

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

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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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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.

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Aug 1969 to 31 Aug 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION AND UNIT COMMANDERS.

4th Battalion, 11th Marines LtCol J.H. STRANDQUIST  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (1-31 Aug)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery 4th Battalion, 11th Marines	Capt D.L. HERRING	(1-31 Aug)
Battery K, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	Capt D.E. WENGLAND	(1-31 Aug)
Battery L, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	Capt J.M. NICEVICH III	(1-31 Aug)
Battery M, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	Capt F.W. VAN REZIN	(1-31 Aug)

2. LOCATIONS.

Headquarters Battery 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-31 Aug 69: DANANG, AT988718
Battery K, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-2 Aug 69: DAI LOC, AT879578 2-31 Aug 69: DANANG, AT920797
Battery L, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-31 Aug 69: DANANG, AT965618
Battery M, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-2 Aug 69: DANANG, AT920797 2-25 Aug 69: DAI LOC, AT879578 25-31 Aug 69: AN HOA, AT867472

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Executive Officer	Maj. E.E. WIELER	(1-31 Aug)
S-1	CWO-2 R.M. HASSEY	(1-31 Aug)
S-2	1stLt. R.D. MATHIS	(1-31 Aug)
S-3	Maj. J.A. HARRING	(1-31 Aug)
S-4	Maj. B.G. PEARSON	(1-31 Aug)
S-5	1stLt. C.V. MOYTER	(1-31 Aug)
Supply Officer	1stLt. H.D. KLEIN	(1-31 Aug)
Maintenance Officer	CWO-2 G.V. PARNELL	(1-31 Aug)
Motor Transport Officer	2ndLt. J.L. WHITESIDE	(1-31 Aug)
Communications Officer	1stLt. D.M. REENMAN	(1-31 Aug)
Survey/Metro Officer	1stLt. E.W. HERRMANSSEN 1stLt. L.L. ALLEN	(1-9 Aug) (10-31 Aug)
Medical Officer	Lt. J.L. CERRY, USN Unassigned Lt. S.M. RICHARDSON, USN	(1-8 Aug) (9-19 Aug) (20-31 Aug)
Chaplain	Unassigned	(1-31 Aug)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
27	455	1	10	0	1

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month the Battalion remained in General Support of the 1st Marine Division. Units of the Battalion provided support for Operation Pipestone Canyon, which continued throughout the month.

On 2 August, Batteries M and K exchanged positions; Battery M displacing to Hill 65, and Battery K to the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

In conjunction with a re-assignment of subordinate unit boundaries within the 1st Marine Division EAOR, Battery M, on 25 August, displaced to AN HOA. Battery M remains in GS of the 1st Marine Division.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) <u>Losses</u>	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	4	38	1	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA/DE	0	0	0	0
Battle WAGE	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Med-Evac)	0	0	0	0
(2) <u>Replacements</u>	2	24	1	1
(3) <u>Not Loss</u>	2	13	0	0
(4) <u>Not Gain</u>	0	0	0	0

b. POW's Captured: 0c. Morale: Excellentd. Promotions: 0 Officer - 18 Enlistede. Awards and Decorations(1) Awarded: 5 Navy Achievement Medals

(2) Recommended: 5 Bronze Star  
 8 Navy Commendation Medals  
 22 Navy Achievement Medals

f. Courts-Martial and Article 15 Awarded(1) Special: 2(2) Summary: 4(3) Article 15: 13ENCLOSURE (1)  
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(1) During the month of August the S-2 made four trips to OP Tiger and seven to OP Hawk. Eight liaison visits were made to 11th Marines S-2. Two trips were made to Kilo Battery. On 26 August one pair of ship's binoculars were put on OP Tiger. Three liaison trips were made to Hill 327 to check out possibilities of a new OP.

(2) 2600 \$VN was expended during the month under the Volunteer Informant Program for the purchase of 12 M-79 rounds.

h. Organization and Operations.

(1) The Battalion remained in General Support of the 1st Marine Division, delivering fires throughout the TAOR.

