

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

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 4/11 S&C #360-67
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines (Rein), 1st Marine
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 96602

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 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 Battalion, 11th Marines
 Command Chronology

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 Command Chronology

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

4th Battalion, 11th Marines Maj. J.S. HOLLINGSHEAD (1-30 Sep)
 1st Marine Division (Rein),
 FPF

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Headquarters Battery | 1stLt J.A. PAYNE | (1-17 Sep) |
| Battery "K" | 1stLt E.L. NEAL | (18-30 Sep) |
| Battery "L" | Capt D.B. CHAPLA | (1-28 Sep) |
| Battery "M" | 1stLt A.L. CATALDO | (29-30 Sep) |
| Battery "N" (Provisional) | 1stLt M.A. RIGNEY | (1-10 Sep) |
| | 1stLt K. KOELLN | (11-28 Sep) |
| | Capt F.J. CUNNINGHAM | (29-30 Sep) |
| | Capt W.J. NIXON, Jr. | (1-12 Sep) |
| | Capt J.F. SPANGLER | (13-30 Sep) |
| | 1stLt K. KOELLN | (1-4 Sep) |
| | Capt E.G. HANNAH | (5-9 Sep) |

2. LOCATION. 1-11 September 1967: DANANG, Republic of Vietnam.
 12-30 September 1967: TRIEM TRUNG (2), Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Executive Officer | Maj G.V. MIMMER | (1-30 Sep) |
| S-1 | 1stLt J.W. WELLS | (1-30 Sep) |
| S-2 | Unassigned | (1-30 Sep) |
| S-3 | Maj L.J. SZEAFRANSKI, Jr. | (1-28 Sep) |
| | Capt D.B. CHAPLA | (29-30 Sep) |
| S-3A | Capt W.J. NIXON, Jr. | (1-30 Sep) |
| Survey/Metro | 1stLt E.L. NEAL | (1-30 Sep) |
| S-4 | Capt E.G. HANNAH | (1-30 Sep) |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt P.R. PELCZARSKI | (1-30 Sep) |
| Motor Transport Officer | 1stLt G.L. GRUHL | (1-30 Sep) |
| Maintenance Officer | W.O. P.O. SMITH, Jr. | (1-30 Sep) |
| Communications Officer | 2ndLt E.L. GRATHOUSE | (1-30 Sep) |
| Medical Officer | Lt V. BARKESI (MC) USNR | (1-30 Sep) |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | USN |
|------|-----|
| OFF | OFF |
| ENL | ENL |
| 26 | 1 |
| 407 | 9 |

PART I
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period of 1-30 September, the Battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), in the Danang TAOR. Battery "N" located at Grid (88827737) was maintained as a provisional battery supporting the Divisional Counter/Rocket program. Battery "M" provided two guns for positioning at Hill 190. Battery "N" was desolved at 09115CH Sept 67. Battery "M" Guns returned from Hill 190 on 13 September 1967 to the Battery primary position. Battery "L" Guns that were in Battery "M" and "N" positions returned to Battery "L" primary position on 15 September 1967.

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

Headquarters Battery displaced by echelon the first element departing the Danang area on the 10th of September. Final movement was completed by 111200H September 1967. On assuming command in the TRIEN TRUNG Artillery complex 3rd Platoon 8" Howitzer Battery became OPCON to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Operation of Observation Posts "FALCON" (AT93147821) and "PLAID 24" (AT09778211) was assumed by Regimental Headquarters on or about the 10th of September 1967. During the month the Battalion fired 3241 missions, expending a total of 11,123 rounds.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel and Administration. (See APPENDIX 1)

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

1. Losses:

- (a) Battle: 1 Officer, 7 Enlisted
- (b) Non-Battle: 3 Enlisted

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(c) Administrative: 42 Enlisted

2. Gains:

- (a) Replacement: 6 Officers, 41 Enlisted
- b. POW's Captured: 1
- c. Morale: Excellent
- d. Promotions: 1 Officer, 89 Enlisted
- e. Awards and Decorations: 1 Silver Star, 1 Letter of Commendation from CG, 1st MarDiv and 11 Purple Hearts.
- f. The following courts-martial and Article 15's were awarded:
 - (1) Special: 2
 - (2) Summary: 3
 - (3) Article 15's: 2
- g. Special Services: 2 Mobile runs to Hill 327 per week from Battery "X".

2. Intelligence. (See APPENDIX 2)

- a. Daily perimeter patrols were conducted throughout the month. In the new positions Listening Post's have been established and manned at predetermined times nightly.
- b. Received from a reliable informant. NVA Regiment broke up after engagement with 5th Marines. Moved North. 2 Battalions went to XUYEN THAI, XUYEN LUNG and BAN TRACH in XUYEN district. 1 Battalion went to PHU-KY in DIEN BAN district. No exact date or time this incident occurred is not known. However, it was quite recent. It was also reported that they might attack HOI AN and surrounding outposts with mortars.

