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1ST 8" HOW (SP)
CONTROL # 69-0018

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

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April to 30 April 1969

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

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

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

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788 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDER

Major K. E. SOESBE
 071960/0802/5715
 1 April 1969 to
 30 April 1969

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 April to 30 April 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-2
 Gio Linh, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 April to 10 April 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at
 Elliot Combat Base, RVN

11 April to 15 April 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at
 Khe Sanh, RVN

16 April to 30 April 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at
 Elliot Combat Base, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 April to 30 April 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at
 Con Thien, RVN

Battery Headquarters

1 April to 30 April 1969 - Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSN

OFF
9

ENL
183

OFF
0

ENL
8

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

"B" Platoon moved from the Rockpile to Khe Sanh for a period of 4 days in support of TASK FORCE RAMAGEN from 11 April to 15 April. The Maintenance Crew averaged five guns "up" during the month. Construction continued in the Battery Rear.

During the month of April, the howitzers of this battery fired 136 observed missions, and 301 unobserved missions, expending 4375 rounds of M106 (HE) and 18 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 HUI RESE

Operation "CONTAINA MAUIER

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 192 Bunkers Destroyed
2. 72 Bunkers Damaged
3. 16 Secondaries
4. 34 Cultivated Fields Destroyed
5. 1 Cultivated Field Damaged
6. 1 Landing Zone Cleared
7. 1 50 Cal Position Destroyed
8. 1325 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
9. 18 Structures Destroyed
10. 1 12.7 AA Gun Silenced
11. 12 Fighting Holes Destroyed
12. 2 Trails Damaged
13. 7 Bunkers Exposed
14. 1 Cave 1/2 Shut
15. 6 KIA's
16. 8 Probable KIA's
17. 1 Automatic Weapon Destroyed
18. 1 NVA Flag Destroyed
19. 10-15 Boxes of Ammo Destroyed
20. 10-15 Boxes of Supplies Destroyed

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PART III (continued)

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

None

E. NEW TECHNIQUES

None

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

N/A

G. EQUIPMENT

Lack of parts for the M110 Howitzer continue to be a major problem.

Two EHCOS are deadlined and are awaiting 3d and 4th Echelon parts.

Seven trucks are deadlined and in for repair at FISO-B.

H. LOGISTICS

No Problems

I. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Company conducted 4 medcaps, treating 557 Vietnamese Nationals.

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery joined 0 officers and 17 enlisted and dropped 0 officers and 11 enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of officers is 88% and, of enlisted, 96%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comments

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problems

N. WEATHER

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PART III (continued)

O. WRE SUPPORT

N/A

P. AIR SUPPORT

N/A

Q. ACTIVATIONS / DEACTIVATIONS / REDESIGNATIONS

N/A

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	020330Z Apr69	Supply Shipping Mistake
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	030915Z Apr69	Transient Personnel
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	050900Z Apr69	Combat Losses
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	050130Z Apr69	Emergency Leave LCpl Gregory
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	080100Z Apr69	Supply Shipping Mistake
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	090115Z Apr69	Milstrip Requisition
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	261315Z Apr69	ATTN: SC-10
✓ 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	290730Z Apr69	ATTN: SC-10

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R 020330Z APR 69

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

H A S B E E N S E N T

CCN; 021

(REQ REL)

ADJ

g*

FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO CG FORLOGCOM

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN MC100

1. CONTAINER RECEIVED WITH 1348-1 ON 9091 VIA MAIL SHIPMENT CONTAINED

(1)

PUMP BUCKET LUBRICATING (7149 SERIES MANUFACTURED BY ALEMITE

DIVISION NO FEDERAL STOCK NUMBER AVAILABLE) INSTEAD OF REQUISITIONED ITEM

RECHARGING UNIT

M4306 FSN 3655-174-0360

SHIPPED FROM MMR 100 SHIPPED TO 21270

NOMENCLATURE RECHARGING UNIT M4306

QUANTITY RECEIVED 0

REQUEST STATUS

BT

TOD: 020400Z APR 69

TT-05

CAF

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ZNY 32222

P 030945Z APR 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIVHAS BEEN SENTADJ
8th

