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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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Subj: Command Chronology for period ^{1 APRIL} ~~30 March~~ to 30 April 1967

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

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

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

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Part I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Captain S. C. ADKINS
30 March - 15 April 1967
Major W. H. BARKER
16-30 April 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

30 March - 30 April 1967, Chu Lai, RVN

3. BATTERY OFFICERS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>RANK and NAME</u>
Executive Officer	30Mar-30Apr67	Captain T. P. DEVITT
Asst. Executive Officer/Plt Cmdr	30Mar-30Apr67	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Fire Direction Officer	30Mar-10Apr67	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Fire Direction Officer	11-30Apr67	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	30Mar-21Apr67	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Plt. Commander/Liaison Officer	30Mar-21Apr67	Capt. D. P. COTELLESSE
Asst. FDO/Liaison Officer	22-30Apr67	2ndLt E. L. NEAL
Plt. Commander	22-30Apr67	Capt. R. W. TOPPING
Supply Officer	30Mar-30Apr67	2ndLt B. L. ELLIS
Asst. Supply Officer	17-30Apr67	2ndLt R. F. JACOBSEN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
7	144	0	3	0	0

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Part II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under Opcon 1st Field Artillery Group, 11th Marines and under Adcon 11th Marine Regiment.

Support provided by this battery during 30 March to 30 April 1967 included:

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS:</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed (10)	100	180	51	7
Unobserved (47)		432	225	0
H & I (14)		186	0	0
Registration (2)		23	0	0
TOTALS 73		821	276	7

Surveillances for 30 March - 30 April 1967 included:

7 KIA's (Confirmed) 26 Fires 4 Secondary explosions
1 WIA

Part III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administration: During the period of 30 March to 30 April 1967 this battery transferred 43 enlisted of which 11 were due to expiration of tour and 27 of which were due to transfer of four 155mm gun sections. Two (2) officers were transferred of which 0 were due to expiration of tour and one of which was due to transfer of four 155mm gun sections. Four (4) officers and 46 enlisted were joined of which 40 enlisted and 2 officers were due to the organization of a composite battery of one 8" howitzer platoon. The battery is currently operating at 100% of T/O strength.

Evacuated casualties were: None Killed in action: None

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

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c. Organization and Operations: The Battery's 3d platoon displaced to grid BT 63208690 on 31 March and fired 600 rounds in support of US/FWMAF, participating in operation Boone from 1-7 April 1967. Significant surveillances included 7 KIA's. On 18 April the battery passed OPCON of four 155mm guns, with crews and related supporting equipment, to 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP). On 19 April 1967 they were transported, along with the Headquarters Platoon (-), by sea to the Da Nang TAOR. Also, on 18 April 1967, the battery received OPCON of one 8" Howitzer platoon in the Chu Lai TAOR. On 22 April 1967 ADCON of the above personnel was effected and the battery was reorganized into a composite heavy artillery unit with the mission of providing general support/reinforcing fire within the Chu Lai TAOR. 1st Field Artillery Group exercised tactical fire direction, with the battery providing its own technical firing data. At 1300 on 29 April 1967 the Battery CP was displaced to the Chu Lai sand ramp. On 30 April 1967 the battery was staged, awaiting shipping to the Da Nang TAOR to reassemble with the Headquarters Platoon (-).

d. Plans: It is anticipated that the battery will participate in operations in the Da Nang TAOR during May of 1967.

e. Training: The battery is participating in a roving gun program in the Chu Lai TAOR, under the direction of 1st Field Artillery Group. On 21 and 25 April 1967 the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (-) (Rein), conducted firexes at Grid BT 54090232 in preparation for and execution of missions to be assigned in future operations.

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply: One (1) 155mm Gun, number 213276, was received and one (1) 155mm Gun, number 213240, was turned in under the R&E program this month. An initial issue of two (2) Eimco tractors was received during the reporting period. These tractors are currently on administrative deadline awaiting parts.

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	TANKER, M49	1	06115	302	02	FSAC1

Maintenance

General Status. The overall maintenance status is considered satisfactory.

Significant Problem Areas. It is anticipated that one M53 will require a new tube during May 1967. There are no significant problem areas with the two M55's at the present time.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: The battery had been participating in a medcap program with 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, but due to recent tactical commitments and displacements, this program had to be discontinued.

h. Psychological Operations: None

i. Communications: Nothing significant to report.

