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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

3d Marine Division, MAF

San Francisco 96008

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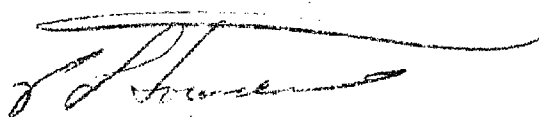
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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, MAF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 February to 28 February 1969

Ref: (a) MOC 5750.2A
(b) FMV Pac 5750.8Encl: ✓(1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology
✓(2) Supporting Documents (Originated Messages) copies 1 and 2 only

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.


P. L. TOWNSEND

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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
Marine Division, 1st F
San Francisco 96002

COMMAND CONCISE
1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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PART I

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ADDITIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (S)

COMMANDER

Capt. P. L. TORSEND
 CR7362/0802
 1 February 1969 to
 28 February 1969

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (Y110) at A-2
 Gio Linh, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (Y110) at Elliot
 Combat Base, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (Y110) at Con Thien,
 RVN

Battery Headquarters

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFF
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The Vietnamese Tet passed without incident but the post-Tet attacks did increase the amount of firing by the platoons during the last week of the month. "F" Platoon did take one 122mm rocket in its position during an NVA attack by fire on Elliot Combat Base on 25 Feb. Damage was limited to one trailer and the CO's jeep.

The majority of the fire missions fired by "A" and "C" Platoons was bunkers in the southern half of the DZ.

The Maintenance Crew maintained "six guns up" throughout the month with only minor exceptions.

Construction in the rear continued.

The third Battery galley was established at Con Thien and is feeding approximately 300 men (majority are infantrymen from the 3rd Marines). The Battery galley at Gio Linh is feeding approximately 125 men ("A" Platoon and all other American Forces there). The galley at Elliot Combat Base is feeding "B" Platoon and 12 personnel from a U.S. Army Buster Platoon.

During the month of February, the howitzers of this battery fired 82 observed missions, and 233 unobserved missions, expending 3738 rounds of 1106 (15) and 180 rounds of 1404 (45).

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSION ASSISTANCE

General Support of the Third Marine Division

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

Operation Kentucky
Operation Highrise
Operation Scotland II

C. CASUALTIES INFlicted BY THE ENEMY

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. 42 Bunkers Destroyed | 11. 1 .50 Cal Machine Gun Destroyed |
| 2. 26 Bunkers Damaged | 12. 1 .50 Cal Machine Gun Damaged |
| 3. 2 Bunkers Closed | 13. 1 Flag Destroyed |
| 4. 8 Huts Destroyed | 14. 1 Round Destroyed |
| 5. 3 Cave Entrances Damaged | 15. 1 Round Damaged |
| 6. 1 Sampan Destroyed | 16. 4 Fighting Holes Destroyed |
| 7. 24 Secondary Explosions | 17. 123 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed |
| 8. 1 Secondary Fire | 18. 3 KIA's (Probable) |
| 9. 4 Rocket Positions Destroyed | 19. Undetermined amount of KIA's |
| 10. 1 Automatic Weapons Position Destroyed | Sighted by Colorado "1" on |
| | 28 Feb 1969. |

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None

E. MAINTENANCE

None

F. COMBINED RELATIONS

N/A

G. ROUTE SET

The Battery's howitzers are now in good repair. At no time during the month was one down for more than 24 hours. On 26 Feb., the Battery was notified that it would receive three new M54A2 5-Ton Multifuel Trucks through the MAB program.

H. LOGISTICS

No Problems

I. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Corpsmen conducted 3 Podcaps, treating 105 Vietnamese Nationals.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery joined 1 officer and 7 enlisted and dropped 1 officer and 19 enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of officers is 88% and, of enlisted, 91%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problems

N. WEATHER

Hot and dry the first three weeks of the month, cold and wet the last week.

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N/A

9. AIR SUPPORT

N/A

10. ACTIVATIONS / DEACTIVATIONS / REDESIGNATIONS

N/A

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

SIGNATURE	DTG	SUBJECT
✓ 1st Lt How Btry (SP)	020600Z Feb 69	Report of Accidental Discharge
✓ 1st Lt How Btry (SP)	030510Z Feb 69	Combat Losses
✓ 1st Lt How Btry (SP)	020910Z Feb 69	Misc Report of Misc Accident
✓ 1st Lt How Btry (SP)	210430Z Feb 69	25th Division Personal Response Course
✓ 1st Lt How Btry (SP)	242220Z Feb 69	Status of Grenade Launcher 179

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P 020800Z FEB 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

BT

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REPORT OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE

A. DIVO 5100.11A

1. 2 FEB 69 0000

2. 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

3. ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

4. CON THIEU RVN

5. (5) FE 4 225944 USMC

6. (4) F

7. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE .45 CALIBER WEAPON INFLECTING WOUND TO
RIGHT LEG TIME IN COUNTRY 14 MONTHS LAST SAFETY INSTRUCTION WAS

30 SEP 68

8. UNK

9. NONE

10. NONE

BT

TOD: 020901Z/FEB 69/TT-03/RRE

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN: 014

8"

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P 020810Z FEB 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

HAS BEEN SENT

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

CON: 013

BT

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8th HOW BTRY

MISC REPORT OF MISC ACCIDENT

ADJ

A. DAVO 5100.11A

1. 2 FEB 69 1210

2. 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

3. MISC ACCIDENT

4. CON THIEF RYN

5. (4) B 21/2660 USMC

6. (4)F

7. ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION OF UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE
INFLECTING MULTIPLE WOUNDS TO FACE AND EYES, WHILE
BURNING TRASH

8. UNK

9. NONE

10. NONE

BT

TOD: 020900Z/FEB 69/TT-02/RRE

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ZNY EEEEE
R 030910Z FEB 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES
BT
UNCLAS E F T O
(SC-4)
COMBAT LOSSES
A. DIVO 4400.16
1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), A NEGATIVE REPORT IS
SUBMITTED.

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN: 022

85

ADJ

BT
TOD: 031000Z/FEB 69/TT-04/RRE

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R 210400Z FEB 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) 8"

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

ADJ

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

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25TH DIVISION PERS RESP COURSE

A. YOUR MSG 170140Z FEB 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION IS
HEREBY

SUBMITTED.

A. 1STPT DONALD C. ROBERTSON 0102528 USMC

BT

TOD: 210820Z FEB 69 TT-04 DWM PAGE 1 OF 1

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ZNY EEEEE HAS BEEN SENT
 R 241220Z FEB 69
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) CON 198
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV ADD
 //REQUEST RELEASE// 8

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO CG FORLOGCOM
 IN-O TWELFTH MARINES
 FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
 BT
 UNCLAS E F T O
 ATTN MC 100
 1. ON 9049 THIS UNIT RECEIVED A CONTAINER WITH 1348-1 AS FOLLOWS
 ASI/MC11/1/1010 891 1384/EA/000004/M21270/3044 12032/0/NK/C/VLNK/BLNK/
 894/11/1/1/AA13/BLNK/
 ITEMS RECEIVED WERE BATTERY, STORAGE BB-64070 FSN 6140 301 5305 QTY 3
 INSTEAD OF THE REQUESTED LAUNCHER GRENADE 40MM X M73
 TON 5205 124 5911 (FEDERAL STOCK NUMBER)
 PROCESS DATE 9041
 REQUEST STATUS OF LAUNCHER GRENADE 40MM X M73
 BT
 TOJ 241250Z/TT09/JLA PAGE 1 OF 1 241220Z FEB 69

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