(2) Surveillance from significant missions yielded 16 KIA's and 2 secondary explosions. A total of 8,573 rounds were expended firing 1,174 missions.

i. Training.

(1) The Mobile Training Team from Division Schools gave classes on various GMS subjects during the month. During the next two months they will conduct a total of 6 classes for all Batteries in the battalion.

(2) Normal GMS and MOS training was conducted as operational commitments allowed.

j. Logistics, Equipment and Supply.

(1) During this period the deadline rate for M109 Howitzers remained at a low level due to the outstanding performance of maintenance crews. At the end of the month no M109 Howitzers were deadlined.

(2) Eleven motor transport vehicles are presently deadlined for a rate of 10%. Of these eleven, four are deadlined at 3rd echelon facilities.

(3) Requisitions submitted since this Battalion has been in the Republic of Vietnam, total 31,279. Of this number 28,590 have been filled.

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Fires delivered within the 1st Marine Division TAOR which were not fired in support of a specific named operation. Period of 1-31 Aug.

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UNIT	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM
1st	4	164	0	3	0	17	207	0	1	0
5th	9	137	0	79	0	48	297	2	0	0
7th	21	115	75	8	32	92	573	0	0	0
11th	43	200	0	63	6	42	276	2	1	0
26th	7	0	0	5	18	410	2431	0	77	0
RECON	31	31	0	28	41	4	0	2	0	0
AVN	2	30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	115	1107	85	187	147	61	3790	6	79	0

Presumptive

UNIT	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM
1st	25	321	0	0	0
5th	9	43	0	0	0
7th	113	607	0	0	0
11th	0	0	0	0	0
26th	181	852	0	0	0
RECON	45	100	283	0	0
TOTAL	373	1928	283	0	0

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Fires delivered within the 1st Marine Division TAOR which were fired in support of Operation Pipestone Canyon. Period 1-31 Aug 1969.

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UNIT	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM
1st	9	120	0	3	0	12	108	0	0	0
2nd	8	110	0	8	0	5	90	0	0	0
3rd	0	0	0	0	0	10	90	0	0	0
Total	17	240	0	11	0	27	290	0	0	0

Pre-emptive

UNIT	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM
1st	25	370	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	370	0	0	0

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Staff-Journals

- 1a. S-1 Journal (APPENDIX A)
- 1b. S-3 Journal (APPENDIX B)
- 1c. S-4 Journal (APPENDIX C)
- 1d. S-5 Journal (APPENDIX D)

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APPENDIX A (S-1 Journal) to Enclosure (1) Command Chronology  
of CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAN/hps over 5750 serial 69-227 of 1Sep69

TIME		SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		01	010800H	Maj J. A. HARING asg pridu S-3, addu NucSafetyO, Field Hist, CensorshipO, AltClass MatConO, NBCDefO vice Maj LONG rel. Capt D. L. HERRING asg pridu CO, HqBtry vice Capt YOST rel. Capt C. G. BLASI reasg fr Btry L to HqBtry fordu.	S&F
		02	010800H	Maj M. H. LONG, Capt C. G. BLASI & Capt R. C. YOST tr to CONUS fordu.	S&F
		03	010800H	LT J. L. CURRY USN tr to CONUS fordu.	S&F
		04	100800H	1stLt L. L. ALLEN reasg fr Btry M to HqBtry for pridu Surv/MetroO, addu S&C Cust, Mbr GrndAccBrd, EdO vice 1stLt HERMANSEN rel.	S&F
		05	140800H	CWO G. V. PARNELL asg addu SafetyO vice 2ndLt WHITESIDE rel.	S&F
		06	200800H	LT S. M. RICHARDSON III jd fr 1stBn, 11thMar asg as BnSurgeon. 1stLt E. W. HERMANSEN Jr tr to CONUS fordu.	S&F
		07	230800H	2ndLt D. L. BROWNING jd fr CONUS asg Btry M fordu. 2ndLt W. A. YOUNG III jd fr CONUS asg Btry L fordu.	S&F

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APPENDIX B (S-3 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)  
OF CO, 4/11 ltr JAH/hps over 5750 serial #69-227 of 1 Sep 69.

