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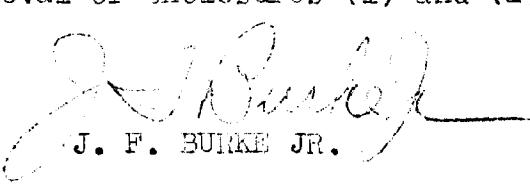
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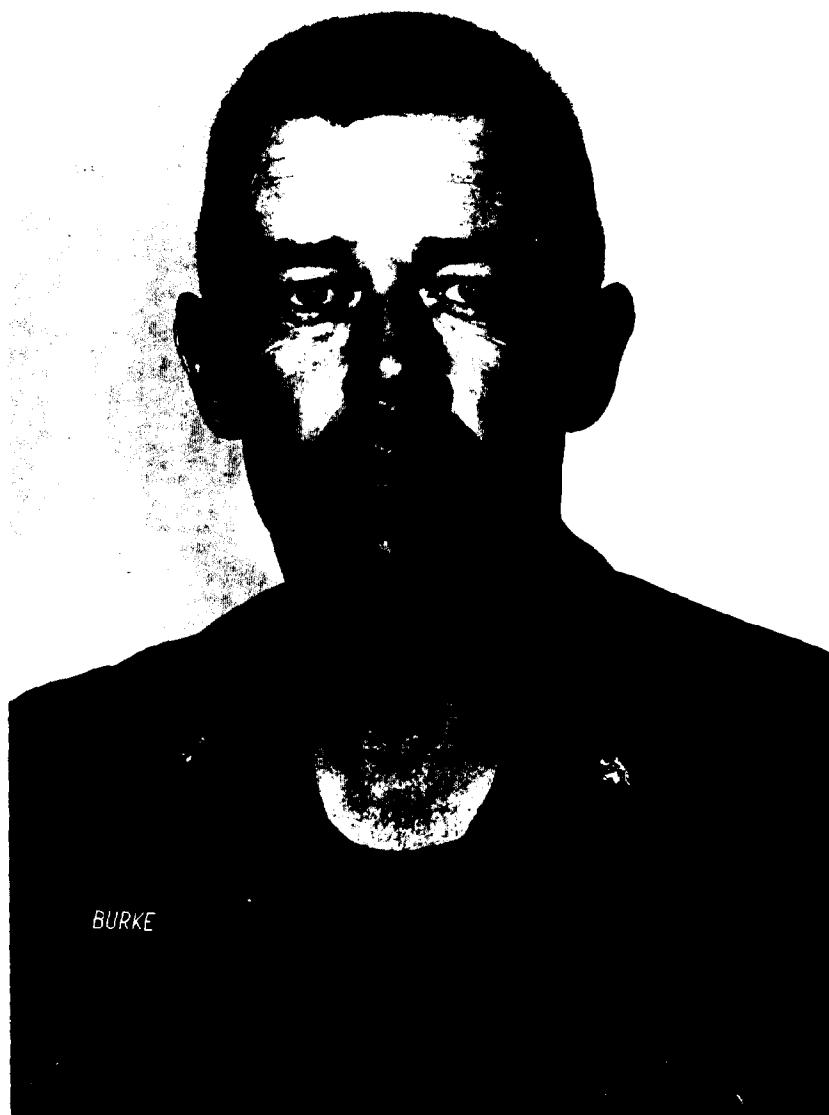
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Commanding Officer  
4th Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Feb 1970 to 28 Feb 1970

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION AND UNIT COMMANDERS4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines      LtCol J.F. BURKE JR. (1-28 Feb)  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMFSUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	Capt R.R. RAFFEL	(1-28 Feb)
Battery K, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	Capt T.R. SIGGINS	(1-28 Feb)
Battery L, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	Capt J.M. MACEWITT	(1-28 Feb)
Battery M, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	Capt D.L. HERRING	(1-28 Feb)
Battery N, 4th Bn. 13th Marines	Capt D.J. LUX	(1-28 Feb)

2. LOCATIONS

Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	1-28 Feb 70: DANANG, AT988718
Battery K, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	1-28 Feb 70: QUE SON, BT028342
Battery L, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	1-28 Feb 70: DANANG, AT965618
Battery M, 4th Bn. (Rein), 11th Marines	1-28 Feb 70: AN HOA, AT867472
Battery N, 4th Bn., 13th Marines	1-28 Feb 70: DANANG, AT920797

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj G.A. BAKER III Maj C.D. BAILEY	(1-14 Feb) (15-28 Feb)
S-1	Capt R.R. RAFFEL	(1-28 Feb)
S-2	1stLt A.J. PARAPOT	(1-28 Feb)
S-3	Maj J.A. HARING	(1-28 Feb)
S-4	Capt P.J. VAN RYZIN	(1-28 Feb)
S-5	1stLt W.W. BAUMAN	(1-28 Feb)
Supply Officer	1stLt H.D. KLEIN 1stLt J.H. PARKER II	(1-14 Feb) (15-28 Feb)
Maintenance Officer	Capt W. DOMKE	(1-28 Feb)
Motor Transport O	1stLt J.L. WHITESIDE	(1-28 Feb)
Communications O	1stLt M.G. VOGEL	(1-28 Feb)
Survey/Metro Officer	Unassigned	(1-28 Feb)
Medical Officer	Lt E.L. FIELDS, USNR	(1-28 Feb)
Chaplain	Lt (CHC) J.J. CONAVAD, USN Lt J. J. PIERCE	(1-25 Feb) (26-28 Feb)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	OFF 35	ENL 545	USF	OFF 1	ENL 10	ARVN	OFF Ø	ENL 1
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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February the Battalion remained in General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battalion supported no named operation 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 General Support, with most of its fires being delivered on intelligence targets in the northern portion of the Division TAOR.

