

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

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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines (Rein), 1st Marine Division
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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 December 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) through
(d) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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TAB (I)

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4th Battalion, 11th Marines LtCol J.S. ROLLINGSHEAD (1-31Dec)
 1st Marine Division (Rein)
 POF

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	Capt E.L. NEAL	(1-31Dec)
Battery "K"	Capt A.L. CIALLO	(1-31Dec)
Battery "L"	Capt J.L. JONES	(1-31Dec)
Battery "M"	1stLt W.T. FREDRICK Capt H.G. HANNAH	(1-6Dec) (7-31Dec)

2. LOCATION. 1-27 December 1967: TRIEM TRUNG (2), Republic of Vietnam. 27-31 December 1967: Hill 34, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer	Unassigned	(1-31Dec)
S-1	WO R.F. SANDIDGE	(1-31Dec)
S-2	1stLt R.W. ROSS	(1-31Dec)
S-3	Maj D.B. CHAPLA	(1-31Dec)
S-3A	1stLt W.T. PEDERSEN	(29-31Dec)
S-4	Capt H.G. HANNAH Maj C. CAROE	(1-6Dec) (7-31Dec)
S-5	1stLt R.W. ROSS	(1-31Dec)
Supply Officer	1stLt P.A. FELCZARSKI	(1-31Dec)
Motor Transport Officer	Capt G.L. GROEL	(1-31Dec)
Communication Officer	1stLt W.D. GREATHOUSE	(1-31Dec)
Medical Officer	Lt J.A. CLARK (MC) USNR	(1-31Dec)

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~~DECLASSIFIED~~4. AVERAGE MONTHLY SUMMARY

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
24	430	1	10		1

PART I
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of 1-31 December, the Battalion continued to support operations of the 1st Marine Division (Rein), in the DaNang Area,

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 3rd 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

The month of December found Headquarters 4th Battalion, 11th Marines moving to Hill 34, southwest of DaNang at Grid AT989713 on 27 December 1967. Battery "L-X" moved to Grid AT833986 with 3 guns laid on azimuth 3200 on 27 December 1967. Battery "L" moved to Grid ZC078986 with 2 guns laid on azimuth 3200 on 26 December 1967. Battery "M" from 5-12 December 1967 supported the 7th Marines in Operation PITT. Battery "K" supported units of the 7th Marines from 15-23 December 1967 in Operation CITRUS. During the month the battalion fired 4,267 missions and expending a total of 10,555 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.

1. Losses:

- (a) Battle: 0 Off, 0 Enl
- (b) Non-Battle: 1 Off, 2 Enl
- (c) Administrative: 0 Off, 19 Enl

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2. Gains:

- (a) Replacements: 2 Off, 48 Enl
- b. POW's captured: 0
- c. Morale: Excellent
- d. Promotions: 2 Off, 8 Enl
- e. Awards and Decorations: 1 Navy Achievement Medal.
- f. The following courts-martial and Article 15's were awarded:
 - (1) Special: 2
 - (2) Summary: 2
 - (3) Article 15's: 6

2. Intelligence

- a. Daily perimeter patrols were conducted throughout the month.
- b. During the month of December there has been a marked increase in guerrilla 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 20,094 requisitions have been filled since arrival in Vietnam. 12,372 requisitions are completed.

- b. The current deadline status of motor transport equipment is 21%. There is 1 vehicle down for 2d echelon maintenance, and 18 vehicles down for 3d echelon maintenance.

5. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

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

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<u>Units</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Dir of Fire</u>
Headquarters, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	BT105582 (1-27Dec) AT98927138 (27-31Dec)	
Battery "M"	AT879579	4400M
Battery "L"	AT833999 (1-28Dec) ZC 78986 (28-31Dec)	3200M 3200M
Battery "L-X"	BT108584 (1-26Dec) AT833998 (27-31Dec)	3200M 3200M
Battery "K"	AT919862	5400M

b. Operations

(1) Operation "PITT". Battery "M" provided reinforcing fires for 3/11 in support of the 7th Marines with 6 guns at their primary position.

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

7. Close Combat. See APPENDIX (2).

a. Battery "K" at grid 8858 received 7-9 incoming rounds of small arms fire at outpost #4 on West side of hill. Person fired 3 rounds after trip flare went off. Grenade was thrown with negative results. 100% alert was initiated. Illumination fired with negative results.

b. Battery "K" received 2 incoming G.S. grenades vicinity of Post #1 on east side of hill at approximately 181915H. Source of grenades was unknown. 1 USMC WIA. Marine fell while running to get gas mask; cut on lower leg to the bone, and took excessive amount of gas. 100% alert and all hands employed gas masks.

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c. At 232306H Battery "L" received 1 incoming round by Post #52. Lima 6 reported examination of crater reveals no fragments. Crater located between Lima Admin office and Lima 6 quarters. No evidence of fragments or blast damage to either structure. Post #52 heard nothing passing overhead, but did observe a lot of light and smoke. At 232350H subsequent investigation by Lima 6 of interior of buildings and crater revealed M-79 fragments. Round came from Northwest outside of berm. Red alert sounded, No further contact occurred.

8. General Support. (See APPENDIX 2)

a. The following missions were fired during the period:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&I</u>
202	758	3,307

b. The following rounds were fired:

155mm H&I
10,555

c. The Battalion was credited with:

<u>VC KIA (C)</u>	<u>VC KIA (P)</u>	<u>VC MIA (C)(P)</u>	<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS</u>
6	11	0	0
<u>BUILDINGS</u>	<u>SANITARIAS</u>	<u>POW'S</u>	<u>BUNKERS</u>
50	23	0	6

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:DB3:jev over 5750 serial 68-010 dtd 4 Jan 68

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	0800	1	010800H	1stLt MARTIN, P.S. reassigned to Battery "K" as Battery XO.	Btry "K"
	1305	2	041305H	Commanding Officer left for Battery "L".	Btry "M"
1630		3	041630H	Commanding Officer returned from Battery "L".	HQ C.P.
0800		4	070800H	Major CATOE, C. assigned as Battalion S-4. Vice Capt. HANNAH	S-4
	0802	5	070802H	Captain HANNAH, H.G. assigned duty as CO Bttery "K".	Btry "M"
	1430	6	081130H	Lt RICHARDSON, J.S. Med-Evaced to Camp Butler USNH YOKOSOKA, JAPAN.	Camp Butler
0900		7	070900H	W.O. SANDIDGE, R.F. assigned additional duty as RPS Custodian vice 2dLt GREATHOUSE.	W.O. SANDIDGE
	1010	8	141010H	Commanding Officer departed for 11th Marines C.P..	11th Mar
1150		9	141150H	Commanding Officer arrived 11th Marines C.P..	11th Mar
	1310	10	141310H	Commanding Officer departed 11th Marines C.P. for 1st Med Bn..	1st Med
1630		11	141630H	Commanding Officer arrived back at HQ 4/11 C.P..	HQ 4/11
	0800	12	190800H	Commanding Officer departed for Battery "L" C.P..	Btry "L"
1300		13	191300H	Commanding Officer arrived back at HQ 4/11 C.P..	HQ 4/11
	1140	14	201140H	Commanding Officer departed for Battery "M" C.P..	Btry "M"

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TIME		SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1540		15	221540H	Commanding Officer returned to HQ 4/11 C.P.	HQ 4/11
0800		16	290800H	1stLt PEDERSEN, W.T. assigned duty as S-3A.	S-3 Lt PEDERSEN
1600		17	291600H	Major WOLCOCK, F.B. III joined 4/11 awaiting assignment as Battalion Commanding Officer.	CO
1600		18	291600H	1stLt BRADBY, W.A. joined 4/11 adjutant awaiting assignment.	
	1350	19	301350H	Commanding Officer departed 4/11 C.P. for Battery "M".	Btry "M"
1630		20	301630H	Commanding Officer returned to 4/11 C.P.	4/11 C.P.

