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3D 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
11th Marine Regiment
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 29 March 1967

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Encl: (1) 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
11th Marine Regiment

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COMMANDER

Captain S. C. ADKINS
1-29 March 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-29 March 1967: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>BRIEF</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>
Executive Officer	1-10Mar67	Capt H. G. WILLIAMS Jr.
	11-29Mar67	Capt T. P. DEVIET
Asst. Executive Officer	1-29Mar67	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Fire Direction Officer	1-29Mar67	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Plt Cndr/Asst. FDO	1-29Mar67	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Plt Cndr/LNO	1-29Mar67	Capt. D. P. COTELLESSE
Supply Officer	1-29Mar67	2ndLt B. L. ELLIS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
6	144	0	3	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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During the reporting period, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under Opcon 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and under Adcon 11th Marine Regiment.

Support provided by this battery during March included:

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS:</u>	<u>ROUNDS:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed (21)	147	33	3	
Unobserved (15)	90	28	0	
H&I (23)	71	0	0	
Registration (3)	39	3	0	
TOTALS 62	347	64	3	

Surveillances for March included:

3 MIA (Prob)	1 House destroyed, resulted in (2) secondary fires.
1 MIA	3 Secondary explosions.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administration: During the month of March this battery transferred 52 enlisted of which 6 were due to expiration of tour. 2 Officers were transferred of which 1 was due to expiration of tour. 1 Officer and 51 enlisted were joined. This battery is currently operating at 87% of T/O strength.

Evacuated casualties were:

Killed in action:

0 due to enemy action
1 not due to enemy action

None

b. Enemy, weather and terrain: There was no significant enemy action against this unit during this period. Combat action was not effected by weather.

c. Organization and Operations: The battery is currently operating under the platoon concept with platoons occupying three separate positions. As of 290600H March 1967, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at grid BT438098 with 2 guns laid on direction 4300. Platoon "A" is located at BT395145 with 2 guns laid on 5000. Platoon "B" is located at BS541944 with 2 guns laid on 3750.

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d. Plans: None significant at this time.

e. Training: An intensive program has been started to train a large number of new personnel.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply:

Class II Type I T/E Deficiencies

<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOUN NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>DOC NO.</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>PRI</u>	<u>LAST KNOWN HOLDER</u>
2320-141-8237	TAMCER, M49	1	06115	302	02	FSAC1

Maintenance

General status. The overall maintenance status is considered satisfactory.

Significant Problem Areas. Presently two(2) M53 guns are operating on their fifth (5) gun tube and two (2) M53's are operating on their fourth tube respectively. It is mandatory that a new cannon assembly be installed on every M53 after five tubes. At this date no assets of cannon assembly are on hand at FLSG "B" which could result in deadling two guns during the month of April and two guns during the month of May based on the current expenditure rates of gun tubes.

h. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: This unit is participating in the medcap program established by 4/11.

i. Psychological Operations: None

j. Communications: Nothing significant in this area.

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011620	2dPlt fired TOT 3 HE Q, 8 WP Q, for 1stFAG at grid 440795 on an unidentified VC unit. No surveillance.	F
012040	2dPlt fired TOT 9 HE Q, for 1stFAG at grid 457782 on a VC OP. No surveillance.	F
012200	3dPlt fired TOT 3 HE Q, for 1stFAG at grid 359067 on the 14th VC Company. No surveillance.	F
020125	3dPlt fired TOT 2 HE Q, for 1stFAG at grid 396023 on a VC infiltration route. No surveillance.	F
022030	3dPlt fired TOT 2 HE Q, 1 WP Q, for 1stFAG at grid 354014 on 500 VC. No surveillance.	F
022105	3dPlt fired TOT 3 HE Q, for 1stFAG at grid 358016 on unidentified VC Bn. No surveillance.	F
040945	3dPlt relayed on direction 4300 by order of 1stFAG.	F
	1stPlt relayed on direction 5000 by order of 1stFAG.	F
050213	2dPlt fired TOT WP Q, for 1stFAG at grid 498835 on unidentified VC unit. No surveillance.	F
080941	2dPlt fired 6 HE, 8 WP Q, for 4/11 FO at grid 500787 on VC snipers. Surveillance: 1 house destroyed, 2 secondary fires, sniping ceased.	F
081028	2ndPlt Gun #48 requires contact team from FLSG "B"; tube cannot be depressed. Gun is in a down status.	FS
081350	3dPlt fired 3 WP, 20 HE Q, for "Cat Killer" air observer at grid 318022 on 4 VC. Surveillance 3 KIA(Prob) 1 WIA; excellent coverage on TGT.	F
081655	2dPlt Gun #84 repaired by FLSG-B contact team and back in action.	FS
081945	1stPlt relayed on direction 4800 by order of 1stFAG.	F
090640	2dPlt directed to answer calls for fire from 1stRECON.	F
092045	2dPlt fired TOT 12 HE Q, for 1stFAG at 499859 on elements of 21st VC Regt. No surveillance.	F
100700	The Battery Executive Officer was injured by a booby trapped M-26 fragmentation grenade. Executive Officer Evacuated. Investigation continue.	FS
111710	2dPlt fired TOT 11 HE Q, for 1stFAG at grid 453814 on a VC Company. Surveillance: Good coverage of Target.	F
131015	2dPlt fired 12 HE Q for 4/11 FO at grid 453773. Surveillance: 1 Hut partly destroyed.	F
131600	3dPlt relayed on direction 3900 on order from 1stFAG to support 1st RECON.	F
151715	2dPlt fired 10 HE Q, for 4/11 FO at grid 44655770 on a VC Company. Surveillance: Excellent effect on target, unable to observe due to smoke and mist.	F
152230	2dPlt fired 7 HE Q, for 4/11 at grid 49787 on 5 VC with lights sniping. Surveillance: Excellent coverage of target, lights out; sniping ceased	F
181100	2dPlt fired TOT 6 HE, 6 WP, Q for 1stFAG at grid 544813 on elements of unidentified VC Regt. Surveillance: Excellent effect on TGT.	F
200755	3dPlt Relayed on direction 4300 by order of 1stFAG.	F
200955	1stPlt relayed on direction 5000 by order of 1stFAG.	F

