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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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1. The Command Chronology for this Battalion is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 September to 30 September 1966.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
- b. Location. Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered. 1 September to 30 September 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

Commanding Officer (1-30Sep66) Maj I. L. CARVER
 Bn Executive Officer (1-22Sep66) Maj J. E. DAUSMAN
 Bn Executive Officer (23-30Sep66) Maj J. J. MARRON
 Bn SgtMaj (1-30Sep66) SgtMaj P. T. OTT
 Bn S-1 (1-30Sep66) Capt T. W. ROBERTS
 Bn S-2 (1-13Sep66) Capt C. M. ISBELL
 Bn S-2 (14-30Sep66) Capt F. BUBENHOFER Jr
 Bn S-3 (1-30Sep66) Capt C. G. DOKOS
 Bn S-4 (1-13Sep66) Capt C. M. ISBELL
 Bn S-4 (14-30Sep66) Capt J. PIPTA
 Bn Ln Officer (1-3Sep66) Maj B. F. OGDEN
 Bn Ln Officer (4-30Sep66) Maj J. CLATWORTHY
 Bn Supply Officer (1-8Sep66) Capt J. P. MANGAN
 Bn Supply Officer (9-30Sep66) 2ndLt W. C. SHOEMAKER
 Bn Comm Officer (1-30Sep66) Capt J. VALDOV
 Bn MT Officer (1-30Sep66) Capt H. C. B. DENNISTON
 HqBtry Commandant (1-30Sep66) Capt F. BUBENHOFER Jr
 HqBtry 1stSgt (1-30Sep66) 1stSgt M. W. REYNOLDS
 Btry D Commanding Officer (1-30Sep66) Capt R. E. ALEXANDER
 Btry D 1stSgt (1-30Sep66) 1stSgt P. H. RUDOLPH
 Btry E Commanding Officer (1-30Sep66) Capt G. W. GORE
 Btry 1stSgt (1-30Sep66) MSgt N. J. KINCAID
 Btry F Commanding Officer (1-30Sep66) Capt J. F. LLOYD
 Btry F 1stSgt (1-30Sep66) SgtMaj M. L. WILLIAMS
 MortBtry Commanding Officer (1-30Sep66) 1stLt C. L. WAGONER
 MortBtry 1stSgt (1-30Sep66) MSgt P. J. TIMS

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

Significant events during the month of September included participation in regimental Operation NAPA which was later changed to a battalion sized operation with Battery E in direct support. 29-30 September, Battery E was deployed with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines on Operation MONTEREY. Battery D (-) remained in position at Tien Phouc (BT 1114).

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From 4 September through 7 September, the battalion, reinforced with elements of the 11th Marines, participated in Operation NAPA in direct support of the 5th Marines. On 7 September, Battalion elements minus Battery E, which was left in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines and the 2d Platoon, Mortar Battery which was attached to the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, returned to their TAOR positions. A total of 420 missions and 3255 rounds of all calibers and types were fired. See Appendix B TAB (b).

During the period 30 August through 12 September, 3d Platoon, Battery D with FDC and security personnel attached, helilifted to Hau Duc (BT 0706). From that location the platoon supported the 1st Recon Battalion, 1st Marine Division and the 2d ARVN Division units in that area. The platoon fired a total of 97 missions, expending 1027 rounds of HE, 221 rounds of WP and 3 rounds of ILL.

29-30 September, Battery E participated in Operation MONTEREY in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. Battery E fired a total of 17 missions expending 236 rounds.

Battery D (-) fired a total of 352 missions expending 1683 rounds during the month of September at their location at Tien Phouc.

The firing units in the 2d Battalion position area supported the 5th Marines in an active program of sweeps, patrols and outposts within the TAOR. A summary of missions fired and total ammunition expended for September from the 2d Battalion position is as follows:

MISSIONS FIRED

	OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
105mm	59	13	36	108
107mm/4.2"	50	94	173	317

ROUNDS FIRED

	HE	ILL	WP	OTHER	TOTAL
105mm	1278	49	2	2	1331
107mm/4.2"	2562	273	2		2837

A summary of all missions fired and total ammunition expended by the 2d Battalion during the month of September is as follows:

MISSIONS FIRED

	OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
105mm	155	59	711	925
107mm/4.2"	63	97	198	358

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ROUNDS FIRED

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	HE	ILL	WP	OTHLR	TOTAL
105mm	6641	181	362	2	7186
107mm/4.2"	2824	273	2		3099

