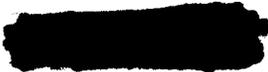


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(d) RegtO 5750.2E

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Sep 1969 to 30 Sep 1969

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PAGE I
 ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION AND UNIT COMMANDERS.

4th Battalion, 11th Marines LtCol J.W. SHAWDONIST
 1st Marine Division (Rein), MAF (1-30 Sep)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery Capt D.L. HERRING (1-30 Sep)
 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

Battery A, 4th Battalion Capt D.H. ENGLAND (1-30 Sep)
 11th Marines

Battery B, 4th Battalion Capt J.M. HADSWENT III
 11th Marines (1-30 Sep)

Battery M, 4th Battalion Capt P.J. VAN RYZIN (1-30 Sep)
 11th Marines

2. LOCATIONS.

Headquarters Battery 1-30 Sep 69: DANANG, AF988718
 4th Bn., 11th Marines

Battery A, 4th Bn., 1-30 Sep 69: DANANG, AF920797
 11th Marines

Battery B, 4th Bn., 1-30 Sep 69: DANANG, AF965618
 11th Marines

Battery M, 4th Bn., 1-30 Sep 69: DANANG, AF667472
 11th Marines



3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. E.W. DUBNER Unassigned	(1-22 Sep) (23-30 Sep)
S-1	CAC-2 R.H. MASSEY	(1-30 Sep)
S-2	1stLt. R.D. MATHEIS Unassigned 1st Lt. T.R. MISBET	(1-12 Sep) (13-19 Sep) (20-30 Sep)
S-3	Maj. J.A. HANING	(1-30 Sep)
S-4	Maj. B.G. PEARSON	(1-30 Sep)
S-5	1stLt. C.V. MOYER Unassigned 1stLt. E.O. WRIGHT	(1-17 Sep) (18-22 Sep) (23-30 Sep)
Supply Officer	1stLt R.D. NEWMAN	(1-30 Sep)
Maintenance Officer	CAC-2 G.V. PARSELL	(1-30 Sep)
Motor Transport Officer	2ndLt. J.L. WAINESIDE	(1-30 Sep)
Communications Officer	1stLt. D.H. BRENNAN	(1-30 Sep)
Survey/Metro Officer	1stLt. L.L. ALLEN	(1-30 Sep)
Medical Officer	Lt. S.H. RICHARDSON, USM	(1-30 Sep)
Chaplain	Unassigned	(1-30 Sep)

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>
26	432	1	10	0	1



PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September 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. 97 rounds were expended in support of this operation.

On 11 September Battery M's mission was changed from General Support to General Support Reinforcing the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. The assignment of the GSR mission to Battery M provides the 2nd Battalion with more responsive reinforcing fires in their zone.

PART III
REGIMENTAL HISTORY OF BATTLES, EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) <u>Losses</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	7	50	0	0
Battle IIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIANF	0	0	0	0
Battle WIAF	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Med-Evac)	0	6	0	0
(2) <u>Replacements</u>	4	60	0	0
(3) <u>Net Lose</u>	3	0	0	0
(4) <u>Net Gain</u>	0	4	0	0

b. POW's Captured: 0

c. Morale: Excellent

d. Promotions: 0 Officer - 79 Enlisted

e. Awards and Decorations

(1) Awarded: 1 Purple Heart
 12 Navy Achievement Medals

(2) Recommended: 1 Bronze Star
 1 Navy Commendation Medal
 17 Navy Achievement Medals

f. Courts-Martial and Article 15 Awarded

(1) Special: 2

(2) Summary: 1

(3) Article 15: 12

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g. Intelligence.

(1) During the month of September the S-2 made seven liaison trips to OP Tiger and fifteen trips to OP Hawk. Seven liaison trips were made to the 11th Marines S-2 and two to the 1st Marine Division G-2.

(2) On 8 September OP Hawk was moved from its location on Hill 47 to a new position on Hill 327. This new position affords a better view of the Danang Rocket Belt.

(3) 3000 \$VF was expended during the month under the Volunteers Information Program for the purchase of 12 M-79 rounds and for information concerning the location of five VC suspects.

h. Organization and Operations.

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

(2) Surveillance from significant missions yielded 29 KIA's and 25 secondary explosions. A total of 1,373 missions were fired, during which a total of 11,631 rounds were expended.

i. Training.

(1) The Mobile Training Team from Division Schools gave classes on various GMS subjects during the month.

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

(3) During the month of September a series of inspections of the firing Batteries was conducted by the Battalion Staff Sections. Inspections were conducted in the areas of administration, operations, motor transport, supply, medical, maintenance, ordnance, communications and embarkation. The inspections were designed to assist the Battery Commanders by identifying any weak areas which may exist within their command. All inspections were critiqued with emphasis placed on what actions the appropriate Staff Section were taking to assist the Batteries in correcting discrepancies or weaknesses. These inspections will continue on a regular schedule with each Battery being inspected in each of above areas approximately once each month.

