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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESTINATION

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

COMMANDER

Major W. H. BARNARD
070251/0802
1-31 Aug

SUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

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

"B" Platoon

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

"C" Platoon

1stLt J. N. BARKES
0105018/0802
1-31 Aug

2. 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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Executive Officer/Fire Direction Officer

Capt J. H. HUDSON
090558/0802
1-31 Aug

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

1stLt F. J. WATKINS
0100115/0802
1-31 Aug

Supply Officer

1stLt M. C. KIRK
0104051/3002
1-31 Aug

Maintenance Officer

1stLt B. L. NIGHTSWONGER
0104733/0802
1-31 Aug4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF
9ENL
187OFF
0ENL
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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 ARLETON CANYON, 1-31 Aug

Operation ONLOW BEACH, 18-31 Aug

Operation GEORGIA TAP, 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	111 HE
12	0	20	138 HE
13	3	30	239 HE
14	3	23	171 HE
15	4	14	125 HE
16	1	11	111 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	110 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
Totals	107	216	3758 HE

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.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 Trochline 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 FDC 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 problems

9. 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 1 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 Elli's Combat Base, moved to Can 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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REF (A) CG THIRD MARDIV MSG P 240550Z JUL 69

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

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

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TOD: 050230Z AUG 69 TT-02 RRE

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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)

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 MILSTRIP FOLLOWUP

1. AFL/MPB/T/2930-916A2112/EA/00003/M21270/9139/5175/N
 BLNK/C/BLNK/BLNK/892/12/BLNK/BLNK/

BT

TOD: 230650Z AUG 69 TT-06 RRE