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
Command Chronology 30 March to 30 April 1967

References

a. Army Map Service Corps of Engineers GS 3-65
Sheets: 6739, I, II, III, IV; 6657, I, II, III, IV

/ b. 3d155mmGunBtry(SP) FDC Journal

Attached

Not Attached

Appendix B

Appendix A to
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Appendix B(Documentation) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
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3d 155mm Gun Btry (SP)
 300001 Mar 1967 to
 302400 Apr 1967

310800 3rd Plt displaced to Grid BT 63208690 to participate in Oper. Boone.
 311100 2nd Plt Fired TOT, 19 HE VT, 6 HE Q, 25 WP for 1stFAG at grid
 BT 477824 on a VC Bn. CP. No surveillance.
 311500 2nd Plt fired TOT, 6 HE Q, 6 WP, for 1stFAG at grid BT 45858400 on
 a VC Co. No surveillance.
 020625 3rd Plt fired prep fires GZ 004 GZ 010 for 3/11 "X" 80 HE Q, 30 HE
 VT. Surveillance: 7 KIA's.
 031000 2nd Plt fired 13 HE Q for N-24 at grid BT 503742 on VC sniper and
 suspected AA site. Sniper fire ceased.
 031043 2nd Plt fired 9 HE Q for N-24 at grid BT 501796 on 5 VC in trench
 line. 1 WIA.
 040020 2nd Plt fired TOT 10 HE Q, 20 WP at grid BT 548787 on elements of
 the 21st NV Regt. for 4/11. Surveillance: 4 Fires.
 041515 2nd Plt fired TOT 9 HE Q, 9 WP for 1stFAG at grid BT 497775 on
 VC Bn CP. No surveillance.
 041850 2nd Plt fired 9 HE Q, 9 WP for M-24 on est. 200 VC at grid BT 502882.
 No surveillance.
 042115 2nd Plt fired TOT 9 HE Q, 9 WP on VC Bn assembly area at grid
 BT 485808 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 061340 2nd Plt fired TOT, 15 HE VT, 15 WP on VC Bn, shifting fire at grids
 BT 452797, BT 453797, and BT 454796 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 061430 2nd Plt fired TOT 5 HE VT, 5 WP at grid BT 435845 on VC Co. for
 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 071330 3rd Plt CSMO from Operation Boone.
 071715 3rd Plt arrived at CP (Grid BT 43690982) and laid on AZ 4300.
 081255 1st Plt fired 4 HE Q at grid 217120 for 1stReconBn elements
 night defensive fire.
 081840 1st Plt fired 20 HE Q&D at grid 250108 on suspected VC position
 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 081900 1st Plt fired 20 HE Q&D at grid 252109 on VC suspected position
 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 081930 3rd Plt fired TOT 4 HE Q&D at grid 399798 on VC training camp for
 4/11. No surveillance.
 090740 3rd Plt fired 6 HE VT, 6 WP at grid 376005 on suspected VC Co.
 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 090800 2nd Plt gun #46 gone to FLSG - B for new tube.
 091300 3rd Plt displaced to 1stFAG CP on Roving Gun.
 091545 1st Plt fired 18 HE Q&D, 18 WP at grid 29340735 on VC supply area
 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 091600 1st Plt fired 6 HE Q/D, 6 WP at grid 325107 on 100 VC. No surveillance.
 091700 3rd Plt fired 6 HE VT, 6 WP at grid 376005 on suspected VC Co.
 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.
 091745 2nd Plt fired 4 HE VT, 4 WP at grid 50258813 on suspected VC Bn
 for M-24. 3 fires, 1 secondary explosion.
 092250 2ndPlt fired 9 HE VT, 9 WP, 3 Illum Ti, at grid 547816 on VC Bn
 for 1stRecon elements. 2 fires, 2 secondary explosions.
 092330 2ndPlt fired 9 HE VT, 9 WP at grid 547816 on VC Bn for 1stFAG. 5 Fires.

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092400 2ndPlt fired 3 HE VT, 3 WP, 4 Illum at grid 530822 on VC Bn for 1stRecon elements. 2 fires.

100800 2ndPlt gun #46 back to its position with new tube.

100900 3rdPlt fired 3 HE VT, 3 WP at grid 486838 on AA position for M-24. No surveillance.

101400 2ndPlt fired 18 HE Q at grid 47277954 on fortified village for 4/11. No surveillance.

101415 3rdPlt fired TOT 18 HE Q, at grid 47467945 on fortified village for 1stFAG. 1 fire.

101430 3rdPlt returned to CP.

101745 3rdPlt fired 6 HE Q, at grid 350080 on suspected VC GP for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

102053 3rdPlt fired 8 HE Q, at grid 362088 on suspected VC Bn for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

102108 3rdPlt fired 8 HE Q, at grid 331077 on suspected VC comm center for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

102125 3rdPlt fired 8 HE Q, at grid 372072 on suspected VC Co. for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

110900 2ndPlt fired 5 WP, at grid 416873 on VC Plt for 4/11. No surveillance.

121000 3rdPlt turned in gun # 40 into FLSG-B on R&E program. Picked up # 76.

130800 2ndPlt #84 to FLSG "B" for new tube.

131940 2ndPlt fired 24 WP at grid 562766 on VC Bn for 4/11. No surveillance.

132130 2ndPlt fired 12 HE VT, 12 WP at grid 535769 on VC Bn for 4/11. No sur.

140800 2ndPlt gun #84 returned from FLSG "B" with new tube.

