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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
APO San Francisco 96602

1ST 8" HOW (SP)
CONTROL # 69-022

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10 June 1969
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 May to 31 May 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1C
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology
✓(2) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Daily Operational Journal
✓(3) Rotation of Platoon Firing Positions
✓(4) Originated Messages

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) thru (4) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMT

COMMANDER

Major K. E. SOESBE
071960/0802/5715
1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

2. LOCATION"A" Platoon

1 May to 7 May 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110)
at A-2 Gio Linh, RVN

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

"B" Platoon

1 May to 7 May 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110)
at Elliot Combat Base, RVN

7 May to 31 May 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110)
at A-4 Con Thien, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 May to 7 May 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110)
at A-4 Con Thien, RVN

7 May to 31 May 1969 - One 8" Howitzer (M110)
at A-2 Gio Linh, RVN

7 May to 31 May 1969 - One 8" Howitzer (M110)
at FLSG-B, for repairs

Battery Headquarters

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

COMMANDER

1stLt D. C. ROBERTSON
0102538/0802
1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

1stLt T. L. CARLSON
0103394/0802
1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

1stLt M. C. McDONALD
0101566/0802
1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

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Executive Officer

1stLt F. J. WATKINS
0100115/0802
1 May to 23 May 1969Capt J. N. HUDSON
090558/0802
24 May to 31 May 1969

Supply Officer

1stLt L. L. GRASSELLI
0102871/3002
1 May to 31 May 1969

Air Observer / Motor Transport Officer

1stLt A. R. AVERSA III
0102461/0802/0805
1 May to 31 May 19694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES

The majority of the fire missions fired by this battery were against bunker complexes in the southern half of the DMZ. As shown in enclosure (3), all firing platoons rotated firing positions to equalize amount and types of firing, evaluate readiness of platoons to displace, exercise the guns and temporarily mislead the enemy as to the location of the guns.

Construction continued in platoon positions and the battery rear.

During the month of May, the howitzers of this battery fired 134 observed missions and 138 unobserved missions, expending 3403 rounds of M106 (HE) and 32 rounds of M404 (HE).

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N/A

2. MISSION ASSIGNED

General support of the Third Marine Division.

3. REFERENCE

No Comments

4. OPERATIONS

Operation VIRGINIA RIVER

Operation HERKIMER MOUNTAIN

Operation HIGHWIDE

Operation MASSACHUSETTS BAY

Operation CANYON FALLS

5. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Bunkers Destroyed - 95

Bunkers Damaged - 55

Bunkers Uncovered - 4

Structures Destroyed - 4

Structures Damaged - 1

Secondary Explosions - 28

Secondary Fires - 4

Concrete Buildings Destroyed - 1

Automatic Weapon Positions Destroyed - 5

Suspected Rocket Positions Destroyed - 1

Sampan Destroyed - 1

Assembly Area Uncovered - 1

Meters of Trench Line Destroyed - 470

Fighting Holes Destroyed - 40

MIA Confirmed - 3

50 Caliber Positions Destroyed - 2

Crew Served Weapons Destroyed - 2

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None

8. SUPPORTING MISSIONSMISSIONS FIRED BY THIS BATTERY FROM 1 MAY - 31 MAY 1950

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OF SHELLS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
1	5	6	129 HE 1 ICM
2	8	2	153 HE
3	5	4	140 HE
4	3	6	127 HE
5	1	0	5 HE
6	3	2	90 HE
7	6	0	85 HE
8	5	3	117 HE 4 ICM
9	6	3	45 HE
10	4	3	110 HE
11	8	0	108 HE 12 ICM
12	7	7	129 HE 4 ICM
13	8	9	150 HE
14	5	3	136 HE
15	2	0	26 HE
16	2	0	20 HE
17	3	3	95 HE
18	7	6	130 HE 10 ICM
19	6	14	222 HE
20	3	5	100 HE
21	1	3	93 HE
22	2	1	74 HE
23	4	17	221 HE
24	1	2	15 HE
25	8	0	196 HE
26	5	7	213 HE
27	2	1	33 HE
28	5	0	87 HE
29	4	1	102 HE
30	0	0	0 HE
31	5	26	132 HE
TOTALS:	<u>134</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>3403 HE 32 ICM</u>

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- a. The Mess Hall at Con Thien was completed significantly enhancing sanitation.
- b. The Special Services Building at Dong Ha was completed and placed in operation.
- c. Lack of gun pads at Gio Linh is a minor problem at this time. Work is scheduled for June to preclude major problems during the monsoon.
- d. Lack of electrical power at Elliot Combat Base presents a minor problem.

10. COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

No Problems

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11. EQUIPMENT

The Battery continues to have difficulty acquiring parts for the M-110 Howitzer. One gun has been dead-lined since 12 May, 1969 awaiting an engine.

12. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Corpsman conducted 4 MEDCAPS, treating 298 Vietnamese National's.

13. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battery joined 4 Officers and 23 Enlisted and dropped 0 Officers and 21 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 100% and, of Enlisted, 98%.

14. TRAINING

Unit/Section Training, COATIP, Personal Response and CMS Training, continued throughout the month.

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PART III

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN DIRECT RELATION TO COMBAT OPERATIONS

- a. On 7 May 1969 the platoons of this battery rotated firing positions
(See Enclosure (3))

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PART II - CO, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) ltr KES/rbk over 5000
dtd 3 May 1969, Ser: 02B12369

PART III - Originated Messages:

1. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) msg 020120Z May69
2. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) msg 030240Z May69
3. 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) msg 200330Z May69
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FROM (Date and hour)

0001 1 MAY 1969

TO (Date and hour)

1743 7 MAY 69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0941			1 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
0951			1 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
0955			1 MAY	"B" #44 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1100			1 MAY	"B" #44 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1105			1 MAY	"C" #81 UP #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1130			1 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1307			1 MAY	"C" #78 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0700			2 MAY	"B" #44 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
0910			2 MAY	"B" #44 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0915			2 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1100			2 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1713			2 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - BATTERY CLAMP BAD	"NT"	"HM"
0205			3 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0800			3 MAY	"B" #44 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
0813			3 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
0940			3 MAY	"B" #44 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0942			3 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0944			3 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1038			3 MAY	"C" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1120			3 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1645			3 MAY	"C" #78 UP	"NT"	"HM"
2350			3 MAY	"B" #44 DOWN - GENERATOR BLOWER MOTOR	"NT"	"HM"
0830			4 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1005			4 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1022			4 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - REPLACE ROADWHEEL 4TH. CHAIN	"NT"	"HM"
1150			4 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0815			5 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
0910			5 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - BREAK TRACK	"NT"	"HM"
1135			5 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1136			5 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"NT"	"HM"
1200			5 MAY	"C" #78 DOWN - BAD SIGHT	"NT"	"HM"
1201			5 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1215			5 MAY	"C" #78 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1714			5 MAY	"C" #81 UP	"NT"	"HM"
2200			5 MAY	"B" #44 UP	"NT"	"HM"
1631			6 MAY	"C" #78 DOWN - REPAIR WATER HOSE	"NT"	"HM"
1950			6 MAY	"C" #78 UP	"NT"	"HM"
2345			6 MAY	"B" #44 DOWN - OHA LEAK	"NT"	"HM"
0910			7 MAY	"B" #44 UP	"NT"	"HM"
0930			7 MAY	"C" CSMO FROM A-4	"NT"	"HM"
1045			7 MAY	"A" CSMO FROM A-2	"NT"	"HM"
1330			7 MAY	"A" ARRIVED ECB	"NT"	"HM"
1400			7 MAY	"C" ARRIVED A-2	"NT"	"HM"
1406			7 MAY	"B" CSMO ECB	"NT"	"HM"
1601			7 MAY	"B" #44 DOWN - BLOWN ENGINE	"NT"	"HM"
1743			7 MAY	"B" #44 TOWED TO A4	"NT"	"HM"

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FROM (Date and hour)

8 1535H MAY 69

TO (Date and hour)

