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1. The Command Chronology for this Battalion is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 Jul 1966 to 31 Jul 1966.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Date

- a. Designation. 1st Battalion, 11th Marines
- b. Location. Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered. 1 Jul 1966 to 31 Jul 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff:
 - (1) Commanding Officer - Maj L. C. REECE
 - (2) Executive Officer - Maj R. L. ETTER (Until 2 Jul 1966)
Maj J. A. BYRD (3 Jul 1966 to Present)
 - (3) S-1 - 1stLt J. K. JOHNSON
 - (4) Personnel Officer - 2ndLt E. B. WEICK (16 Jul 1966 to Present)
 - (5) S-2 - 2ndLt E. B. WEICK (Until 15 Jul 1966)
1stLt T. G. BROOKS (16 Jul 1966 to 23 Jul 1966)
1stLt J. S. FRELINGHUYSEN (24 Jul to present)
 - (6) S-3 - MAJ J. R. BOWSER
S-3A - Capt J. O. GRANFORD
 - (7) S-4 - Capt J. E. TRUMMEL
 - (8) Headquarters Battery CO - 1stLt J. S. FRELINGHUYSEN (Until 18 Jul 1966)
Capt J. C. MOFFIT (19 Jul 1966 to Present)
 - (9) Battery "A" - Capt L. R. WILLIAMS
 - (10) Battery "B" - Capt F. S. CARR, Jr.
 - (11) Battery "C" - Capt E. J. DYER, Jr.
 - (12) 107mm Mortar Battery - Capt R. J. GRAHAM (Until 23 Jul 1966)
Capt T. G. BROOKS (24 Jul 1966 to Present)

2. Commanders's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

The First Battalion, Eleventh Marines remained in position about five miles south of Marble Mountain with the mission of direct support of the First Marine Regiment. Three of the four firing batteries occupied primary positions contiguous to the Battalion Command Post. One firing battery, Battery "B", remained under OPCON of Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines in the Hue-Phu Bai enclave.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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On 5 July at 1330H a warning order was received placing Mortar Battery in an alert for movement to the South in support of Operation KANSAS. At 061000H the Mortar Battery was placed under OPCON of Second Battalion, Twelfth Marines for planning in conjunction with the projected deployment. Concurrent with these activities Battery "C" displaced to the position area previously occupied by A-1-12 and came under tactical control of First Battalion, Twelfth Marines at 061000H July. The services of Mortar Battery were not required on Operation KANSAS however, and the battery was taken off alert status and reverted to First Battalion, Eleventh Marines at 081230H July.

Upon initiation of Operation HASTINGS the Mortar Battery was again placed on alert for airlift by fixed wing aircraft to Dong HA. The initial alert commenced 121945H July. At 132300H July word was received to prepare the battery for staging on order at Danang Air Base with M30-4.2" Mortars by 141100H July. The movement order was received at 141230H July and the battery departed the primary position area at 141316H July. Upon arrival at Danang Air Base at 141404H July they commenced deployment to Dong Ha by fixed wing aircraft. In addition to the Mortar Battery and Battery "B" participation in Operation HASTINGS, the First Battalion, Eleventh Marines furnished a Forward Observer team of four enlisted to the ARVN during the operation.

Battery "C" returned to their primary position on 15 July and reported ready to fire at 1400H. On 150930H July the Forward Observer team furnished the ARVN for Operation HASTINGS returned to the CP. By 30 July the first elements of Mortar Battery began to return to Danang by fixed wing aircraft from Dong Ha. At 311800H all personnel and equipment of Mortar Battery had returned to their primary position. At the close of the reporting period all batteries were back in their primary positions with the exception of Battery "B" which remains under the OPCON of Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines in the Hue-Phu Bai enclave.

Throughout the month of July the units of the First Battalion conducted very active daily patrolling and ambushes. The patrolling resulted in seven contacts with enemy forces. A total of five VC suspects were picked up and forwarded to the proper authorities. The entire Battalion camp site was the object of continual small arms harassing fire and probes by enemy forces. These activities resulted in three wounded in action in the immediate area.

