

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

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4/11 S&C #469-67  
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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 November 1967

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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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TAB (I)

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COMMANDER

4th Battalion, 11th Marines LtCol J.S. HOLLINGSHEAD (1-30 Nov)  
1st Marine Division (Rein),  
FMF

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1stLt E.L. NEAL	(1-30 Nov)
Battery "K"	Capt A.L. CATALLO	(1-30 Nov)
Battery "L"	Capt J.L. JONES	(1-30 Nov)
Battery "M"	Maj J.F. SPANGLER 1stLt W.T. PEDERSON	(1-4 Nov) (5-30 Nov)

2. LOCATION. 1-30 November 1967: TRIEM TRUNG (2), Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer	Unassigned	(1-30 Nov)
S-1	1stLt J.W. WELLS WO R.F. SAUNDIDGE	(1-7 Nov) (2-30 Nov)
S-2	Unassigned 1stLt R.W. ROSS	(1-4 Nov) (5-30 Nov)
S-3	Maj D.B. CHAPLA	(1-30 Nov)
S-3A	Unassigned	(1-30 Nov)
S-4	Capt H.G. HANNAN	(1-30 Nov)
Supply Officer	1stLt P.R. FELCZARSKI	(1-30 Nov)
Motor Transport Officer	Capt G.L. GRUHL	(1-30 Nov)
Communication Officer	2ndLt E.L. GREATHOUSE	(1-30 Nov)
Medical Officer	Lt J.A. CLARY (MC) USIR	(1-30 Nov)

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<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
23	402	1	9	0	1

PART I  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of 1-30 November, the Battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), in the DaNang TAOR.

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
Battery "L-X"	Modified mission G/S Rein 2nd Bn, 11th Marines
Battery "M"	Modified mission G/S Rein 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

Battery "L" from 1-4 November was in support of the 7th Marines and BLT 2/3 for Operation "KNOX". Battery "K" supported units of the 7th Marines in Operation "FOSTER" which commenced 130900H Nov 67 and terminated at 301200H. Battery "L" supported units of the 7th Marines in operation "COVE" from 180900H Nov 67 to 211800H. During the month the battalion fired 4,943 missions, expending a total of 12,065 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 Off, 1 Enl
- (b) Non-Battle: 0 Off, 3 Enl
- (c) Administrative: 3 Off, 24 Enl

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2. Gains:

(a) Replacements: 7 Off, 47 Enl

b. POW's Captured: 0

c. Morale: Excellent

d. Promotions: 3 Off, 28 Enl

e. Awards and Decorations: 6 Purple Hearts

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

(1) Special: 1

(2) Summary: 0

(3) Article 15's: 2

2. Intelligence.

a. Daily perimeter patrols were conducted throughout the month.

b. During the month of November there has been a marked increase in guerilla activity in the Southern DaNang TAOR.

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 3)

a. Approximately 59% of the total 20,404 requisitions have been filled since arrival in Vietnam. 12,073 requisitions are completed.

b. The current deadline status of motor transport equipment is 22%. There are 6 vehicles down for 2nd echelon, and 14 vehicles for 3rd echelon maintenance.

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

5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

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

2. Intelligence.

a. Daily perimeter patrols were conducted throughout the month.

b. During the month of November there has been a marked increase in guerilla activity in the Southern DaNang TAOR.

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<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Dir. of Fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	BT 105582	
Battery "K"	AT 879579	4400M
Battery "L"	AT 833999	3200M
Battery "L-X"	BT 108584	3200M
Battery "M"	AT 919802	5400M

b. Operations

(1) Operation "KNOX". Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 3/11 and BLT 2/3 in support of 7th Marines with 3 guns at Grid AT833999.

(2) Operation "FOSTER". Battery "K" provided reinforcing fires for 3/11 in support of the 7th Marines with 6 guns at primary position at AT879579.

(3) Operation "COVE". Battery "L" provided reinforcing fires for 3/11 in support of the 7th Marines with 3 guns at primary position AT833999.