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel. Battle casualties for the month of September includes 6 WIA and 4 WIAE. This command sustained 12 non-battle casualties. Personnel losses due to administrative reasons includes 16 Marine Officers, 19 Marine Enlisted and one Navy Officer transferred from this Battalion. In turn, this command received 12 Marine Officers, 19 Marine Enlisted and one Navy Officer as replacements. During the month of September, six officer and 32 enlisted promotions were effected. Members of this command were presented the following awards: one Silver Star, one Bronze Star, five Good Conduct Awards, 18 Purple Hearts and five Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Awards.

b. Administration. Normal and routine administration was carried on during the month of September.

c. Intelligence. See Appendix B TAB (2).

d. Training. Not applicable.

e. Special Operations

(1) Operation NAPA, a coordinated ground reconnaissance, search and destroy operation was conducted by the 5th Marines and GVNAF forces in the Quang Tin Province during the period 4-15 September 1966. On 7 September, the operation was reduced to a battalion sized operation, at which time, Battery E was assigned the direct support mission in support of 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. Battery E displaced once by motor convoy and the Mortar Platoon which was attached to the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, displaced on five occasions by helicopter. The remaining artillery units displaced to their TAOR positions. A summary of this battalion's involvement is contained in Appendix B TAB (6). TAB (5) to Appendix B is a sketch map (1:250,000) of position areas occupied.

(2) Operation MONTEREY, a coordinated ground reconnaissance, search and destroy operation was conducted by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in the Quang Tin Province during the period 29-30 September 1966. Battery E was assigned the direct support mission and displaced to the vicinity of Tam Ky to support the 1st Battalion. There were no significant events during the operation.

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f. Command and Control. Locations and azimuth of fire as of 302400H September 1966.

Hq Btry	441 084	
Btry D (-) Tien Phouc	115 140	az 6200
3d Plt, Btry D	440 085	az 5600
Btry E	442 083	az 4800
Btry F (-)	440 085	az 5600
1st Plt, Btry F	438 083	az 4800
Mort Btry	439 084	az 4500

g. Close Combat

At 110125H September, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines received 11 rounds of 82mm Mortar in position at coordinates BT 438082. Resulting friendly casualties ten WIAs. Resulting damage to equipment - perforated radiators on three M-151 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton vehicles and one broken windshield on a M-151.

At 110150, Headquarters, 5th Marines, located at BT 435079 requested countermortar fire on coordinates BT 419080. 18 rounds of HE were fired by Battery F. Surveillance - good effect on target. There was no exchange of small arms fire within the 2d Battalion position. Assessment of damage to enemy forces and equipment - none.

4th Battalion, 11th Marines requested illumination at coordinates BT 439094 at 110130. 15 rounds of illumination were fired by the 107mm Mortar Battery.

3d 155mm Gun Battery requested illumination at 110145 at coordinates BT 42060978. 34 rounds of illumination were fired by the 107mm Mortar Battery.

h. Fire Support. Not applicable

i. Logistics

(1) Logistic support for Battery D (-) at Tien Phouc, including arrangement for the airlifting of supplies, was accomplished by the battalion. 89,000 pounds of all classes of supplies were delivered by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft.

(2) Logistic support for Operation NAPA was from the 2d Battalion base camp by motor convoy except for class V, which was drawn from the ASP, FLSG B.

j. Air Defense. Not applicable

k. Combat Air Support. Not applicable

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1. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

During September 1966, the Battalion MEDCAP program was centered in the areas of Khuong Nhon and Ly Tin. 205 Vietnamese were seen in the village of Khuong Nhon and 51 were seen in the village of Ly Tin. The majority of those appearing for sick call were children with upper respiratory infections and diseases of the skin. During the latter part of the month, efforts were made to visit the village of Khuong Nhon on a daily basis.

m. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other Special Warfare. Not applicable

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Appendix A (List of reference) to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (-) (Rein)
 Command Chronology 1 September to 30 September 1966