140533 2ndPlt fired TOT 2 HE VT, 2 WP at grid 500795 on VC Bn for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

140530 2ndPlt fired TOT 2 HE VT, 2 WP at grid 510792 on VC Bn for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

140900 2ndPlt fired 5 HE Q, 4 WP at grid 47467954 for 4/11. No surveillance.

141102 2ndPlt fired 6 HE Q, at grid 50258815 for 4/11. 3 fires.

141244 2ndPlt fired 6 HE VT, 6 WP at grid 505836 for 4/11. No surveillance.

141940 2ndPlt fired TOT 24 WP at grid 562766 on VC Bn for N-24. No sur.

151510 3rdPlt fired TOT 15 HE Q at grid 233084 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

151925 2ndPlt fired 2 HE VT at grid 473949 on VC Bn for 1stFAG. No sur.

151930 1stPlt fired TOT 30 HE Q, ZZ423 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

151940 1stPlt fired TOT 30 HE Q ZZ424 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

160001 Maj. W. H. BARKER relieved Capt. S. C. ADKINS as Btry Cmdr.

161225 2ndPlt fired 2 HE VT, 2 WP grid 511869 on 100VC for 4/11. No sur.

171300 2ndPlt displaced to hill 39.

180600 2ndPlt displaced to Chu Lai sand ramp for shipping to Da Nang TAOR and became OPCON 3d 8" How Btry (SP)(-)(Rein)

180600 2ndPlt 3d 8" How Btry (SP) displaced from Hill 39 to 3d155mmGunBtry (SP) CP and became OPCON 3d155mmGunBtry(SP)(-)(Rein)

181000 1stPlt displaced from Hill 54 to Chu Lai sand ramp for shipping to Da Nang TAOR and became OPCON 3d8"HowBtry(SP)(-)(Rein)

181200 HqPlt(-) displaced to Chu Lai sand ramp for shipping to Da Nang TAOR.

181201 3rdPlt redesignated as 1stPlt and 2ndPlt 3d8"HowBtry(SP) redesignated as 2ndPlt 3d155mmGunBtry(SP)(-)(Rein)

190400 HqPlt(-) sailed for DaNang TAOR

191600 HqPlt(-) displaced at Red Beach Da Nang TAOR

200600 HqPlt(-) displaced to 1st8"HowBtry(SP) CP.

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302400 Apr 1967

200730 LCpl CUTLER, Gary A. 2160087/0811 USMC was wounded in the right wrist by small arms of unknown origin w/eating breakfast at Btry (CP)

202000 1stPlt Fired TOT 15 HE VT, 15 WP at conc ZZ446 for 1stFAG. No sur.

202135 1stPlt fired TOT 12 HE Q, 12 WP on grid 477886, VC Bn, for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

210800 1stPlt displaced to grid 541023

211500 1stPlt displaced back to CP

211815 1stPlt fired 13 HE Q, at grids 242137, 245144 and 247144 on VC Snipers for 1stRecon elements. No surveillance.

220800 Passed ADCON of 1st & 2nd Plts 3d155mmGunBtry(SP) to 3d8"HowBtry(SP) (-)(Rein). Received ADCON of 2ndPlt 3d155mmGunBtry(SP)(-)(Rein).

221600 HqPlt(-) displaced to 11thMarRegt CP.

232235 1stPlt fired TOT 8 HE Q, at grid 289067 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

232315 1stPlt Fired TOT 8 HE Q, at grid 294104 for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

240205 2ndPlt Fired TOT 6 HE VT at grids 356070 & 359018 on 100 VC for 1stFAG. No surveillance

240822 1stPlt gun #41 down to FLSG "B" for Power Pack.

250830 2ndPlt displaced to grid 541023

251320 2ndPlt fired TOT 20 HE Q, at grids 507920 & 425915 on suspected 100 VC for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

251424 2ndPlt fired 2 HE Q, at grid 475935, no tgt description, for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

251500 2ndPlt displaced back to CP

262140 1stPlt fired 2 HE Q, at grid 253063, no tgt description for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

271040 1stPlt fired 2 HE Q, at grid 235121 on VC Trail for 1stRecon elements. Surveillance, On tgt.

271330 1stPlt gun #41 back from FLSG "B" & back in action

272335 Received (1) incoming grenade NE corner of CP near post two. No fire returned.

280925 1stPlt Fired 3 HE Q at grid 236118, 18 VC on trail for 1stRecon elements. VC out of sight.

280945 1st&2nd Plt fired TOT 8 HE Q, at grid 374054 on suspected VC Bn, for 1stFAG. No surveillance.

281030 1stPlt fired 1 HE Q, 2 HE VT, at grid 236118, 1 VC on trail, for 1stRecon elements. No surveillance due to trees. Fair coverage.

282300 Received (1) incoming grenade SW corner of CP. Landed in post #14 and was thrown back across Highway # 1. No fire returned.

291030 Received order from 1stFAG to displace, checked out of Net and CSMO

291400 Displaced to Chu Lai sand ramp

302400 Awaiting shipping Chu Lai sand ramp.

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