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)

- a. Approximately 60% of the total 17790 requisitions have been filled since arrival in Vietnam. 10665 requisitions are complete.

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b. The current deadling status of motor transport equipment is 16%. There are 7 vehicles down for 2nd echelon, and 9 vehicles for 3rd echelon maintenance.

5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

a. The Battalion Civic Action area of responsibility was the village of HOA LAC until Headquarters Battery displaced to TRIEN TRUNG on 11 September 1967. Consisting of seven hamlets of DAI LAI, XUAN LOC, PHU THONG, THON PHU MA, LAC HOA, KRE LUN and THOUNG PHI.

b. Medcaps were conducted at DIA LA hamlet treated 24 persons; PHU THUONG, treated 31 persons; XUAN LOC, treated 29 persons.

c. The Battalion S-5 distributed 100 school kits to the children of PHU THUONG hamlet.

6. Organization and Operations. (See A PENDIX 3)

a. Command

| <u>Units</u> | <u>Coordinates</u> | <u>Dir of Fire</u> |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Headquarters, 4th Battalion 11th Marines | AT957756 BT105582 | (1-11 Sept 67) (11-30 Sept 67) |
| Battery "K" | AT879579 | 4400M |
| Battery "L" | BT108584 | 3200M |
| Battery "M" | AT919802 | 5400M |
| Battery "N" (Provisional) | AT888777 | 4400M |

b. Operations

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

(2) Operation SWIFT. Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 1/11 in support of 1st Marines from primary position.

(3) Operation PHI PHUNG 41. Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 1/11 in support of ARVN at HOI AN.

(4) Operation BALLISTIC CHARGE. Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 1/11 in support of 1st and 5th Marines.

(5) Operation SHELBYVILLE. Battery's "K" and "L" provided reinforcing fires for 3/11 and 1/11 in support of 2/1, 1/3, 3/5 and ARVN units.

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a. The Battalion complex had no incidents from 1-10 September 1967. Headquarters Battery furnished two squads of security troops to Battery "M" 1-9 September 1967. On 020020H Battery "N" received mortar fire and infiltration of VC with satchel charges, 3 USMC (KIA) 3 USMC (WIA). Casualties were all from Headquarters security squads. At 020055 Battery "M" received 3 - 122mm rockets, one CP tent damaged, no casualties. On 020055 Battery "M-Z" reported receiving small arms fire. On 020058, Observation Post "PLAID 24" was under small arms fire. On 030725 Battery "M" Listening Post captured 1 POW and weapons over to 7th Marines. On 070010 Battery "K" received incoming grenades. On 080015 Battery "N" received 15 rounds small arms, VC attempting infiltration, returned fire received assistance from 2/7 with HE and ILL mortar support. Headquarters Battery and Battery "L" received 5 rounds rocket size unknown, 110330, Battery "L" had 3 casualties, 2 of which were med-evacued. Headquarters Battery was established at new location 111200H September 1967, Grid BT105582.

6. General Support: (See Appendix 3)

a. The following missions were fired during the period:

| <u>OBSERVED</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED</u> | <u>H&I</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 183 | 213 | 2845 |

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm HOW

11,123

c. The battalion was credited with:

| <u>VC KIA (C)</u> | <u>VC KIA (P)</u> | <u>VC WIA (C)(P)</u> | <u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 35 | 60 | | 15 |

BUILDINGS SAMPANS POW'S

45 35 1

Several stock piles of supplies were reported destroyed.

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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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090800HSep Capt SPANGLER reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery as a battery officer.

091100HSep 2dLt GODIN reported aboard and was assigned to Btry "K"; 2dLt HELDORFER to Btry "M"; 2dLt KEEFE to Btry "L".

110800HSep 1stLt WALSH assigned primary duty as CO, Btry "L".

120745HSep Capt SPANGLER reassigned to Btry "M" as CO.

120800HSep Capt NIXON reassigned to Headquarters Battery as Bn S-3A.

121100HSep Bn S-1 started movement to new CP.

131000HSep 2dLt RICHARDSON reported aboard and was assigned to Btry "L".

131015HSep 1stLt RIGNEY was medevac to CONUS.

180800HSep 1stLt PAYNE was reassigned to Btry "K".

180801HSep 1stLt NEAL assigned primary duty as CO, Headquarters Battery.

211600HSep SgtMaj HODAL reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Bn SgtMaj.

212122HSep SSgt DECONINCK and Cpl WARSHAWSKY wounded and medevac.

