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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION AND UNIT COMMANDERS.

4th Battalion, 11th Marines LtCol J.H. STRANDQUIST
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (1-16 Oct)
 LtCol J.F. BURKE Jr.
 (17-31 Oct)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery 4th Battalion, 11th Marines	Capt D.L. HEPPING	(1-31 Oct)
Battery K, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	Capt D.E. ENGLAND	(1-31 Oct)
Battery L, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	Capt J.M. MACEVITT III	(1-31 Oct)
Battery M, 4th Battalion 11th Marines	Capt P.J. VAN RYZIN	(1-31 Oct)
Battery K, 4th Battalion 13th Marines	Capt D.J. LUX	(21-31 Oct)

2. LOCATIONS.

Headquarters Battery 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-31 Oct 69: DANANG, AT988718
Battery K, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-31 Oct 69: DANANG, AT920797
Battery L, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-31 Oct 69: DANANG, AT965618
Battery M, 4th Bn., 11th Marines	1-31 Oct 69: AN HOA, AT867472
Battery K, 4th Bn., 13th Marines	21-31 Oct 69: QUE SON, AT028341

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Unassigned	(1-31 Oct)
S-1	CWO-2 R.M. HASSEY	(1-31 Oct)
S-2	1stLt T.R. NISBET 1stLt R.E. APPLETON 1stLt C.A. PELLETIER	(1-2 Oct) (3-23 Oct) (24-31 Oct)
S-3	Maj J.A. HARING	(1-31 Oct)
S-4	Maj B.G. PEARSON	(1-31 Oct)
S-5	1stLt E.O. WRIGHT	(1-31 Oct)
Supply Officer	1stLt H.D. KLEIN	(1-31 Oct)
Maintenance Officer	CWO-2 G.V. PARNELL Unassigned	(1 Oct) (2-31 Oct)
Motor Transport Officer	2ndLt J.L. WHITESIDE	(1-31 Oct)
Communications Officer	1stLt D.M. BRENNAN	(1-31 Oct)
Survey/Metro Officer	1stLt L.L. ALLEN	(1-31 Oct)
Medical Officer	Lt S.M. RICHARDSON, USN	(1-31 Oct)
Chaplain	Unassigned Lt (CHC) J.J. CONAVAD, USN	(1-19 Oct) (20-31 Oct)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		ARVN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
30	435	1	10	0	1

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

On 20 October the Battalion assumed command of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines. Battery K/4/13's mission remains Reinforcing, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. The Battery operates it's own de-centralized technical fire direction center. During the period 20 to 31 October, Battery K expended 1862 rounds reinforcing the fires of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

On 24 October, in order to better support Reconnaissance Inserts operating in the southern portion of the Division TAOR, technical fire direction control of Battery M from the Battalion Fire Direction Center was terminated. Battery M now operates it's own de-centralized technical fire direction center.

The Battalion Fire Direction Center presently provides centralized technical control for Batteries K and L.

During the month of October the battalion fired 1899 missions expending 22050 rounds. These fires were provided to the following units.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
1st Marines	106	1149
5th Marines	89	891
7th Marines	109	1114
11th Marines	1088	14122
26th Marines	419	3820
RECON	88	954

A consolidated surveillance of the above fires yielded:

KIA's	22
Structures destroyed	11
Structures damaged	1
Secondary explosions	13
Bunkers destroyed	1

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
(1) <u>Losses</u>				
Administrative	5	36	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA(N)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA(E)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Med-Evac)	0	9	0	0
(2) <u>Replacements</u>	11	35	1	0
(3) <u>Net Loss</u>	0	1	0	0
(4) <u>Net Gain</u>	6	0	1	0

b. POW's Captured: 0c. Morale: Excellentd. Promotion: 0 Officers - 37 Enlistede. Awards and Decorations

(1) <u>Awarded:</u>	3 Navy Achievement Medals
	2 Vietnamese Campaign Medals
(2) <u>Recommended:</u>	2 Navy Commendation Medals
	15 Navy Achievement Medals

f. Courts-Martial and Article 15 Awarded(1) Special: 1(2) Summary: 2(3) Article 15: 25ENCLOSURE (1)
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g. Intelligence.