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) Five motor transport vehicles are presently deadlined for a rate of 9%. Of these five, four are deadlined at 3rd echelon facilities.

(3) Requisitions submitted since this Battalion has been in the Republic of Vietnam, total 30,717. Of this number 28,961 have been filled.



Fires delivered within the 1st Marine Division (AMBL) which were not fired in support of a specific named operation. Period of 1-30 Sept.

OBSERVED

UNOBSERVED

UNIT	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM
1st	8	235	0	5	0	53	395	0	0	15
5th	15	126	124	17	50	51	441	0	1	0
7th	25	165	2	16	0	42	365	0	0	0
11th	51	326	0	42	55	402	3909	0	3	122
26th	24	428	8	14	150	415	2527	0	9	177
MECON	77	375	112	36	57	19	100	0	0	0
ROK	1	25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	201	1680	246	131	312	982	7737	0	13	314

Pre-emptive

UNIT	MIS	HE	ILL	WP	ICM
1st	34	298	0	0	0
5th	19	142	12	0	0
7th	0	0	0	0	0
11th	13	162	0	0	0
26th	39	230	0	0	0
MECON	77	107	204	0	0
13th	8	43	0	0	0
TOTAL	190	982	216	0	0



PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Staff-Journals

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

APPENDIX A (S-1 Journal) to Enclosure (1) Command Chronology
of CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/hps over 5750 serial 69-275 of 10Oct69

TIME		SER	DTG	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.		TITLE
		01	010800H	1stLt W. L. GILLET reasc S&F fr Btry L to Btry K fordu.
		02	020800H	1stLt D. E. VESPER jd fr S&F COMUS ass Btry K fordu. 2dLt W. R. MILTON-CORTE jd fr COMUS ass Btry K fordu.
		03	070800H	1stLt C. I. STAFFIELD ro- S&F tated to COMUS.
		04	080800H	1stLt D. L. FITTS and 1stLt S&F F. I. THIES rotated to COMUS.
		05	100800H	2dLt L. E. CHERY jd fr S&F COMUS ass Btry K fordu.
		06	120800H	1stLt R. D. MATHIS rotated S&F to COMUS.
		07	140800H	1stLt J. W. GLOVER rotated S&F to COMUS.
		08	160800H	2dLt R. J. ROBERT Jr. Jd fr S&F COMUS ass Btry K fordu.
		09	200800H	1stLt S. R. ISHET reasc fr S&F Btry K to HqBtry fordu. Assg pridu S-2, addu AltClassMatConO, COMACWitO, VIFundsO vice 1stLt MATHIS tr.
		10	220800H	Maj E. H. WIELER rotated to S&F COMUS.
		11	230800H	1stLt F. O. WRIGHT jd fr 3d S&F AnTracBn fordu. Assg pridu S-5, addu CivAffO, PSOP O, ForeignClaimsO, IRO, SIRO, Reward FundO, SolationPayO, SmbBrWarComBrd, SmbBrGrndAccBrd vice 1stLt MOYER rel.
		12	290800H	1stLt C. V. MOYER rotated S&F to COMUS.

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APPENDIX B (S-3 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (CONTINUED CHRONOLOGY)
OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAN/48b over 5750 serial #59-275 of 1 Oct 69

TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	TC.		TAKEN
0650	01	040700	Battery H fired UA2419 grid 855361 at VC in huts. Expended 6 HE, 2WPQ. One (1) hut destroyed, two huts damaged.	S&F
0100	02	060100	Rockets, Batteries K and L fired counter rocket fires. Expended 10HEQ.	S&F
0155	03	060155	Rockets, Batteries K and L fired counter rocket fires. Expended 2HEQ.	S&F
0300	04	060300	Rockets, Batteries K and L fired counter rocket fires. Expended 18-449hi.	S&F
1031	05	061031	Rockets, Battery K fired counter rocket fires. Ex- -6-449hi.	S&F
1047	06	091047	Batteries K and L fired. QB0200 grid 880707, 87 7 7030 at 25-35 VC in open. Battery L expended 24 HE, 60ICH. Battery K expended 16 HE, 60ICH. Ten (10) VC LIA's confirmed.	S&F
0403	07	100403	Battery H fired UA4477 grid 997470 at 100 VC in open. Expended 40 HE, 1WP, and 2 ICH. Ten (10) secondary explosions.	S&F

