

1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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CONFIDENTIALPART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) MAJ PAUL E. ROUSH 572976/2802 USMC

2. LOCATION

1 - 15 MAY 1967 CONSISTING OF SIX (6) 8" HOW. (SP) - PHONG DIEN

15 - 31 MAY 1967 CONSISTING OF SIX (6) 8" HOW. (SP) - CAM LO

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

OFF ENL
9 178OFF ENL
8 4PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

THE BATTERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 109 MISSIONS IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, EXPENDED 2717 ROUNDS 8" HE AND FIRED 303 HOWITZ.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT 3RD MARINE DIVISION.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

010001HMAY67 - 124001HMAY67 OPERATION SHAWNEE.

151300HMAY67 - 202400HMAY67 OPERATION HICKORY.

290001HMAY67 - 312400HMAY67 OPERATION PRAIRIE IV.

3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON ENEMY

0 KIA (CONF), 2 KIA (PROB), 0 WIA (CONF), 0 WIA (PROB).

4. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED NINE (9) BATTLE CASUALTIES RESULTING IN NINE (9) WIA, ONE OF WHICH REQUIRED MEDICAL EVACUATION.

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5. LOGISTICS THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION WITHIN THIS COMMAND CONTINUES TO IMPROVE WITH THE UNITS ARRIVAL IN THE DONG HA AREA. DURING THIS MONTH ONE M55 8" HOWITZER WAS DAMAGED BY MINES. IT'S RETURN TO ACTION IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON THE UNIT'S SUPPORTING ELEMENTS CAMP AT DONG HA WITH CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS BEING ACCOMPLISHED AT THE GUN POSITION NEAR CAM LO. THE DEADLINE RATE OF MOTOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT STANDS CURRENTLY AT 15% DUE TO THE EXTREME USE OF THESE VEHICLES DURING THIS MONTH. THE PROBLEMS ARE BEING WORKED ON AND SHOULD BE RECTIFIED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

6. CIVIC ACTION CURTAINED DUE TO UNIT DISPLACEMENT.

7. PERSONNEL THE BATTERY WAS AT 85% T/O STRENGTH AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

SHORTAGES IN THE BATTERY ARE:

2 LTS 0802

1 GYSGT 0848, 1 GYSGT 2149

1 SSGT 2939, 1 SSGT 2861, 1 SSGT 3371, 1 SSGT 3516

1 SGT 2144, 4 SGTS 0848, 3 SGTS 2155, 1 SGT 2511, 1 SGT 2531,

2 SGTS 2533

13 MARINES PARTICIPATED IN THE R&R PROGRAM. ONE VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 90, 91, TWO VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 134. ONE BRONZE STAR WITH COMBAT V, 3 PURPLE HEARTS WERE AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND.

8. INTELLIGENCE 090130HMAY67 QUANG TRI INCOMING MORTAR RESULTED IN ONE (1) KIA. 151100HMAY67 DONG HA MINE EXPLOSION ON 8" HOW (SP) IN CONVOY RESULTED IN EIGHT (8) KIA.

9. COMMUNICATIONS NO REPORT.

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10. **TRAINING:** TROOP INDOCTRINATION UPON ASSIGNMENT CONTINUES IN MISSION ORIENTATION INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL RELATIONSHIP & SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, VERBAL & CORRESPONDANT. A SECURITY DEBRIEFING PERIOD HAS BEEN SET UP FOR PERSONNEL GOING ON R&R AND ROTATING TO CONUS. ONE OFFICER & TWO ENLISTED WENT TO SPECIAL WEAPONS TRAINING ON OKINAWA THIS WITH THE JOINING OF 26 CADRE PERSONNEL RENDERS THIS AREA OF TRAINING RESPONSIBILITY EXCELLENT, ONE MARINE WENT TO NGO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ON OKINAWA.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM S-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 3 MAY 1967

1810 1 (619231), DEF. CONC., MUSTER "1", 3 HE, NEG. SUR. RC 202

1845 2 (610216), DEF. CONC., MUSTER "1", 4 HE, NEG. SUR. RC 203

PERIOD 0001-2400 6 MAY 1967

1900 1 (281304), VC NOISES, PILSNER "63", 17 HE, GOOD COVERAGE
OF TARGET, FX 014.