References

Attached

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| <p>a. Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000; AMS sheets 6639 I
 6640 II and 6739 IV, series L 7014 and
 sheet 6757 IV, series L 701</p> <p>b. Journals</p> <p>c. After Action Report, Operation NAPA, dtd 19Sep66</p> | <p>Not attached</p> <p>Appendix B</p> <p>Appendix B</p> |
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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
		1	011500	Promotion Warrants signed for 21 Cpls to Sgt		
		2	061130	Med Evac 1 Marine Enlisted to "B" Med from TIEN PHOUCH - non battle casualty		
		3	080500	Med Evac 1 Marine Enl to "B" Med from Tam Ky - non battle casualty		
		4	081800	MedEvac 1 Mar Enl to "B" Med from 2/11 CP Non battle casualty		
		5	101215	Regt CO arrived in 2/11 CP area		
		6	101345	Regt CO departed		
		7	101415	Med Evac 1 Mar Enl to "B" Med from 2/11 CP Non battle casualty		
		8	110130	Position area attacked by Mortar Fire - 10 WIA. (6 Evac to "B" Med)		
		9	110910	Asst Div Commander and Party arrived in 2/11 CP w/Presidential Advisor		
		10	110935	Ceremony for presentation of 2 Purple Hearts		
		11	110945	Asst Div Commander and party departed		
		12	111055	Div Commander arrived 2/11 CP		
		13	111123	Div Commander departed		
		14	120630	6 Marine Enl (NGF) departed on TAD		
		15	170800	Bn CO and 11thMar CO departed by helicopter to TIEN PHUOC to present 1 Bronze Star and 5 Purple Hearts to members of Btry D		
		16	171600	Bn CO and 11thMar CO returned to 2/11 CP		
		17	171615	11thMar CO departed 2/11 CP		
		18	261150	CG 1stMarDiv presented 1 Silver Star & 9 Purple Hearts at ceremony held at 2/11 CP		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops	S-Staff	F-File
		19	280800	Pro 2 Cpls to Sgt - 1 Lcpl to Cpl and 3 Lts to Capt.				
		20	300800	Casualty report for Sep - 6 WIA, 4 WIANE, and 12 non-battle. Awards presented: 1 Silver Star, 1 Bronze Star, 5 Good Conduct Medals, and 5 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Promotions: 7 Officers and 32 Enlisted. Personnel losses (Admin) were: 16 Marine Officers, 48 Marine Enlisted, and 1 Navy Officer. Personnel received were: 12 Marine Officers, 19 Marine Enlisted, and 1 Navy Officer.				