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 APPENDIX 2 (S-3 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)
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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MISCELLANEOUS, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1	011100H	Battery "K" fired UK552, Grid 866537, expended 4 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 structure damaged.	11thMar
	2	021302H	Battery "K" fired UK557; Grid 855523; expended 24 HE. Resulting in 5 structures destroyed.	11thMar
	3	031735H	Battery "K" fired UK560; Grid 818514; expended 4 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (P), 2 structures destroyed, 1 structure damaged and 1 bunker destroyed.	11thMar
	4	031806H	Battery "K" fired UK561; Grid 818514; expended 12 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (C).	11thMar
	5	050500H	Operation PITT commenced.	11thMar
	6	052200H	Battery "K" at Grid 8858 received 7-9 incoming rounds of small arms fire at out post #4 on West side of hill. Person fired 3 rounds after trip flare went off. Grenade was thrown with negative results. 100% alert was initiated. Illumination was fired with negative results.	11thMar
	7	120600H	Operation PITT terminated.	11thMar
	8	141640H	Battery "L-Z" fired UK398, Grid 994518, expended 88 HE. Resulting in 15 large sampans destroyed and 3 small sampans destroyed.	11thMar
	9	151100H	Battery "K" fired BK001, Grid 817493, expended 19 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (C) and 3 KIA (P).	11thMar
	10	151200H	Operation CITRUS commenced.	11thMar
	11	181915H	Battery "K" received 2 incoming C.S. Grenades vicinity of post #1 on East side of hill. Source of grenades unknown. 100% alert initiated and all hands employed gas masks.	11thMar

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	12	191545H	Battery "K" fired BK001, Grid 868556, expended 26 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 1 structure destroyed 2 structures damaged and 1 KIA (C).	11thMar
	13	201650H	Battery "K" fired BK015, Grid 852544, expended 76 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 7 or 8 structures destroyed.	11thMar
	14	201807H	Battery "K" fired BK016, Grid 893540, expended 61 HE and 7 WP. Resulting in 2 elephants confirmed KIA.	11thMar
	15	210900H	Battery "K" fired BK017, Grid 861539, expended 51 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 2 structures destroyed.	11thMar
	16	211503H	Battery "L-X" fired UKM22, Grid 186550, expended 14 HE. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.	11thMar
	17	221150H	Battery "K" fired BK026, Grid 862560, expended 32 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 1 KIA (P).	11thMar
	18	221233H	Battery "K" fired BK027, Grid 856556, Expended 24 HE. Resulting in 3 structures destroyed.	11thMar
	19	221432H	Battery "K" fired BK028, Grid 889554, expended 6 HE and 10 WP. Resulting in 2 structures destroyed.	11thMar
	20	230748H	Battery "K" fired BK029, Grid 808493, expended 21 HE. Resulting in 2 KIA (C) NVA.	11thMar
	21	230930H	Battery "K" fired BK031, Grid 856549, expended 27 HE. Resulting in 1 structure heavily damaged and 2 KIA (P).	11thMar
	22	231000	Operation CIERUS terminated.	11thMar

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DIG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	23	231220H	Battery "K" fired UK560, Grid 865534, expended 15 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 3 structures damaged.	11thMar
	24	231300H	Battery "K" fired UK581, Grid 838545, expended 18 HE and 1 WP. Resulting in 2 structures damaged, and 1 structure destroyed.	11thMar
	25	2231605H	Battery "K" fired UK584, Grid 821529, expended 19 HE. Resulting in "Good Coverage, Best shooting all day," 4 KIA (P).	11thMar
	26	232306H	Battery "L-X" received 1 incoming round by post #52. Lima 6 reports examination of crater reveals no fragments. Crater located between Lima Admin office and Lima 6 quarters. No evidence of fragments or blast damage to either structure. Post #52 heard nothing passing overhead, but did observe a lot of light and smoke. At 232350H subsequent investigation by Lima 6 of interior of buildings and crater revealed M-79 fragments. Round came from Northwest outside of berm. Red Alert sounded.	11thMar
	27	251659H	Battery "K" fired UK595, Grid 881471, expended 42 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 1 structure destroyed, 4 structures damaged and 1 anti-aircraft position destroyed.	11thMar
	28	260900H	Battery "L-X" 2 M-109's commenced displacement by road to DaNang.	S-3,4/11
	29	261030H	Headquarters Battery advance party departed for new position.	S-3,4/11
	30	270700H	Battery "L-X" 2 M-109's commenced sea lift phase by LCU.	S-3,4/11
	31	271100H	Battery "L-X" 2 M-109's sea lift phase completed at Grid 894957.	S-3,4/11 11thMar