PERIOD 0001-2400 7 MAY 1967

2000 1 (285349), DEF. CONC., PILSNER "65", 6 HE, ROS ON TGT.
FX 015.2310 2 (282350), VC NOISES, PILSNER "63", 6 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF
TGT, FX 015.

PERIOD 0001-2400 8 MAY 1967

1700 1 (300348), SUSPECTED VC, POLISH, 18 HE, UNOBSERVED, PI 058

PERIOD 0001-2400 9 MAY 1967

0815 1 (306355), RECON FIRE SATURATION, POLISH, 15 HE, UNOBS., BUT
SOUNDED GOOD, PI 7131030 2 (358323), PREP FIRE, POLISH, 6 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT.
FX 017.1130 3 (306353), RECON BY FIRE, POLISH, 40 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF
TGT, PI 713.

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM S-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 10 MAY 1967

- 0930 1 (308344), RECON BY FIRE, PILSNER "63", 3 HE, NEG. SUR.,
FX 021.
- 0955 2 (318351), RECON BY FIRE, PILSNER "63", 5 HE, NEG. SUR.,
FX 022.
- 1050 3 (313346), RECON BY FIRE, PILSNER "63", 12 HE, GOOD COVER-
AGE OF TGT, FX023.
- 1135 4 (318353), RECON BY FIRE, PILSNER "63", 6 HE, NEG. SUR.,
FX 024.
- 1830 5 (304354), RECON BY FIRE, PILSNER "63", 1 HE, NEG. SUR.,
FX 025.

PERIOD 0001-2400 11 MAY 1967

- 1030 1 (326363), SUSPECTED VC POSITION, PILSNER "63" W, 1 HE,
NEG. SUR., FX 026.
- 1820 2 (286331), CONC. REG., AIMBRIDGE, 9 HE, NO SUR., FX061.
- 2100 3 (353322), SUPPLY OFFICE, RIDGEBEAM, "62", 14 HE, 2 PROB.
KIA (ELEPHANT), FX027.
- 2150 4 (254343), REG. CONC., AIMBRIDGE, 3 HE, NEG. SUR., FX 028.

PERIOD 0001-2400 12 MAY 1967

- 0740 1 (257349), HUTS ON RIDGELINE, AIMBRIDGE, 11 HE, GOOD COVER-
AGE OF TGT, FX 039.
- 0850 2 (236337), VC IN TREELINE, AIMBRIDGE, 2 HE, NEG. SUR., NO061.
- 1105 3 (253344), NOISES, AIMBRIDGE, 11 HE, NOISES STOPPED, NO 064.
- 1700 4 (265347), REG. CONC., SPRING WHEAT "2", 1 HE, RD ON TGT,
FX 041.
- 1725 5 (26053414), AIMBRIDGE SURROUNDED BY VC, 6 HE, EOM, VC TO CLASH,
FX042.

EXTRACTS OF MISSILES FROM 6-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 13 MAY 1967

0700 1 (267426), REG. CONC., SPRING WHEAT "2", 2 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, FX 043.

0845 2 (329337), REG. CONC., SPRING WHEAT "2", 1 HE, THANKS ALOT, FX044.

1030 3 (270435), REG. CONC., SPRING WHEAT "2", 3 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, FX045.

PERIOD 0001-2400 14 MAY 1967

0935 1 (367365), RECON BY FIRE, PILSENER "62", 9 HE, UNOB., FX046.

1640 2 (367365), RECON BY FIRE, PILSENER "62", 2 HE, UNOB., FX047.