7. Close Combat

a. Battery "K" located at Grid 879579 received 33 81mm Mortar rounds at 020020H. Rounds were reported landing on east and west side of their position. No rounds were in perimeter wire or "K" C.P..

b. Battery "K" located at Grid 879579 received 4-5 81mm Mortar rounds at 022025H. Rounds were on west side of position.

c. 4/11 went into red alert from word from 1/5. Listening Post close to 8" "B" position was receiving sniper rounds. Fire was returned by 1/5 Listening Post. At 042050H Battery "L's" Posts #19 and #20 spotted 2 figures 75 meters outside the perimeter wire. The two figures were identified as hostile and figures were fired upon. Battery "L" posts fired approximately 40 rounds small arms fire. "D" Company 1/5 reaction force swept finding negative results. Red alert secured at 042145H.

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d. Battery "L" and Headquarter 4/11 security posts #20, #21, and #22 received approximately 15 rounds of small arms fire. 100% alert was called. Illuminating area found negative results. "D" Company 1/5 sent patrol out at 060900H to sweep area finding negative results.

e. 4/11 sounded red alert at 112055H. Battery "L-X" posts #19 and #20 requested illumination. At 2058H Post #19 fired flare and saw one man at gate in wire. Approximately 2 small arms rounds were fired. The Commanding Officer of Battery "L" checked wire after alert was secured finding negative results.

8. General Support. (See Appendix 3)

a. The following missions were fired during the period:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>W&amp;I</u>
222	581	11,062

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm HOW

12,065

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>
51	96	0	0

<u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>SAMPANS</u>	<u>POWIS</u>	<u>BUNKERS</u>
60	2	1	13

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Staff Journals

√ a. S-1 Journal (APPENDIX 1)

√ b. S-3 Journal (APPENDIX 2)

√ c. S-4 Journal (APPENDIX 3)

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APPENDIX 1 (S-1 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO,  
4/11 ltr 3:DBC:jew over 5750 serial #469-67 dtd 1Dec67

- 010730H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 and 1stLt FELCZARSKI to Disbursing to pick up pay rosters for the month of November.
- 011100H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 and 1stLt FELCZARSKI back from Disbursing.
- 020800H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 to Battery "L" to pay troops.
- 021130H Battalion Adjutant/S-1 back from Battery "L".
- 031500H 2ndLt MCLEAN reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battery Officer.
- 041500H 2ndLt SIZEMORE reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battery Officer.
- 050800H Major SPANGLER transferred to 3/11.
- 050800H 1stLt PEDERSON assumed primary duty as Commanding Officer, Battery "M".
- 050800H 1stLt ROSS reassigned from Battery "L" to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battalion S-2.
- 081030H LCpl HOCKNELL killed by enemy sniper fire while on ammo run for Battery "L".
- 081630H WO SANDIDGE reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battalion S-1/Adjutant vice 1stLt WELLS relieved.
- 090930H 1stLt WELLS departed to COMUS on PCS orders.
- 111630H 2ndLt BAUER reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battery Officer.
- 120400H Received promotion to rank of Major on Captain CHAMLA.
- 130400H 2ndLt SIZEMORE reassigned to Battery "M" for duty.
- 131000H Regimental inspection team reported aboard and conducted Admin inspection of Battalion S-1 and Headquarters Battery office.
- 160800H 2ndLt MCLEAN transferred to 2/11 for duty.
- 190800H 2ndLt BAUER reassigned to Battery "L" for duty.
- 190830H 2ndLt GRANT reassigned to Battery "K" for duty.

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- 201600H Received R&R Quotas for month of December from 11th Marines.
- 220800H Major CATOE reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battery Officer.
- 240800H Received promotions to rank of Captain on 1stLt GRUHL and 1stLt JONES.
- 241000H Division Inspection Team reported aboard to conduct an inspection of Command Material Management.
- 251500H Regimental Commanding Officer arrived aboard for a staff visit.
- 251930H Regimental Commanding Officer departed Battalion C.P..
- 261000H Special Court Martial on PFC BRINCEFIELD.
- 261005H Inspection Team from Battalion S-1 conducted Admin Inspection of Headquarters Battery Office.
- 281600H 1stLt MARTIN reported aboard and was assigned to Headquarters Battery for duty as Battery Officer.

