

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

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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4th Bn/11th Mar

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

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1stLt E.L. NEAL	(1-31 Oct)
Battery "K"	Capt A.L. CATALLO	(1-31 Oct)
Battery "L"	Capt F.J. CUNNINGHAM 1stLt J.L. JONES	(1-16 Oct) (17-31 Oct)
Battery "M"	Maj J.F. SPANGLER	(1-31 Oct)

2. LOCATION. 1-31 October 1967: TRIEM TRUNG (2), Republic of Vietnam.3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj G.V. MCFARLAIN Unassigned	(1-6 Oct) (7-31 Oct)
S-1	1stLt J.W. WELLS	(1-31 Oct)
S-2	Unassigned	(1-31 Oct)
S-3	Capt D.B. CHAPLA	(1-31 Oct)
S-3A	Capt W.J. NIXON, Jr. Unassigned	(1-26 Oct) (27-31 Oct)
Survey/Metro	1stLt E.L. NEAL	(1-31 Oct)
S-4	Capt H.G. HANNAH	(1-31 Oct)
Supply Officer	1stLt P.R. PELCZERSKI	(1-31 Oct)
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt G.L. GRUHL	(1-31 Oct)
Maintenance Officer	W.O. T.O. SMITH, Jr.	(1-31 Oct)
Communication Officer	2ndLt E.L. GREATHOUSE	(1-31 Oct)
Medical Officer	Lt V. BARRESI (MC) USNR Lt J.A. CLARK (MC) USNR	(1-29 Oct) (30-31 Oct)

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USMC <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	USN <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	OTHER <u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
25 402	1 10	0 1

PART I  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period of 1-31 October, the Battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), in the Danang TAOR. On 5 October 1967, the Battalion supplied 2 F.O. Teams to the ARVN. The F.O. Teams returned on 12 October 1967.

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 2nd Bn, 11th Marines 1-22 October 1967 Modified mission G/S, Rein 3rd Bn, 11th Marines 24-31 October 1967
Battery "L-X"	Modified mission G/S, Rein 2nd Bn, 11th Marines 22-31 October 1967
Battery "M"	Modified mission G/S, Rein 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

Battery "L" displaced four 155mm M-109 Howitzer (SP) on 22 October 1967 to support Operation "KNOX". At 221815H one 155mm M-109 Howitzer (SP) broke down at Danang Sub-area Command. Battery "L" continued onto Tien Sha where they loaded the three remaining Howitzers at 222030H. At 222145H they left on the USS HERMITAGE landing at destination at 230800H. They were in position at Grid ZD 179012 laying on Azimuth 3400 at 241200H. On 301000H Battery "L" displaced three Howitzers from Operation "KNOX" to Grid AT 833999 laying on Azimuth 3200. During the month the Battalion fired 4128 missions, expending a total of 9,312 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: 0 Officers, 0 Enlisted

(b) Non-Battle: 0 Officers, 5 Enlisted

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(c) Administrative: 111 Officers, 71 Enlisted

## 2. Gains:

(a) Replacements: 2 Officers, 55 Enlisted

b. POW's Captured: 1

c. Morale: Excellent

d. Promotions: 4 Officers, 20 Enlisted

e. Awards and Decorations: 1 Purple Heart

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

(1) Special: 2

(2) Summary: 1

(3) Article 15's: 3

g. Special Services: 2 Mobile runs to Hill 327 per week from Battery "K" and 1 mobile run to Hill 327 per week from Headquarters Battery.

2. Intelligence. (See APPENDIX 2)

a. Daily perimeter patrols were conducted throughout the month.

b. On 10 October 1967 a 4/11 security post spotted a man on the outside of perimeter wire. Man was picked up by the Officer of the Day and 1 Fire Team from 4/11. He was turned over to 1/5 ITT for questioning. After questioning the man was found to be U.S. from the RVN. He was then turned over to next of kin.

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 61% of the total 18,340 requisitions have been filled since arrival in Vietnam. 11,180 requisitions are complete.

b. The current deadline status of motor transport equipment is 100%. There are 8 vehicles down for 2nd echelon, and 8 vehicles for 3rd echelon maintenance.

