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(b) FMF FacO 5750.8Encl: (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology
(2) Supporting Documents (Originated Messages) copies 1 and 2 only

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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
3d Marine Division, FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDERS

Capt P. L. TOWNSEND
087362/0802
1 March 1969 to
25 March 1969

Major K. E. SOESBE
071960/0802/5715
26 March 1969 to
31 March 1969

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 March to 31 March 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-2
Gio Linh, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 March to 31 March 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Elliot
Combat Base, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 March to 31 March 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Con Thien,
RVN

Battery Headquarters

1 March to 31 March 1969 - Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

OFF
9

ENL
176

USN

OFF
0

ENL
8

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The majority of the fire missions fired by "A" and "C" Platoons were against bunkers in the southern half of the DMZ.

The Maintenance Crew maintained five guns "up" throughout most of the month.

Construction in the Battery Rear continued.

Battery galleys at Gio Linh, Con Thien, and Elliot Combat Base continued to feed 1st 8" and other personnel.

During the month of March, the howitzers of this battery fired 90 observed missions, and 436 unobserved missions, expending 3,733 rounds of M106 (HE) and 19 rounds of M404 (HE).

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED

General Support of the Third Marine Division

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

Operation HIGHRISE

Operation MONTANA MAULER

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 43 Bunkers Destroyed
2. 25 Bunkers Damaged
3. 17 Secondary Explosions
4. 3 Bunkers Uncovered
5. 4 KIA's
6. 3 Probable KIA's
7. 11 Hooches Destroyed
8. 2 Foot Bridges Destroyed
9. 4 Fighting Holes Destroyed
10. 13 Rocket Sites Destroyed
11. 2 Trails Cut
12. 1 Automatic Weapons Position Destroyed
13. 1 Sampan Destroyed
14. 150 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
15. Numerous Small Arms Ammunition Destroyed
16. Many Small Arms Neutralized

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D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

None

E. NEW TECHNIQUES

None

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

N/A

G. EQUIPMENT

Due to the lack of 3d and 4th Echelon parts, two howitzers remained combat deadlined for a two week period.

H. LOGISTICS

No Problems

I. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Corpsemen conducted 5 Medcaps, treating 437 Vietnamese Nationals.

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery joined 2 officers and 4 enlisted and dropped 1 officer and 10 enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of officers is 81% and, of enlisted, 92%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comments

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problems

N. WEATHER

Alternated weather conditions - hot and humid the 1st and 3rd weeks, damp and cool the 2d and 4th weeks.

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PART III (continued)

O. FIRE SUPPORT

N/A

P. AIR SUPPORT

N/A

O. ACTIVATIONS / DEACTIVATIONS / REDESIGNATIONS

N/A

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	030240Z Mar 69	Combat Losses
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	030540Z Mar 69	Combat Losses
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	070103Z Mar 69	Radio Set AN/ARC-77
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	070735Z Mar 69	Attn MG 100 Special Projects
		Milstrip Requisitions
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	070740Z Mar 69	Attn MG 100 Special Projects
		Milstrip Requisitions
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	160010Z Mar 69	Negative Reply to 3d MarDiv Msg
		110422Z
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	290830Z Mar 69	Emergency Leave: Case of Pfc
		Freddie Johnson 2443303 USMC
✓ 1st 8" How Btry (SP)	291040Z Mar 69	Location of Personnel S.D. Butler

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R 030201Z MAR 69

FM FIRST 81ST INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
INFO TWELFTH MARINES

HAS BEEN SENT

BT

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(SC-4)

CON: 060

ADJ

8"

COMBAT LOSSES (1ST 81MM HOWITZER BATTERY)

A. DIV 4441-75

1. IAW REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING COMBAT LOSSES ARE REPORTED
FOR THE PERIOD 1 FEB 1969 TO 23 FEB 1969

ITEM

QTY

CAUSE

TRUCK 145420

1

LAND MINE

TEST SET ELECTRON TUBE TV-77J

1

FRAGMENTS

BT

TOD: 060300Z/MAR 69/TT-02/FRE

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H A S B E E N S E N T

CON; 016

ZNY EEEEE

R 030500Z MAR 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

ADJ

TO CG THIRD MARDIV.

