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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 September 1969 to 30 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major W. H. BARNARD
070251/0802
1-30 Sep

SUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

1stLt D. T. WALLINGFORD
0105303/0802
1-30 Sep

"B" Platoon

1stLt R. D. FULMER
0108011/0802
1-30 Sep

"C" Platoon

1stLt G. N. BARNES
0105018/0802
1-30 Sep

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-30 Sep, Dong Ha, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-30 Sep, Elliot Combat Base, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-30 Sep, CON THIEN (A-4), RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-30 Sep, QIO LINH (A-2), RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer/Fire Direction Officer

Capt J. N. HUDSON
090558/0802
1-30 Sep

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

1stLt F. J. WATKINS
0100115/0802
1-30 Sep

Supply Officer

1stLt M. C. KIRK
0104651/3002
1-30 Sep

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Maintenance Officer

1stLt B. L. NIGHSWONGER
0104733/0802
1-30 Sep4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	190	0	6

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 September, the howitzers of this battery fired 115 observed missions and 182 unobserved missions, expending 2718 rounds of Shell HE.

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

Operation HIGHRISE, 1-30 Sep

Operation IDAHO CANYON, 1-25 Sep

Operation ARLINGTON CANYON, 1-23 Sep

Operation GEORGIA TAR, 1-25 Sep

Operation ONSLOW BEACH 1-30 Sep

4. Fire SupportMissions Fired by this Battery from 1-30 Sep

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
1	5	4	144 HE
2	0	0	0 HE
3	3	25	109 HE
4	6	4	113 HE

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
5	8	0	111 HE
6	5	17	247 HE
7	5	15	194 HE
8	0	0	0 HE
9	0	0	0 HE
10	0	16	64 HE
11	3	14	119 HE
12	1	0	18 HE
13	4	4	63 HE
14	8	0	66 HE
15	9	5	96 HE
16	5	0	69 HE
17	3	14	143 HE
18	2	2	28 HE
19	0	10	110 HE
20	5	2	64 HE
21	3	6	134 HE
22	7	3	139 HE
23	5	5	97 HE
24	4	11	125 HE
25	6	6	173 HE
26	5	2	67 HE
27	4	9	123 HE
28	2	0	8 HE
29	3	3	44 HE
30	4	2	47 HE
Totals	115	182	2718 HE

5. Surveillance of Fire Missions

KIA - 2
 Rocket Site w/10 Launchers - 1
 .50 Cal Machine Gun Destroyed - 1
 Concret Bunker Destroyed - 3
 Bunkers Destroyed - 56
 Structures Destroyed - 6
 Bunkers Damaged - 32
 Structures Damaged - 1
 Barge Destroyed - 1
 .50 Cal Positions Destroyed - 2
 .50 Cal Positions Damaged - 3

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Trench Line Destroyed - 115 meters
 Tree Line Destroyed - 115 meters
 Fighting Holes Destroyed - 6
 Secondary Explosions - 9

6. Casualties Sustained. None

7. Logistics

a. An additional SEA Hut is required in the battery headquarters area to eliminate tentage.

b. 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. Obtaining parts for the M110 Howitzer continues to be a problem.

10. Civic Action. The Battery Corpsman conducted 6 MEDCAPS, treating 150 Vietnamese nationals.

11. Personnel and Administration. The Battery joined 45 Enlisted, and dropped 1 Officer and 7 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 95%; Enlisted, 98%.

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

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 1 Sep 1969, Typhoon Doris struck Dong Ha Combat Base, inflicting minor damage to the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Headquarters.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Originated Messages

✓010110Z Sep 69

✓010040Z Sep 69

✓110300Z Sep 69

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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV (-)(REIN)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
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 AN/MRC-83
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 B. YR 280822Z AUG 69
 CODE F. CODE G. CODE H. ALL OTHERS
 NONE NONE 240257 316467
 FM BARSTON
 13 AUG 69

BT
 TOD:010345Z/AUG 69/TT-02/MLK

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 R 000007 SEPT 69
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (-)(REIN)

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 CCN: 0019

REQUEST RELEASE

8" ADJ

FM CG THIRD MAR DIV (-)(REIN)
 TO CG MESA PHILA
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

BT
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 MISTRIE FOLLOWUP
 1. AF1/MPB/C/2330-141-8050/EA/00002/M21270/9086/4074/N/
 BLNK/C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/4H
 2. AF1/MPB/5/2520-860-2347/EA/00001/M21270/9021/2413/R/
 BLNK/C/BLNK/BLNK/892/02/BLNK/BLNK
 3. AF1/MPB/T/2520-937-5294/EA/00001/M21270/9091/4210/R/
 BLNK/C/BLNK/BLNK/892/05/BLNK/BLNK
 BT

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 P R 140300Z SEP 69
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)

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 CCN:074

8"
 ADJ

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)
 TO CG CAMP SMEDLEY D BUTLER
 MARBKS NAVSTA TI SFRAN
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
 BT

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LOC OF PERS

1. REQ INFO REGARDING LOCATION AND STATUS OF PVT MICHAEL L. YOUNG
- 247 94 78 USMC
2. MBR DEPARTED RVN ON 8AUG 69 FOR 15 DAY EMER LV CONUS
3. LV ADDRESS 128 W VINE ST ** EDISON ** OHIO 43320.
4. NEG REPLY REQ

BT

#0074

TCD:140410Z/SEP 69/TT-03/MLK