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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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3 April 1968

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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CO, 12th Marines

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDERMajor W. G. SMITH JR  
076271/08022. LOCATION

1-31 March 1968 Two 8" How (M110) at C-1 RVN  
 1-31 March 1968 Two 8" How (M110) at C-2 RVN  
 1-31 March 1968 Two 8" How (M110) at C-3 RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
8	186

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	4

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This unit fired a total of 101 observed missions and 283 unobserved missions in general support of the 3d Marine Division, expending 3,767 rounds of HE M106 and 3 rounds of projectile M404.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

1. Operation Kentucky
2. Operation Lancaster II
3. Operation High Rise
4. Operation Saline II
5. Operation Hedge Shed

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 45 KIA Confirmed
2. 50 MIA Confirmed
3. 37 Secondary Explosions
4. 2 Artillery Pieces Destroyed
5. 3 AA Weapons Destroyed

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- 6. 2 AA Weapons Damaged
- 7. 5 Gun Positions Destroyed
- 8. 23 Bunkers Destroyed
- 9. 9 Bunkers Damaged
- 10. 4 Buildings Destroyed
- 11. 160 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
- 12. 1 Sampan Destroyed
- 13. 5 Rafts Destroyed
- 14. 4 Rafts Damaged
- 15. 10 Fighting Holes Destroyed
- 16. 2 Wooden Decoy Track Vehicles Destroyed
- 17. 15-20 Supply Barrels Destroyed
- 18. 2 Pack Animals KIA

**D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED**

One (1) Minor WIA

**E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED**

None

**F. COM AND RELATIONS**

No Comment

**G. EQUIPMENT**

The 8" Howitzer (M110) continues to function satisfactorily. Two problem areas were encountered with the traversing mechanism. Some of the Motor Transport problems have been eliminated by the receipt of five M54A2 vehicles. Engineer equipment has gone into the critical stage with one combat loss and one third echelon deadline of M64 EINGO tractors. At present, seventeen vehicles are deadlined for 3d echelon or higher repairs. All M110 Howitzers were electronically calibrated by a contact calibration team from the 177th Ordnance Detachment (Ballistic and Technical Service) U. S. Army.

**H. LOGISTICS**

The Logistical situation of the Battery is satisfactory. Since last report we have received the above mentioned M54A2 vehicles, but have yet to receive any 2½ ton Multifuel vehicles. We are experiencing difficulty with M110 2d and 3d echelon parts. Our requisition receipt rate stands at 10% for all requisitions submitted since September. No NORS, O2 or O5 requisitions have been filled. The Force

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Logistic Command and Commanding Officer, 12th Marines have been informed.

I. CIVIC ACTION

No Comment

J. ADMINISTRATION

No administration difficulties were encountered during this reporting period. Updating and rewriting of all Battery Orders neare completion.

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery has joined 11 and dropped 10 causing a personnel operating percentage of 87%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications remain on a satisfactory level.

N. WEATHER

Slightly overcast weather was encountered during the first half of the month. The latter half consisted of sunny, clear weather.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

Not Applicable

P. AIR SUPPORT

Not Applicable

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

None

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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