5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

a. There was no Civic Action/Civil Affairs conducted during the month of October 1967.

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~~SECRET~~6. Organization and Operations. (See APPENDIX 3)a. Command

<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Dir of Fire</u>
Headquarter, 4th Battalion, BT 105532 11th Marines		
Battery "K"	WT 879579	4400M
Battery "L"	ZD 179012 (24-30 Oct) WT 833999 (30-31 Oct)	3400M 3200M
Battery "L-X"	BT 108584	3200M
Battery "M"	WT 910802	5400M

b. Operations

(1) Operation "GISLO". Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 2/11 in support of 5th Marines with 5 guns at primary position at BT 108584.

(2) Operation "KNOX". Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 3/11 and BLT 2/3 in support of 7th Marines with 3 guns at Grid ZD 179012.

7. Close Combat

a. Battery "L" located at Grid 179012 received approximately 61 incoming 82mm Mortar rounds from 260245H to 260300H. Rounds were in general area to west of gun line and directly in front of gun line. Battery "L" had 6 casualties, one of which was Medically Evacuated. Five rounds of illumination were fired and Battery "L" was on 100% alert until daylight.

8. General Support. (See Appendix 3)

a. The following missions were fired during the period:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>U&amp;I</u>
179	342	3607

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm HOD

9,312

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c. The Battalion was credited with:

<u>VC KIA (C)</u>	<u>VC KIA (P)</u>	<u>VC WIA (C) (F)</u>	<sup>SEC'D' RV</sup> <u>EXPLOSIONS</u>
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70	32	0	2
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<u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>SAPLINGS</u>	<u>FOOTS</u>	<u>BUNKERS</u>
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57	12	1	17
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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)

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APPENDIX 1 (S-1 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO, 4/11 ltr 3:DBO: jcv over 5750 serial #400-67 dtd 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 67

010800H Maj SZFRANSKI was transferred to 1/11.

010830H Maj HOLLINGSHEAD promoted to rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

021300H Battalion Promotion Board met for purpose of selecting eligible PFC's and LCpl's for promotion to the next higher rank.

021530H 2nd Lieutenant GORBUSKI reported aboard and was assigned to Battery "M".

030800H 1st Lieutenant MULSH departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

050800H 1st Lieutenant BURTEL was transferred to 3/11.

060800H Major MEMBER departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

070800H 1st Lieutenant CONDON departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

090800H 1st Lieutenant FAYNE was transferred to 3rd 9" Howitzer Battery.

090830H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 departed Battalion C.F. for Okinawa on T/D orders for administrative matters.

120800H 1st Lieutenant KOELLN departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

120830H 2nd Lieutenant PEDERSON promoted to rank of 1st Lieutenant.

141600H Lance Corporal HETZEL departed for Okinawa on T/D orders.

160900H Battalion Commanding Officer departed Battalion C.F. to inspect proposed new position of Battery "L".

161500H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 back from T/D in Okinawa.

161700H 1st Lieutenant JONES returned from 30 days leave in CONUS.

161800H Battalion Commanding Officer returned from Battery "L" new position.

170800H Captain CUNNINGHAM transferred to Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines.

170800H 1st Lieutenant JONES reassigned to Battery "L" and assigned primary duty as Battery Commanding Officer.

201000H Battalion Commanding Officer departed Battalion C.F. for Battery "M" to pay a staff visit.

201300H Battalion Commanding Officer returned from Battery "M".

210800H 2nd Lieutenant BONNETS reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty.

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210830H 1st Lieutenant VICKERS departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

221200H Battalion Commanding Officer departed Battalion C.P. for Regimental C.P..

221600H Battalion Commanding Officer returned to Battalion C.P..

221630H Received letter of promotion to rank of Captain on 1st Lieutenant CATULLO.

241300H 1st Lieutenant CATULLO promoted to rank of Captain.

250800H 2nd Lieutenant BOUEJITS reassigned to Battery "K".

270800H Captain NIXON departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

270900H Battalion Commanding Officer to Battery "M" for staff visit.