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		J-1	010001H	Journal opened		M,S,F.
		J-2	041100H	2dBn 11th Marines departed Base Camp Chu Lai for Operation Napa.		M,S,F.
		J-3	051300H	Blackcoat # 1 reported 3 V.C. in fortified position at coord 130219. Btry D- fired 16 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-4	051325H	Cottage # 63 reported V.C. ambush at coord 220259. Btry E fired 14 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-5	051400H	Blackcoat # 1 reported 4 V.C. hiding in bushes at coord 134231. Btry D- fired 21 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-6	051535H	Blackcoat # 17 reported 17 V.C. at coord 202221. Btry F fired 16 rds HE. Dam 2 buildings destroyed.		M,S,T,F.
		J-7	051550H	Conive # 64 reported heavy fire from built up area at coord 225222. Btry F fired 30 rds HE and 8 rds WP. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-8	051910H	Conive # 64 reported sniper firing from friendly village at coord 227229. Btry E fired 10 rds HE and 8 rds WP. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-9	052005H	Conive # 64 reported sniper firing from coord 235226. Btry E fired 8 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-10	052110H	Conive # 61 reported V.C. movement at coord 214230. Btry E fired 8 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-11	052215H	Cottage # 62 reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 215250. Btry F fired 2 rds I1. Good Coverage.		M,S,F.
		J-12	052235H	Cottage # 62 reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 215250. Btry F fired 44 rds I1. Good coverage.		M,S,F.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		J-13	052255H	Cottage # 62 reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 215250. Btry K fired 27 rds Ill. Good coverage.		M,S,F.
		J-14	060025H	Cottage # 62 reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 203257. Btry F fired 14 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-15	060025H	Conive # 61 reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 200206. Btry K fired 2 rds Ill. Unable to observe.		M,S,F.
		J-16	060055H	Conive # 61 reported 2 V.C. on the move at coord 214230. Btry E fired 4 rds Ill. Ill did not cover area.		M,S,F.
		J-17	060300H	Cottage # 64 reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 217248. Btry E fired 1 rd Ill. Good coverage.		M,S,F.
		J-18	060900H	Intsum # 42 sent to 11th Marines and 5th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-19	060946H	Commotion reported 16 armed V.C. at coord 184238. Btry's E, F, and K fired 32 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-20	061103H	Cottage Bailey reported possible 100 V.C. with mortars at coord 206241.		M,S,F.
		J-21	061330H	Commotion reported 7 V.C. at coord 190 199. Btry K fired 7 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-22	061335H	Blackcoat # 1 reported 1 V.C. at coord 186246. Btry K fired 7 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-23	061710H	Vehicle from Headquarters Btry 2dBn 11th Marines recieved 1 rd small arms fire from coord 411129. Friendly did not return fire. No friendly casualties. Spot Report sent to 11th Marines and 5th Marines S-2. Bn alerted.		M,S,T,F.
		J-24	061920H	Conive # 62 reported machine gun fire at coord 220223. Btry F fired 2 rds WP and 26 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		J-25	061855H	Conive # 61 reported suspected V.C. bunkers and trenches at coord 17872316 Btry K fired 15 rds HE. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-26	062035H	Conive Bailey reported suspected V.C. movement at coord 220215. Btry F fired 5 rds ill. Good coverage.		M,S,F.
		J-27	070800H	Intsum # 43 sent to 11th Marines and 5th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-28	071140H	Headquarters 2dBn 11th Marines departed Tam Ky for Base Camp Chu Lai.		M,S,F.
		J-29	071215H	Headquarters 2dBn 11th Marines arrived Base Camp Chu Lai.		M,S,F.
		J-30	042130H	(Late Entry) 2dBn 11th Marines Village Plt. O.P. reported seeing a light in a hut and recieving 4 to 5 rounds small arms fire from coord 435085. Searched area and saw V.C. run out of back door. Friendly returned approximately 30 rds. No friendly casualties. Spot Report sent to 11th Mar. Bn alerted.		M,S,T,F..
		J-31	080900H	Intsum # 44 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-32	082100H	2dBn 11th Marines Village Plt reported the were recieving incoming automatic weapons and small arms fire. Village L.P. recieved 2 handgrenades a was withdrawn. Friendly recieved approximately 100rds and returned approximately 200 rds. No friendly casualties. Spot Report sent to 11th Marines. Bn alerted.		M,S,T,F.
		J-33	090900H	Intsum # 45 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-34	100900H	Intsum # 46 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-35	110125H	2dBn 11th Marines recieved approximately 10 to 15 rds 82mm mortar fire from unknown direction. Friendly did not return fire. Friendly casualties. 10 USMC WIA. Spot Report sent to 11th Marines. Bn alerted.		M,S,T,F.

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		J-36	110900H	Intsum # 47 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-37	130900H	Intsum # 48 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-38	150900H	Intsum # 49 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-39	150930H	Vehicle from 2dBn 11th Marines apprehended 2 VN males at coord 442086. They were taking lumber. Bn S-2 advised them to stay out of the perimeter wire.		M,S,T,F.
		J-40	162010H	Village Plt. L.P. at coord 435085 reported unknown number of V.C. L.P. threw 2 frag. grenades and were with drawn. Dam unk. Spot Report sent to 11th Marines. Bn alerted.		M,S,T,F.
		J-41	170900H	Intsum # 50 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-42	180900H	Intsum # 51 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-43	211430H	2dBn 11th Marines security patrol found Chinese and VN documents, Khaki trousers and 2 Khaki shirts at coord 439093. Patrol apprehended 2 VCS. VCS documents and Khaki uniforms forwarded to ITT. Spot Report sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,T,F.
		J-44	211745H	Ly Tin reported 30 V.C. (Plt) at coord 385083-389081 with BARS. Intentions unk. Rated C/2. Mission fired on enemy. Dam unk.		M,S,F.
		J-45	240900H	Intsum # 52 sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,F.
		J-46	241515H	2dBn 11th Marines security patrol apprehended 1 VCS at coord 438095. VCS is believed to have sniped at the Village Plt on three occasions. He has been followed to his home and he disappears. VCS sent to ITT. Spot Report sent to 11th Marines S-2.		M,S,T,F.

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		1	010001	Journal Opened		
		2	041130	Bn (-) (Rein) departed for operation NAPA		
		3	041400	Bn (-) (Rein) arrived position vic Tam Ky for Operation NAPA		
		4	070900	Btry K released from Bn Rein role for NAPA, Returned to base camp.		
		5	071130	Btry F returned to base camp position		S, F
		6	071200	Cmd/Cont group returned to base camp		
		7	071500	Remaining two Howitzers from Btry E depart to join Btry E on Operation NAPA		S, F
		8	082130	Battery F received unk no. rds of sniper fire		S-2
		9	110125	Bn received 11 rds of 82mm Mortars in position. 6 WIAs Med Evaced		11th Mar
		10	121215	2d Plt, Mortar Btry returned to base camp		S, F
		11	121515	Btry F two guns in F position		S, F
		12	121630	2d Plt, Mortar Btry returned to Operation NAPA		S, F
		13	121700	3d Plt, Btry D returned from Hau Duc.		S, F
		14	121730	Btry F has 2 guns in F position and 4 guns in D position		
		15	141030	DX reports one important defector in area. Request interp. team.		S-2
		16	151800	Btry E & 2d Plt, Mort Btry returned to base camp		
		17	290530	Btry E departed for Operation MONTEREY		
		18	301230	Btry E return from Operation MONTEREY		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
			020800H	Resupply of Delta X-Ray by fixed wing aircraft; sample items: ammunition, rations and equipment.		
			021000H	Deadline Major Weapon; M-98 Howtar from 107mm Battery.		
			030800H	Resupply of Delta Yankee by helicopter; sample items: mail, rations, water and ammunition.		
			041100H	Battalion (-) to Tam Ky for Operation Napa.		
			050800H	Resupply of Delta Yankee by helicopter; sample items: ammunition, water and rations.		
			071200H	Return of Battalion (-) from Operation Napa.		
			070800H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry.		
			071000H	Major weapon off deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry.		
			080800H	Resupply of Delta Yankee by helicopter; sample items: mail, water, and rations.		
			090800H	Resupply of Delta X-Ray by fixed wing aircraft; sample items: rations water, mail and personnel.		
			090830H	Extraction of dud from area to front of 4.2 Battery. Short round due to wet powder.		
			090900H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry.		
			091600H	Major weapon off deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry.		
			121300H	Retraction of Delta Yankee from H ² Duc.		
			131900H	Medical air evacuation of one Marine from unit.		
			141300H	Major weapon to deadline; M-98 Howtar, from 107mm Btry.		
			141400H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry.		
			141500H	Resupply of Echo Btry at Tam Ky.		
			151800H	Retraction of Btry "E" from Tam Ky.		
			160830H	Resupply of Delta X-Ray by fixed wing aircraft; sample items: rations ammunition.		

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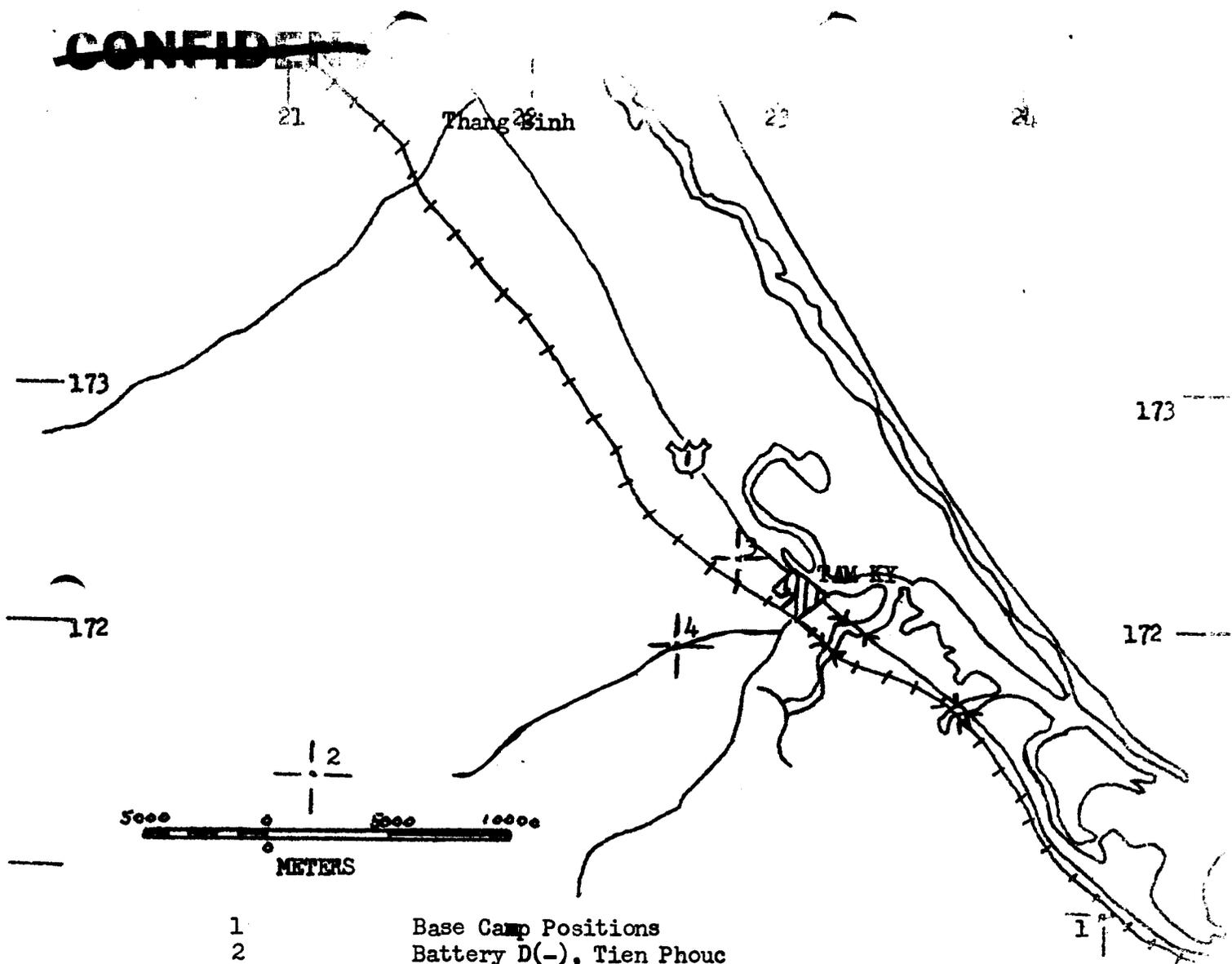
TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
			160900H	Five (5) 4.2 Mortars M-30 taken to MAG-12 for further transfer to III MAF		
			171100H	Two (2) elbow telescopes sent to FLSC		
			181300H	Major weapon off deadline, M-98 Howtar, from 107mm Btry.		
			190800H	Resupply of Delta ExRay by fixed wing aircraft; sample items; batteries, B rations, and ammunition.		
			191000H	Major weapon to deadline, M-98 Howtar 107mm Btry.		
			191700H	Major weapon off deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "F" Btry.		
			201300H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "E" Btry.		
			221500H	Major weapon off deadline, 107mm Howtar, M-98.		
			230800H	Resupply of Delta X-Ray by fixed wing aircraft; sample items: ammunition and B rations.		
			231530H	Major weapon to deadline, M-98 Howtar 107mm Mortar Btry.		
			241500H	Major weapon from deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "E" Btry.		
			241530H	Major weapon to deadline, M-98 Howtar, 107mm Btry.		
			280900H	Major weapon off deadline, M-98 Howtar, 107mm Btry.		
			281000H	Major weapon to deadline, 105mm Howitzer, "D" Btry.		
			290630H	ECHO Btry augmented by 4 M-35 2 1/2 Ton trucks from "F" Btry. for Operation Monterey.		
			290800H	Major weapon to deadline, M-98 Howtar, 107mm Btry.		

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- 1 Base Camp Positions
- 2 Battery D(-), Tien Phouc
- 3 041415 Battalion (-) (Rein)
- 1 071200 Batteries F and K and Command/Control Group
- 4 141530 Battery E and 2d Platoon, Mortar Battery
- 1 15 All units returned to base camp

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HEADQUARTERS
 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
 Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1

1. Code Name. Operation NAPA.
2. Dates of Operation. 4 September to 15 September 1966. (Participation by Artillery Units)
3. Location. Quang Tin Province, RVN
 Map Sheets: 6639 I, 6640 II, 6739 IV and 6757 IV.
4. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marines
6. Task Organization

2d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines	Major CARVER
Command/Control Group	Major CARVER
Battery E (-) (4 How)	Capt GORE
Battery F (-) (4 How)	Lt LLOYD
2d Platoon, Mortar Battery (2 M-30)	Lt NEWBILL
Battery K (-), 4/11 (4 M-109 How)	Capt BAILEY
7. Supporting Forces
 Battery D (-), 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (Tain Phuc)
8. Intelligence. 5th Marines ISUMs
9. Mission. Provide artillery fire support to USMC and ARVN Forces in the area of operations.
10. Concept of Operation. The Commanding Officer, 11th Marines directed 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (-) (Rein) to provide artillery support for Operation NAPA.
11. Execution. At 041130 Sept 1966, the 2d Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines commenced displacement by motor convoy to positions in the vicinity of Tam Ky, coordinates BT 2923. This movement was made in convoy consisting of 1st serial, Command/Control Group; 2d serial, Battery E; 3d serial, Battery F and 2d Platoon, Mortar Battery and 4th serial, Battery K with a ten minute interval between serials. All units were in position and prepared to fire by 041145.

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13. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. Class V was drawn from the ASP, FLSG B as required. Support for other classes of supplies was provided by the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines base camp.

b. Maintenance. One truck from Battery F developed brake trouble and was returned to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines Base Camp for repair. No other major type repairs were required.

c. Transportation. Organic transportation was used for both displacements and resupply.

d. Treatment of Casualties. Evacuation was administered by 5th Marines with hospitalization provided by B Med's primary Facility at Chu Lai.

e. Civil Affairs. None.

f. Communications. Generally, communications were very good. The hot line to the 11th Marines was out only once for a period of about 2 hours but generally weak. Teletype was not utilized during this operation.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. Radio Relay was employed by the 5th Marines with two channels being utilized by the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines (one hot line to the 11th Marines and one hot line to 1st Marine Division COC). Radio Relay communications were periodically weak but satisfactory.

15. Commander's Analysis. Operation NAPA provided experience and developed confidence in officers and men and proved again that they can perform their mission under flexible conditions.

The nature of the operation was such that major displacements were not necessary. Battery E made one displacement and the Mortar Platoon, while attached to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, made five displacements by helicopter.

During the first phase of the operation, a technical FDC was established at the Command/Control Group level for Batteries E and F and the Mortar Platoon, with Battery K maintaining their own FDC. On 7 Sept 1966 technical fire direction control was passed to Battery E and the Mortar Platoon.

Primary communications for units in the immediate area was by wire. Radio communications to FO and liaison personnel were very good.

On 15 Sept 1966, while Battery E and the Mortar Platoon were displacing to their TAOR positions they received incoming small arms fire which was quickly returned by both the infantry security company and the artillery units. No casualties were received by the artillery units.

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During the movement to and from Tam Ky, Battery L, 11th Battalion, 11th Marines was prepared to fire supporting fires if required.

Battery D (-) located at Tien Phuc (BT 115140) fired three missions and expended 114 rounds in support of Operation NAPA for USMC and ARVN units.

At 051152 Sept 1966, 2d Battalion, (-) fired preparatory fires in support of a landing by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. 100 rounds were expended.

At 060600 Sept 1966, Battery K and Battery D (-) fired preparatory fires in support of a landing by a Recon element. 129 rounds were expended.

At 070930 Sept 1966, Battery K displaced to TAOR position. At 071145, Battery F and Command/Control Group displaced to TAOR positions. Battery E, commanded by Capt GORE, remained in position at Tam Ky in support of 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. The two remaining guns from Battery E were called forward and joined Battery E at Tam Ky. 2d Platoon, Mortar Battery was attached to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines and initially remained at Tam Ky. While attached to 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, the Mortar Platoon displaced five times by helicopter, firing a total of 38 missions and expending 250 rounds.

On 14 Sept 1966, Battery E displaced to positions at BT 262191. On 14 Sept 1966 and again on displacement to TAOR positions on 15 Sept, Battery E and the Mortar Platoon were hit by an undetermined number of VC which Company G, security for the artillery positions, took under fire and maneuver and routed. Artillery fires claimed a total of three confirmed KIAs, two WIAs and one possible WIA during Operation NAPA.

MISSIONS FIRED

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155 How	9	8	11	28
105 How	49	20	282	351
4.2" Mortar	13	3	25	41
	71	31	318	420

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155 How	236	29	3	115	112	41	268
105 How	2566	109	50	737	241	1747	2725
4.2" Mortar	262			100	12	150	262
	3064	138	53	952	365	1938	3255

A liaison team and two FO teams were provided by the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines for coordination of USMC artillery fire within the ARVN sector. The only artillery support requested by ARVN units during Operation NAPA was in the form of H&I fires.

12. Naval Gunfire. One ship, the USS Mullinix (DD-944) was on station from 061800 to 070200 Sept 1966 but did not fire any missions in support of Operation NAPA.

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