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

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO30)
Via: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June to 30 June 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1G
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology
✓(2) Originated Messages

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June 1969 to 30 June 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major K.E. SOKSHE
071960/0800/5715
1 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 1969

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 Jun to 30 Jun 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers
(M110) at Elliot Combat Base, RVN.

COMMANDER

1stLt D.C. ROBERTSON
0102538/0802
1 Jun 1969 to 8 Jun 1969

1stLt R.A. MAGNENE JR.
0103095/0802
9 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 1969

"B" Platoon

1 Jun to 30 Jun 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers
(M110) at A-4, Con Thien, RVN.

1stLt T.L. CARLSON
0103394/0802
1 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 1969

"C" Platoon

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

1stLt M.C. MCENALD
0101566/0802
1 Jun 1969 to 8 Jun 1969

1stLt G.N. BARNES
0105018/0802
9 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 1969

Battery Headquarters

1 Jun to 30 Jun 1969 - Dong Ha Combat base, RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt. J.E. HUDSON
090558/0802
1 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 1969

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Fire Direction Officer

1stLt P.J. WATKINS
0100115/0802
1 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 1969

Supply Officer

1stLt L.L. GRASSELLI
0102871/3002
1 Jun 1969 to 6 Jun 1969

Air Observer/Motor Transport Officer

1stLt M.C. KIRK
0101651/3002
7 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 19691stLt A.R. AVERSA III
0102461/0802/0805
1 Jun 1969 to 8 Jun 19691stLt B.L. NIGHTSWINGER
0101733/0802
9 Jun 1969 to 30 Jun 19694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF
11ENL
188OFF
0ENL
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY**UNCLASSIFIED**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.

Construction continued in the platoon firing positions and in the Motor Transport Section in the battery rear.

During the month of June, the howitzers of this battery fired 128 observed missions and 64 unobserved missions, expending 2916 rounds of M106 (HE), and 71 rounds of M404 (HE).

2. COMBAND RELATIONS

N/A

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General support of the Third Marine Division.

4. INTELLIGENCE

No Comments

5. OPERATIONS

Operation VIRGINIA RIDGE

Operation HERMITAL MOUNTAIN

Operation HIGHRISE

Operation MASSACHUSETTS BAY

Operation CAMERON FALLS

6. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Bunkers Destroyed - 191

Bunkers Damaged - 41

Bunkers Uncovered - 3

Structures Destroyed - 10

Concrete Structure Partially Destroyed - 1

Secondary Explosions - 19

Secondary Fires - 2

.50 Cal Positions Destroyed - 1

Fighting Holes Destroyed - 6

Banked Rocket Positions Destroyed - 2

Meters Trenchline Destroyed - 260

Infiltration Route Uncovered - 1

KIA - 3

7. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

None

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
1	6	27	197 HE 9 ICM
2	2	12	40 HE 13 ICM
3	4	4	91 HE
4	4	2	101 HE
5	3	4	72 HE
6	3	2	85 HE
7	4	10	230 HE
8	2	0	41 HE
9	3	0	51 HE
10	4	0	91 HE
11	2	2	88 HE
12	4	0	96 HE
13	2	3	41 HE 25 ICM
14	1	0	20 HE
15	8	0	129 HE
16	6	0	105 HE
17	5	1	53 HE 1 ICM
18	4	1	57 HE 20 ICM
19	4	10	121 HE
20	4	0	69 HE
21	5	0	108 HE
22	7	0	120 HE
23	2	1	46 HE
24	6	0	165 HE
25	5	3	141 HE
26	7	0	119 HE 3 ICM
27	8	0	148 HE
28	5	1	105 HE
29	2	1	60 HE
30	6	0	129 HE
TOTALS:	<u>128</u>	<u>84</u>	2916 HE 71 ICM

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- a. Lack of gun pads, powder bunkers, projectile bunkers and a new FDC bunker is a minor problem at this time. Work is scheduled in the near future to preclude major problems during the monsoon season.
- b. Additional electrical power is required at Elliot Combat Base. The present situation does not allow sufficient power to drive the ME-10 Reefer Unit thus causing a storage problem.
- c. Two additional bunkers are required in the battery rear to afford adequate protection from incoming hostile fire. One additional SEA Hut is required in the battery rear to eliminate tentage.
- d. 20 foot towers are needed at Elliot Combat Base and Con Thien to comply with XXIV Corps SOP concerning safety check of lay of piece. Also crushed rock is needed for gun positions at Con Thien and Gio Linh for proper seating of gun spades.

10. COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

No Problems

11. EQUIPMENT

A new engine finally arrived during the month of June for one gun that had been deadlined since 12 May 1969. All guns are now in an "up" status.

12. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Corpsmen conducted 8 MEDCAPS, treating 280 Vietnamese Nationals.

13. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battery joined 2 Officers and 12 Enlisted and dropped 5 Officers and 11 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 100% and, of Enlisted, 100%.

14. TRAINING

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

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PART III

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN DIRECT RELATION TO COMBAT OPERATIONS

None

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R 100540Z JUN 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY(SP) HAS BEEN SENT
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (REIN) CCN: 074
ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES
BT 8" ADJ
UNCLAS E F T O
ATTN: (SC-10)
REF A. YOUR 290436Z APR 69
IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:
A. NONE
B. THREE (3), TOTAL ON HAND
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TOD: 100840Z/JUN 69/TT-07/RRE

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