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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
3d Marine Division, F.M.F.  
APO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968

Ref: (a) MOO 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)

COMMANDER

Major W. G. SLITH JR

073274/0802

1 April - 27 April

Major F. L. CAPIN

077623/0802/0430

28 April - 30 April

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 April 1968 two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-1 RVN

1 - 30 April 1968 two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-2 RVN

1 - 30 April 1968 two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-3 RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	190

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	4

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This unit fired a total of 72 observed missions and 392 unobserved missions in general support of the 3d Marine Division, expending 3890 rounds of HE M106.

## 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

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**DECLASSIFIED**C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 4 KIA Confirmed
2. 32 MIA Confirmed
3. 4 Secondary Explosions
4. 1 Tank Destroyed
5. 1 Artillery Position Destroyed
6. 2 Motors Destroyed
7. 32 Bunkers Destroyed
8. 14 Bunkers Damaged
9. 3 Structures Destroyed
10. 5 Structures Damaged
11. 2 Sampans Destroyed
12. 4 Sampans Damaged
13. 1 Rice Cache destroyed
14. 105 Meters of Trenchline destroyed
15. 2 Pack Animals KIA

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

One (1) MIA (Minor)

E. NET TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

NONE

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

NO COMMENT

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8" Howitzer (M110) continues to function satisfactorily. The Motor Transport problem is continuing to decrease with the return of two M37 vehicles from 4th echelon maintenance. At present, twelve vehicles are deadlined for 3rd echelon or higher repair. Engineer equipment is still at the critical stage with the combat loss and third echelon repair of two M64 Binco Tractors. The retriever is now operable after the installation of a new transmission and rebuilt engine.

H. LOGISTICS

The logistics situation is satisfactory. Resupply of our three firing positions and one support area is being accomplished without major difficulties.

Supply support for the M-110 is not satisfactory. Items ordered by FLC for this unit by NORS requisition have all been received from LCSC Barstow indicating that there are no like items in West Pac.

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NO COMMENT

J. ADMINISTRATION

No administration difficulties were encountered during this reporting period. Personnel Accounting percentage error for this month was 0.0% error. All Battery Orders have been completed.

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery has joined 11 and dropped 6 causing a personnel operating percentage of 88%. The Officer situation is becoming grave with the rotation of 4 of the Battery Officers during early May, and no replacements realized as yet. A cadre is scheduled for replacement sometime in May, but will be replacing two cadres that are rotating. If the cadre system is to be continued it is suggested that enough lead time be given for adequate replacement.

L. INTELLIGENCE

NO COMMENT

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Communication remains on a satisfactory level.

N. WEATHER

Slightly overcast weather was encountered during the first half of the month. The later 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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