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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Jan 1970 to 31 Jan 1970

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION AND UNIT COMMANDERS

4th Bn.(Rein), 11th Marines LtCol J.F. BURKE JR.
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (1-31 Jan)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn. Capt C.W. MEIER (1-15 Jan)
(Rein), 11th Marines Capt R.R. RAFFEL (16-31 Jan)

Battery K, 4th Bn.(Rein), Capt T.R. SIGGINS (1-31 Jan)
11th Marines

Battery L, 4th Bn.(Rein), Capt J.M. MACEVITT(1-31 Jan)
11th Marines

Battery M, 4th Bn.(Rein), Capt D.L. HERRING (1-31 Jan)
11th Marines

Battery K, 4th Bn. Capt D.J. LUX (1-31 Jan)
13th Marines

2. LOCATIONS

Headquarters Battery, 4th 1-31 Jan 70: DANANG, AT988718
Bn.(Rein), 11th Marines

Battery K, 4th Bn.(Rein), 1-22 Jan 70: DANANG, AT920797
11th Marines 23-31 Jan 70: QUE SON, BT02831

Battery L, 4th Bn.(Rein), 1-31 Jan 70: DANANG, AT965618
11th Marines

Battery M, 4th Bn.(Rein), 1-31 Jan 70: AN HOA, AT867472
11th Marines

Battery K, 4th Bn., 1-22 Jan 70: QUE SON, BT028341
13th Marines 23-31 Jan 70: DANANG, AT920797

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Executive Officer	Maj G.A. BAKER III	(1-31 Jan)
S-1	Capt R.R. RAFFEL	(1-31 Jan)
S-2	1stLt A.J. PARAPOT	(1-31 Jan)
S-3	Maj J.A. HARING	(1-31 Jan)
S-4	Capt P.J. VAN RYZIN	(1-31 Jan)
S-5	1stLt W.W. BAUMAN	(1-31 Jan)
Supply Officer	1stLt H.D. KLEIN	(1-31 Jan)
Maintenance Officer	1stLt W. DOMKE	(1-31 Jan)
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt J.L. WHITESIDE	(1-31 Jan)
Communications Officer	2ndLt M.G. VOGEL	(1-31 Jan)
Survey/Metro Officer	Unassigned	(1-31 Jan)
Medical Officer	Lt E.L. FIELDS, USNR	(1-31 Jan)
Chaplain	Lt (CHC) J.J. CONAVAD, USN	(1-31 Jan)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		ARVN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
37	529	1	13	0	1

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January the Battalion remained in General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battalion supported no named operations during the month.

The Battalion retained operational and administrative control of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines throughout the month. Battery K's mission remained Reinforcing, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines until 221900H when the Battery was relieved in its position at FSB Ross, by Battery K, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines was relocated to the Northern Artillery Cantonment in order to prepare for redeployment as part of the Phase III Troop Reduction. Upon arrival at its new position, Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines' mission became General Support.

Battery M continued its mission of General Support, Reinforcing 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. The Battery continued to answer calls for fire directly from reconnaissance units operating in the southern portion of the Division TAOR.

Battery K remained in General Support until 221900H when the Battery replaced Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines at FSB Ross and assumed the latter's mission of Reinforcing 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

Battery L remained in General Support throughout the period. Much of Battery L's firing was in support of observation posts located in the central portion of the Division TAOR.

During the month of January, units of the Battalion fired a total of 1671 missions, expending 16,468 rounds in support of the following units:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
1st Marines	27	404
5th Marines	21	231
7th Marines	87	790
11th Marines	985	11,591
26th Marines	475	2,924
Recon	74	505
ARVN	2	23

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A Consolidated surveillance of the above fires yielded:

KIA's	<u>90</u>
Bunkers destroyed	<u>8</u>
Structures damaged	<u>0</u>
Structures destroyed	<u>1</u>
Secondary explosions	<u>3</u>

Surveillance of the TAOR by strategically located observation posts again accounted for the high number of KIA's even though enemy activity remained at a low level throughout the period.