222200HSep Cpl WARSHAWSKY died of wounds.

231400HSep Capt CUNNINGHAM reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery as a battery officer.

251000HSep 2dLt AABY promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

260820HSep Bn CO and Bn Adj/S-1 departed Bn CP for Btry "K".

261530HSep Bn CO and Bn Adj/S-1 returned from Btry "K".

270800HSep Capt CUNNINGHAM reassigned to Btry "L" as CO.

270815HSep Bn XO departed Bn CP for Regt CP.

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271500HSep Bn XO returned from Regiment.
280830HSep Bn Adj/S-1 departed Bn CP for Btry "M".
281600HSep Bn Adj/S-1 returned from Btry "M".

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APPENDIX 2 (S-2 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of
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121705H Received information from Battalion interpreter information that the R-20 Battalion and A-20 Company was reported in the village of CO LOU (BT095610) They slaughtered 2 cows for food. The village chief thought that they might move to TAN MY#3 (BT066600) and possible would attack DEIN BAN (BT065582). They were armed with 2 - 81mm mortars and personal weapons. Dressed in green uniforms similiar to ARVN or U.S. Troops.

151550H Received from the Battalion interpreter information that was given to him by a member from National Police Headquarters, HOI AN about NVA troop movement in TAOR.

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APPENDIX 3 (S-3 Journal) to ENCLURE (1) (Command Chronology) of
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020010H Battery "N" is receiving mortar and small arms fire.

020033H Battery "M" and "N", Battery 10 rounds, 3 mils Zone Fire at "My command", 4/11-3.

020037H Battery "N" had casualties. Number unknown still receiving small arms fire.

020049H Battery "H" is making arrangements for Med Evac.

020055H Battery "M-Z" is under attack by small arms. Battery "M" received 3 rounds 122mm rocket. One tent damaged no casualties.

020058H Observation Post 24 is under attack by small arms fire.

020145H Med Evac at Battery "H" position complete.

020210H Battery "N" reports VC satchel charge and grenades in position.

020215H Received Spot Report from Battery "N", 2 KIA USMC, 4 WIA USMC Med Evac. 1 VC KIA (C) and 2 outposts destroyed.

020223H Battery "M" has no casualties and light damage to equipment only.

020225H Personnel (Casualties) were from Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

020300H Received casualty report from Battery "N". KIA from Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines:

| <u>KIA</u> | <u>WIA</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| L/Cpl A. L. MATHEWS | PFC C.W. SAFFELS |
| Cpl N.O. MAGMAN | PFC G.P. RHODES |
| Cpl J.D. JOHNSON | Cpl E.M. FUJIHARA |

020315H Battery "N" damage assessment to Battery "L" Guns.
Gun #28 - Raco Ring Blown, Elevating Arc Blown.
Gun #34 - Diesel Tank, Power out, will elevate, will not traverse.

020433H Battery "N" instructed to continue firing H&I's.

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030030H Battery "M" Listening Post observed approximately 25 VC moving in Northeast direction, 200 meters from Grid AT 91708000. Listening Post made contact with VC at Grid AT91758050 and took VC under fire (SA). Used one hand grenade, swept area with small arms. Then returned to tactical wire for extraction.

030655H Follow up on patrol from 030030H September 1967 incident. Captured one VC at Grid AT91808010. VC was wounded in left leg from action of the L.P.. Weapons and prisoner evacuated to 7th Marines.

030725H Battery "M" reports one VC POW will send "Spot Report".

042000H Battery "M" fired FZ599, Grid 854856, Expended 30 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 3 KIA (C) and 7 KIA (P), target 40 VC in open.

061318H Battery "M" Fired FZ608, Grid 854856, Expended 33 HE. Resulting in 1 KIA (C) and 7 KIA (P).

070010H Battery "K" received incoming grenades and movement in the wire. Battery "K" returned grenades and illuminated area.

080015H Battery "N" received 15 incoming small arms from VC attempt to infiltrate. Battery "N" returned 140 rounds small arms. Requested and received HE and Illumination and mortar support from 2/7. Reaction force swept area.

091150H Battery "N" dissolved at Hill \$45.

101000H Headquarters Battery forward detail departed Regimental area for new position.

101802H Battery "M" fired FZ599, Grid 854858. Resulting in 2 KIA (C), 6 KIA (P).

110330H Headquarters Battery and Battery "L" received rocket fire in new position. Battery "L" had three casualties (2 Med Evac). Commanding Officer, Battery Gunnery Sergeant and Corpsman. Commanding Officer and Battery Gunnery Sergeant evacuated.

111200H Assumed command in new position and notified Regiment in accordance with Regimental SOP.