/REQUEST RELEASE//

FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO CG MARCORS CAMP BUTLER

INFO FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

TWELFTH MARINES

UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN: TRANSJET PERS

LOC OF PERS

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

SGT ALVIN J. HILL 1443848 USMC DD 26 FEB 68 EMLV

PFC JOHN W. FITZPATRICK 2317324 USMC DD 7 FEB 68 SPLV

LOPL DAVID T. GIBSON 2326215 USMC DD 17 FEB 68 SPLV

REG REPORT REQUESTED

BT

TOD 031010Z/TT05/JLA

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030945Z APR 69

ZNY: EEEEE
R 050900Z APR 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW ARTY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
BT

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN 055

ADJ

800

UNCLAS E F I O
(SC-4)

COMBAT LOSSES

ADJ DIO 4400.16

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED.
FOR THE PERIOD 1 MARCH TO 31 MARCH 1969.

BT

TOD: 050900Z/APR 69/TT-09/RRE

ZNY EETEE
O 050130Z APR 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN 048
ADJ
8"

(REQ REL)

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO USMC-RS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

EMERG LV. CASE OF L/CPL EDWARD F. GREGORY 2404746 USMC
1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT L/CPL GREGORY, PRESENTLY ON EMERG LV.
128 VOIGHT PL., GRANITE CITY, ILL. BE NOTIFIED THAT HIS REQUEST
FOR A 10 DAY EXTENSION OF EMERG LV HAS BEEN APPROVED AND SHOULD
ADJUST HIS RETURN DATE ACCORDINGLY.

2. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT L/CPL GREGORY BE GIVEN A COPY OF
THIS MESSAGE AS AUTHORITY FOR THE 10 DAY EXTENSION.

BT

TOD 050305Z/TT02/JLA

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050130Z APR 69

ZNY EEEEE
R 080100Z APR 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO LG THIRD MARDIV

H A S B E E N S E N T
CON; 074

ADJ

(REQ REL)

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FM LG THIRD MARDIV
TO THIRD FORSEREG
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
BT

UNCLAS E F T O
ATTN MR 100

1. CONTAINER RECEIVED WITH 1548-1 ON 9090 VIA FACEL POST DOCUMENT
NUMBER

M21270 9024 2533 CONTAINED ONE PUMP BUCKET LUBRICATING FSN 4930 244
+ 859 7149 SERIES MANUFACTURED BY ALUMITE DIVISION INSTEAD
OF ONE RECHARGING UNIT M4306 FSN 3655 174 0360
SHIPPED FROM MR 100 SHIPPED TO 21270
REQUEST REINSTATMENT OF ORIGINAL REQUISITION
BT

TOD: 080145Z APR 69 TT=02 CAF PAGE ONE OF ONE

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ZNY EEEEE
R 090115Z APR 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

HAS BEEN SENT
CON 087
8"
ADJ

//REQUEST RELEASE//

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO CG FURLOGCOMD
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

ATTN MC 100 SPECIAL PROJECTS

REF (A) CG FURLOGCOMD MESSAGE 071822Z FEB 69

MILSIRIP REQUISITION

1. LAW REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING REQUISITION IS SUBMITTED.

ATTN/MC1/1/1220 977 0950/EA/00001/M21270/2042/2824/IN/BLNK/C/VQ/

BLNK/892/17/BLNK/BLNK

BT

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090115Z APR 69

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R 261315Z APR 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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ATTN: SC-10

REF: A: YOUR 250330Z APR 69

P: COMMANDING GENERAL FMFPAC 260041Z MAR 69 NOT HELD

1. IAW REF: A. THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

A. FOUR

B. SERVICEABLE

C. NONE

D.

(1) NONE

(2) NONE

(3) NONE N

(4) NONE

(5) NONE

GP-4

BT

HAS BEEN SENT

CON: 233

8th

S & C

TOD: 261435Z/APR 69/TT-12/RRE

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ZNY CCCCC

P 290730Z APR 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTAL (AP)

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

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ATTN SC-10

REF: YOUR 280738Z APR 69

1. SECURE VOICE COMM AMIL FIRST EIGHT INCH ON BTRY FD 63035

BT

TOD: 290745Z/TT-11/BES

CCN: 287

HAS BEEN SENT

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290730Z APR 69

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