1840 15 MAY 69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1535			8 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN TO CHANG NOVAC	HK	NT
1800			8 MAY	"C" #81 UP	NT	HK
0810			9 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
0955			9 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1145			9 MAY	"C" #81 UP	HK	B
1155			9 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
1617			9 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - ADJUST BRAKES	HK	B
1724			9 MAY	"A" #43 UP	HK	B
0818			10 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1015			10 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
1016			10 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1211			10 MAY	"A" #43 UP	HK	B
1810			10 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - WILL NOT START	HK	B
1845			10 MAY	"B" #78 UP	HK	B
0900			11 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1045			11 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1047			11 MAY	"B" #78 UP	HK	B
1112			11 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
2202			11 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - OIL LEAK	HK	B
1200	LATE ENTRY		11 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - SEAL BLOWN IN ELEVATING MOTOR	HK	B
1020			12 MAY	"A" #43 UP	HK	B
1015			12 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1105			12 MAY	"B" #78 UP	HK	B
1150			12 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - CHANGE BTRY & ADJ VOLT REG.	HK	B
1230			12 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
1240			12 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - REPLACE "O" RINGS	HK	B
1257			12 MAY	"A" #43 UP	HK	B
0930			13 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
0945			13 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1000			13 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1821			13 MAY	"C" #81 UP	HK	B
1535			13 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
1537			13 MAY	"B" #78 UP	HK	B
0710			14 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
0830			14 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
0910			14 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
2002			14 MAY	"B" #78 UP	HK	B
1005			14 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1015			14 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1117			14 MAY	"C" #81 UP	HK	B
1122			14 MAY	"A" #43 UP	HK	B
1417			14 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - AUXILIARY DRIVE	HK	B
0914			15 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	HK	B
1325			15 MAY	"A" #51 UP	HK	B
1840			15 MAY	"B" #78 UP	HK	B

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16 0840H MAY69

TO (Date and hour)

22 1124H MAY69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0840			16 MAY69	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0847			16 MAY69	"B" #78 DOWN - RADIATOR WATER LEAK	"HK"	"B"
1105			16 MAY69	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
1110			16 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1147			16 MAY69	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1415			16 MAY69	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
1545			16 MAY69	"B" #53 UP - RETURN FROM REAR	"HK"	"B"
2200			16 MAY69	"B" #53 DOWN - NO POWER	"HK"	"B"
2225			16 MAY69	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
2345			16 MAY69	"B" #53 DOWN - DEAD BTRY - WON'T HOLD CHARGE	"HK"	"B"
0845			17 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1100			17 MAY69	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
1242			17 MAY69	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
2120			17 MAY69	"B" #53 DOWN - BROKEN ELEV. SHAFT	"HK"	"B"
0835			18 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1011			18 MAY69	"A" #51 UP #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1147			18 MAY69	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
1402			18 MAY69	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1733			18 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - CHANGE SPINDLE VALVE	"HK"	"B"
0630			18 MAY69	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
0645			18 MAY69	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0715			18 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - WILL NOT START	"HK"	"B"
0815			18 MAY69	"C" #81 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0840			18 MAY69	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
0845			19 MAY69	"B" #53 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0956			19 MAY69	"C" #81 UP	"HK"	"B"
1405			19 MAY69	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1533			19 MAY69	"C" #81 DOWN - CHANGE RAMMER CHAIN	"HK"	"B"
1705			19 MAY69	"C" #81 UP	"HK"	"B"
0830			20 MAY69	"A" #43 DOWN - PTO BURNED OUT	"HK"	"B"
1120			20 MAY69	"B" #78 DOWN - LOADER WILL NOT WORK	"HK"	"B"
1415			20 MAY69	"B" #53 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1500			20 MAY69	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1502			20 MAY69	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1520			20 MAY69	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
2032			20 MAY69	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
0825			21 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1010			21 MAY69	"B" #53 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1055			21 MAY69	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
1300			21 MAY69	"A" #51 DOWN - CHECK OUT SIGHT	"HK"	"B"
1309			21 MAY69	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1555			21 MAY69	"C" #81 DOWN - CHANGE ELEV. MOTOR	"HK"	"B"
1700			21 MAY69	"C" #81 UP	"HK"	"B"
1000			22 MAY69	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1124			22 MAY69	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"