Continuing improvements were made on the defensive positions around the Battalion CP in anticipation of enemy activity during the TET holidays.

At 0400 on 6 January Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marine's positions came under attack as an unknown size sapper force, supported by RPG and mortar fire, made a coordinated attack on several units located at FSB Ross. Battery K suffered no personnel casualties while killing 3 of the attackers and capturing one. Damage to Battery equipment was limited to the Motor Transport area, located close to the defensive perimeter. RPG fire into the motor transport area damaged two vehicles and started a fire in the spare parts storage building which destroyed and damaged numerous spare parts. 1stLt J. A. Henry, the Battery Executive Officer has been recommended for the Bronze Star for his actions during the attack. Disregarding his own safety he positioned himself on an exposed knoll and directed both howitzer and small arms fire against the attacking force. Though exposed to enemy small arms and RPG fire impacting within meters of his vantage point, he remained at his position until the attack was repelled.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) <u>Losses</u>	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administrative	5	59	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIANE	0	0	0	0
Battle WIAE	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle(Med-Evac)	0	3	0	0
(2) <u>Replacements</u>	2	75	0	0
(3) <u>Net Loss</u>	3	0	0	0
(4) <u>Net Gain</u>	0	13	0	0

b. POW's Captured: 1c. Morale: Excellentd. Promotion: 1 Officer - 39 Enlistede. Awards and Decorations(1) Awarded: Single Mission Air Medal w/Star(2) Recommended: 2 Bronze Star Medals
2 Navy Commendation Medals
2 Navy Achievement Medalsf. Courts-Martial and Article 15 Awarded(1) Special: 0(2) Summary: 1(3) Article 15: 10

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g. Intelligence.

(1) During the month of January 1970, the S-2 made six liaison trips to Regimental S-2 and two trips to Division G-2. Numerous trips were made to Counter-Rocket observation posts Hawk and Tiger while one trip was made to observation posts Crowsnest, Bravo Tower, Laugh and Lou. Personnel were briefed on the expected upcoming offensive and also received forward observer training and inspections.

(2) Patrol Seismic Intrusion Devices (PSID), were obtained from the Division Ground Surveillance Section and were incorporated into the defense of Hill 34, during the latter part of the month.

(3) A total of 38,810 \$VN was expended for the Volunteer Informant Program for 11 105mm artillery rounds, 15 M-79 rounds, 60 air dropped munition bomblets, 23 60mm mortar rounds, 50 81mm mortar rounds, 5 4.2" mortar rounds, 8 106mm RR rounds, 13 M-26 fragmentation grenades, 11 3.5" rocket rounds and 26 unknown type rounds. The unusually large amount of ordnance turned in during the month was attributed to the Vietnamese people saving this ordnance over a period of time for turn-in and acquisition of funds for the TET Holidays. Most of the ordnance was identified as having been thrown into the surrounding area during the explosion of ASP-1 in June of 1969.

h. Organization and Operations

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

(2) Organization for combat at the end of the reporting period.

Battery K - Reinforcing 2/11
 Battery L - General Support
 Battery M - General Support, Reinforcing 2/11
 Battery K/4/13 - General Support

(3) At 0400 on 6 January, Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines located at FSB Ross was attacked by an unknown size sapper force supported by RPG fire. Battery K personnel killed 3 of the attackers and captured 1 while suffering no friendly casualties. Two vehicles and numerous motor transport spare parts were damaged by enemy RPG fire and the subsequent burning of the motor transport maintenance building.

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(4) During the period 180600 to 221800, Battery K's mission was changed to General Support, Reinforcing 1st Battalion, 13th Marine, in order to provide additional fires for an operation conducted by the 26th Marines. During this period, Battery K fired 3 missions expending 30 rounds in a reinforcing role.

(5) On 22 January, Batteries K/4/11 and K/4/13 switched positions and assigned missions in order to prepare Battery K/4/13 for future deployment as part of the Phase III Redeployment of Forces.

(6) On 23 January, the Battalion provided an additional forward observer team for employment on Hill 327 during the expected high-threat period accompanying the TET holidays.

i. Training

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

j. Logistics, Equipment and Supply.

