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3rd Marine Division, FMF  
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## Part I

Organizational Data

1. Designation Commander  
 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Maj. Paul E. ROUSH 072976/0802 USMC
2. Location  
 Headquarters:  
 1-21 April 1967 Hq. consisting of one (1) M55 How. (SP), one (1) M53 155mm Gun (SP) and two (2) 155mm How (Towed) - DaNang RVN  
 21-22 April 1967 Hq. as above to 4th Bn, 12th Marines - Phu Bai RVN  
 22-30 April 1967 Hq. consisting of three (3) M55 8" How (SP) - Phong Dien RVN  
 1st & 3rd Platoons;  
 1-25 April 1967 1st & 3rd Plat. consisting of two (2) M55 8" How (SP) and two (2) M5d 155mm Guns (SP) - An Hoa RVN  
 25 April 1967 1st & 3rd Plat. as above to Hue RVN  
 25-30 April 1967 1st & 3rd Plat. consisting of two (2) M55 8" How (SP) - Phong Dien RVN
3. Average Monthly Strength

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Off Enl	Off Enl
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## Part II

Narrative Summary

The Battery fired a total of 61 observed missions in general support of the 1st Marine Division and direct support of 1st Recon Battalion expending 209 rounds 8" HE, 458 rounds 155mm HE, 72 rounds 155mm WP and 3 rounds 155mm Illumination. After displacement to Phong Dien, the Battery fired a total of 7 observed missions in general support of the 3rd Marine Division expending 173 rounds 8" HE. The Battery fired a total of 168 H&I's for the month of April.

Part IIISequential Listing of Significant Events

1. Combat Missions Assigned. CP group general support 1st Marine Division reinforcing B-1-13 until 21 April 1967, from 21 April 1967 general support 3rd Marine Division. An Hoa group general support 1st Marine Division reinforcing E-2-11 until 25 April 1967, then joined CP group in its general support 3rd Marine Division.
2. Significant Operations Conducted. Operation Shawnee from 22 0001 H to 30 2400 H April 1967.
3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. 34 KIA (conf), 35 KIA (prob) and 6 WIA (conf).
4. Casualties Sustained. Three (3) battle casualties resulting in three WIA not requiring medical evacuation.
5. Logistics. The account of this unit was prepared for an IG which was postponed due to the displacement of this unit to Phong Dien commencing 21 April. Supply support while in Phong Dien-Shawnee operations area was severely limited due to the unit's remote location. Work consisted primarily of getting the account into operating condition after the initial confusion resulting from the move. No other significant events occurred to affect the account and the logistics status of the unit remained satisfactory overall.

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## Extracts of mission from the S-3 Journal

Period 0001-2400 8 April 1967

1618 3 (S), (897267), 10 VC, Commanche, 155G, 10 HE, 4 VT, 10 KIA's, FS 604  
 1700 4 (S), (918410), Being hit, Eyelet, 8"H, 6 HE, None, FS 605  
 1850 5 (S), (998409), 3 VC, Eyelet, 8"H, 1 HE, target moved unable to observe, FS 606

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 Period 0001-2400 9 April 1967

0955 1 (S), (885263), 3VC, Commanche, 155G, 6 HE, 6 WP, VC dispersed, FS 607  
 1810 2 (N), (847827), Reg. Conc., Classmate, 155G, 2HE, rounds on target, FX 964  
 1830 3 (N), (845835), Sniper, Classmate, 155G, 7HE, good coverage of target, FX 955  
 1917 4 (S), (904252), 14 VC, Commanche, 155G, 7 WP, 24 HE, 24 VT, 6 KIA, 5 WIA confirmed, FS 608  
 2330 5 (N), (856833), Lights on hill, Classmate, 155G 10 HE, good coverage, FX 965

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 Period 0001-2400 10 April 1967

1050 1 (S), (965554), Reinforce Echo Btry in destruction of Village, Lopez "56", 8"H, 32 HE, 8 Houses destroyed, 10 damaged, 50 meter trench line destroyed, SE 630  
 1145 2 (S), (97205285), Reinforce Echo Btry in destruction of village, Lopez "56", 8"H, 32 HE, 6 houses destroyed, 5 damaged, 2 secondary fires, 100 meter trench line destroyed, SE 631  
 1730 3 (N), (856833), H&I will adjust, Classmate, 8"H, 4 HE, rounds on target, FX 965

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 Period 0001-2400 12 April 1967

1200 1 (S), (846349), Sniper fire at MEDIVAC, Casandra Bailey, 8"H, 14 HE, all rounds on target, FS 610

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 Period 0001-2400 13 April 1967