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FROM (Date and hour) 0835 23 MAY 69	TO (Date and hour) 1217 30 MAY 69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0835			23 MAY	"B" #53 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0850			23 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0956			23 MAY	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1010			23 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
1405			23 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
0913			24 MAY	"B" #53 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0917			24 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - BROKEN SIGHT MOUNT	"HK"	"B"
1030			24 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - PTO PUMP	"HK"	"B"
1055			24 MAY	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1057			24 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1205			24 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
1208			24 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1520			24 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
0815			25 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1040			25 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1045			25 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1052			25 MAY	"B" #53 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1151			25 MAY	"A" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"
1215			25 MAY	"C" #81 UP	"HK"	"B"
1508			25 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - ELEVATING MOTOR	"HK"	"B"
1705			25 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
0810			26 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0940			26 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1105			26 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
1121			26 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1833			26 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - ELEVATING MOTOR	"HK"	"B"
1250			27 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1305			27 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1316			27 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
0905			28 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1000			28 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1049			28 MAY	"A" #51 UP	"HK"	"B"
1130			28 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
0735			29 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0855			29 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1020			29 MAY	"A" #43 DOWN - QUARTERLY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1430			29 MAY	"C" #81 DOWN - ENGINE PROBLEMS	"HK"	"B"
1516			29 MAY	"A" #43 UP	"HK"	"B"
1732			29 MAY	"C" #81 UP	"HK"	"B"
0730			30 MAY	"A" #51 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
0900			30 MAY	"B" #78 DOWN - DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1050			30 MAY	"B" #78 UP	"HK"	"B"
1055			30 MAY	"B" #53 DOWN DAILY MAINT	"HK"	"B"
1217			30 MAY	"B" #53 UP	"HK"	"B"

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PLACE		A- ECB, B-A-4, C-A-3	
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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

1ST 8" HOW (SP)
CONTROL # 69-021
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5000
3 May 1969
02B12369

From: Commanding Officer
To: Platoon Commanders

Subj: Rotation of Platoon Firing Positions (Operation Janet)

1. Rotation of platoons ("A" to ECB, "B" to Con Thien, "C" to Gio Linh) will be executed on J-Day (tentatively 7 May 1969) in order to:

- a. Equalize amount and types of firing.
- b. Evaluate readiness of platoons to displace.
- c. Exercise guns.
- d. Furnish a "change-of-place/scenery for platoons previously locked in concrete.
- e. Temporarily mislead the enemy as to the location of the deadliest guns in Vietnam.

2. To provide continuous fire support from all three positions simultaneously during multiple displacement, the following schedule applies:

- a. "A" gun and Advance Party depart Gio Linh when road clear (about 0930) and proceed to ECB.
- b. "C" gun and Advance Party depart Con Thien when road clear (about 0930) and proceed to Gio Linh.
- c. "B" gun and Advance Party depart ECB after "A" gun is in position ready to fire (about 1130) and proceed to Con Thien.
- d. "A" gun and Main Body depart Gio Linh after "C" gun is in position ready to fire (about 1130 and proceed to ECB.
- e. "C" gun and Main Body depart Con Thien after "B" gun is in position ready to fire (about 1330) and proceed to Gio Linh.

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f. "B" Main Body depart ECB after arrival of "A" Main Body (about 1400) and proceed to Con Thien.

3. Advance Parties will assume technical control of Fire Direction ASAP at new positions. Registration will be conducted as soon as clearance available whether or not met available. Lay, bore sight, and safety in accordance with SOP.

4. Direct liaison authorized between platoons. Use cipher or courier to preclude premature disclosure of displacement. Minimize discussion of displacement outside 1st 8".

5. Retriever and Wrecker on-call.

6. Report ASAP CSMD, departures, arrivals, delays and crossing all check points. For call signs, use suffix "2" for advance parties, suffix "4" for main body, suffix last two digits of gun number for gun (example "A2 and A51 passing check point 6 at 0935H). Check points as follows:

CP1 - Con Thien Gate
CP2 - ECB Gate
CP3 - Gio Linh Gate
CP4 - C-2
CP5 - Cam Lo Bridge
CP6 - Cam Lo Intersection
CP7 - Khe Gio Bridge (026561)
CP8 - C-1 Town
CP9 - Dong Ha Bridge
CP10 - Vinh Dai Rock Crusher (166585)
CP11 - Hill 37 (089578)

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7. Ammunition levels will be built to approximately 480 rounds HE/Plt on J minus one to preclude necessity for ammunition resupply on J-Day. No ammunition will be shifted on J-Day except 2 rds/gun.