271000H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 departed for Regimental C.P..

271600H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 returned from Regiment.

271605H Battalion Commanding Officer returned from Battery "M".

271700H Lieutenant (MC) CLARK reported aboard for duty as Battalion Surgeon.

280800H 1st Lieutenant HINDS departed for CONUS on PCS orders.

300800H Lieutenant (MC) BARRESI transferred to Regiment for duty as Regimental Surgeon.

300900H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 departed Battalion C.P. to Battery "K" for Admin inspection.

301600H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 returned from Battery "K".

311300H Captain SPICIGLER promoted to rank of Major.

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APPENDIX 2 (S-2 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO,  
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100900H A 4/11 security post spotted man on outside of perimeter wire. Man was picked up by the Officer of the Day and a Fire Team from 4/11. He was turned over to 1/5 ITT. After questioning the man was found to be U.A. from the ARVN. The man was then turned over his next of kin.

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APPENDIX 3 (S-3 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of C<sup>2</sup>,  
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030930H Battery "L" fired RX329, Grid 189547, expending 8 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 boat with supplies heavily damaged.

031100H Battery "L" commenced mission of reinforcing "B" and "C" Batteries 1/11. Assumed mission of General and Direct support.

040835H Battery "L" fired UX063, Grid 037553, expending 27 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 1 sampan damaged, 1 Sampan destroyed, 3 structures destroyed, 4 structures damaged and 1 KIA (C) and 2 KIA (P).

041500H Battery "L" fired UX066, Grid 162533, expended 44 HE. Resulting in 4 military structures destroyed and 2 KIA (C).

050910H Battery "L" fired UX065 on Sampans and storage area reported by ARVN. Expended 17 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 2 Sampans and structures destroyed, 4 Sampans damaged and 2 KIA (P).

051700H Supplied 2 F.O. Teams for RVN. F.O.s were 2dLt GIBRICKI, 2dLt RICHARDSON, Col WINNER and PFC OATES.

052135H Spot Report from Battery "M" that an Air Burst over Battery "M" position fired by Battery "H", 3/11. Fragments through area. One minor casualty. Second degree burns, one inch below from right collar bone on chest. Non Med Evac.

WIA

PFC K. W. THOMPSON

061620H Battery "L" fired UX067, Expending 9 HE and 6 WP. Resulting in 3 structures, 4 bunkers destroyed, 2 structures damaged, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 large secondary explosion, 10X20 fireball and 2 KIA (C).

080400H Army Advisor with RVN said that their outpost was being overrun by V.C.. Battery "L" fired UX100-UX105 on Grid 128482 and UX106-UX108 on Grid 112498. At 080500H the advisor reported that the VC were collecting their dead. Battery "L" fired UX109-UX112 on Grid 130480. Total rounds expended were 97 HE. Total surveillance was 50 KIA (C).

101650H Battery "K" fired UK473, Grid 793574, expended 20 HE. Resulting in 6 KIA (P) and 1 KIA (C).

110ct67 Battery "M" fired a mission for an Air Observer. The target was Elephants with equipment, surveillance was 1 Elephant KI, 2 KIA (P). Expended 38 HE.

111530H Battery "L" fired UX153, Grid 145529, Expended 28 HE. Resulting in 15 KIA (P) and 5 KIA (C).

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120900H F.O. teams supplied to ARVN returned to Battalion C.P.

131110H Battery "L" fired UX176, Grid 022538, expended 17 HE. Resulting in 1 military structure destroyed, 3 structures damaged and 1 secondary explosion.

131935H Battery "K" fired UK483, Grid 197548, expended 15 HE and 4 WP. Resulting in many broken rifle stocks and bloody bandages.

150930H Operation "ONSLASH" commenced.

162015H Battery "L" fired UX185, Grid 197566, expended 16 HE. Resulting in 1 KIA (P) and 1 Speaker ceased.

170718H Battery "K" fired UK487, Grid 824477, expended 10 HE. Resulting in 9 structures damaged, 10 meters of trench damaged and 3 KI (P).

