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1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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 025-69  
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Encl: ✓ (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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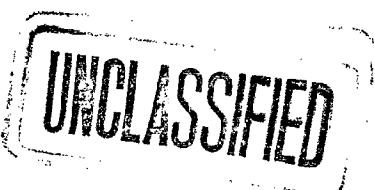
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESTINATION1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)  
3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMPCOMMANDERMajor W. H. BARNARD  
070251/0802  
1-31 AugSUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

1stLt D. T. WALLINGFORD  
0105303/0802  
1-31 Aug

"B" Platoon

1stLt R. D. FULLER  
0108011/0802  
1-31 Aug

"C" Platoon

1stLt G. N. BARRELS  
0105010/0802  
1-31 Aug2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-31 Aug, Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-14 Aug, Elliot Combat Base, RVN  
15-17 Aug, CON THIEN (A-4), RVN  
18-31 Aug, Elliot Combat Base, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-31 Aug, CON THIEN (A-4), RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-31 Aug, GIO LINH (A-2), RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer/Fire Direction Officer	Capt J. H. HUDSON 090558/0802 1-31 Aug
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	1stLt F. J. ATKINS 0100115/0802 1-31 Aug
Supply Officer	1stLt H. C. KIRK 0101051/3002 1-31 Aug
Maintenance Officer	1stLt B. L. NIGHTWINGER 004733/0802 1-31 Aug

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	USN
OFF <u>9</u>	ENL <u>187</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. General Overview of all Activities

The majority of fire missions fired by this battery were against bunker complexes in the southern half of the DMZ. During the month of August, the howitzers of this battery fired 107 observed missions and 216 unobserved missions, expending 3758 rounds of Shell HE. Construction continued in the firing positions and in the motor transport area of the battery headquarters.

2. Mission Assigned. General Support of the 3d Marine Division.3. Operations

Operation HIGHRISE, 1-31 Aug

Operation IDAHO CANYON, 1-18 Aug

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Operation ARLIE HORN CANYON, 1-31 Aug

Operation ON-LOW BEACH, 18-31 Aug

Operation GEORGIA TAR, 1-31 Aug

4. Fire SupportMissions Fired by this Battery from 1-31 Aug

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
1	1	3	56 HE
2	1	5	32 HE
3	3	2	31 HE
4	5	1	108 HE
5	2	8	76 HE
6	6	6	155 HE
7	0	12	57 HE
8	5	8	165 HE
9	3	3	83 HE
10	6	13	208 HE
11	3	16	344 HE
12	0	20	138 HE
13	3	30	239 HE
14	3	23	174 HE
15	4	14	125 HE
16	1	11	44 HE
17	3	10	93 HE
18	1	31	227 HE
19	8	7	205 HE
20	7	28	229 HE
21	2	5	37 HE
22	8	8	140 HE
23	7	9	206 HE
24	4	7	100 HE
25	4	1	49 HE
26	2	12	166 HE
27	3	0	66 HE
28	3	5	69 HE
29	6	1	98 HE
30	2	11	117 HE
31	4	6	134 HE
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>3758 HE</b>

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5. Surveillance of Fire Missions

.50 Cal Machine Gun Destroyed - 1  
Bunkers Destroyed - 80  
Bunkers Damaged - 36  
Sampan Destroyed - 2  
Weapons Pits Destroyed - 2  
Meters of Trail Destroyed - 40  
Meters of Trenches Destroyed - 10  
Meters of Treeline Destroyed - 25  
Fishing Areas Destroyed - 3  
Cultivated Fields Destroyed - 1

6. Casualties Sustained. None7. Logistics

a. Gun pads, powder bunkers, projectile bunkers have been completed. A new PDC bunker is in the process of being constructed at this time.

b. Additional electrical power is still needed 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. An additional SEA Hut is required in the battery headquarters area to eliminate tentage.

d. Twenty-foot towers are needed at Elliot Combat Base and Con Thien to comply with XXIV Corps SOP concerning safety checks of the lay of the pieces. Also, crushed rock is needed for positions at Con Thien and Gio Linh for proper seating of howitzer recoil spades.

8. Communications-Electronics. No problems9. Equipment. A new howitzer was received 14 Aug 1969 and assigned to "A" Platoon.10. Civic Action. The Battery Corpsmen conducted 6 MEDCAPS, treating 201 Vietnamese Nationals.11. Personnel and Administration. The Battery joined 3 Officer and 18 Enlisted, and dropped 16 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 95%; Enlisted, 98%.

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12. Training. Unit/Section Training, COATIP, Personal Response and GIS Training continued through the month.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 15 Aug 1969, "A" Platoon located at Ellis & Combat Base, moved to Con Thien (A-4) for two days to support a proposed operation in the southern portion of the DMZ which was cancelled prior to execution.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Originated Messages

✓030330Z Aug 69

✓050100Z Aug 69

✓230615Z Aug 69

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO TWELFTH MARINES  
FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

BT  
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ACOFS C-4

REF (A) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG P 240550Z JUL 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED

BT

TOD: 030415Z/AUG/69/TT-05/MLK

CCN: 15

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)  
INFO TWELFTH MARINES

BT

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RADIO SET AN/PRC-77

REF A YOUR 290436Z APR 69

IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING RPT IS SUBMITTED.

A. #1199

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TOD: 050230Z AUG 69 TT-02 RRE

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CCN: 24

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R 230615Z AUG 69  
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TO CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)

REQUEST RELEASE

FM CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)  
TO CG MCSA PHILA  
INFO TWELFTH MARINES  
FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

MBT

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MILSTRIP FOLLOWUP

1. AFL/MPB/T72930-916A2112/EA/00003/M21270/9139/5175/N  
BLNK/C/BLNK/BLNK/892/12/BLNK/BLNK/

BT

TOD: 230650Z AUG 69 TT-06 RRE