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	32	271335H	Battery "K" fired UK599, Grid 876511, expended 49 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 6 masonry structures destroyed and 2 bunkers destroyed.	11thMar
	33	271600H	Battery "L-X" move completed.	S-3,4/11 11thMar
	34	280814H	Battery "K" fired UK800, Grid 817438, expended 51 HE and 2 WP. Resulting in 3 structures damaged, 2 structures destroyed, and 1 bunker damaged.	11thMar
	35	281325H	Battery "L" departed to new position.	S-3,4/11 11thMar
	36	281445H	Battery "L" displacement completed 2 guns laid on azimuth 3200 at 281500H.	S-3,4/11 11thMar
	37	281700H	Headquarters Battery displacement to new position completed.	11thMar
	38	311400H	Battery "L-X" fired UL495, Grid 208003, expended 18 HE and 7 WP. Resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.	11thMar

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APP. NDIX 3 (S-4 Journal) to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)
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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0945	1	040945H	11th Marines planning conference on proposed movement of 4/11 attended by CO and S-4.	11th Mar
1300	2	041300H	Ordnance Maintenance Company 1st FSR received two new engines and repair parts for M-109's.	S-4
1400	3	081400H	Submitted movement planning requirements to 11th Marines.	11th Mar
1600	4	141600H	1st increment issue of M-16's inspected by Division LTL team. 13 found unservicable and replaced.	S-4
1000	5	161000H	S-4 and S-3 recon of proposed location of HQ 4/11.	S-4 and S-3
1400	6	161400H	S-4 visit to Battery "B", 8th Bn., 4th Artillery commenced planning of colocating with HQ, 4/11.	Btry "B", 8th Bn., 4th Arty
1000	7	181000H	Submitted request to Division Eng. for concrete deck installation in Btry "K" motor transport shed.	Div Eng
1200	8	191200H	Submitted support requirements for G-4 Btry "E" move.	G-4
1500	9	231500H	Received planning information that the movement of HQ, 4/11 had been moved up to 26 Dec 1967 and a new location had been designated.	S-4, S-3
2000	10	232000H	Staff meeting on proposed move attended by all section heads and chiefs. Commence preparing movement plan.	Sections
0800	11	240800H	Recon of new position by S-4 and S-3.	1st Mtrs.
1000	12	241000H	Division G-4 meeting on movement planning instructions and requirements attended by S-4.	S-4

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO.	DAG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1800	13	241800H	All 4/11 M-109's have been removed from a deadlined status.	11th Mar G-4, G-3
2000	14	242000H	Staff meeting - movement plan finalized and issued to all sections.	Sections
0700	15	250700H	Field mess established for HQ 4/11.	S-4
0900	16	260900H	Two M-109's and 2 M-110's commence displacement by road to DaNang, CO Btry "L" leading movement group.	S-4 11th Mar
1000	17	261000H	Battery "L" minus guns commences administrative displacement to Phu Loc.	S-4 11th Mar
1030	18	261030H	Headquarters Battery Advance party departs for new position (S.W. of DaNang).	S-4
0700	19	270700H	Battery "L" two M-109's commence sea lift phase of movement by LCU.	S-4
0800	20	270800H	Headquarters Battery Main body departs for new position.	S-4
1100	21	271100H	Battery "L" sea phase of movement completed.	S-4
1600	22	271600H	Battery "L" displacement to Phu Loc completed.	S-4
0730	23	280730H	Headquarters Battery Rear echelon departs for new position.	S-4
1700	24	281700H	Headquarters Battery, 4/11 displacement to DaNang completed.	

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