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APPENDIX 2 (S-3 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO,  
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- 010920H Battery "L" fired UL404, Grid 827021, expended 6 HE. Resulting in 1 KIA (C).
- 010955H Battery "L" fired UL406, Grid 161085, expended 24 HE and 14 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (C), 5 KIA (P), 7 structures destroyed and several damaged.
- 022025H Battery "K" received 3 to 4 81mm Mortar rounds near base of hill on west side Grid 8858.
- 020020H Battery "K" reported receiving 81mm Mortar rounds on east and west side of Battery position. Grid 8858 approximately 5 rounds on west side and 30 rounds on east side. No rounds in perimeter wire or Battery C.P..
- 032242H Battery "K" fired UX515Z, Grid 212554, expended 86 illumination rounds. Resulting in 1 captured VC by "K" Company 7th Marines.
- 041000H Operation "KNOX" terminated.
- 041824H Battery "M" fired 1 HE round fuze with fuze MISO M-500. Air burst 25 meters from the muzzle. 2 minor friendly WIA's. The fuze was locally suspended.
- 042045H 4/11 received red alert from 1/5. Listening Post close to "B" platoon position receiving sniper rounds. Fire returned by 1/5 Listening Post. At 042050H "L" Post #19 and #20 spotted 2 figures 75 meters outside perimeter wire, identified as hostile and fired upon. Approximately 40 rounds fired by "L" Battery Posts #19 and #20. "D" Company 1/5 swept area finding negative results. Red alert secured at 042145H.
- 060125H Headquarters Battery and Battery "L" security posts #20, #21, and #22 received approximately 15 rounds small arms fire. 100% alert called. Illuminating area found negative results. "D" Company 1/5 sent patrol out at 060900H to sweep area.
- 061050H Battery "L" fired UX331, Grid 17005385, expended 18 HE. Resulting in 2 houses destroyed, 6 houses damaged.
- 061609H Battery "K" fired UK520, Grid 872555, expended 22 HE. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunker damaged, 2 structures destroyed, and 1 structure damaged.
- 081000H Received word from "L-X" 1 Marine KIA from sniper fire north of Dien Ban.
- 081435H Battery "K" fired UK525, Grid 831615, expended 15 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.

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081500H

Battery "M" fired FZ933, Grid 838859, expended 38 HE. Resulting in 2 huts destroyed.

111140H Battery "L-X" fired UX340, Grid 024550H, expended 4 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 structures destroyed and 3 structures heavily damaged.

111355H Battery "K" fired UK536, Grid 957534, expended 13 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 4 structures destroyed.

112055H Headquarters 4/11 sounded red alert at 2058H. Battery "L-X" posts #19 and #20 requested illumination. At 2055H Post #10 fired flare and saw 1 man at gate in wire. Approximately 2 small arms rounds were fired. "L" 6 checked wire after alert was secured with negative results.

130900H Operation "FOSTER" commenced.

151210H Battery "K" fired UT539, Grid 833688, expended 7 HE. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.

160715H Battery "K" fired BK009, Grid 808489, expended 111 HE. Resulting in 1 KIA (C), 15 KIA (P), 10 bunkers and huts destroyed.

160810H Battery "L" fired UL427, Grid 819057, expended 14 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (C).

161158H Battery "K" fired BK014, Grid 805497, expended 28 HE and 10 WP. Resulting in 7 KIA (P).

161435H Battery "K" fired BK017, Grid 809499, expended 26 HE. Resulting in 1 structure destroyed.

171100H Battery "L-X" fired UX356, Grid 166518, expended 17 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 3 structures destroyed, 1 boat destroyed, 1 structure damaged and 1 boat damaged.