TIME IN	COMP NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0815	01	020830	Received Move Rep. Battery M.	S&F
1125	02	021130	Received Fire Cap. Battery M. A. Mike B. 6 C. 87965796 D. 4400 E. 021100H	S&F
1235	03	021135	Received Move Rep. Battery K.	S&F
1420	04	021435	Received Fire Cap. Battery K. A. Kilo B. 6 C. 92077970 D. 5400 E. 021435H	S&F
0235	05	120245	Regiment reports rockets. Battery K expended 40 HEMx and Battery M expended 10 HEMx on counter rocket fire.	S&F
0610	06	120610	Southern OP's report rockets. Battery K expended 30 HEMx and Battery M expended 10 HEMx on counter rocket fire.	S&F
1300	07	161305	Battery K fired UX2284 grid AT859822 at 10 VC in open. Expended 18 HEQ & Ti. Three (3) enemy KIA's confirmed.	S&F
1905	08	171910	Battery M fired UX2302 grid AT993550 at bunker and booby traps. Expended 21 HEQ. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F

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TIME		SYN NO.	REF	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0200	09	190202		Lunga Point reported rockets. Battery H fired 2 HQ & VT grid AT929633 on counter rocket fire.	S&F
0035	10	220035		Rockets, Batteries K and L fired counter rocket fires. Expended 38 HQ.	S&F
0040	11	220040		Rockets, Batteries K and L fired counter rocket fires. Expended 24 HQ.	S&F
0045	12	222031		Battery L fired UA1345 grid AT000481 at 100 VC/NVA in open. Expended 32 HQ & VT. Seven (7) KIA's confirmed.	S&F
1040	13	251050		Received Move Rep, Battery M.	S&F
1425	14	251425		Received Fire Rep, Battery M. A. Mike B. 6 C. 86764726 D. 4800 E. 251425H	S&F
0040	15	270050		Battery H fired UA2356 grid AT78466 at 5 VC/NVA in open. Expended 1 HQ, Five (5) KIA's.	S&F
1133	16	271145		Battery H fired XA0139 grid ZG201577 at 11 VC in open. Expended 40 HQ, VT & Ti. One (1) KIA.	S&F
2155	17	272200		Battery H fired XA0149 grid AT974462 at 12 VC in open. Expended 39 HQ. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F
1920	18	301930		Battery L fired UA2385 grid AT985608 at bunkers. Expended 24 HQ and 1 WP. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F

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APPENDIX C (S-4) Journal to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)  
of CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAE/hps over 5750 serial #69-227 of 1Sep69

TIME	SER			ACTION	
IN	OUT	NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	TAKEN
	0001	01	1Aug	Journal opened. Equipment dead-lined: (15) vehicles and (0) M109 Howitzers	S F
	1200	02	1Aug	<u>11thMar.</u> Personnel Status Report, Cantonment and Minor Injury Reports submitted.	S F
	0900	03	2Aug	<u>Btry K &amp; M.</u> Supported redeployments	S F
1300		04	2Aug	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Received MARES/FORSTAT	S
	0900	05	3Aug	<u>Btry M.</u> Delivered D544 Ammunition	S F
	0900	06	4Aug	<u>Btry M.</u> Delivered D544 Ammunition.	S F
	1300	07	4Aug	<u>11thMar.</u> Submitted CONEX Report	S F
	1000	08	5Aug	<u>Btry K.</u> 2 155mm Towed Howitzers (Ser: 8331 & 8099) picked up for transfer to 3/11	S F
	1500	09	5Aug	<u>11thMar.</u> Submitted Class V Report	S F
	0930	10	6Aug	<u>Btry M.</u> Delivered D544 Ammunition	S F
	1400	11	6Aug	<u>4thBn.</u> Grade III Ammunition Turned in.	S F
	0900	12	7Aug	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> MARES FORSTAT Submitted	S F
	1100	13	7Aug	<u>3/11.</u> Turned over 155 Td Howitzers and 2 M54 Trucks (Ser: 345431 & 345476)	S F
	1300	14	8Aug	<u>11th Mar.</u> CONEX, COFRAM and L312 reports submitted.	S F
1000		15	9Aug	<u>4thBn.</u> Section gear for 4 155mm How(Td) picked up.	S F
	1300	16	10Aug	<u>11thMar.</u> MEDS status report submitted.	S F
	0900	17	11Aug	<u>4thBn.</u> Conducted Fire Security Inspection	S F

