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

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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August through 31 August 1970

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), Enclosure (1) is submitted.
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	Maj N. J. SPITZER	1-30 Aug
	Capt T. R. SIGGINS	31 Aug
"A" Platoon	1st Lt J. B. BISHOP	1-31 Aug
"B" Platoon	1st Lt W. E. CROFT	1-31 Aug
"C" Platoon	1st Lt E. V. LANGDON	1-31 Aug

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-13 Aug 1970; LZ Baldy, Quang Nam Province
RVN.

14-31 Aug 1970; Camp Faulkner, Quang Nam
Province, RVN.

"A" Platoon: 1-14 Aug 1970; LZ Baldy, Quang Nam Province, RVN
15-31 Aug 1970; Camp Faulkner, Quang Nam Province,
RVN.

"B" Platoon: 1-6 Aug 1970; An Hoa Combat Base, Quang Nam Province,
RVN.

7-18 Aug 1970, Camp Faulkner, Quang Nam Province, RVN.
18 Aug 1970; Detached

"C" Platoon: 1-19 Aug 1970; LZ Ross, Quang Nam Province, RVN.
20-31 Aug 1970, Camp Faulkner, Quang Nam Province,
RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Capt T. R. SIGGINS	5-30 Aug 1970
	1st Lt M. A. BACA	31 Aug 1970
Fire Direction Officer	1st Lt M. A. BACA	1-13 Aug 1970
Communications Officer	1st Lt M. A. BACA	1-31 Aug 1970
Supply Officer	1st Lt W. M. ROYER	1-11 Aug 1970
	SSgt R. L. VENABLE	12-31 Aug 1970
Motor Transport/ Maintenance Officer	1st Lt M. A. BACA	1-31 Aug 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	125	0	5

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. GENERAL REVIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES

The Battery fired general support/reinforcing mission for the first 19 days of the reporting period. The majority of these missions were against intelligence targets. The unit stood down on 19 August 1970, and the remainder of the month was devoted to preparing equipment and vehicles for embarkation. Paragraph 4 summarizes all missions fired.

2. MISSIONS ASSIGNED:

Battery (-): 1-19 August 1970; Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

"B" Platoon: 1-6 August 1970; Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.

3. OPERATIONS: Pickens Forest4. FIRE SUPPORT MISSIONS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
1	3	5	77	
2		1	6	
3		3	79	
4	4		30	
5	3		28	
6	1	7	44	
7		7	14	
8	3	1	29	
9		7	42	
10	2	1	44	
11	2	7	42	
12		2	10	
13	2	11	79	
14				
15		2	10	
16	5		88	
TOTAL	29	83	623	

5. SURVEILLANCE

KIA's 4
 BUNKERS 3
 OTHER 2 (Structures)
 SECONDARY
 EXPLOSIONS 2

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Combat related	8
Non-combat	2

7. LOGISTICS

The firing positions and battery headquarters areas were repaired and policed, in preparation for stand down.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

All tactical and fire direction nets were secured on 19 Aug70. All RPS Communication equipment was returned upon stand down.

9. EQUIPMENT

All vehicles and equipment, less that designated to be invoiced to other Marine or ARVN units was prepared for embarkation.

10. TRAINING

GMS and technical MOS training was conducted in accordance with existing directives, and consistent with the tactical mission of the unit.

11. CIVIC ACTION

None

12. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION.

The personnel status is indicated below:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Joined	1	3
Transferred	4	133
Per cent of ML	68.1	52.2

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 6 August 1970, "B" platoon was attacked by NVA/VC mortars. The attack commenced at 0050 and continued for approximately 45 minutes. 2 gas shells and 8 HE impacted in the firing position causing 8 WIA. The number of WIA's is attributed to the fact that the platoon was engaged in a fire mission at the time of the attack.
2. On 6 August, "B" platoon fired the last round at 0210. They then displaced to Camp Faulkner, and prepared for embarkation.
3. On 13 August, the battery headquarters displaced to Camp Faulkner, to prepare for embarkation.
4. On 14 August, "A" platoon displaced to Camp Faulkner to prepare for embarkation.
5. On 18 August, "B" platoon was detached, and sailed for Okinawa to join the 12th Marines
7. On 19 August "C" platoon displaced to Camp Faulkner to prepare for embarkation.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

None

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