170805H Battery "M" fired FZ075, FZ076 and FZ077 on Grids 879880, 865878 and 872881 on Recon insert under heavy attack. Expended 15 HE, 7 HE and 145 HE. Resulting in 5 KIA (C) and "A lot of blood in area!"

171400H Operation "ONSLASH" terminated.

180740H Battery "L" fired UX195, Grid 160513, expended 26 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 2 structures destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed and 2 structures damaged.

181630H Battery "K" fired UK488, Grid 800573, expended 4 WP and 39 HE. Resulting in 1 KIA (C).

181840H Battery "L" fired UX196, Grid 127505, expended 4 HE. Resulting in 2 structures damaged.

181840H Battery "L" fired UX197, Grid 123506, expended 4 HE. Resulting in 2 structures damaged.

191030H Battery "L" fired UX198, Grid 023548, expended 22 HE. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.

201300H Battery "K" fired UK429, Grid 215503, expended 8 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 KI (P).

201405H Battery "K" fired UK490, Grid 885515, expended 12 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 bunkers damaged and 1 structure destroyed.

211000H Battery "L" fired UX208, Grid 186573, expended 41 HE. Resulting in 4 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker destroyed, 2 Sampans destroyed, and 1 KIA (P).

211330H Battery "L" fired UX209, Grid 128601, expended 22 HE. Resulting in 4 structures damaged.

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211745H Battery fired UX210, Grid 120318, expended 33 HE and 24 WP. Resulting in 7 structures destroyed, 4 structures damaged, and 1 KIA (C).

221200H Battery "L" displaced 4 M-109 Howitzers (SP) from Grid BT102524.

221525H Battery "L" rear displaced from Grid BT102524.

221815H Gun #39 from Battery "L" broke down at Da Nang Sub rear Command. Battery "L" continued onto their destination ZUL79012 leaving the M-109 Howitzer (SP) at FLSG).

230712H Battery "M" fired F2893, Grid 957823, expended 18 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (C), 1 KIA (P), and 1 boat sunk.

240800H Operation "KNOCK" commenced.

260245H Battery "L" received approximately 61 incoming 81mm Mortar rounds from 260245H to 260300H. Rounds in Battery "L" position were in general area to west of gun line and directly in front of gun line. Battery "L" took 6 casualties, one of which was Med Evac'd.

III

Sgt DINILLA, G.R. - Frag right leg.

Sgt TACKETT, L.D. - Frag right shoulder.

Cpl P. R. S. SIS, M.J. - Frag right back right buttock, Med Evac to 1st Medical Battalion for X-Rays and probing.

Lcpl H. WKS, D.R. - Frag right shoulder, right cheek.

Lcpl HILLIAMS, J. - Frag right hand.

PFC WELTON, R.J. - Frag left leg.

Five illumination rounds were fired and the Battery remained on 100% alert until daylight.

261640H Battery "L-X" fired UX218, Grid 117543, expended 35 HE. Resulting in 3 structures destroyed, 1 structure damaged and 2 bunkers destroyed.

301000H Battery "L" displaced 3 M-109 Howitzers (SP) from Operation "KNOCK" at Grid ZUL79012 to present location Grid MT833999. Battery "L" layed on Azimuth 3200 at 301200H.

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091730H Battalion C. ., Battery "K" and Battery "L" isolated due to flooding of roads and bridge damage.

120900H Roads from C. . and Battery "L" to Division Area passable.

140900H Road from Battery "K" to Division Area passable.

180800H Battalion ammunition resupply to Battery "K" and "M".

200930H Received order to move four 155mm Howitzers M109 (SP) to Tien Sha for loading aboard LCU and further movement to LS to participate in Operation "KNOX".

221130H Departed Battalion C. . with 3 tanks, 4 M109s of Battery "L" and security platoon from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

221815H One M109 suffered damage from fire in the engine compartment M109 was left at Danang Sub Area Command remainder of M109s proceed to Tien Sha.

222145H Loading of M109s of Battery "L" reported in position at Operation KNOX LS1.

261330H Effectuated emergency air resupply of repair parts for M109s to Battery "L".

290800H Battalion ammunition resupply to Battery "K" and Battery "M".

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