8. Messhalls, all mess equipment (including reefers and ME-10's) and cooks will remain at present positions.

9. Bulldozers will remain at present positions as will operators.

10. Other guidelines on equipment:

- a. If you're signed for it, take it.
- b. If it's T/E, take it.
- c. If required for tactical operations, take it.

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d. If it's "Base Property", leave it behind.

e. Examples and exceptions:

- (1) Showers stay.
- (2) Rations stay.
- (3) Excess POL stays.
- (4) Directional Antennas stay.
- (5) Special Services gear goes.
- (6) Cots at "B" stay.
- (7) FDC charts and Sit maps stay.
- (8) All other FDC gear goes.
- (9) Engineer stakes and barbed wire stay.
- (10) Lyster bags stay.
- (11) Trash barrels stay.

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11. "C" FDC will be reactivated on J-Day for movement to Gio Linh. "B" FDC will deactivate upon arrival Con Thien and integrate into Btry FDC. Lt. FUIMER transfer to "C" for duty as FDO. Secondary checks from positions as before.

12. Noon meal on J-Day C-Rations.

13. Platoons prepare a continuity folder including information of value to the incoming unit containing, as a minimum, the following information:

a. Position Area Diagram showing bunkers, gun positions, comm wire, barbed wire, OS's, EOL's, Platoon Center, adjacent units, CSW position and sectors of fire.

b. Survey information

c. Electrical power status.

d. Water source.

e. Ammo count by Lot #.

f. Previous agreements and arrangements with adjacent tenant activities and base coordinator.

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g. Circuit diagram for wire lines.

h. "Lessons Learned" for position area, (drainage during monsoon, problems with adjacent units, scrounge sources, etc.).

i. Minimum QE's.

14. Each platoon will have available a total of (3) 6 X 6 trucks and (2) trailers, for the displacement. Trucks and trailers for "B" and "C" will be pre-positioned on J minus one. Trailers for "A" will follow sweep team on J-Day.

15. Police and sanitation: Golden rule applies. Each platoon will report on condition of new position.

16. Battery Gunnery Sgt will contact 12th Marines S-4 to arrange ferry at Dong Ha Bridge.

17. Secure gear on vehicles to preclude loss in transit.

18. In event of slippage, no movements will be initiated after 1630.

19. Classified matter to be hand-carried by an Officer or Staff NCO.

20. Thrust Point 0860. Base Number 3800.

21. Convoy Commanders plan and brief ambush immediate action.

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R 020120Z MAY 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
INFO TWELFTH MARINES

CCN: 012
ADJ
8"

HAS BEEN SENT

BT
UNCLAS E F T O
ATTN SC-10

A. CG THIRD MAR DIV 290436Z APR 69
1. RADIO SET AN/PRC 77
A. NONE
B. THREE
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TOD: 02/0603Z/TT-03/BES

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R 030240Z MAY 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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(S-4)

COMBAT LOSSES

REF (A) DIV 4400-16

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED-

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P 200330Z MAY 69

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

HAS BEEN SENT
CCN 147
ADJ 8ⁿ

REQUEST RELEASE

FROM CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)

DD CG MARCOUR CAMP BUJLEK

INFO FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

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ATTN: TRANSIENT PERS

LOC PERS

1. REQ THIS COMD BE NOTIFIED IF FOL PERS IN TRANSIENT STATUS. INQUIRY
ON SPL LVL CONUS SINCE 13 MAR 69. CPT J. R. MARTINA 2375333 USMC.

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R 300610 Z MAY 69

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

CCN; 235 HAS BEEN SENT

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8"

REQUEST RELEASE

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO THIRD FORCE SERVICE REGIMENT
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST EIGHT HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
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MILSTRIP FOLLOW UPS

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BLNK/C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/H

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