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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 the period 1 May to 31 May 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 May 1967 to 31 May 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major W. H. BARKER
1 May-31 May 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 May - 31 May 1967, DaNang, RVN

3. BATTERY OFFICERSBILLETDATESRANK AND NAME

Executive Officer	1 May - 31 May 1967	Captain T. P. DEVITT
Asst. Executive Officer/PltCmndr	1 May - 31 May 1967	Captain R. W. TOPPING
Fire Direction Officer	1 May - 31 May 1967	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1 May - 31 May 1967	1stLt E. L. NEAL
Supply Officer	1 May - 6 May 1967	2ndLt B. L. ELLIS
Asst. Supply Officer	1 May - 6 May 1967	2ndLt R. F. JACOBSEN
Supply Officer	6 May - 31 May 1967	2ndLt R. F. JACOBSEN
Battery Officer	1 May - 23 May 1967	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Battery Officer	26 May-31 May 1967	1stLt S. J. MACK
Battery Officer	26 May-31 May 1967	1stLt T. H. GRIFFITH Jr.

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	155	0	4	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON of the 11th Marine Regiment.

Support provided by this battery from 1 May to 31 May 1967 included:

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<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS:</u>	<u>ROUNDS:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed (52)		352	27	0
Unobserved (51)		302	17	0
H&I (29)		210	0	0
Registration (1)		20	1	0
TOTALS (133)		884	45	0

Surveillances for 1 May - 31 May 1967 included:

50 KIA(Confirmed)	1 Secondary explosion
3 WIA(Confirmed)	6 Buildings destroyed
7 PW	23 Small arms captured
2 Sampans destroyed	

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administration: During the period 1 May to 31 May 1967 this battery transferred 2 Officers and 2 enlisted. The transfer of 1 Officer and 1 enlisted was due to expiration of their normal overseas tour. This battery is currently operating at 94% of T/O strength.

Evacuated casualties were:

Killed in action:

0 due to enemy action

None

1 not due to enemy action

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: During the reporting period the battery was organized as a composite heavy artillery unit with two 155mm Guns (SP) and two 8 inch Howitzers (SP). On 2 May 1967 the battery arrived from Chu Lai by sea and established a firing position at Grid BT 108582 with a primary direction of fire of 3400 μ . Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines occupied an adjacent position on the same date. One central Fire Direction Center was established with this command designated the senior coordinating unit. The battery was assigned the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division, and Reinforcing the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 11th Marines. From 4 through 17 May the battery supported Marine and ARVN forces participating in Operation Union. From 7 through 14 May this included dispatching a three man forward observer/liaison team to the 1st ARVN Ranger Group.

d. Plans: Effective 1 June 1967 the battery will revert to its normal organization with six 155mm Guns (SP). They will be deployed at three separate platoon firing positions at the following locations: 1st Platoon AT 876472, 2nd Platoon AT 921799, 3rd Platoon BT 108583(CP). The 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery (SP) will remain at BT 108583 under OPCON of this command.

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e. Training: The following special training teams presented instruction during the reporting period:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATE - NO. HOURS</u>
Mobile Training Team 30-67, LFTC, San Diego, Calif.	Waterproofing of Communication Equip.	5 May - 8 hrs
FMFPac Training Team	M-16 Rifle	17 May - 8 hrs
FMFPac Automotive Assistance Team	1st & 2nd Echelon Maint. and Maint. Records	20-21 May - 12 hrs

f. Logistics, Equipment and Supply: One M49 Tanker, FSN 2320-141-8237, document number 06115, has not yet been received. One M53 is deadlined awaiting a new tube. It is anticipated that two additional M53 tubes will be needed during the next month.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: The battery has been participating in a medcap program with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

h. Psychological Operations: None

i. Communications: A battery charging facility for the AN/PRC-47 and AN/PRC-41 was constructed.

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
Command Chronology 1 May to 31 May 1967

References

Attached

a. Series L 704 Group 6640, Sheets: 6641, III, II;
6640, I, V

Not Attached

b. 3d155mmGunBtry (SP) FDC Journal

Appendix B

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Appendix A to
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FDC
3D 155MM GUN BTRY (SP)
010001 May 1967 to
312400 May 1967