PERIOD 0001-2400 16 MAY 1967

0215 1 (127718), BUNKER, PARK GREEN, 3 HE, UNOB., FX050.

0415 2 (144715), BUNKER, PARK GREEN, 3 HE, UNOB., FX051.

1225 3 (126712), BUNKERS, PARK GREEN, 3 HE, UNOB., CONC. #7125.

1230 4 (142726), BUNKERS, PARK GREEN, 6 HE, UNOB., CONC. #7127.

PERIOD 0001-2400 17 MAY 1967

0445 1 (120680, 120680, 120680, 120680), FREE FIRE, WAGONMASTER, 48 HE, EOM, BX075.

1435 2 (124688), VC FO POSITION, OLDFIELD "22", 19 HE, 1 OP DES., FX058.

1905 3 (126722), VC MACH. GUN., CATKILLER, "47", 13 HE, GOOD SHOOTING, FX053.

PERIOD 0001-2400 18 MAY 1967

0310 1 (183746), MORTARS FIRING, PARK GREEN, 4 HE, UNOB., FX054.

0840 2 (052473, 092751, 090747, 093765, 095703, 094759), FREE FIRE, PARK GREEN, 18 HE, UNOB., FX055.

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PERIOD 0001-2400 18 MAY 1967

1030 3 (122722), PREP FIRE, MONEY "22", 15 HE, UNOB, ECM, MO 682.

PERIOD 0001-2400 19 MAY 1967

1050 1 (129739), SUSPECTED MORTAR POSITION, MONEY "22", 46 HE, UNOB, FX 085.

1920 2 (109663), MORTAR BUNKER, OLDFIELD "62", 1 HE, CHECK FIRE, FRIENDLY'S IN AREA, FX 036.

PERIOD 0001-2400 20 MAY 1967

2330 1 (123740, 127755, 137768, PREP FIRE, MONEY "22", 77 HE, UNOB, FX 037.

1400 2 (106662), ENEMY BUNKER, OLDFIELD "62", 7 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, FX 091.

1145 5 (155730, 155757), VC BATTALION IN THE OPEN, PATERNITY, 7 HE, UNOB, HY 535.

0845 4 (109668), ENEMY BUNKERS, OLDFIELD "62", 82 HE, 22 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 10 DAMAGED, FX 036.

PERIOD 0001-2400 21 MAY 1967

0705 1 (14837435), BUNKERS & WACK, QUANG PHUONG "62", 77 HE, EXCELLENT COVERAGE, FX 034.

1030 2 (152771), PREP FIRE, PATERNITY, 6 HE, UNOB, FX 095.

1600 3 (100657), NVA POSITION CONFIRMED, OLDFIELD "62", 35 HE, UNOB, FX 096.

PERIOD 0001-2400 22 MAY 1967

2200 1 (100557), NVA POSITION CONFIRMED, OLDFIELD "62", 37 HE, UNOB, FX 097.

2258 2 (158071), PREP FIRE, PIED PIPER, 15 HE, UNOB, FX 097.

0700 3 (155701), PREP FIRE, PIED PIPER, 6 HE, UNOB, FX 098.

0720 4 (149723), PREP FIRE, PILSENER "62", 21 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, FX 095.

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM G-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 22 MAY 1967

- 2200 5 (039642), ZONE FIRE, OLDFIELD "12", 25 HE, UNOB, FX 100.
 2100 6 (155665), FORTIFIED POSITION, PILSNER "62", 9 HE, FX 101.
 2327 7 (140773), ENEMY BUNKER, PARK GREEN, 10 HE, UNOB, HZ 564.