(1) During the month of October 1969 the S-2 made four liaison trips to the Regimental S-2 and three to Division G-2.

(2) There were numerous trips made to OP's HAWK and TIGER while only one trip was made to CP's CROWNSNET, "B" Tower, LAUGH and LOU for the purpose of inspection and instruction.

(3) On 15 Oct Headquarters Battery Crater Analysis Team received a class on crater analysis and on 21 Oct the Crater Analysis Teams from Battery K and Battery L received the same class.

(4) During Oct 3,000 \$VN was spent on the Volunteer Information Program for the purchase of ten M-79 rounds, three M-26 hand grenades and one bayonet.

h. Organization and Operations

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

(2) At 160600H Oct, Battery L's mission changed from General Support to Reinforcing, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines for a period of about 12 hours. At 181800H Oct, Battery L reverted to General Support. During this period Battery L fired 5 missions expending 88 rounds.

Ref: 11th Mar Frag 0 57-69

(3) Effective 202300H Oct, 4th Battalion assumed command of Battery L, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines.

Ref: 11th Mar Msg 240121Z Oct 69.

(4) Battery L periodically supported Operation Pipestone Canyon throughout the month. The Battery expended 88 rounds and fired 4 missions in support of this operation.

(5) Organization for Combat at end of reporting period.

Battery K - General Support

Battery L - General Support

Battery K - General Support, Reinforcing 2/11

Battery K, 4/13 - Reinforcing 3/11

i. Training

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

(2) Training teams from the Battalion S-2 and S-3 sections presented instruction in Crater Analysis and NBC Monitoring and Decontamination to appropriate teams in each battery.

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 two M109 Howitzers were deadlined.

(2) Eleven motor transport vehicles are presently deadlined for a rate of 11%. Of these eleven, four are deadlined at 3rd echelon facilities.

(3) Requisitions submitted since this Battalion has been in the Republic of Vietnam total 33,864. Of this number 29,426 have been filled.

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)
- 1e. Photo of Commanding Officer (APPENDIX E)

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APPENDIX A (S-1 Journal) to Enclosure (1) Command Chronology of CO, 4/11
ltr 3/JAH/hps over 5750 serial 69-295 of 1Nov69

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DEG	ACTION TANEM
01	010800H		CWO-2 G. V. PARRELL rotated to CONUS.	S&F
02	020800H		1stLt R. E. APPLETON jd from CONUS. Asg to HqBtry fordu.	S&F
03	030800H		1stLt R. E. APPLETON asg pridu S-2, addu VIPFundsO, AltClassMat ConO, COMTACWitO vice 1stLt NISBET rel.	S&F
04	060800H		1stLt T. R. NISBET rotated to CONUS. 2dLt D. R. BIBB jd from CONUS. Asg to Btry L fordu. 2dLt W. M. LIEBENOW jd from CONUS. Asg to Btry M fordu.	S&F
05	070800H		2dLt M. J. VOGEL jd fr CONUS. Asg to HqBtry fordu.	S&F
06	100800H		2dLt W. V. CONNER jd from CONUS Asg to HqBtry fordu.	S&F
07	140800H		LtCol J. F. BURKE JR. jd fr 11thMar asg to HqBtry fordu.	S&F
08	170800H		LtCol J. F. BURKE JR. assumed duties as CO vice LtCol J. H. STRANDQUIST rotated to CONUS. 1stLt C. A. PELLIER jd fr 3dBn 12thMar asg to HqBtry fordu.	S&F
09	180800H		1stLt J. W. MCCARVER rotated to CONUS. 2dLt W. V. CONNER reasg fr HqBtry to Btry L fordu.	S&F
10	200800H		Lt J. J. CONAVAD CHC jd fr CONUS Asg HqBtry fordu as BnChaplin.	S&F
11	240800H		1stLt R. E. APPLETON asg pridu Asst S-3. 1stLt C. A. PELLETIER asg pridu S-2. Add du VIPFundsO, AltClassMatConO, COMTACWitO vice 1stLt APPLETON rel.	S&F