TIME		SEN	DAG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	NO.			
0800		08	110300	Battery H mission changed general support reinforcing 2nd Bn. 11th Mar.	S&F
1053		09	111853	Battery K fired UA2491 grid 823863 at 10 Elephants. Expended ten (10) HE. Two (2) Elephants killed.	S&F
1905		10	111905	Battery K fired UA2492 grid 803576 at 300 VC in open. Expended 50 449 FzTi. Three (3) secondary explosions.	S&F
2255		11	122255	Battery L fired UA2501 grid 084648 at active mortar site. Expended 1 WP, 28 HE. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F
1250		12	251250	Battery L fired UA 2656 and UA2657 At bridge grid BT01 3587 and grid BT013592. Ex- pended 2 WP, and 34 HE. Bridge partially destroyed.	S&F
1738		13	251738	Battery H fired FZ6604 grid 890357 at VC on trail. Expended 3 HE VT. Two (2) VC KIA's confirmed.	S&F
1815		14	251815	Battery H fired FZ6604 grid 890357 at VC in open. Expended 8 HE VT. Two (2) VC KIA's confirmed.	S&F
1605		15	261605	Battery H fired FZ6604 grid 890358 at 5 VC in open. Expended 12 HE VT. One (1) VC KIA confirmed.	S&F
1647		16	261647	Battery H fired FZ6604 grid 890358 at 5 VC in open. Expended 12 HE VT. One (1) VC KIA confirmed.	S&F

TIME	S&F			INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.	DEG		TAKEN
1717	17	261717		Battery L fired FZ6604 grid 890358 at 7 VC in open. Expended 12 HEQ. VT. Four (4) VC KIA's confirmed.	S&F
0232	18	280232		Battery L fired UA2693 grid 091671, Prep Fire. One (1) secondary ex- plosion.	S&F
0005	19	290005		Battery L fired UA2700 grid 094657 at Booby Traps Expended 31 HEQ, 1MPQ. Two (2) secondary Explos- ions.	S&F
2110	20	292110		Battery L fired UA2704 grid 906615 at enemy base camp. Expended 45 HEQ. Eight (8) secondary explosions.	S&F

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APPENDIX C (S-4) Journal to ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)
of CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAN/pfb over 5750 serial #/09-275 of 1 Oct69

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	0001	01	13ep	<u>4thbn</u> - Journal opened: Equipment D/L in vehicles @ M109's.	
	1400	02	13ep	<u>11th Mar</u> - Submitted Cantonment Rpt	SF
	1600	03	13ep	<u>4thbn</u> - R24 Four towed howitzers. New ones # 3078, 3575, 3985, 9538	SF
	1200	04	2sep	<u>11thmar.</u> Minor Injury - L312/Cofram Rpt Submitted	SF
	1600	05	3Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Hares Forstat submitted	SF
	1000	06	4Sep	<u>11thmar.</u> Para 3/4 M37 Ser 303141 transferred excess to HQ BTRY	SF
	1300	07	4Sep	<u>11thmar.</u> Class V Rpt Submitted	SF
	1600	08	4Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Requested \$27,000 additional funds for Ops.	SF
	0830	09	5Sep	<u>BtryK.</u> Inspected Ordnance & supply both satisfactory	SF
	1200	10	5Sep	<u>BtryM.</u> Inspected Maintenance & Comm both satisfactory	SF
	1430	11	5Sep	<u>11thmar.</u> Conex Rpt Submitted	SF
	1000	12	6Sep	<u>11thmar.</u> Special Detection Rpt Submitted.	SF
	0900	13	7Sep	<u>BtryL.</u> Conducted Staff visit.	SF
	1400	14	8Sep	<u>11thmar.</u> L312/Cofram Rpt submitted	SF
	0900	15	9Sep	<u>BtryK.</u> Conducted Staff visit	SF
	1300	16	10Sep	<u>11thmar.</u> Personal Status Rpt Submitted	SF

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TIME IN	OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1600		17	10Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Received Approval \$27,000 additional funds for Ops.	SF
	1400	18	11Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> Fire Security Rpt submitted	SF
	0900	19	12Sep	<u>BtryL.</u> Inspected Maintenance & Comm both Sat	SF
	1200	20	12Sep	<u>BtryM.</u> Inspected Motor Trans, Medical & Emb, All Sat	SF
	1500	21	12Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> Special Detection Rpt Submitted.	SF
	0900	22	13Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> Commenced pulling well to establish reason not pumping	SF
1200		23	14Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Mares Forstat received	SF
	1600	24	14Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> New Well pipe installed	SF
	1500	25	15Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> Meds Status Reported	SF
	1600	26	15Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> Well pump put into operation Commenced filling storage tank	SF
	1000	27	16Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> L312/Cofram Rpt Submitted	SF
	1030	28	16Sep	<u>BtryM.</u> Delivered 100 bags cement	SF
	0900	29	17Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> Water system restored to 24 hour operation	SF
	1630	30	17Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Mares Forstat submitted.	SF
	1000	31	18Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> Reinforced 3000 gal tanks for monsoon	SF
	0900	32	19Sep	<u>BtryM.</u> Inspected Maintenance & Comm Sat	SF
	1200	33	19Sep	<u>BtryM.</u> Inspected Ordnance & Supply Sat	SF
	1400	34	19Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> L312/Cofram Submitted	SF
	0900	35	20Sep	<u>BtryM.</u> Provided Emb Asst	SF
	1400	36	20Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> Deadline MT back down to 10%	SF