INFO 2ND/TWELFTH MARINES

8"

BT

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(SC-4)

COMBAT LOSSES (1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY)

A-1 DIVO 4400-16

1-11AW REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING COMBAT LOSSES ARE REPORTED FOR
THE PERIOD 0001H 3 FEB TO 2400H 2 MAR 1969

ITEM	QTY	CAUSE
TRUCK M-54A2C	1	LAND MINE
TEST SET ELECTRON TUBE TV-7A	1	FRAGMENTS

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TOD: 030525Z MAR 69 TT-05 CAF PAGE ONE OF ONE

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R 070115Z MAR 69
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TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO TWELTH MARINES
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ATTN: (SC-13)
REF YOUR R 010122Z MAR 69
RADIO SET IN/ARC-77
1. NONE ON HAND
2. NONE ON HAND
BT
TOD: 070512Z/MAR 69/TT-06/PRE

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CCN: 049

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070105Z

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R 070735Z MAR 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

CCN 055

HAS BEEN SENT

1ST 8th

REQUEST RELEASE

ADJ

FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO CG FOR LOG COMD

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

BT

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ATTN MC 100 SPECIAL PROJECTS

REF (A) YOUR MSG 071822Z

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REQUISITIONS ARE
SUBMITTED

MILSTRIP REQUISITIONS

1. A01/MC1/T/1220 977 0957 /EA/0001/M21273/9066/3033/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

2. A01/MC1/T/1220 977 0958 /EA/0001/M2173/9066/3034/N/BLNK/C/VQ/BLNK

892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

3. A01/MC1/T/1220 977 0959 /EA/0001/M21273/9066/3036/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

4. A01/MC1/T/1220 977 0962 /EA/0001/M21273/9066/3037/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

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R 170740Z MAR 69

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

CCN 056

HAS BEEN SENT

1ST 8"

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV

HO BTRY

TO CG FORLOGCOM

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

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ATTN MC 100 SPECIAL PROJECTS

REF (A) YOUR MSG 071822Z FEB 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) THE FOLLOWING REQUISITIONS ARE
SUBMITTED

MILSTRIP REQUISITIONS

1. A01/M01/T/1220 952 8381/EA/00001/M21270/9066/3028/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

2. A01/M01/T/1220 973 2142/EA/00001/M21270/9066/3029/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

3. A01/M01/T/1220 977 0952/EA/00001/M21270/9066/3030/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

4. A01/M01/T/1220 977 0953/EA/00001/M21270/9066/3031/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

5. A01/M01/T/1220 977 0956/EA/00001/M21270/9066/3032/N/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK/

BT

TOD 081230Z/TT12/HM

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 R 160010Z MAR 69
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES
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 ATTN: SC-10
 CG THIRD MARDIV 110422Z MAR 69
 CG FORLOGCOMD 051636Z MAR 69 NOT HELD
 1. INEG REPLY SUBMITTED.
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H A S B E E N S E N T

CCN 117

8th

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P 291040Z MAR 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN 231

REQUEST RELEASE

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TO CAMP S D BUTLER
INFO FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
TWELFTH MARINES

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ATTN: TRANSIENT PERS

LOC OF PERS

1. IT IS REQUESTED THIS COMMAND BE NOTIFIED IF FOLLOWING PERS IN
A TRANSIENT STATUS.

SSGT ALVIN J. HILL 1443848 USMC

PFC JOHN W. FITZPATRICK 2317304 USMC

LCPL DAVID T. GIBSON 2326915 USMC

NEG REPORT REQUESTED

BT

TOD 291300Z/TT-10/RDN

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291040Z MAR 69

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O 290830Z MAR69

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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REQUEST RELEASE

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO COMMANDING OFFICER USMC-RS INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

INFO FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

TWELFTH MARINES

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

EMERG LV: CASE OF PFC FREDIE. JOHNSON 2443303 USMC

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PFC JOHNSON, PRESENTLY ON EMERG LV,
2103 N. KESSLER BLVD., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA BE NOTIFIED THAT HIS
REQUEST FOR A 7 DAY EXTENSION OF EMERG LV HAS BEEN APPROVED
AND SHOULD ADJUST HIS RETURN DATE ACCORDINGLY.

2. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT PFC JOHNSON BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS
MESSAGE AS AUTHORITY FOR THE 7 DAY EXTENSION.

BT

TOR: 290900Z MAR 69 TT-07 DWM PAGE 1 OF 1 290830Z MAR

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