(1) During this period the deadline for M109 Howitzers remained at a satisfactory level due to the outstanding performance of maintenance crews. Due to weather conditions and the total rounds fired from each weapon, we are now having and contemplating a much greater turnover of major M109 components. Since the usage data at this Battalion's supply level and the turnover at FLC's direct exchange warehouse do not show the necessary hits on these items, we are now experiencing a higher and longer deadline posture on the M109.

(2) Twenty-two motor transport vehicles are presently deadlined for a rate of 14%. Of these twenty-two, six are deadlined at 3rd echelon facilities.

(3) Requisitions submitted since this Battalion has been in the Republic of Vietnam total 13,936. Of this number 31,129 have been filled.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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APPENDIX A (S-1 Journal) to Enclosure (2) Command Chronology of CO, 4/11
ltr 3/JAH/ref over 5750 serial 70-018 of 1Feb70

TIME		SER		ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.	DTG	TANEM
		01	010800H	1stLt D. E. VESTER asg addu as EducationO vice 1stLt PARAPOT rel. 1stLt W. DOMKE asg addu as Staff/Officer ClubsO vice 1stLt BAUMANN rel. S&F
		02	140800H	1stLt J. A. HENRY tr to CONUS S&F
		03	160800H	Capt C. W. MEIER tr to 1st 175 Guns fordu. 1stLt D. E. VESTER reasg fr HqBtry to K 4/13 fordu. WO J. E. SMITH jd fr CONUS asg HqBtry fordu. Capt R. R. RAFFEL asg addu as CO HqBtry vice Capt MEIER tr. S&F
		04	180800H	2dLt R. J. ROBERT Jr. reasg fr Btry K to HqBtry fordu. S&F
		05	190800H	1stLt E. A. ADAMS jd fr CONUS asg to HqBtry fordu. S&F
		06	290800H	1stLt R. EMMET tr to CONUS. 1stLt R. E. MUENCHHAUSEN tr to CONUS. 2dLt L. C. RUSSELL tr to 2/11 fordu S&F

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APPENDIX B (S-3 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (2) (Command Chronology)
OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/ref over 5760 serial #70-018 of 1 Feb 70

TIME		SMR NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1050		01	021050	Battery M fired UM0224, grid 82285093. Expended 13 HE. One (1) bunker destroyed.	S&F
1143		02	021143	Battery K fired UA3121, grid 828690. Expended 32 HE & 1 WP. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F
1600		03	021600	Battery L fired UA3123, grid 010519. Expended 18 HE. Two (2) KIA.	S&F
1615		04	021615	Battery K-4-13 fired JK0317, grid 019389. Expended 5 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F
1710		05	021710	Battery L fired UA3124, grid 009516. Expended 29 HE. Two (2) KIA.	S&F
1030		06	041030	Battery M fired UM0226, grid 873558. Expended 25 HE. Three (3) KIA, three (3) bunkers destroyed, one (1) secondary explosion.	S&F
0400		07	060400	Battery K-4-13 attacked by ground troops, RPG's and mortars. Two (2) trucks, 1-5 ton, 1-3/4 ton damaged. Numerous tires and motor transport equipment was lost in the resulting fire. No friendly casualties. Three (3) NVA/VC KIA, one (1) Captured.	S&F
1650		08	061650	Battery K-4-13 fired JK0332, grid 019399. Expended 42 HE. One (1) KIA.	S&F
1407		09	111407	Battery L fired UA3160, grid 98255243. Expended 12 HE. One (1) KIA.	S&F

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OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/ref over 5750 serial #70-018 of 1 Feb 70

TIME		SER NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1605		10	111605	Battery M fired UM0237, grid 97634772. Expended 16 HE. One (1) KIA.	S&F
2015		11	112015	Battery L fired UA3171, grid 986518. Expended 4 HE. One (1) secondary explosion.	S&F
0700		12	120700	Battery K-4-13 terminated technical control of 1 platoon G-3-11.	S&F
0900		13	120900	Battery L fired UA3174, grid 003508. Expended 34 HE. One (1) bunker destroyed.	S&F
1543		14	141543	Battery M fired UM0242, grid 984519. Expended 10 HE. Two (2) bunkers destroyed.	S&F
1640		15	141640	Battery L fired UA3184, grid 011508. Expended 13 HE, 1 WP. Two (2) KIA, one (1) hut destroyed.	S&F
1855		16	141855	Battery M fired TT0421, grid 995481. Expended 45 HE. Four (4) KIA.	S&F
2210		17	172210	Battery K-4-13 fired JK0386, grid 98114640. Expended 18 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F
0100		18	180100	Battery K-4-13 fired TT0424, grid 98114640. Expended 10 HE. Five (5) KIA.	S&F
0600		19	180600	Battery K-4-11 General Support Reinforcing 1-i3. Frag Order 1-70.	S&F
1715		20	181715	Battery K-4-13 fired JK0388, grid 921373. Expended 42 HE. Two (2) KIA.	S&F

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OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/cef over 5700 serial #70-018 of 1 Feb 70

TIME		SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0920		21	190920	Battery M fired UM0248, grid 840496. Expended 9 HE, 1 WP. One (1) bunker destroyed.	S&F
1720		22	191720	Battery L fired UA3197, grid 96955223. Expended 37 HE. Two (2) KIA.	S&F
1800		23	221800	Battery K General Support Reinforcing 1-13 role terminated. 11th Marines message 170600Z. 3 missions, 30 HE expended.	S&F
1900		24	221900	Battery K and Battery K-4-13 switched positions and assumed each other's missions, 11th Marines Frag Order 3-70.	S&F
1855		25	261855	Battery K fired TT0419, grid 98514758. Expended 49 HE. Five (5) KIA.	S&F
1930		26	261930	Battery K fired TT0419, grid 98484737. Expended 49 HE. Five (5) KIA.	S&F
0953		27	270953	Battery L fired UA3222, grid 962551. Expended 17 HE. Eight (8) KIA.	S&F
1840		28	271840	Battery K fired TT0418, grid 98524736. Expended 55 HE. Four (4) KIA.	S&F
1725		29	291725	Battery L fired UA3235, grid 014508. Expended 20 HE. Two (2) KIA.	S&F
1920		30	291920	Battery K fired TT0421, grid 99544805. Expended 24 HE. Ten (10) KIA.	S&F

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OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/rof over 500 serial #70-018 of 1 Feb 70

TIME		SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2235		31	292235	Battery K fired JK0383, grid 99914583. Expended 8 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F
1725		32	301725	Battery L fired UA3238, grid 01035160. Expended 12 HE. Two (2) KIA.	S
1832		33	301832	Battery L fired UA3239, grid 01175164. Expended 24 HE. Three (3) KIA.	S&F
1324		34	311324	Battery L fired UA3242, grid 969514. Expended 30 HE. Five (5) KIA.	S&F
1820		35	311820	Battery K fired JK0410, grid 938366. Expended 67 HE. Nine (9) KIA.	S&F

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APPENDIX C (S-4 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (2) (Command Chronology)
OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAH/ref over 5550 serial #70-018 of 1 Feb 70

TIME		SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		01	1 Jan	4th Bn Journal Opened D/L report 17 vehicles, 3 M109 Howitzers (SP).	
		02	1 Jan	11th Marines Minor injury and damage report.	
		03	1 Jan	11th Marines Embarkation trained personnel report.	
		04	2 Jan	Battery K Conducted CMMI on Maint, Comm, Ordnance, Supply.	
		05	2 Jan	Battery M Conducted CMMI on Motor T, Medical and Embark.	
		06	5 Jan	11th Marines Class V assets report.	
		07	7 Jan	11th Marines L-312/ICM report.	
		08	7 Jan	Battery M Staff Visit.	
		09	9 Jan	Battery L Conducted CMMI on Motor T, Medical and Embark.	
		10	9 Jan	Battery K-4-13 Conducted CMMI on Maint, Comm, Ordnance and Supply.	
		11	10 Jan	11th Marines MEDS STATUS report.	
		12	13 Jan	Battery K-4-13 Staff Visit.	
		13	13 Jan	11th Marines Selected Weapons report.	
		14	14 Jan	11th Marines L-312 report.	
		15	16 Jan	Battery K Conducted CMMI on Motor T, Medical and Embark.	
		16	16 Jan	Battery K-4-13 Conducted CMMI on Maint, Comm, Ordnance, and Supply.	

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OF CO, 4/11 ltr 3/JAE ref over 5000 serial #70-018 of 1 Feb 70

TIME		DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			
		23 Jan	<u>Battery L</u> Conducted CMMI on Maint, Comm, Ordnance and Supply.	
		24 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> L-312/ICM report.	
		24 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> Log Summary report.	
		25 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> Ordnance Density report.	
		25 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> Cantonment report.	
		28 Jan	<u>Battery K-4-13</u> Conducted CMMI on Motor T, Medical and Embark.	
		28 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> Selected weapons report.	
		28 Jan	<u>Battery K-4-13</u> Staff Visit.	
		29 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> Conex Inventory report.	
		29 Jan	<u>Battery K</u> Conducted CMMI on Maint, Comm, Ordnance and Supply.	
		30 Jan	<u>11th Stalton</u> Water Pipe repaired by Public Works.	
		30 Jan	<u>Battery K-4-13</u> Conducted CMMI on Motor T, Medical and Embark.	
		31 Jan	<u>11th Marines</u> Monthly Minor Injury and Damage report.	

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APPENDIX D (S-5 Journal) TO ENCLOSURE (2) (Command Chronology)
of CO, 4-11 ltr 3/JAH, ref over 500 serial 70-018 1 Feb 70

TIME		SER	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1300		01	061300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa at which 25 persons were treated. Hamlet Chief requested lumber for construction of a wall for the village pig sty. Hoa Think Village Education Officer requested 400 engineer stakes and 68 bags of cement for improvements to the Phu Hoa Elementary School.	S&
1300		02	081300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. 22 persons were treated. 1 box of school kits was given to the elementary school and one box was given the Seventh-day Adventist Church School, in Phu Hoa. One 7 meter pipe was given to the Church to complete a well.	S&
1300		03	131300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. 30 persons were treated. The Hamlet Chief was given several hand tools for farming.	S&
0900		04	180900H	An old man was found in very sick condition by "C" 7th Eng while on a sweep in Thach Nhon Hamlet, Hoa Think Village. A comms and interpreter were requested from 4/11. The man was diagnosed as having had heart compression, and requested to be medevac'd. He refused to be medevac'd even after persistent explanation of his serious condition.	S&

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APPENDIX D (S-5 Journal) T: Enclosure (2) (Command Chronology)
of CO, 4-11 Itr 3/JAH/ref over 5750 serial 70-013 1 Feb 70

FILE		SER.	DATE TI.			ACTION
IN	OUT	NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS,	MESSAGES,	TAKEN
				ORDERS		
I300		05	191300H	Pham Kiem, an eleven year old boy, was placed in the DaNang Rehabilitation Center to receive an artificial leg.		S&F
I300		06	201300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. 20 persons were treated.		S&F
I300		07	221300H	Five wooden pallets and various scraps of wood were given to the Hamlet of Phu Hoa by 4/11 S-5 to complete a pig pen.		S&F
I300		08	231300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. 15 persons were treated. Five wooden pallets, various scrap wood and six pieces of beach matting were given the Hamlet of Phu Hoa by 4/11 S-5 to complete the hog project.		S&F
I300		09	271300H	Regular Medcap held in Phu Hoa. 23 persons were treated.		S&F
I300		10	291300H	Visited Pham Kiem at the Rehabilitation Center. Boy now has artificial leg and is doing well.		S&F
I300		11	301300H	General Waik Scholarship submitted and approved for Pham Kiem		S&F
I300		12	311300H	Pham Kiem discharged from Rehabilitation Center and placed in the home of Madame Nam, the boy's guardian.		S&F

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