed, 3 structures damaged, 2 KIA (P).
- 022005H Battery "K" fired UK316, Grid (810586), Expended 30 WP. Res. good fire burning, two secondary explosions.
- 022320H Battery "M" fired FZ336, Grid (843857), Expended 11 Illumination. Res. 2 KIA (P).
- 031120H Battery "L" X-RAY fired UL026, Grid (21774956), Expended 26 HE. Res. 2KIA (C), 5 KIA (P).
- 031200H On 19 July 67 Battery "L" fired GZ810, Grid (223530), Expended 6 HE. Res. 20 KIA (C), 8 WIA (C).
- 031910H Battery "L" X-RAY guns returned to Battery "L" C.P.. Arrived at 1910-(were ready to shoot at 1930).
- 032000H Operation PIKE terminated.
- 070740H Battery "M" 2 guns displaced to Hill 45.
- 070816H Battery "K" fired UK323, Grid (871544), Expended 12 HE. Tgt. 15 Viet Cong/utilities/packs and rifles. Res. no body count.
- 070855H Battery "M" X-RAY guns in position, "ready to shoot".
- 071620H Battery "M" X-RAY guns have returned to Battery "M" position.
- 121022H Battery "M" displaced 2 guns to near Hill 190, Grid (AT8935-8190) ("M" ZULU).
- 130801H Battery "M" displaced 2 guns to (AT90108195).
- 130835H Ready to fire from "M" ZULU position.
- 131810H "M" ZULU guns returning to "M" CP.
- 140800H Battery "M" dispatched 2 guns to "M" ZULU position.
- 141025H Battery "L" fired RX131, Grid (993545), Expended 14 HE. Res. 1 KIA (P).
- 141556H Battery "L" fired GZ944, Grid (228509), Expended 69 HE and 9 WP. Res. 4 buildings destroyed, 14 buildings damaged.
- 190115H Battery "L" fired GZ024, Grid (172523), Expended 24 HE and 2 WP. Res. 1 secondary explosion.

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- 190955H Battery "N" formed at Grid (AT88827737), 2 guns from 3rd 155 Gun Battery arrived at position.
- 191055H Battery "N" (L) guns arrived at position (AT88827737).
- 191221H 1st Amtrac Battalion provided 2 LVTH-6 which arrived at Battery "N" position, Grid (AT88827737).
- 191245H Battery "N" fired first round.
- 260600H Battery "N" fired TH901, 902, 903, and 912 as Prep Fires for Operation "YAZOO". Expended 13 HE and 13 WP.
- 270500H Operation "YAZOO" commenced. All fire missions must be cleared through 7th Marines, this includes fires for Recon inserts also.
- 271225H Battery "L" displaced 2 guns from "L" position to "M" position. Departed approximately 0830, arrived at 1225.
- 272040H Battery "K" fired UK370Z, Grid (95945973), for bridge under attack. Expended 51 rds of Illumination.

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Appendix 4 (S-4 Journal) to Enclosure (1) (Command Chronology) of
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- 110830H Battalion Material Readiness Inspection of Battery "K".
- 120830H Battalion Material Readiness Inspection of Battery "L".
- 140800H Battalion Material Readiness Inspection of Battery "M".
- 141300H Battalion Material Readiness Inspection of Headquarters
Battery.
- 170830H Division Material Readiness Inspection.
- 221000H Battalion S-4 to Division Ordnance to acquaint Division
Ordnance Officer with problems of M82 primer.
- 221300H Battalion S-4 and Division Ordnance Officer to Battery
"M" to look into M82 primer problem.
- 070900H 6 M109 Howitzers on deadline.
- 271900H Requested CG FIFPac assistance in filling of repair parts
requisitions for M109 Howitzers.

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- 010900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Dai La and treated 38 persons.
- 020900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Phu Thuong and treated 45 persons.
- 030900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and treated 43 persons.
- 070930HAug The Bn S-5 went to the Hieu Duc District Hq and had a Project Submittal Sheet for the Buddhist Pagoda in the Hamlet of Dai La, signed by the American Army Officer in charge of that district.
- 080900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Dai La and treated 31 persons.
- 0900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Phu Thuong and treated 35 persons.
- 100900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and treated 34 persons, then proceeded to the Civil Affairs Warehouse to pick up MEDCAP supplies.
- 121330HAug The Bn S-5 delivered 8, 6X6 beams to the Hamlet of Xuan Loc for the construction of the Maternity Hospital.
- 141000HAug The Bn S-5 picked up a warehouse receipt for 145 bags of cement and then delivered 45 bags to the Hamlet of Xuan Loc for the Maternity Hospital.
- 151000HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Dai La and treated 34 persons, and then proceeded to Da Nang to pick up 50 bags of cement.
- 160900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Phu Thuong and treated 32 persons and also evacuated 3 children to the Bn area for an examination by the Medical Officer and 4 children to the NSA Hospital for an Orthopedic examination and then returned them to the Hamlet. The S-5 then proceeded to Da Nang to pick up 50 bags of cement; later the S-5, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, Maj J. S. HOLLINGSHEAD, went to the Village of Hoa Loc, where the Major presented the Hamlet with one sewing machine, and also delivered 5 bags of cement for the construction of the Maternity Hospital.
- 170900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and treated 38 persons, and also distributed 50 bars of soap.

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- 190930HAug The Bn S-5 went to the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and conferred with the Village leaders about the need for School Kits, clothing for the children, furniture for the local schools and furniture for the Maternity Hospital, and also delivered two 55 gal drums for the construction of the Hospital.
- 220900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Dai La and treated 32 persons, and also distributed 50 School Kits to the children in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc.
- 230900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Phu Thuong and treated 36 persons.
- 231000HAug Psychological Operations Technical Inspection Team came aboard to conduct an inspection.
- 240900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and treated 31 persons.
- 250930HAug The Bn S-5 went to the Hamlet of Dai La and distributed 55 School Kits and 50 lbs of clothing.
- 261400HAug The Bn S-5 went to G-5 and picked up 2000 Piasters in order to purchase white wash for the Maternity Hospital in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc.
- 281000HAug The Bn S-5 went to Da Nang and purchased 100 kg. of white wash for the construction of the Maternity Hospital in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc.
- 290900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Dai La and treated 37 persons.
- 00900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Phu Thuong and treated 41 persons. The Regimental Medical Officer also accompanied the S-5 on the MEDCAP.
- 310900HAug The Bn S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and treated 27 persons; the Regimental Medical Officer accompanied the S-5 on the MEDCAP.

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