1022 1 (S), (840346), VC snipers, Casandra Bailey, 8"H, 22HE, rounds on target, FS 615  
 1047 2 (S), (89003455), Two squads of VC, Casandra Bailey, 8"H, 4HE, 6 Probable KIA's, FS 616

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 Period 0001-2400 14 April 1967

0250 1 (N), (837828), Suspected VC, Classmate, 155H 3 Ill, rounds on target, 1 round every 30 min., FX 011

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 Period 0001-2400 15 April 1967

1145 1 (S), (013382), 7 VC, Commanche, 155G, 1WP, 10 HE, 6 VT, 1 WIA, FS 627  
 1322 2 (S), (005378), 2 VC, Commanche, 155G 8 HE, No servailance, FS 625  
 1645 3 (S), (005378), 2 VC, Commanche, 8"H, 3 HE, 155G, 3 HE, 4 VT, VC moved out of area, FS 628  
 1915 4 (S), (952347), 4 VC, Charge Sheet, 155G, 1 WP, 7 HE, Rounds on target, FS 636

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 Period 0001-2400 16 April 1967

1435 1 (S), (003375), 2 VC, Commanche, 8"H, 7 HE, 2 KIA (Conf), 2 Huts destroyed, FS 628  
 1805 2 (S), (963319), 6 VC, Circumstance, 155G, 10 HE, 2 WP, 3 KIA's(Prob) FS 649

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 Period 0001-2400 17 April 1967

0650 1 (S), (013382), 2 VC, Commanche, 155G, 7 WP, 4 HE, VT, Good coverage of target, FS 654  
 1050 2 (S), (96453198), Regiment on road, charge sheet, 155G, 5 HE, Rounds on target, FS 663  
 1257 3 (S), (96453918), 4 VC, Charge sheet, 155G, 4 HE, 2 WP, Rounds on target, FS 663  
 1430 4 (S), (96583914), 1 VC, Charge sheet, 155G, 5HE, Direct hit, 1 KIA (Conf), FS 663  
 1330 5 (S), (00533782), Suspected 2 VC, Commanche, 155G, 2 HE, Good coverage, FS 655  
 1550 6 (S), (97233110), 1 VC, Circumstance, 155G, 1 HE, EOM due to rain, FS 662

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6. Civic Action. Activities curtailed due to unit placement.

7. Personnel. The Battery was at 83% T/O strength at the end of the reporting period. Shortages in the Battery are one (1) GySgt 0848, one (1) GySgt 2149, one (1) SSgt 2539, one (1) SSgt 2861, one (1) SSgt 3371, Five (5) Sgts 0811, four (4) Sgts 1316, one (1) Sgt 2144, three (3) Sgts 2151, one (1) Sgt 2511, one (1) Sgt 2531, three (3) Sgts 2533, one (1) Sgt 3041, two (2) Sgts 3516 and one (1) Sgt 5711. Twelve (12) marines participated in the R&R program and four (4) marines extended their tours in-country 6 months and took 30 days special leave. One (1) violation of article 134 and three (3) violations of article 92 and three (3) purple hearts awarded to members of this command during April.

8. Intelligence. 17 2355H Apr67 in An Hoa explosive device thrown into gun pit resulting in one (1) WIA. 21 2350H Apr67 in An Hoa explosive device thrown into perimeter resulted in one (1) WIA. 24 1100H Apr67 vehicle hit mine in Hue resulting in one (1) WIA.

9. Communications. No report.

10. Training. Troop indoctrination upon assignment to this unit covers unit mission orientation, indigenous personnel relationship orientation; civilian and military and security requirements verbal and correspondent. One (1) officer and two (2) enlisted attended Special Weapons training in Okinawa.

#### PART IV

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Extracts of Missions from the S-3 Journal

Period 0001-2400 1 April 1967

1644 1 (S), (955364), Reg. Conc., killer kane, 8"H. 2 HE, Replot, FS 558

Period 0001-2400 3 April 1967

1100 1 (S), (193504), Oreintation, Brisbane, 155G 2WP Could not observe, FS 571

1115 2 (S), (179492), Oreintation, Brisbane, 155G 1WP could not observe, FS 572

1250 3 (S), (815298), 2VC, Crewcut, 155G 5WP, 4 HE, good coverage of target, FS 573

Period 0001-2400 4 April 1967

0925 1 (S), (198473), Defense, Conc., Brisbane, 155G 3 WP, Rounds on target, FS 574