140950H Battery "L" Fired UX021, Grid 153558, Expended 17 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 secondary explosion, 5 structures destroyed, 1 bunker, 5 sampans destroyed.

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171150H Battery "L" Fired RA1507, Grid 160514, Expended 17 HE and 2 WP. Target suspected VC, negative surveillance. (Ballistic Charge Operation).

171435H Battery "L" Fired RZ1514, Grid 137498, Expended 29 HE. Target 30 VC in houses. Resulting in 6 structures destroyed, 1 KIA (P).

181620H Battery "L" Fired UX042, Grid 092496, Expended 27 HE and 3 WP. Resulting in bunker heavily damaged, 1 bunker slightly damaged, 5 meters of trench destroyed and 5 structures destroyed.

182050H Battery "L" Fired RC426, Grid 164535, Expended 33 HE, resulting in 5 secondary explosions.

192115H Battery "L" Fired RY117, Grid 070546, Resulting in 10 Sampans destroyed.

221625H Battery "K" Fired UK449, Grid 814513, Expended 24 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 KIA (P).

221633H Battery "L" Fired UT029, Grid 975518, Expended 20 HE. Resulting in 10 meters of trench destroyed, 1 structure destroyed and 1 KIA (P).

240835H Battery "L" Fired RX159, Grid 176546, Expended 8 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 8 Sampans and 1 structure destroyed.

241356H Battery "K" Fired UK454, Grid 798487, Expended 64 HE, Resulting in 3 KIA (C), 2 buildings burning-Small arms cook off, 2 secondary explosions.

260745H Battery "L" Fired RX173, Grid 188548, Expended 46 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 3 KIA (C), 5 structures damaged, 3 sampans damaged, 3 stacks of supplies damaged.

261310H Battery "K" Fired UK457, Grid 802502, Expended 4 HE and 6 WP. Resulting in 2 KIA (C).

261347H Battery "K" Fired UK458, Grid 806497, Expended 11 HE. Resulting in 3 KIA (P).

261500H Battery "L" Fired UX055, Grid 201552, Expended 27 HE, Resulting in 15 meters trench destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed, 3 sampans damaged, 1 sampan destroyed, and 1 secondary explosion.

261540H Battery "K" Fired UK459, Grid 822489, Expended 26 HE. Resulting in 30 KIA (P).

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271245H Battery "K" Fired RX188, Grid 106548, Expended 74 HE. Resulting in 100 boxes supplies destroyed, 3 military structures destroyed and 3 secondary explosions.

271845H Battery "L" Fired RX194, Grid 177555, Expended 4 HE. Resulting in 3 secondary explosions.

281040H Battery "L" Fired UX056, Grid 076497, Expended 9 HE and 3 WP. Resulting in 2 Sampans destroyed, 2 Sampans damaged, 1 KIA (C) and 2 KIA (P).

281325H Battery "L" Fired UX058, Grid 173535, Expended 6 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 4 KIA (C).

291020H Battery "K" Fired UK463, Grid 793507, Expended 14 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (P).

291700H Battery "K" Fired UK459, Grid 964545, Expended 30 HE and 3 WP. Resulting in 1 structure destroyed and 4 structures partly destroyed.

291858H Battery "K" Fired UK460, Grid 788504, Expended 9 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 10 KIA (C).

301610H Battery "L" Fired UX061, Grid 051539, Expended 26 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 bunker, 4 structures, 10 meters of trench and 1 Sampan destroyed. 4 Structures damaged. Mission for Cat Killer 33.

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APPENDIX 4 (S-4 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of
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020015H Two (2) 155mm Howitzers (SP) M109 suffered combat damage.

061700H Two (2) 155mm Howitzers (SP) M109 turned in for evacuation, 1 M109 from the maintenance float issued.

100730H Administrative displacement of Battalion Command Post commenced.

121500H Administrative displacement complete.

141600H Received nine (9) Obturator Spindles through assistance of Commanding General, FMFPAC.

150730H Two (2) 155mm Howitzers (SP) M109 displaced from Battery "M" to Battery "L".

190800H Received five (5) Obturator Spindles through assistance of Commanding General, FMFPAC.

220800H Received six (6) Obturator Spindles through assistance of Commanding General, FMFPAC.

230800H Battalion ammunition resupply to Battery "K".

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APPENDIX I (S-5 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of
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050900HSep The Battalion S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Dai La and treated 24 persons.

060900HSep The Battalion S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Phu Thuong and treated 31 persons.

070900HSep The Battalion S-5 conducted a MEDCAP in the Hamlet of Xuan Loc and treated 29 persons.

091300HSep The Battalion S-5 distributed 100 School Kits to the children of Phu Thuong.

110800HSep The Battalion S-5 moved from 2/7 TAOR to 1/1 TAOR.

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