010830H Battery displaced from Sandramp, DaNang to 11th Marine Regiment CP
020845H Battery displaced from 11th MarRegt CP to Hoi An position
021500H Battery is laid - azimuth 3400
061115H HB Registration 155 Guns; Grid 100440; 12 HE/Ti
061200H Sent FO Team to support Operation Union (Binh Quang)
061215H HB Registration 8" How; Grid 100440; 8 HE/Ti
062125H FM Grid 208540, Assembly & Storage area; RW 127; 1stPlt 12 WP/Q
2ndPlt 12 HE/VT
071355H TOT from own FO Team; Grid 074502; VC mortar firing; GZ 025; 1stPlt
6 WP/Q; 6 HE/VT; 2ndPlt 6 HE/Q 6 HE/VT
071455H TOT FM from own FO Team; Grid 080508; VC Company; GZ 026; 1stPlt
12 HE/VT 2ndPlt 12 HE/VT
071903H TOT FM from 1/11; Grid 123460; Suspected VC Bn; RW 148; 1stPlt 3 HE/VT,
3 WP/Q; 2ndPlt 6 HE/VT
072010H FM from own FO Team; Grid 068500; VC Company; 1stPlt 15 HE/Q; 2ndPlt
16 HE/Q. GZ 032
072030H FM from own FO Team; Grid 080509; GZ 033; VC Company; 1stPlt 4 HE/Q;
2ndPlt 4 HE/Q
072320H FM's from 1/11; Grid 070525 GZ 037; Grid 076536 GZ 036; Grid 080530
GZ 037; Grid 076526 GZ 038; Classification B-1; 2ndPlt 4 HE/Q
(1 per tgt)
081015H Own FO Team reports 23 KIA's & 23 weapons captured on last nights
missions; Grids 080509 GZ 033; Grid 068500 GZ 032; Grid 0745502 GZ 025
081020H FM TOT Grid 073501; GZ 040, VC Bn, from own FO Team; 1stPlt 4 HE/Q
2ndPlt 4 HE/Q
081230H FM from own FO Team, Grid 058499 GZ 043; Grid 053497 GZ 044 VC Company;
GZ 043 1stPlt 8 HE/VT; GZ 044 1stPlt 3 HE/VT; GZ 043 2ndPlt 6 HE/VT;
GZ 044 2ndPlt 6 HE/VT; 4-5 buildings destroyed
090841H FM own FO Team Grid 057473; GZ 066; VC Plt; 1stPlt 8 HE/Q; 2ndPlt
4 HE/Q 10 HE/VT
091120H FM own FO Team; Grid 067453; Prep fire; GZ 069; 1stPlt 8 HE/Q;;
2ndPlt 8 HE/VT
091145H Confirmed surveillance GZ 066 27 KIA; 3 WIA; 7 captured
101650H FM own FO Team; Grid 047445; VC Squad; GZ 085; 2ndPlt 10 HE/Q
112245H FM own FO Team; Grid 075429; GZ 113; VC Plt; 2ndPlt; 7 HE/Q
120800H FM own FO Team; Grid 043415; GZ 114; VC OP; 1stPlt 1 WP
120800H Surveillance from 1/1 found packs & documents GZ 113 & GZ 114
131600 to 0100 Prep fires for 1/11; from Grid 9959 to 9960 to 0060 to 0061
to 0160 to 0260; 91 HE/Q; 77 HE/D
130800 to 1400 from Grid 0160 to 0260 12 HE/Q; 9 HE/D
131300H FM own FO Team Grid 082440 GZ 131; VC Plt; 1stPlt 4 HE/VT
131330H FM own FO Team Grid 094403 GZ 132; VC Plt; 1stPlt 8 HE/Q 4 HE/VT
131630H FM own FO Team Grid 093393 GZ 134; 1stPlt 3 WP/Q 4 HE/Q 4 HE/VT
140800H FM own FO Team Grid 091392; GZ 142; Prep Fires; 1stPlt 3 WP/Q 2 HE/VT
140836H FM own FO Team Grid 084444; GZ 143; 2ndPlt 4 HE/Q
140836H FM own FO Team Grid 087444; GZ 144; 1stPlt 4 HE/Q
141200H FO Team returned from Operation Union (Binh Quang)
151450H Prep fire Grid 125423; 1stPlt 4 HE/Q
151450H Prep fire Grid 117428; GZ 157; 2ndPlt 4 HE/Q
151640H FM from Regt FSCC; Grid 988604 GZ 158; Known VC position; 1stPlt 10 HE/Q

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151640H FM from Regt FSCC Grid 991604 GZ 159; Trenches; 1stPlt 10 HE/Q
161000H Gun #41 1stPlt down for new tube
170913H Gun #41 up
181530H GZ 200 Grid 080460 Calibration; Gun #76 12 HE/Q
181600H GZ 199 Grid 065395 Calibration 12 HE/Q; Gun #41
181934H GZ 203 Grid 010478 TOT from 11thMar VC troop conc; 2ndPlt 4 HE/VT
191305H GZ 201 Grid 06809365 Precision Reg CT6 1stPlt; WP 1/Q; 20 HE/Q Valid Reg
232000H GZ 247 Grid 013490 TOT from 11thMar; 1stPlt 6 HE/Q
232310H GZ 248 Grid 084869 TOT from 11thMar; 2ndPlt 6 HE/Q
271928H GZ 260 Grid 088475 from Hoi An poss. VC Bn; 2ndPlt 4 HE/Q
301135H GZ 285 Grid 113483 FM from Hoi An VC Plt in village; 1stPlt 4WP/Q, 3 HE/VT
301200H GZ 287 Grid 18655607 Prep Fire from 1/1 2ndPlt 12 HE/Q
301909H GZ 291 Grid 190548 FM from Hoi An; 30 VC crossing river; 2ndPlt 14 HE/VT
5 Sampans sunk, 1 large secondary explosion, 4 bodies being drug into bunker
311444H GZ 293 Grid 113481 FM from Hoi An; SUS Sniper and Auto. weapons positions
1stPlt 3 WP/Q, 2 HE/Q, 2 HE/VT; structure damaged

311840H GZ 295 Grid 214560 FM from Hoi An, Stone structure used by VC; 2ndPlt
9 HE/Q; structure destroyed

NOTE: All Grid coordinates are BT

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