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

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Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMFPac

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May 1970 Through 31 May 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Capt W. H. CLIMO Jr  
085236/0802/5715/5720  
1-28 May 1970

Maj N. J. SPITZER  
081062/0802/0805  
29-31 May 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

1stLt R. J. HENDERSON  
0104623/0802  
1-31 May 1970

"B" Platoon

1stLt W. E. CROFT  
0100154/0802  
1-31 May 1970

"C" Platoon

1stLt F. P. WARRINGTON  
0106483/0802/0840  
1-31 May 1970

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-31 May 1970, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-31 May 1970, AN HOA COMBAT BASE, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-31 May 1970, LZ ROSS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-31 May 1970, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Capt S. M. HINDS  
092625/0802  
1-31 May 1970

Fire Director Officer

1stLt M. A. BACA  
0110171/0802/0430  
1-31 May 1970

Communications Officer

1stLt J. B. BISHOP  
0109767/0802  
1-31 May 1970

Supply Officer

1stLt W. M. ROYER  
0107007/3002  
1-31 May 1970

Motor Transport/Maintenance Officer

1stLt M. A. BACA  
0110171/0802/0430  
1-31 May 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u>  | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 13          | 189        | 0          | 6          |

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES

The majority of the missions fired by this battery during the month of May were against intelligence targets. The total missions fired was 503. Further breakdown of missions fired are covered in paragraph 4.

2. MISSIONS ASSIGNED

- a. Battery (-): Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
- b. "A" Platoon: Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines

3. OPERATIONS. None4. FIRE SUPPORT MISSIONS

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>OBSERVED</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED</u> | <u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u> |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1          | 2               | 12                | 110 HE                 |
| 2          | 1               | 3                 | 31 HE                  |
| 3          | 4               | 14                | 148 HE                 |
| 4          | 8               | 8                 | 93 HE                  |
| 5          | 6               | 5                 | 89 HE                  |
| 6          | 7               | 17                | 193 HE                 |
| 7          | 7               | 6                 | 108 HE                 |
| 8          | 3               | 7                 | 94 HE                  |
| 9          | 2               | 11                | 64 HE                  |
| 10         | 2               | 8                 | 76 HE                  |
| 11         | 7               | 8                 | 73 HE 9 ICM            |
| 12         | 2               | 11                | 122 HE                 |
| 13         | 5               | 0                 | 70 HE                  |
| 14         | 2               | 19                | 126 HE 24 ICM          |
| 15         | 3               | 13                | 139 HE                 |
| 16         | 3               | 6                 | 57 HE                  |
| 17         | 1               | 13                | 76 HE                  |
| 18         | 2               | 0                 | 25 HE                  |
| 19         | 2               | 29                | 217 HE                 |
| 20         | 3               | 39                | 295 HE                 |
| 21         | 2               | 20                | 126 HE 8 ICM           |
| 22         | 2               | 18                | 74 HE                  |
| 23         | 1               | 42                | 102 HE 5 ICM           |
| 24         | 4               | 13                | 86 HE                  |
| 25         | 3               | 17                | 104 HE 21 ICM          |

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4. FIRE SUPPORT MISSIONS (Cont'd)

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>OBSERVED</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED</u> | <u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u> |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 26         | 2               | 9                 | 90 HE                  |
| 27         | 3               | 19                | 102 HE                 |
| 28         | 2               | 8                 | 65 HE                  |
| 29         | 2               | 11                | 78 HE                  |
| 30         | 2               | 8                 | 70 HE                  |
| 31         | <u>2</u>        | <u>12</u>         | <u>131 HE</u>          |
| TOTALS     | 97              | 406               | 3234 HE 48 ICM         |

5. SURVEILLANCE

|                      | <u>CONFIRMED</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|
| KIA's                | 31 (15 Probable) |
| BUNKERS              | 16               |
| OTHER STRUCTURES     | 11               |
| SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS | 7                |

6. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Combat Related - - - - - | 0        |
| Non-Combat - - - - -     | <u>4</u> |
| Total                    | 4        |

7. LOGISTICS

During the month, constant progress was made in the improvement of positions and maintenance of protective wire.

8. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

With the employment of KY-38's equipment within the battery, a noted increase in the usage of BA-386's exists. Present supplies amply cover this problem. Maintenance support from higher echelons on KY-38 equipment is considered excellent.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

9. FIRE DIRECTION

Due to increased emphasis on the firing of sensor targets, an increase in the expenditure of ICM projectiles has occurred. This has been done to preclude damage to sensors by direct hits or near misses by high explosive point detonating projectiles. As a result, the battery has been unable to maintain an acceptable level of ICM projectiles on hand. Efforts are being made to correct this situation.

10. CIVIC ACTION. None

11. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The battery joined 1 officer and 19 enlisted during the month and transferred 2 officers and 5 enlisted. The operating percentage of the manning level for the month was; Officers 118%; Enlisted 94%.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. None

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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