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESTINATION

36 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER

Captain S. C. ADKINS
9-28 February 1967
Captain J. D. MCNABARA
1-9 February 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1967 Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

POSITION	DATE	RANK AND NAME
Executive Officer	1-19Feb67	Capt J. A. H. RESSMEYER
Asst. Executive Officer	1-28Feb67	1stLt T. D. DEANONEY
Fire Direction Officer	1-28Feb67	1stLt H. W. HOLB
Plt Commander/Asst. PFO	1-28Feb67	1stLt D. P. COTELLESE
Plt Commander/liason	1-28Feb67	1stLt W. E. WRIGHT
Supply Officer	1-28Feb67	2dLt B. L. BILTS

4. AVIATION MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
7	140	0	3	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under Opcon 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and under Adcon 11th Marines

Support provided by this battery during February included:

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS:</u>	<u>ROUNDS:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed (27)		245	19	0
Unobserved (13)		76	6	0
H&I (2)		13	0	0
Registration (2)		19	6	0
Totals	44	353	31	0

Surveillances for February included:

12 KIA
1 KIA (Prob)
5 WIA

Part III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

A. Personnel and Administration: During the month of February this battery transferred 11 enlisted of which 7 were due to expiration of tour. 2 Officers were transferred of which 0 were due to expiration of tour. 1 officer and 13 enlisted were joined. The battery is currently operating at 94% of T/O strength.

Evacuated casualties were:

0 due to enemy action
0 not due to enemy action

Killed in action
0

B. Enemy, weather and terrain: There was no significant enemy action against this unit during this period. Combat action was not affected by weather

C. Organization and Operations: The battery is currently operating under the platoon concept with platoons occupying three separate positions. As of 28 February 1967, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at grid BT438098 with 2 guns laid on directions 4200 and 5100. Platoon "A" is located at BT395145 with 2 guns laid on 4900 and 4600. Platoon "B" is located at BS541944 with 2 guns laid on 3750. Platoon "B" supported Operation Rio Grande during the period 17-23 February 1967.

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D. Plans: None significant at this time.

E. Training: Operational training has been maintained at a satisfactory level by incorporation with operational tasks. Formal training quotas have been utilized to the maximum extent operationally feasible.

F. Logistics, Equipment and Supply: Nothing significant in this area.

H. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: This unit has participated in the Madcap program established by 4/11.

I. Psychological Operations: None

J. Communications: Nothing significant in this area.

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 010001 Feb 1967 to
 2400 28 Feb 1967

<u>Journal Number</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1.	020830H	2nd Platoon fired 6 rounds for 4/11 FO on a VC platoon w/packs; excellent coverage on target with 10 KIA's and 5 MIA's reported.	F
2.	021000H	2nd Platoon gun #41 was condemned for tube; sent to FLSG-B.	STF
3.	021125H	3rd Platoon gun #84 was displaced to 2nd Platoon to replace #41.	STF
4.	021435H	2nd Platoon gun #84 in action	F
5.	031820H	3rd Platoon gun #41 returned with new tube; in action and laid on direction 5100. Gun #40 laid on direction 4200.	F
6.	050730H	2nd Platoon was requested in close support of 1st Recon Bn inserts at Grid 410774.	F
7.	051255H	2nd Platoon fired 30 rounds in support of 1st Recon Bn inserts.	F
8.	080700H	1stFAG passed to all units check fire for Vietnamese Holiday.	F
9.	110745H	3rd Platoon gun #41 was displaced to 2nd Platoon.	STF
10.	111134H	Gun #41 final drive went out near hill #39 on the road to 2nd Platoon. Gun towed to I-3-11 for security while repairs are effected.	ST
11.	121220H	Gun #41 final drive repaired and returned to 3rd Platoon; laid on direction 5100.	F
12.	130105H	3rd Platoon received (3) incoming rifle grenades of which one was WP; also received small arms fire from 400 meters NW of post #4. Outposts returned (15) rounds of small arms at (3) figures observed moving outside wire in suspected enemy location.	SF
13.	160307H	3rd Platoon Post #2 observed person throwing objects at their bunker from vicinity of village outside wire to NE. Returned one grenade and small arms.	SF
14.	261100H	2nd Platoon fired 32 rounds for 4/11 FO on VC Assembly Area. Excellent effect on target.	F
15.	271200H	2nd Platoon fired 16 rounds for 4/11 FO on 7 VC snipers; sniping ceased.	F

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