171550H Battery "L-X" fired UX357, Grid 194563, expended 16 HE. Resulting in 1 bunker completely destroyed.

180900H Operation "COVE" commenced.

181045H Battery "K" fired BK023, Grid 808488, expended 62 HE and 6 WP. Resulting in 3 structures destroyed, 1 masonry structure damaged and 4 KIA (P).

181245H Battery "K" fired BK025, Grid 805503, expended 12 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 KIA (C).

181330H Battery "L" fired UL437, Grid 819504, expended 6 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (P).

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- 181400H Battery "L" fired UL438, Grid 821055, expended 18 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (P), and 1 KIA (C).
- 181500H Battery "L" fired UL438, Grid 821055, expended 6 HE. Resulting in 1 KIA (C).
- 181700H Battery "L" fired UL440, Grid 819048, expended 15 HE and 3 WP. Resulting in 3 KIA (C).
- 181720H Battery "L" fired UL438, Grid 819504, expended 6 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (C).
- 181630H Battery "K" fired BK027, Grid 824504, expended 8 HE and 10 WP. Resulting in 5 KIA (P).
- 191350H Battery "L-X" fired UX358, Grid 205553, expended 32 HE. Resulting in 6 huts destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 2 huts damaged and 2 tunnels uncovered...
- 191615H Battery "K" fired BK035, Grid 800486, expended 38 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 5 KIA (P).
- 200845H Battery "K" fired BK037, Grid 802487, expended 20 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 KIA (P).
- 201340H Battery "K" fired BK037, Grid 802487, expended 21 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 3 KIA (P).
- 201700H Battery "K" fired BK042, Grid 820467, expended 33 HE. Resulting in "Outstanding Shooting," 8 KIA (C) and 4 KIA (P).
- 201825H Battery "K" fired BK811, Grid 809469, expended 32 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 20 KIA (P).
- 201340H Battery "K" fired BK037, Grid 802487, expended 22 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (C).
- 211800H Operation "COVE" terminated.
- 221000H Battery "K" fired TIO46, Grid 848548, expended 57 HE. Resulting in 4 structures damaged, and 4 structures destroyed.
- 221840H Battery "K" fired UK542, Grid 919678, expended 48 HE. Resulting in 25 KIA (C).
- 231510H Battery "L" fired UL450, Grid 815046, expended 6 HE and 4 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (C).
- 232245H Headquarters 4/11 posts #24 and #25 received approximately 5 rounds small arms fire. 4/11 went into red alert. Rounds came from left of post #24 at 232245H. 1/5 fired illumination with negative results. Red alert secured at 232300H.

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- 241315H Battery "K" fired BK048, Grid 91304666, expended 16 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 structure destroyed and 7 KIA (P).
- 260830H Battery "L" fired UL453, Grid 839009, expended 9 HE. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.
- 261905H Battery "L-X" fired UX374, Grid 000545, expended 20 HE and 6 WP. Resulting in 15 KIA (P).
- 301200H Operation "FOSTER" terminated.

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APPENDIX B (S-4 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO,  
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- 010700H Battalion ammo resupply to Battery "K".
- 020200H Battalion ammo and repair parts resupply to Battery "L".
- 030800H Battalion ordnance and motor transport inspection of Battery "K".
- 040800H Battalion ammo and POL resupply to Battery "L".
- 110800H Battalion material management inspection of Battery "L".
- 131000H Battalion material management inspection of Battery "M".
- 151200H Received second increment of M-16 rifles.
- 161200H Received eighteen truck, cargo 5 ton 6X, M54A2C.
- 170800H Battalion material management inspection of Headquarters Battery.
- 181000H Battalion material management inspection of Battery "M".
- 221600H Issue of M-16 rifles completed.
- 240900H Division material management inspection of 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. All trucks cargo 5 ton 6X6, M54 invoiced to designated units.
- 251530H Provided information on major weapons to division ordnance for use of Army MLC9 project officer.
- 301600H Turn in of M-14 rifles completed.

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