

ANNEX (A) (CHRONOLOGIES
OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS)
TO 1st FAG COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
(1ST 155mm GUN BATTERY
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY)

1st 155mm GUN BTRY

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1st Field Artillery Group
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96604

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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group

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1st Field Artillery Group
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Major B. A. MURCH JR. 1-31May68

2. Location

1st May 1968, PHU BAI RVN (YD 89391285)

3. Barney Officers

Executive Officer

Capt. T. P. HOWE 1-31May68

Assistant Executive Officer

1stLt J. B. GRAVES 1-31May68

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt J. D. MCROY 1-31May68

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

2ndLt M. L. JOHNSON 1-31May68

Supply Officer

1stLt A. P. EDELMANN 1-31May68

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
6	61	0	4	0	0

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During May the Battery continued to improve the position area with emphasis placed on perimeter defense. Modifications were made to existing barriers and new fighting holes were constructed. Listening posts continued to be utilized to provide security for the Battery.

On 12 May, MCB 133 completed two 3" howitzer firing pads within the Battery perimeter, and on 16 May, two 8" howitzers from the 2nd Platoon, 2nd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) occupied the pads. The howitzers were laid on azimuth 3600 mils. On 20 May, the platoon displaced to another position.

On 26 May, a platoon of 105mm howitzers from Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, occupied the position vacated by the 8" howitzers. The platoon is laid on azimuth 3200 mils.

On 28 May 1968, the platoon located on the western perimeter of Fox Bay (100,000,000,000), was displaced to the vicinity of the 1st Bn, 11th Mar. SP and 2nd Bn, 11th Mar. position at YD0290 to support deep reconnaissance inserts in the vicinity of Elephant Valley. The two guns are laid on azimuth 3350 mils.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of May:

	<u>1st Bn</u>	<u>1st Bn, 11th Mar</u>	<u>Total</u>
HE (155G)	306	11	358
WE (155G)	166	21	187
Illum (155G)	3	1	4
Total	304	12	377
HE (105H)	686	0	686
WP (105H)	0	0	0
Illum (105H)	1	0	1
Total	687	0	687

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The following missions were fired during the month of May:

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155G	28	198	704	930
105H	3	7	107	117

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The consolidated surveillance for missions fired during the month of May is as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>STRUCTURES DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>BUNKERS DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS</u>
0	0	1	8

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration(1) Gains/Losses

(a) Administrative	9
(b) Battle KIA	0
(c) Battle WIA (Evac)	0
(d) Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0
(e) Battle MIA	0
(f) Battle DOW	0
(g) Non-Battle	1
(h) Replacements	11
(i) Net Loss	10
(j) Net Gain	11

b. Intelligence. The Battery mans Tower E of the Phu Bai perimeter CP towers and aids in rocket/mortar target acquisitions. Other intelligence and target acquisition data is obtained from the S-2, 1st FAG.

c. Organization and Operations

(1) The Battery participated in Operation Houston during the month of May 1968.

d. Training. During the period 1-31 May 1968, the Battery scheduled and held nine hours of formal classes in general military subjects. Average attendance at the formal classes was 50%. In addition, a minimum of twelve hours of training was accomplished by each section in the Battery. Two hours of gun drill and two hours of FDC chart drill was conducted daily. One officer and one Staff NCO attended formal schools at 1st Marine Division.

e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. On 8 May, the Battery received a replacement M-53, serial # 213211, to bring the Battery up to T/E. At the end of the reporting period, five of the six guns possessed by this Battery were operative. The inoperative M-53 Gun, serial # 213207, is awaiting the installation of a generator and regulator. The overall supply support is satisfactory.

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Major items of equipment on loan to other units are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1. Telescope, Paragonmic	2	1st 8" How Btry (SP)
2. Sight, M34A2	1	3rd CAG Hdqtrs
3. Compass, Magnetic	15	3rd CAG Hdqtrs

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery is responsible for the Civic Action Program in the village of Loc Bon (YD926104). The Battery's Civic Action Officer and members of the battery visited the village twice weekly during the month of May. Plans were formalized to construct a well, wash basin, metal workbenches shop, seamstress shop, and install a hand pump. Work was continued on the schoolhouse which was damaged during WAR.

g. Psychological Operations. None

h. Combined Action Program. During the month of May, the Battery provided one (1) meal weekly to the Combined Action Platoon assigned to the village of Loc Bon (YD926104)

2. Articles

141600 WSB 133 completed construction of two 8" howitzer firing pads.

161500 Two 8" howitzers of the 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) occupied 8" firing pads. Laid on azimuth 3200.

202000 2d Plat, 3d 8" How Btry (SP) displaced

261000 Platoon, B/1/11 occupied firing pads. Laid on azimuth 3200.

280900 Platoon, 1st 155 Gun Btry (SP) displaced from YD87361265 to YD929071

281700 Platoon, 1st 155 Gun Btry (SP) arrived YD929071. Laid on azimuth 3350.

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