1730 2 (S), (799269), 2 VC, Crewcut, 155G 1 HE, Lost sight of round, FS 580

1755 3 (S), (800294), 2 VC, Crewcut, 155G 4 HE, rounds on target, FS 581

Period 0001-2400 5 April 1967

0420 1 (S), (85743748), 5 VC, Dreadful, 155G 8 HE, 2 Probable KIA's, FS 589

1145 2 (S), (856376), Reg. Conc., Dreadful, 155G 4 WP rounds on target, FS 589

1830 3 (S) (838327), (847323), Suspected 400 VC, Casandra Bailey, 8" H, 8 HE VT, Unobserved, FS 591

Period 0001-2400 6 April 1967

1530 1 (N), (875836), Suspected VC base camp, Pinefold "64", 155G, 20 HE, neg. surveillance, FS 955

Period 0001-2400 7 April 1967

1345 1 (N), (845835), Reg. Conc., Classroom, 155G, 3HE, Neg. Surveillance, FS 955

1730 2 (S), (975315), 5 VC, Crabtree, 155G, 12WP, 4 HE, Good coverage, Enemy dispersed, FS 601

Period 0001-2400 8 April 1967

1125 1 (S), (985305), Made contact with VC, Crabtree, 155G 1 HE, Mission no longer needed, FS 602

1500 2 (S), (879261), 5 VC, Commanche, 155G, 4WP, 10 HE, 3 VT, Rounds on target, FS 603

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Period 0001-2400 17 April 1967

- 1510 7 (S), (933302), 1 VC, Circumstance, 155G, 9 HE, VC moved out of target area, FS 666  
 1655 8 (S), (96583194), 3 VC, Charge Sheet, 155G, 6 HE, EOM Target bracketted, FS 663  
 1725 9 (S), (96373193), 2 VC, Charge Sheet, 155G, 3 HE, Unable to observe, FS 669  
 1715 10 (S), (96583194), 3 VC, Charge Sheet, 155G, 2 HE, EOM unable to observe, FS 663  
 1930 11 (S), (97233100), Lights in valley, Circumstance, 155G, 9 HE, Good coverage, could not observe effect due to fog & rain, FS 662

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 Period 0001-2400 18 April 1967

- 0818 1 (S), (96223192), 4 VC, Charge sheet, 155G, 6 HE, Rounds on target, FS 664  
 0942 2 (S), (972323), 2 VC, Circumstance, 155G, 3 WP, No surveillance, FS 674  
 1040 3 (S), (96443166), 8 VC, Charge sheet, 155G, 4 HE, Rounds in tree line, no surveillance, FS 678  
 1300 4 (S), (00533732), 4 VC, Commanche, 155G, 4 WP, 5 HE, Unable to observe due to fog, FS 655  
 1335 5 (S), (98202975), 2 VC, Circumstance, 155G, 7 HE, Good coverage of target, FS 676  
 1730 6 (S), (99423663), 2 VC, Commanche, 8"H, 18 HE, 7 VT, 2 KIA's, FS 677  
 1830 7 (S), (01263858), 15 VC, Commanche, 155G, 38 HE, 8"H, 24 HE, 1 KIA (Conf), FS 680  
 2010 8 (S), (00903669), 50 Cal. Machine Gun position, Commanche, 155G, 8 HE, 8"H, 1 HE, Good coverage of target, FS 682

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 Period 0001-2400 19 April 1967

- 0640 1 (S), (99333635), 3 VC, Commanche, 8"H, 9 HE, 4 VT, 3 KIA (Conf) FS 683  
 0710 2 (S), (996363), 6 VC, Commanche, 8"H, 55 HE, 26 VT, 12 CP, 4 KIA'S (Conf), 1 hut destroyed, FS 684  
 0930 3 (S), (959298), 5 VC, Circumstance, 155G, 4 WP, 3 HE, Good coverage of target, FS 688

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 Period 0001-2400 25 April 1967

- 1430 1 (N), (371179), Spar. Rpt. Tinge, 8"H, 9 HE, None, FX 801  
 1530 2 (N), (531145), Reg. Conc., Grape vine, 8"H, 5 HE, Good Shooting, FX 002

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 Period 0001-2400 26 April 1967

- 0730 1 (466173), VC Assembly area, Tinge, 8"H, 8 HE, None, CX 621  
 1045 2 (405155), Unknown number of VC, Summer sales, 8"H, 85 HE, Good coverage of target, FX 003

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 Period 0001-2400 27 April 1967

- 0800 1 (408152), VC movement, Summer sales, 8"H, 6 HE, Good coverage of target, could not observe; low ceiling, FX 004

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 Period 0001-2400 29 April 1967

- 1930 1 (Direct Front), (South), Counter mortar, Tinge, 8"H, 42 HE, No surveillance, FX 005.

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 Period 0001-2400 30 April 1967

- 1125 1 (517146), VC under canopy, Spring Wheat, 8"H, 17 HE, Excellent coverage of target, FX 006

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