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TIME IN	SER NO.	TIME OUT	DTG	ACTION TANEM
12		270800H	Maj B. G. PEARSON asg add du TSCryptoSecurityO, Crypto SecurityO vice 1stLt D. M. BRENNAN rel. Asg add du CareerPlanO, SolatiumPayCerto, TSConO, ClassMatConO, LegalO vice Maj E. H. WIELER rel. 1stLt R. E. APPLETON asg add du PersO, LegalAsstReferralO, TICO, MbrNarConBrd, VotingO, SavBond/ DepositO, PostO vice CWO-2 R. M. HASSEY rel. 2dLt M. J. VOGEL asg pridu CommO, add du CONTAC PubConO, SiGWitO, MbrNarConBrd vice 1stLt D. E. BRENNAN rel.	S&F
13		300800H	1stLt R. R. RAFFEL jd fr CONUS asg HqBtry fordu. Capt C. W. MEIER jd fr CONUS asg HqBtry fordu	S&F
14		310800H	1stLt D. M. BRENNAN rotated to CONUS. CWO-2 R. M. HASSEY rotated to Okinawa. 2dLt L. C. RUSSELL jd fr CONUS asg HqBtry for du	S&F

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APPENDIX B (S-3 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology)
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS TAKEN	ACTION
0745		01	010745	Battery M fired UA2729, grid S&F 829464 at 5 VC on trail. Expended 11 WP and 6 HE VT. Two (2) VC KIA's.	S&F
1745		02	011745	Battery M fired UA2729, grid S&F 828461 at 20 VC/NVA in open. Expended 48 HEQ & VT. Seven (7) VC KIA's.	S&F
2250		03	022250	Rockets, Battery L fired UA 2756, grids 973661, 975652. Expended 50 ICM. Battery K fired grid 868859. Expended 10 HEQ.	S&F
0455		04	030455	Battery M fired UA2756, grid S&F 822463 at suspected rocket site. Expended 3 WP and 12 HEQ. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F
1940		05	031940	Battery M fired UA2756, grid S&F 822463 at suspected rocket site. Expended 11 WP and 72 HEQ. Eight (8) secondary explosions.	S&F
1435		06	051435	Battery M fired UA2773, grid S&F 833464 at 6 VC in open. Expended 35 HE and 10 ICM. One (1) VC KIA.	S&F
0600		07	180600	Battery L mission changed to S&F reinforcing 1st Battalion, 11th Marines for a period of about 12 hours.	S&F
1800		08	181800	Battery L mission changed to S&F General Support.	S&F
1042		09	201042	Battery L fired UA2860, grid S&F 95455332 at VC and bunkers. Expended 4 WP and 44 HEQ. Four (4) secondary explosions.	S&F