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TIME		SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	0930	37	21Sep	<u>BtryM</u> Delivered Lumber and Asphalt roofing paper for waterproofing buildings	SF
	0900	38	22Sep	<u>BtryL</u> Provided Emb Asst	SF
	1400	39	23Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Submitted I/E and S/A Deficiencies	SF
	0930	40	24Sep	<u>BtryM</u> Provided Emb Asst.	SF
	1000	41	25Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> Ordnance Equip Density Rpt	SF
	0900	42	26Sep	<u>BtryK</u> Inspected Motor Tran & Med Sat	SF
	0900	43	26Sep	<u>BtryL</u> Inspected Supply & Ordnance	SF
	1400	44	26Sep	<u>11thMar.</u> L312/Cofram Rpt Submitted	SF
	1600	45	27Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> LOGSUM Submitted. Conducted Bn Emb School	SF
	0900	46	28Sep	<u>BtryL</u> Delivered Sandbags & Petroleum Asphalt	SF
	0900	47	29Sep	<u>1stMarDiv.</u> Submitted Loading Plans For Embarkation	SF
	1400	48	30Sep	<u>11thMar</u> Submitted Embark Status	SF
	2400	49	30Sep	<u>4thBn.</u> Total Equip Deadline 9 veh and 0 M109's	SF

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APPENDIX D (S-5 Journal) To ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) OF CO, 4/11 Ltr
3/JAH/pfb over 5750 Serial #69-275 1 Oct 1969.

TIME IN	SER OUT NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1300	01	011300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa	S&F
1150	02	021150H	TRAN BON of Hoa Phu taken to 1st Med. Bn. I.C.U. to visit her little sister, by the S-5 clerk	S&F
0930	03	040930H	4th Bn. 11th Mar. Medical Officer visited Phu Hoa. With aid from the S-5 Interpreter, he was introduced to the Medical organization in Phu Hoa.	S&F
1130	04	041130H	A girl was med-evac'd to 1st Med. Bn. from Phu Hoa with scrapnel in her left foot.	S&F
1330	05	041330H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa	S&F
0930	06	050930H	1stLt MOYHEU, S-5, attended a Hoa Vang District advisors' Meeting. He was informed that the District has \$VN 400,000 - 1,000,000 for village projects. The money is obtainable only through GVN echelons.	S&F
0845	07	080845H	S-5 provided interpreter to assist 4/11 BAS treating 4 LNC involved in a vehicle accident near 1st Tank Bn. CP. S-5 also provided escort for medevac to Hue Sanh Hospital.	S&F
1330	08	081330H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. LtCol J. H. STRANDQUIST, 4/11 CO, and SgtMajor BLAS visited with hamlet authorities.	S&F
1300	09	111300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. 4/11 Medical Officer presented the Hamlet Chief with some scrap wood to build tables and chairs at the Medcap station.	S&F
1400	10	151400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa	S&F
0930	11	160930H	1stLt MOYHEU, S-5, and 1stLt WRIGHT attended a Hoa Vang District advisory meeting. Channels of local project assistance from GVN were discussed.	S&F
1100	12	161100H	A G-5 PsyOps team showed a movie at the elementary school in Phu Hoa. About 125 children watched.	S&F

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TIME	SER				ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.	DIG	INCLOSURES, MESSAGES, ORDERS	STATUS
1230	13	161230H		1st Lt BRYDEN, S-5 and 1st Lt. BRIGHT attended a funeral for the deceased husband of TRAN THI DANG.	S&F
0900	14	180900H		S-5 provided interpreter to assist treatment of a seriously ill woman from Cam Hoa. She was later medevac'd to Huo Sanh Hospital.	S&F
0730	15	170730H		1st Lt Halyon detached from 4/11.	S&F
1400	16	221400H		Regular Redcap was held in Phu Hoa.	S&F
0730	17	230730H		1st Lt. Bright assumed duties as S-5.	S&F
1400	18	251400H		Regular Redcap held in Phu Hoa. The Namlet Security Chief was presented with 2 water pumps.	S&F
1400	19	291400H		Regular Redcap held in Phu Hoa.	S&F

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