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TIME		SER		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, CASES	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.	DATE		TAKEN
0900		18	12AM	1stMarDiv. Received MARES FORSTAT	S
	0900	19	11AM	11thMar. MARES FORSTAT submitted	S F
1000		20	11AM	4thBn. Inventoried section gear for M5 How(Td) and placed missing items on order	S F
1300		21	15AM	11thMar. L312, COFRAM and Special Collection reports submitted	S F
1400		22	10AM	11thMar. Submitted engineer support report	S F
1300		23	17AM	Btry L. Staff Visit	S F
1300		24	18AM	Btry K. Staff Visit	S F
0900		25	19AM	1stMarDiv. Received MARES FORSTAT	S
1600		26	10AM	11thMar. Submitted Special Detection report	S F
0800		27	21AM	11thMar. Submitted MARES FORSTAT	S F
0900		28	22Aug	Btry K. Conducted CMI on Maintenance and Communications	S F
1300		29	22Aug	Btry L. Conducted CMI on MT, Embark, and Medical.	S F
1600		30	23Aug	11thMar. Submitted Engineer Support Report	S F
0900		31	24Aug	Btry M. Established Convoy	S
0930		32	24Aug	4thBn. Division CMDR on Embarkation conducted.	S F
0945		33	25Aug	Btry M. Convoy departed for AN HOA	S F
1430		34	25Aug	K/4/13. Supported convoy to Hill #34	S F
1600		35	25Aug	11thMar. L312, COFRAM reports submitted	S F
0830		36	26Aug	4thBn. Supported K/4/13 Move to LZ ROSS	S F
1300		37	27Aug	11thMar. LOGSUM and MARES FORSTAT submitted.	S F

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TIME		SER	DTC	INCIDENTS	MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	NO.				
	1300	38	3100	Item L. Delivered to console (4 Hole)		S F
	000	39	2800	Item K & L, CMH conducted on Supply, Air, Embark, Medical & Clearance		S F
	1500	40	2000	MM-8. Visit to obtain equipment for Cantonment well		S F
	1300	41	2100	Invoiced 2 MBL's (Ser. 335977 & 335978)		S F
	1400	42	2200	Total equipment loaded. Vehicles and 0 MBL's		S F

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APPENDIX D (S&F Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)  
OF GO, 4/11 Bn 2-5-1/bps over 5730 Serial #69-227 1 Sep 1969.

TIME	S&F	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION	
IN	OUT	REF	TAKEN	
0930	01	010930	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa	S&F
0930	02	070930	Regular Medcap not held due to lack of transportation at this unit.	S&F
0930	03	140930	Regular Medcap not held due to restriction on contact with Vietnamese during conversion of MPC.	S&F
0930	04	210930	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa.	S&F
0901	05	230001	Hq. 4/11, Saigon begins coordination of all I-40, on Hill 34.	S&F
0930	06	180930	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa.	S&F
0930	07	210930	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa.	S&F
0930	08	250930	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa.	S&F
0800	09	260800	Attended Hoa Binh Advisor's Meeting in Phu Hoa. Village Chairman requested cement and wood to rebuild the village headquarters destroyed by VC this year.	S&F
0900	10	270900	Obtained from Village Chairman information for submittal form for above project.	S&F
0930	11	280930	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. Major WIELKE, 4/11 XO, observed progress in security and civic action projects in Phu Hoa with CAG, CAC AND CAP CO's.	S&F
1800	12	291800	Received request from CAP 2-5-1 for medical assistance for a young Vietnamese girl with a very high fever. Bn MedCo had her taken to FLC Hospital.	S&F

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1600		13	311600	Received request from CAP 2-5-1 S&F for medical assistance for a girl who was eight months pregnant and experiencing abdominal pain. Taken to DAMANG Hospital.	

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