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS TAKEN	ACTION
2300		10	202300	Assumed command of K-4-13 A. K-4-13 B. 6 C. 0279434102 D. 6400	S&F
0810		11	210810	Battery M fired UA2866, grid 877515 at rice market. Expended 2 WP and 51 HE. Four (4) hooches damaged, 1 hooch destroyed.	S&F
0715		12	230715	Battery M fired UA2865, grid 975517 on hostile village. Expended 28 HE, Seven (7) hooches destroyed.	S&F
1125		13	231125	Battery M fired UA2881, grid 824522 at 20 NVA. Expended 1 WP and 30 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F
2240		14	232240	Battery M fired UA2887, grid 984477 at 5 VC. Expended 1 WP and 20 HE. One (1) KIA.	S&F
1200		15	241200	Battery M fired UM0010, grid 81924978 at 16 VC. Expended 96 HE. One (1) KIA.	S&F
1335		16	251335	Battery M fired UM0012, grid 842545 at 60 VC/NVA moving East in open. Expended 54 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F
2001		17	262001	Battery M fired UM0019, grid 975517. Expended 6 HE and 8 WP. Two (2) hooches destroyed.	S&F
1722		18	271722	Battery L fired UA2898, grid 967527 at 3 VC in open. Expended 4 WP and 8 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS TAKEN	ACTION
1055	19	291055		Battery L fired UA2903, grid S&F 015522 on bunkers. Expended 1 WP and 37 HE. One (1) bunker destroyed.	S&F
1450	20	311450		Battery N fired UM0030, grid S&F 981553 at 15 NVA. Expended 33 HE. One (1) KIA.	S&F

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APPENDIX C (S-4) Journal to ENCLosURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/hps over 5750 serial #69-295 of 1 Nov 69

TIME IN	TIME OUT	DATE	EVENT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	10ct		(1)	<u>4thBn.</u> Journal Opened, Equipment D/L 11 Vehicles 2 M109's	SF S
1400	10ct		(2)	<u>11th Mar</u> - Embark Status, Cantonment, L-312 Reports Submitted	SF
1600	20ct		(3)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Minor Injury Report Submitted	SF
1000	30ct		(4)	<u>Btry K.</u> CMMI on Ordnance, supply Satisfactory.	SF
1000	30ct		(5)	<u>Btry M.</u> CMMI on Maintenance, Comm, t. Satisfactory	SF
1300	40ct		(6)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Class V Report Submitted	SF
1500	50ct		(7)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Conex Report Submitted	SF
1300	60ct		(8)	<u>11th Mar.</u> L-312/Cofram Report Submitted	SF
0800	70ct		(9)	<u>4thBn.</u> Mares/Forstat Received	SF
1300	80ct		(10)	<u>1st MarDiv.</u> Mares/Forstat Submitted	SF
1500	90ct		(11)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Personnel Status Report Submitted	SF
0900	100ct		(12)	<u>Btry L.</u> CMMI MT.Med. Satisfactory	SF
0800	110ct		(13)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Fire Security Report Submitted	SF
0900	120ct		(14)	<u>Btry K</u> Staff Visit	SF
0900	130ct		(15)	<u>Btry M</u> Staff Visit	SF

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TIME IN	OUT	DATE	EVENT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		1300 140ct	(16)	<u>11th Mar.</u> MEDS Status Report Submitted	Sub- SF
		1300 150ct	(17)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Mares/Forstat Submitted	SF
		1600 160ct	(18)	<u>11th Mar.</u> L-312/Cofram Report submitted	SF
		1200 170ct	(19)	<u>4th Bn.</u> Cantonment Inspection Con- ducted	SF
		0800 180ct	(20)	<u>3d 8" HowBtry.</u> Staff Visit	SF
0800		190ct	(21)	<u>4th Bn.</u> Mares/Forstat Received	S
		0900 200ct	(22)	<u>Btry L</u> Staff Visit. Embarkation	SF
		1000 210ct	(23)	<u>Btry K-4-13</u> Embark, Logistics Staff Visit	SF
		0900 220ct	(24)	<u>Btry M</u> , ENGR&MT Contact Team Provided	SF
		0800 230ct	(25)	<u>11th Mar.</u> Mares/Forstat Submitted	SF
		0900 240ct	(26)	<u>Btry L</u> CMMI Conducted. Maintenance- Excellent Comm- Satisfactory	SF
		0900 250ct	(27)	<u>1st MarDiv</u> Provided 2 TD-18's for DivOps	SF
		0800 260ct	(28)	<u>11th Mar</u> Ordnance Density Report- L-312/Cofram submitted	SF
		0900 270ct	(29)	<u>Btry K</u> Wrecker Sent To Assist FLC Contact Team	SF
		0800 280ct	(30)	<u>1st MarDiv</u> LOGSUM Report Submitted	SF
0800		290ct	(31)	<u>4th Bn.</u> Mares/Forstat Received	S
		0800 290ct	(32)	<u>1st MarDiv</u> Mares/Forstat Submitted	F
		1300 300ct	(33)	<u>11th Mar</u> Special Detection Report Submitted	SF
		0800 310ct	(34)	<u>11th Mar</u> L-312/Cofram Report Submitted	SF