PERIOD 0001-2400 23 MAY 1967

- 0015 1 (155666), NVA BUNKER, PIED PIPER, 30 HE, UNOB, FX 102.
 0545 2 (155664), NVA BUNKER, PIED PIPER, 30 HE, UNOB, FX 102.
 0755 3 (137721), SUSPECTED BUNKER CONC., GREY REBEL "24", 8 HE, EOM, FX 105.
 1030 4 (091655), NVA BUNKER SYSTEM, ST. ROBERT "22", 10 HE, UNOB, FX 104.
 1515 5 (155665), ENEMY BUNKER, PILSNER "62", 14 HE, EOM, FX 105.
 1810 6 (12507775), SUSPECTED ARTY POSITION, PARK GREEN, 30 HE, UNOB, HW 227.
 2200 7 (083757), ENEMY CONC., REINFORCING FIRE FOR PIED PIPER, 9 HE, UNOB, FX 106.

PERIOD 0001-2400 25 MAY 1967

- 1145 1 (092650), NVA BUNKER & TRENCH SYSTEM, OLDFIELD "22", 32 HE, BUNKERS & TRENCHES DESTROYED, FX 107.
 1220 2 (058573), NVA ROCKETT POSITION, MONKEY "61-AP", 10 HE, TWO SEQUENTIAL EXPLOSIONS, FX 108.
 1525 3 (09206511), ENEMY DUG IN DEEP, OLDFIELD "64", 20 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, 10 592.

PERIOD 0001-2400 26 MAY 1967

- 1700 1 (065693), ROCKETT POSITION, TODAY "64", 5 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, FX 125.
 1940 2 (065693), SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION, TODAY "64", 12 HE, RDS ON TGT, FX 122.

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PERIOD 0001-2400 26 MAY 1967

2345 3 (063659), BUNKERS & HOLES OCCUPIED, DIED PIPER, 52 HE, UNOB, FX 142.

2345 4 (063659, 063659, 064697), BUNKERS & HOLES OCCUPIED, DIED PIPER, 52 HE, UNOB, FX 143.

2345 5 (076659), BUNKERS & HOLES OCCUPIED, DIED PIPER, 82 HE, UNOB, FX 144.

PERIOD 0001-2400 27 MAY 1967

1453 1 (160710, 070715), PREP FIRE, STARBOARD "22", 122 HE, UNOB, HY 151.

PERIOD 0001-2400 28 MAY 1967

0520 1 (050672), PREP FIRE, TODAY "22", 12 HE, UNOB, HY 562.

0520 2 (050672), PREP FIRE, TODAY "22", 12 HE, UNOB, HY 553.

0520 3 (050672), PREP FIRE, TODAY "22", 12 HE, UNOB, HY 554.

0520 4 (050672), PREP FIRE, TODAY "22", 12 HE, UNOB, HY 571.

1655 5 (050656), ROCKETTS & MORTAR POSITION, PARK GREEN, 20 HE, UNOB, HY 552.

1910 6 (040630), ACTIVE ROCKETTS & MORTAR, PARK GREEN, 15 HE, UNOB, HY 554.

2150 7 (050601), MVA DUNKER, TODAY "25", 3 HE, RDS ON TOT, FX 145.

PERIOD 0001-2400 29 MAY 1967

1010 1 (070750), SUSPECTED MVT POSITION, PARK GREEN, 9 HE, UNOB, HY 543.

1205 2 (084750), MVA POSITION, PARK GREEN, 10 HE, UNOB, HY 545.

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PERIOD 0001-2400 29 MAY 1967

1205 3 (081753), NVA POSITION, DARK GREEN, 16 HE, UNOB, HW 2419.

PERIOD 0001-2400 30 MAY 1967

0800 1 (156752), BUNKERS, PATERNITY, 16 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TGT, FX 152.

1105 2 (173754), ARTY POSITION, PATERNITY, 17 HE, UNOB, FX 153.

2000 3 (051632), NVA FORTIFIED BUNKERS, TODAY #221, 32 HE, EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TGT, HW 597.

PERIOD 0001-2400 31 MAY 1967

0655 1 (05126826), NVA IN BUNKER, TODAY #221, 27 HE, SUR., TO FOLLOW, HW 597.

0920 2 (12947773), BUNKERS, TODAY #221, 22 HE, UNOB, FX 154.