A summary of the artillery missions fired and number of rounds is as follows:

<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>RDS</u>
107mm Mortar	Observed	74	HE 2263
			WP 129
			ILL 196
	Registrations	2	HE 37
			H & I's 635
			HE 4384
Unobserved	5	HE 444	
		HE 137	
		31	

NOTE: These figures include 6908 rounds fired on Operation "HASTINGS".

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<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>RDS</u>
105mm Howtizer	Observed	83	HE 598 WP 43 ILL 113 HC 195
	H & I's	405	HE 4512 ILL 52
	Registrations	15	HE 131

3. Detailed Description of Significant Eventsa. Personnel

Six members of the command were wounded in action; four were members of Reconnaissance Patrols and two were members of a Forward Observation Team supporting 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. Administration

This Battalion has retained administrative control of Battery "B" although they are physically located in Phu Bai.

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Appendix A to First Battalion Eleventh Marines Command Chronology for period 010001H July to 312400H July 1966

Journal Excerpts

SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
137	051330	Mortar Btry put on stand-by for heli-lift.	Bn CO, S-3
142	061000	At 0930 "C" Btry(-) closed station. At 1000 "C" Btry departed Bn area. Chopped OPCON 1/12, moved to A-1-12 position (939722). Mortar Btry(-) (w/4 M-30 mortars) chopped OPCON 2/12. Placed on 1 hr. alert for heli-lift as required. Ref CO 12thMar msg 060400Z.	
155	082130	Mortar Btry stand down from alert. Chopped OPCON to 1-11.	S-3
178	121945	Mortar 1-11 on one hour standby alert for heli-lift.	Bn CO, Mortar Btry CO, Staff
189	132300	Received word from 12thMar S-3 to have Mortar Btry stand by with M-30's only for airlift to Dong Ha with staging possibly by 141100. Revised embarkation data due at Division by early morning 14 July 66	Mortar Btry CO, S-3
192	140800	Received order 131020Z, Mortar Btry provided for employment on Operation HASTINGS.	Bn CO, Mortar Btry CO, Staff
193	141230	Marine Air Freight ready to receive Mortar Btry. Maj. Krieger Div Embk Off. Mortar Btry march order	Mortar Btry
195	141316	Mortar Btry departed CP for Marine Air Freight Danang, for deployment on Operation HASTINGS. Chopped to Task Force Delta upon departure from Danang.	12th Marines
196	141404	Mortar Btry arrived at Marine Air Freight terminal at Danang.	12th Marines

APPENDIX A

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SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
205	142430	Regimental S-3 advised that C-1-11 will be returning to 1-11 position about 151300H July	Bn CO, Staff
206	150930	Regimental S-3 notified 1-11 that SSgt RODRIGUES, ICpl CADDICK, Cpl TAYLOR, and ICpl BANKS deployed on Operation HASTINGS to support ARVN as an FO team.	S-3
208	151400	"C" Btry moved into position at Base Camp w/1-11. Reported laid and ready.	12th Marines
234	190942	1-11 patrol received automatic weapons fire from est. 7 VC at coord. 081665. 1-11 reaction force displaced to patrol position. 3-1 patrol in area diverted to assist. 1 Marine WIA (MEDEVAC), 3 VC WIA (prob). Arty mission fired 3 rds HC. Mission aborted due to close proximity of troops.	12th Marines, 1st Marines, 1-1
293	241800	ICpl CADDICK of 1-11 NGF Team called and stated NGF Team has returned from Operation HASTINGS. Request transportation to 1-11 CP. Advised Hq Btry 1stSgt.	Hq-1-11
328	272005	3 nets being actively jammed: M305 - AM music and talking; M314 - high buzzing tone w/pause; M315 - AM music and talking.	12th Marines, 1st Marines, 1-1, 3-1
342	292032	Fired mission in support of 1-1. Fired 98 rds, had 5 secondary explosions.	A-1-11
348	301000	Informed by 12th Marines that Mortar Btry 1st echelon has arrived at Danang Air Base from Dong Ha.	S-3, 5, 6
359	301615	Mortar Btry returning to CP less 4 vehicles and 12 men.	5
369	311800	Remaining personnel, Mortar Btry returned from Operation HASTINGS.	3

APPENDIX A

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