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's mission remained Reinforcing, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines throughout the month.

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, resulting in 113 confirmed KIAs for the Battery.

During the month of February units of the Battalion fired a total of 2292 missions expending 20,700 rounds in support of the following units:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
1st Marines	26	414
5th Marines	23	336
7th Marines	100	1644
11th Marines	1177	12,709
26th Marines	919	5643
Recon	47	375

A Consolidated surveillance of the above fires yielded:

KIA's	<u>111</u>
Bunkers destroyed	<u>2</u>
Structures damaged	<u>0</u>
Structures destroyed	<u>3</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, and the expected TET offensive did not materialize.

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At 2400 on 1 February, Battery M's position at AK HOA Combat Base came under mortar attack. Nine 82mm mortar rounds impacted within the Battery position, causing slight damage to 3 vehicles and wounding 4 Marines of Battery M. Of the wounded, all resulting from shrapnel, 2 required MED-A-VAC, and 2 were treated in the position and returned to duty. The Battery Commander, Capt D. L. HERRING, has been recommended for the Bronze Star Medal for his actions during the mortar attack. Disregarding his own safety, he immediately moved to the area under attack, aiding the wounded Marines and position his men for an anticipated accompanying ground attack.

On 5 February the Battalion joined 4 sentry dog teams from the 3rd Military Police Battalion. The teams were joined for a period of approximately 30 days to assist in patrolling the perimeter of the Battalion CP during the high threat period accompanying the TET Holidays.

During the period 15 through 28 February, the Battalion assumed operational control of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines. Company H moved to Hill 34, assuming the position vacated by 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, and assisted in the defense and security of Hill 34.

On 28 February Company H was relieved in its position by Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, who will remain on Hill 34, assisting in the defense of the Cantonment. Company C remains under the operational control of their parent Battalion which will assume responsibility for the Southern Sector Defense Command in the near future.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administrative	4	55	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIAE	0	2	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Med-Evac)	0	4	0	0
(2) Replacements	3	83	0	0
(3) Net Lose	1	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	82	0	0

b. POW's Captured: 0c. Morale: Excellentd. Promotion: 10 Officer - 87 Enlistede. Awards and Decorations(1) Awarded: None

(2) Recommended:

1 Legion of Merit
7 Bronze Star Medals
5 Navy Commendation Medals
10 Navy Achievement Medals

f. Courts-Martial and Article 15 Awarded(1) Special: 0(2) Summary: 0(3) Article 15: 16

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g. Intelligence.

(1) During the month of February 1970, the S-2 made six liaison trips to Regimental S-2, four liaison trips to Division G-2, one liaison trip to Hoa Cam Training Center, and numerous trips to 1st Tank Battalion S-2. Counter rocket observation posts Crowsnest, Hawk, Tiger, Laugh, Lou and Bravo Tower were visited during the month of February for the purpose of training and inspection.

(2) A total of 13,600 \$VN was spent during the month for ordnance purchased through the Volunteer Informant Program.

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 was:

Battery K - Reinforcing 3/11

Battery L - General Support

Battery M - General Support, Reinforcing 2/11

Battery K/4/13 - General Support

(3) At 2400 on 1 February, Battery M, located at AN HGA Combat Base received 9 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar fire, resulting in slight damage to 3 vehicles and wounding 4 Marines.

(4) During the period 051800 and 061800 the Battalion participated in the cease fire for the TET Holidays.  
Ref: 1st MarDiv msg 041420Z Feb.

(5) At 1015 on 15 February, the Battalion assumed operational control of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines. The company was assigned to the 4th Battalion to assist in the defense of Hill 34. Ref: CG 1st MarDiv Frag0 08-70, 140945Z Feb.

(6) The forward observer team placed on Hill 34 on 25 January for additional surveillance during the TET high threat period was deactivated on 23 February. Ref: 11th Mar msg 200630Z Feb.

(7) On 28 February Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines relieved Company H, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines of its security mission on Hill 34. Company H reverted to operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines. Operational control of Company C remains with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.  
Ref: CG 1st MarDiv msg 271430Z Feb.

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i. Training.

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

(2) The Operations Section conducted two 1 week FADAC operators courses during the month, training 8 operators of this and other artillery units.

(3) On 24 February a 2 hour class on artillery procedures was presented to the Staff NCOs and Officers of the 3rd Military Police Battalion.

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 motor transport vehicles are presently deadlined for a rate of 15%. Of these twenty, six are deadlined at 3rd echelon facilities.

(3) Requisitions submitted since this Battalion has been in the Republic of Vietnam total 50,284. Of this number 31,748 have been filled.

(4) A Command Material Management Inspection of the 4th Battalion was conducted by the 1st Marine Division on 20 and 21 February. The results of the inspection were as follows:

- (a) Ordnance - Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies
- (b) Engineer Equipment - Satisfactory
- (c) Embarkation - Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies
- (d) Motor Transport - Satisfactory with Discrepancies
- (e) Supply - Satisfactory with Discrepancies
- (f) Communications and Electronics - Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies
- (g) Mess Facilities - Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies
- (h) MARES/FORSTAT - Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies