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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 December 1968 to 31
December 1968.

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.2E

Encl: ✓(1) 2d Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), Enclosure (1)
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2nd BN, 11th REGT
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 DECEMBER 1968 to 31 DECEMBER 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.COMMANDER

2d Battalion, 11th Marines

LtCol R. D. JAMESON 1-31Dec68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	CWO2 C. D. PECK	1-31Dec68
Battery D	1stLt F. A. MAURO	1-31Dec68
Battery E	Capt J. M. CAVANAUGH	1-31Dec68
Battery F	1stLt J. L. BILODEAU	1-14Dec68
	Capt W. A. BABB	15-31Dec68
Mortar Btry	1stLt T. A. CURD II	1-24Dec68
	1stLt F. A. LAZOTT	25-31Dec68
Battery X (Prov)	1stLt J. R. DEROBERTS	26-31Dec68
Provisional Battery, 2/11	2dLt J. H. REINHART	1-4Dec68
	1stLt J. E. HOLLINGSWORTH	5-31Dec68
*Battery Group, 11thMar	1stLt J. M. CANARIO	1-10Dec68
*Battery H-3-11	Capt J. J. JAMES	7-26Dec68
*Battery K-4-13	Capt D. R. PETERSON	4-10Dec68
*Mortar Battery, 3-11	Capt J. P. RIORDAN	7-26Dec68

2. LOCATIONS.

2dBn, 11thMar	1-31Dec68	AnHoa	AT866472
HqBtry	1-31Dec68	An Hoa	AT866472
Btry D	1-31Dec68	Liberty Bridge	AT925525
Btry E	1-31Dec68	An Hoa	AT876472
Btry F	1-7Dec68	An Hoa	AT865471
Mortar Btry (-)	1-15Dec68	An Hoa	AT878479
	16-29Dec68	An Hoa	AT876482
	30-31Dec	An Hoa	AT879465
1 Plt	1-6Dec68	An Hoa	AT872463
	7-31Dec68	An Hoa	AT872464
Btry X	26-31Dec68	An Hoa	AT865471
Prov Btry, 2/11	1-3Dec68	An Hoa	AT868471
	4-7Dec68	An Hoa	AT866472
	8-10Dec68	An Hoa	AT867473
*Btry Group, 11thMar	1-10Dec68	An Hoa	AT877476
*Btry H-3-11	7-11Dec68	Liberty Bridge	AT925530
	12-26Dec68	An Hoa	AT865471
*Btry K-4-13	4-10Dec68	An Hoa	AT868471
*Mortar Btry, 3/11 (-)	7-26Dec68	An Hoa	AT872467
1 Plt	8-26Dec68	An Hoa	AT895469

* Indicates OpCan Status

3. Staff Officers

BnExecO	1-31Dec68	Maj R. F. SCOTT
BnSgtMaj	1-31Dec68	1stSgt F. M. VAUGHN
S-1	1-31Dec68	1stLt W. D. POE
S-2	1-31Dec68	1stLt D. M. SAUER

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S-3	1-31 Dec 68	Maj D.K. MICHAEL
S-4	1-31 Dec 68	1stLt M.A.G. NELSON
CommO	1-31 Dec 68	1stLt J.F. DWINELL
MTO	1-31 Dec 68	1stLt L.L. STRAUCH
SupplyO	1-31 Dec 68	2dLt H.O. HARNES
OrdO	1-31 Dec 68	CWO2 H.W. CUTLER
Surv/MetroO	1-31 Dec 68	CWO2 G.D. PECK
LnO	1-31 Dec 68	Maj D.J. BLAUL

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>ENL</u>
46		628	4		13	0		0

PART II

1. During the reporting period the Battalion provided timely, accurate fire support to the 5th Marines while engaged in Operation Henderson Hill which terminated at 062400HDEC68 (After Action Report attached). The Battalion also provided fire support to the 5th Marines, BLP 2/7 and the 51st ARVN Regiment while engaged in Operation Taylor Common. Three forward observer/liaison teams were formed from the assets of the 11th Marine Regiment for employment with the 51st ARVN Regiment. Operation Taylor Common commenced at 070001HDEC68 under control of Task Force Yankee. At 102400HDEC68 the Battalion was Chopped OpCon to the 1st Field Artillery Group with Battery F and Provisional Battery 2/11 further chopped OpCon to 1/12. Battery H-3-11 and Battery D-2-11 were formed into a Battery Group to support a three battalion sweep from Liberty Bridge into the An Hoa Vital Area. Upon the displacement of Battery F, the battery group was disbanded and Battery H-3-11 displaced to the artillery cantonment in An Hoa. Battery W-3-11 occupied firing positions to reinforce the close in fires of 2/11. A composite battery was formed utilizing guns which had been cadred upon formation of Provisional Battery, 2/11 and augmenting the canoneers with miscellaneous maintenance and headquarters personnel.

All medium and light artillery batteries base pieces were registered during the month and with the capability of the Gun Direction Computer M-18 (FADAC) a muzzle velocity was derived. Utilizing the Met + VE technique this procedure greatly improved the capability of the Battalion to mass fires and to deliver accurate observed and unobserved fires. The FADAC was also employed to produce GFT settings for firing units under 2/11's operational control. The Battalion Metro Section produces visual Met data on a timely basis and coupled with the above technique improved fire support is provided.

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<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>5TH MARINES</u>	<u>BLT 2/7</u>	<u>RECON</u>	<u>ARVN</u>
105 How	22125	2229	1043	0209
4.2" Mortar	2070	20		427
155 How	811		422	20
155 Gun	73		87	
8" How	47		113	

MISSIONS FIRED

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1248	984	<u>2232</u>

HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION

<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>
1078	9421

TOTAL ROUNDS DECEMBER 1968 48005 TOTAL MISSIONS DECEMBER 1968 3310CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCES

The Battalion was credited with 155 KIA (conf), 10 Structures destroyed, 1 Bunker complex destroyed, 1 Boat destroyed, and 6 Secondary explosions.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSTOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses:	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administration	6		66	1		2
Battle KIA	0		0	0		0
Battle WIA (Evac)	1		2	0		0
Battle WIA (Non Evac)	0		0	0		0
Battle MIA	0		0	0		0
Non-Battle (Evac)	0		1	0		0
Non-Battle (Death)	0		0	0		0
(2) <u>Replacements</u>	6		71	1		2
(3) <u>Loss</u>	7		69	1		2
(4) <u>Gain</u>	6		71	1		2

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(5) Promotions	1	69	0	0
(6) Awards				
Purple Heart	2	4	0	0
NCM	0	1	0	0
RVN Cross Of Gallantry	0	1	0	0

b. Intelligence. The intelligence section continued to expand its target acquisition capability by the addition of another observation post (AT896469) allowing the direct control of three observation posts within the An Hoa Vital Area. These posts have been provided with radio communications in addition to the existing wire lines providing a rapid detection agency for any enemy mortar/rocket fires. During the reporting period two crater analysis were performed indicating three new enemy mortar sites which were added to the battalions counter mortar plan.

Under the VIP program a total of 35540 \$VN was paid to local nationals for ordnance surrendered. This ordnance included 80 M79 rounds, 52 M26 grenades, 9 60mm Mortar rounds and 2800 M16 rounds.

c. Organization and Operation. During the reporting period the Battalion participated in Operation Henderson Hill and Taylor Comman.

d. Training. The Battalion continues to devote substantial time for training as the operational situation permits. Constant improvement to position defense and utilization of the howitzers as direct fire weapons receive heavy emphasis. A Fire Direction Officer's School was conducted for officers within the Battalion and mobile training teams have been requested from higher headquarters for the next quarter. A weekly Staff and Officers School was initiated to provide these personnel with a wide range of professional knowledge.

e. Logistics. During the reporting period, the battery and battalion areas were under constant improvement. The addition to the cantonment of a platoon of 175 Guns (SP) and a Battery of 155 How (SP) called for establishing and developing these areas. The S-4 coordinated with the 5th Marines in the appropriation of scarce equipment and materiel necessary for construction of these positions. A number of strongback living spaces were erected and living conditions improved. The Battalion received from the 5th Marines (Engineers) a prefab bunker and 11 ammunition bunkers. These are now under construction. The S-5 has provided for Vietnamese working parties which have been an asset in improving the battalion area. Although the battalion has had a large number of weapons displaced to fire bases resupply has been accomplished with a minimum of difficulties. The reporting function of the S-4 was accomplished with minor discrepancies which have now been resolved. This resulted from a misunderstanding on what unit reports were to be passed to, 1st ELG or 11th Marines. The maintenance problem was greatly decreased during this month and the maintenance personnel at LSU have done an outstanding job on 3d echelon repair. A letter of appreciation has been sent by this unit to LSU.

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f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The employment of 40 local nationals in the Battalion area continued through the month. A large percentage of these workers were paid by rice captured by the 5th Marines during recent operations. The Vietnamese laundry in the Battalion area continues to successfully handle the large amounts of washing within the battalion. The S-5 section in conjunction with the Battalion Medical Section Conducted MedCaps during the latter part of the reporting period for a refugee village (My Son I AT897471). Approximately 100 civilians were given medical assistance.

g. Psychological Operations - None

h. Combined Action Company Program. Has been reported separately in accordance with RegtO 3121.1 on 30 December 1968.

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UNIT OR SECTION	
S-1, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines	
PLACE	
Republic of Vietnam	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
± 0001, 1Dec68	2400 31Dec68

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			010900	Tr 1 MARCOR Off to 1stDiv; Tr 1 MARCOR Off to 11thMar	
				Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to 11thMar	
			021000	Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; MEDEVAC 1 MARCOR Enl	
			031600	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Off fr CONUS;	
			041530	Jd 8 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar; Tr 7 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			051400	Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to 1stDiv; Tr 2 NAV Enl to CONUS; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			061330	Jd 6 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			071500	Tr 1 MARCOR Off to 11thMar	
			080800	Tr 5 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			091730	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			101000	Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Tr 3 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to 26thMar	
			111430	Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			121400	Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			131200	Jd 2 MARCOR Off & 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar; Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			141300	Jd 3 MARCOR Off fr CONUS; Tr 1 MARCOR Off & 3 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Tr 1 MARCOR Off to 11thMar	
			150900	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			161300	Jd 5 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr WESTPAC; Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			171600	Jd 4 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr 3/26; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			181300	Jd 1 NAV Off & 4 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr 3/26; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			201530	Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Tr 1 MARCOR Off & 5 Enl to CONUS	
			211900	Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr WESTPAC	
			221330	Tr 1 NAV Off to 11thMar; MEDEVAC 1 MARCOR Enl	
			231400	Jd 1 NAV Enl fr CONUS	
			251730	Jd 18 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; MEDEVAC 1 MARCOR Off	
			260900	Tr 10 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			271200	Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to 11thMar	
			281100	Jd 3 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			301000	Jd 4 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			311500	Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	

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TAB A

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UNIT OR SECTION 2/11	
PLACE An Hoa	
FROM (Date and hour) 010001 Dec 1968	TO (Date and hour) 312400 Dec 1968

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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
			010900H	Two VN boys turned in one M-33 grenade and two M-26 grenades. Paid 1200 \$VN.		
			011600H	Two VN boys turned in one M-33 grenade and one M-26 grenade. Paid 800 \$VN.		
			020900H	One VN boy turned in one Chicom grenade and one M-26 grenade. Paid 1,000 \$VN.		
			021530H	Two VN boys turned in two M-26 grenades. Paid 800 \$VN.		
			031600H	Three VN boys turned in two M-26grenades and three M-79 rds. Four clips of .30 caliber carbine rds. Paid 2060 \$VN.		
			041600H	Four VN boys turned in three M-79 rounds, four M-26 grenades and one hand flare. Paid 2860 \$VN.		
			051700H	Four VN boys turned in five M-26 grenades two M-79 rds. and one claymore. Paid 3800 \$VN.		
			071600H	Three VN boys turned in four M-26 grenades, and 200 M-60 rds. Paid 1800 \$VN.		
			101600H	Six VN boys turned in eight M-26 grenaeds, two M-79 rds. and 100 M-16 rds. Paid 3800 \$VN.		
			131600H	Two VN boys turned in three M-79 illum, one mine, three M-26 grenades, and one M-79 rd. Paid 1800 \$VN.		
			151600H	Two VN boys turned in 19 M-79 rds, six M-26 grenades, three bandliars of M-16 rds, two magazines, 823 M-16 rds and one 60 mm HE rd. Paid 6830 \$VN.		
			161600H	Two VN boys turned in 8 M-79 rds, 3 M-26 grenades, 913 rds M-16, 2 M-79 illum, and 1 illum grenade. Paid 2 20 \$VN.		
			171600H	Three VN boys turned in 15 M-79 rds and 230 M-16 rds. Paid 1460 \$VN.		
			181400H	Ten VN boys turned in two 81mm and eight 60mm. Paid 800 \$VN.		
			181600H	Two VN boys turned in one 60mm, 70 m-16 rds., 2belts of M-60 rds., 2M26 granades, and one gas mask. Paid 770 \$VN.		
			191600H	Two VN boys turned in one claymore detonator, one M-16 bayonet, one 60-mm rd., one gra-nade primer and head, 430 M-16 rds., four M-79 rds., and 50 M-60 rds. Paid 1020 \$VN.		
			201700H	Two VN boys turned in 50 rds. M-16, two belts M-60 rds., one 60mm illum., one gas granade, and one smoke granade, and one M-79 rd. Paid 450 \$VN.		

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UNIT OR SECTION S-3	
PLACE AN HOA, RVN	
FROM (Date and hour) 010001HDEC68	TO (Date and hour) 312400HDEC68

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		1	011110H	BTRY E, 3 KIA ON GRID 813508 TGT# SX1118.		
		2	011150H	BTRY E, 4 KIA ON GRID 885498 TGT# SX1119.		
		3	011235H	BTRY F, 2 PROB KIA, 1 HVT ON GRID 889491 TGT# SX 1120.		
		4	011726H	BTRY F, 2 PROB KIA ON GRID 813490 TGT# SX 1121.		
		5	011805H	BTRY F, 3 KIA, 1 HVT ON GRID 804493 TGT# SX1122.		
		6	020805H	BTRY F, 1 KIA ON GRID 806483 TGT# SX1128.		
		7	021840H	BTRY F, 2 KIA, 4 PROB ON GRID 820485 TGT# SX1130.		
		8	031650H	BTRY F, 1 PROB KIA ON GRID 809527 TGT# SX1134.		
		9	031900H	BTRY E, 2 KIA, 10 PROB ON GRID 846552 TGT# SX1139.		
		10	031900H	BTRY F, 2 KIA, 10 PROB ON GRID 846552 TGT# SX1139.		
		11	041030H	FIRECAP A. K 4/13 B. 868471 C. 4800 D. 2 GUNS UP 040900H.		
		12	041530H	BTRY F, 1 KIA, 1 PROB, 1 WIA ON GRID 801541 TGT# SX1141.		
		13	041530H	BTRY D, 4 PROB ON GRID 898498 TGT# SD748.		
		14	041910H	BATTERIES E, F, K, FGA REPORT 80 POB ON GRID 819539 TGT# SX1144, FZ692, UK001. K FIRED ILLUM FOR THIS MISSION. BOTH AND 155G SHOT ON THIS.		
		15	042015H	BTRY F REPORTS 1 SEC EXPL ON GRID 824520 TGT# 1146.		
		16	051447H	BTRY D, 4 BUILDINGS, 1 BUNKER DEST ON GRID 982503 TGT# SD 754. ALSO GOT 2 KIA.		
		17	051800H	BTRY D, 6 PROB ON GRID 966524 TGT# SD755.		
		18	051820H	BTRY D, 3 KIA ON GRID 966524 TGT# SD755.		
		19	052000H	BTRY F, 4 KIA, 1 BOAT DEST ON GRID 846552 TGT# SX1155.		
		20	052000H	BTRY E, 4 PROB ON GRID 846552 TGT# SX1155.		
		21	060740H	BTRY F, 2 SEC EXPL ON GRID 800450 TGT # SX1163.		
		22	061130H	FROM FD6 TO DL63 REQUEST H 3/11 AND W 3/11 BE ASSIGNED OPCON 2/11 EFFECTIVE 071200HDEC68. H 3/11 TO OCCUPY FIRING POSIT AT 92405380 AZ OF FIRE 5100 BY 071200HDEC68. W 1/11 REACH AN HOA BY 071200H.		
		23	061530H	MOVEREP A. BRIGHT LAD B. AN HOA C. 061530H.		
		24	061600H	BTRY D REPORTS CONVOY AMBUSHED ON WAY TO THEIR POSIT NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE SPOTROP SENT.		
		25	062400H	OPERATION HENDERSON HILL TERMINATED. OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON COMMENCED.		
		26	071110H	BTRY F, 2 PROB ON GRID 820506 TGT# SX1175.		
		27	071410H	MOVEREP A. FDW B. 877479 C. 071410H.		
		28	071500H	MOVEREP A. GRAY REBEL B. 9246 5381 C. 071140H.		
		29	071600H	FIRECAP A., GRAY REBEL H 3/11 B. 9246 5381 C. 3600 D. 4 GUNS UP 071600H.		
		30	071610H	FIRECAP A. W 2/11 B. 877479 C. 0300 D. 6 GUNS UP		
		31	071620H	BTRY F, 2 PROB ON GRID 820506.		
		32	071630H	FIRECAP A W 3/11 B. 87234636 C. 1900 D. 071530H 2 GUNS UP.		
		33	071700H	BTRY D, 3 PROB ON GRID 9038 5292 TGT # SD 769.		
		34	080040H	FIRECAP A. W 3/11 FWD B. 895469 C. 1000 D. 080040H 2 GUNS UP.		
		35	081105H	BTRY FIRING FOR NATIVE BIRD GOT 5 CONF KIAs, 1 WIA ON H&IS ON NIGHT OF THE 8th OF DEC.		

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FROM (Date and hour) 010001HDEC68	TO (Date and hour) 312400HDEC68

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		36	081200H	FOXTROT DIRECT SUPPORT FOR 2/7.		
		37	081200H	K 4/13 GENERAL SUPPORT REINFORCING.		
		38	081205H	BTRY K, 3 KIA ON GRID 831518.		
		39	081505H	FIRECAP A. TANGO B. 867437 C. 5000 D. 4 TUBES UP 081505H.		
		40	081600H	BTRY K REPORTS 5 KIAs ON GRID 835524 TGT# UK061.		
		41	090810H	BTRY K, 35 KIA ON GRID 199558 TGT# UK096.		
		42	090845H	BTRY D, 1 SEC EXPL ON GRID 896487 TGT# SD795.		
		43	090850H	FIRECAP A. W 3/11 B. 8723 4636 C. 1900 D. 4 GUNS UP 081600H.		
		44	091730H	FIRECAP A. W 3/11 B. 89554692 C. 1000 D. 2 GUNS UP 091730H.		
		45	091745H	MOVEREP A. T 2/11 B. 867468 C. 091635H.		
		46	091745H	FIRECAP A. T 2/11 B. 867473 C. 4800 D. 4 GUNS UP 091745H.		
		47	100900H	BTRY F, 1 KIA ON GRID 827542 TGT# SX1209.		
		48	101410H	MOVEREP A. K 4/13 B. 843419 C. 101410H.		
		49	101445H	FIRECAP A. K 4/13 B. 843419 C. 4700 D. 101325 4 TUBES UP.		
		50	102000H	ESTABLISHED ASR'S 105 HOW 58.5 155 TD 28.0 155 SP 28.0 155 GUN 18.0 8" HOW 20.0 175 GUN 23.8 4.2 MORT 18.0		
				BTRIES WILL NOT EXCEED 95% OF THE ASR WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THIS HQ.		
		51	102400H	EFFECTIVE 110001HDEC68 1st FAG ASSUMES OPCON 2/11. F 2/11 chop 1/12 K G/S, FCA GS, 200 2/11, DS 5th MAR.		
		52	102400H	EFFECTIVE 110001HDEC68 FOXTROT 2/11 OPCON 1/12.		
		53	110900H	BTRY W, 1 KIA ON GRID 851503 TGT# SW534.		
		54	110900H	BTRY E, 2 KIA ON GRID 851503 TGT# SX 1229.		
		55	111150H	BTRY E, 5 KIA ON GRID 820501 TGT# SX1237.		
		56	111230H	MOVEREP A. H 3/11 B. 8747 C. 111235H.		
		57	111350H	BTRY E, 2 SEC EXPL ON GRID 843493 TGT# SX1245.		
		58	111700H	FIRECAP A. H 3/11 B. 86794711 C. 4900 D. 5 GUNS UP 111645H.		
		59	120955H	MOVEREP A. H 3/11 B. 121045H C. 8647.		
		60	121025H	FIRECAP A. H 3/11 B. 86464715 C. 6000 D. 121010H 6 GUNS UP.		
		61	141238H	BTRY H, 1 HUT DEST ON GRID 830500 TGT# SX1263.		
		62	141415H	BTRY H, 1 AK-47 CAPTURED AND TRAILS OF BLOOD ON GRID 843507 TGT# 1265.		
		63	151010H	BTRY D, 2 HUTS DEST, 2 PROB ON GRID 892508 TGT# SD846.		
		64	161215H	BTRY D, 1 KIA, 4 PROB ON GRID 897519.		
		65	161331H	LY 4/11 ASSIGNED MISSION G/S 1st FAG REIN 2/11.		
		66	161830H	MOVEREP A. W 2/11 B. 867482 C. 3000 D. 6 GUNS UP		
		67	191645H	BTRY B&D, 4 KIA, 8 WIA ON GRID 936493.		
		68	200055H	K 4/13 ASSIGNED MISSION G/S TF Y 4/11 REIN 2/11.		
		69	211110H	BTRY D, 2 PROB ON GRID 89645146 TGT# SD937.		
		70	230600H	BTRY E, 29 KIA AND 35 PROB ON GRID 820490 TGT# SX1398.		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
			010800H	Wheeled Vehicle Mileage Cargo & Passenger was submitted		
			020900H	Combat Loss Report was Submitted		
			041100H	Motor Transport Deadline Report and Special munitions Reports were Submitted		
			070900H	Weekly Engineer Support Report Was Submitted		
			081000H	Conex Report Was Submitted		
			091400H	Class V Asset and Expenditure Report was Submitted		
			110900H	Weekly Motor Transport Deadline Report was Submitted		
			141000H	Weekly Engineer Support Equipment Report Was Submitted		
			161100H	Special Detection Devices Report Was Submitted		
			180900H	Weekly Motor Transport Deadline Report Was Submitted		
			190800H	Special Munitions Report was Submitted		
			221300H	Engineer Support Report Was submitted		
			231400H	Tactical Support Functional Components		
			241600H	Special Detection Devices Report submitted		
			242000H	Monthly Engineer Report was submitted		
			251300H	Motor Transport Deadline Report was Submitted		
			260800H	Contonment Report Was submitted		
			280900H	Logistics Summary Report was submitted		
			290800H	Special Detection Devices was Submitted		
			291000H	Embarkation Report & Engineer Support Report Was Submitted		
			291300H	Journal Report Submitted to S-3		

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines (S-3)
 Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report
 Ref: (a) DivO 340.1A
 (b) 5th Marines Frag Order 00664-68Dec68

1. In compliance with reference (a) and (b), the following report is submitted.

- a. Code Name. Henderson Hill
- b. Dates of Operation. 231159HOCT68 - 062400HDEC68.
- c. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN.
- d. Command and Control Headquarters. 5th Marine Regiment.
- e. Reporting Officer. Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.
- f. Task Organization.

Headquarters Battery

Battery D

Battery E

Battery F

Battery W

- g. Supporting Forces.

Provisional Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; General Support, Reinforcing. 3rd 8" Battery Group; General Support, Reinforcing (Plt A 3rd 155 Gun Btry (SP), Plt A 3rd 8" Btry (SP).

- h. Intelligence. 5th Marine Intsums.

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i. Mission. Direct Support of 5th Marines.

k. Execution. The battalion was able to provide artillery support to the 5th Marines from the artillery concentration in the An Hoa Vital Area. The added range capability of the 155 Howitzers from the Prov Btry, 2/11 as well as the 155 Gun (SP) and 8" Platoon's increased the battalion's fire support capability. On several occasions the FSCC's of the Infantry Battalions were unable to communicate with the Regimental FSCC necessitating ground clearance and Sav-a-planes to be relayed through artillery channels, resulting in some instances of delaying the timely delivery of fire for critical periods of time. This points to the necessity for all Liaison Officers with the infantry battalion to insure the carrying and use of the mast head and antenna elements of the RC-292.

The intelligence sections of the infantry regiment and the artillery battalion developed numerous targets determined from available intelligence sources which were engaged by heavy volumes of fire.

2nd Battalion units fired a total of 4941 missions expending 73471 rounds accounting for 443 confirmed enemy kills during the operation.

l. Naval Gunfire. Naval Gunfire Support was not utilized during the operation.

m. Administrative Matters.

(1) Supply. The ISA located at An Hoa distributed all classes of supply in a timely manner. Weather conditions permitted almost daily resupply flights into the An Hoa facility.

(2) Maintenance. No major problems were encountered during the operation. The short duration and the firing units remaining in An Hoa were probably a contributing factor.

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(3) Transportation. No major problems.

(4) Treatment of Casualties. Medical Support was provided by the 5th Marines. No problems were encountered.

n. Communications: The critical need for all units to have both primary and secondary frequency allocations was heightened by atmospheric disturbances encountered during the operation causing several read backs. Although the mission was accomplished, lack of adequate frequency allocations created severe operational problems. No other problems were encountered and the directional antenna AS-2236/GNC was credited with extending the range of the AN/PRC-25.

o. Special Equipment and Techniques. The use of the Gun Direction Computer (M-18 FADAC) to derive muzzle velocity variations for all batteries coupled with the MET+VE technique contributed strongly to increasing timely accurate fire support, both observed and unobserved.

p. Commanders Analysis. During much of the period covered by this report, the 5th Marines had only one third of the maneuver assets available to secure the TAOR.

The tactic of substitution of fire support for maneuver elements was employed with effectiveness throughout the operation. As necessity required maneuver elements to abandon areas; the gap was filled by fires developed by the combined intelligence efforts of the Infantry/Artillery S-2. The effectiveness of the combined intelligence target effort is born out by the following three significant indicators:

(a) No coordinated attack was mounted in the An Hoa area during this

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period although the enemy did have the capability.

(b) The vital MSR (Liberty Road) remained secure with no mining incidents.

(c) Several Chieu Hoi's and POW's disclosed, on interrogation, that artillery fire had repeatedly frustrated their operations, both planned and executed.

The artillery's ability to maneuver fires is felt to have been a significant contribution towards accomplishment of the 5th Marines mission in the An Hoa area.

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