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TIME IN	OUT	DATE	EVENT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
		310ct	(35)	4thBn. Cantonment Well Back in Operation	SF
		310ct	(36)	4thBn. Total Equipment D/L. 11 Vehicles, 2 M109's	SF

APPENDIX D (S-5 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/hps over 5750 Serial #69-295 of 1 Nov 69.

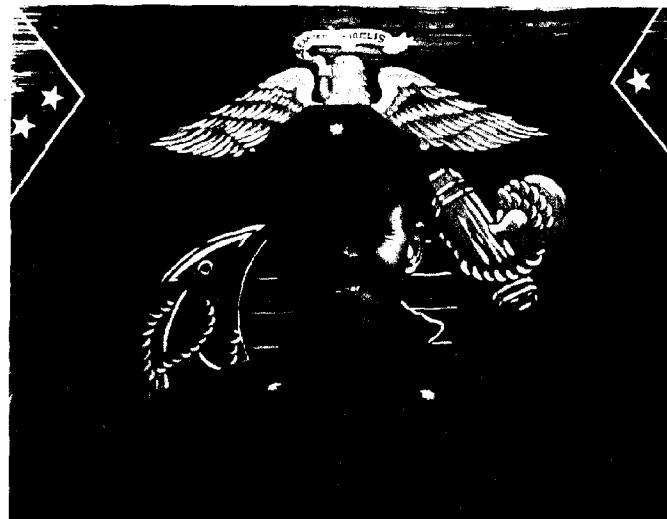
TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS TAKEN	ACTION
1400		01	021400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa S&F	
1400		02	071400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa S&F	
1400		03	101400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa S&F	
1300		04	131300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa S&F	
1300		05	131300H	Division G-5, PsyOps showed 4 S&F movies at the elementary school in Phu Hoa. Over 120 children watched.	
0930		06	150930H	1stLt WRIGHT, S-5, attended a S&F District Advisor's meeting in Hoa Vang.	
0900		07	160900H	1stLt WRIGHT, S-5, attended a S&F Division Civic Action Conference. The Division G-5 spoke on the overall objectives and most effective means of the Civic Action Program. Afterward, 1stLt WRIGHT was given 3 bags of cement for completion of a well in Phu Hoa.	
1400		08	161400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa S&F	
1400		09	171400H	Medcap held in Phu Hoa. Medcap S&F contacts were extended to Monday mornings, and Wednesday and Friday afternoons. A young woman was med-evacuated to Hue Sanh Hospital in Danang with cholera.	
1400		10	201400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa S&F	
1400		11	221400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. S&F Seventy people were vaccinated against cholera.	

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1400		12	241400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. S&F A young girl was med-evacated to Hoa Khanh Hospital in FLC area with cholera. 1stLt WRIGHT, S-5 presented 15 sheets of tin to the Hamlet Chief for local roofing improvements.	
0945		13	270945H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. S&F An old man was med-evacated to Hue Sanh Hospital in Danang for treat- ment of tuberculosis and other ailments.	
1400		14	291400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. S&F	
1400		15	311400H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. S&F	

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APPENDIX E (Photo of Commanding Officer) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (Command Chronology) of CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/hps over 5750 Serial #69-295 of 1 Nov 69



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