

3D 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)

11th Marine Regiment
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 August to 31 August 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

(c) DivO 5750.26

Encl: $\sqrt{(1)}$ 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Major W. H. BARKER 1-3 August 1967 Captain R. W. TOPPING 4-10 August 1967 Major R. P. HOLT 11-31 August 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. <u>Location</u> 1-31 August 1967: Da Nang, RVN

3. BATTERY OFFICERS

BILLET	DATES	RANK AND NAME
Executive Officer Executive Officer Asst ExecO/Fire Direction Officer Asst Fire Direction Officer Platoon Commander Platoon Commander Supply Officer	4-11 August 1967 1-30 August 1967 31 August 1967 1-31 August 1967 1-31 August 1967	Captain R.W. TOPPING Captain T.D. MAHONEY Captain T.D. MAHONEY 2ndLt. J.W. STEPHENSON Jr. lstLt. S.J. MACK lstLt. T.H. GRIFFITH Jr. 2ndLt. R.F. JACOBSEN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

NARRATIVE 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 included:

TYPE AND NUMBER	R OF MISSIONS	ROUNDS	HE	WP	ILLUM
Observed	(41)		324	54	51
Unobserved	(43)		462	14	0
H&I	(408)		2076	163	129
Registrations	(0)		0	0	0
TOTAL	492		2862	231	180

Surveillance included:

- J Probable KIA's
- 4 Buildings Destroyed
- 1 Sampan Destroyed

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. <u>Personnel and Administration</u>: During the period 1 August to 31 August 1967 this battery transferred 1 officer and 14 enlisted due to normal rotation. The battery is currently operating at 97% of T/O strength.

Evacuated Casualties were:

Killed in action:

-) due to enemy action
- 3 not due to enemy action

None

b. Enemy, weather and terrain: The battery command post was attacked by three (3) volleys of rocket fire between the hours of 0220-0330, 27 August 1967. One staff NCO from 2nd Platoon 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery was killed, 3 minor WIA's in this battery. Combat action was not affected by the weather.

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

References

<u>Attached</u>

a. Army Map Service, Serial L7014 1:50,000 Not Attached

Sheets: 6640 I, II, III, IV

6641, I, II, III, IV

6540, I, II, III, IV 6541, I, II, III

Appendix B

هر 3dl55mmGunBtry(SP) FDC Journal

Appendix A to ENCLOSURE (1)



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c. Organization and Operations: The battery is currently occupying 3 seperate firing positions, at the following locations:

1st Platoon -- GRID AT 876 473 2nd Platoon -- GRID AT 921 799 3rd Platoon -- GRID AT 878 577

On 27 July 1967, Gun 21307, with elements of 3rd Platoon displaced from GRID 921 799 to GRID AT 970 621 in support of Operation YAZOO.

OPERATION

DATES

YAZ00

27Aug-31Aug67

- d. Plans: The battery plans to displace it's command post from GRID BT 108 583 to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines' current command post location on or about 10 September 1967.
- e. Training: Due to the dispersion of the battery during this reporting period formal training was impossible. Training consisted of on the job M.O.S. training.
- f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply: One M53 Gun, #213176 had an accidental fire in it's cab on 16 August 1967. Extensive damage was done to the interior wiring, and gun had to be evacuated. This command has one major Class II, type I deficiency. This is the Truck, Cargo, 2½ Ton, M35, FSN 2320-835-8464. Since "BA" status was received from 1st FSR on 7176, this document was followed up on 7215. To date, no further status has been received.
- g. <u>Civil Affairs/Civic Action</u>: The battery continued to participate in a medcap program with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.
 - h. Psychological Operations: None
 - i. Communications: Nothing significant to report.



FDC 3D 155 Gun Battery (SP) 010001 Aug 1967 to 312400 Aug 1967

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Opened Journal.
010001
       "A" Platoon departed GRID AT 877 476 to GRID AT 856 434
010630
011015 Fired check rounds on GRID AT 919 259, 10 HE.
011125 Rec'd mission FZ 729, 730, 731 and 732, and GRID AT 913 265, 24 HE, GRID
       AT 942 204, 6 HE - GRID AT 923 225, 6 HE - GRID AT 940 208, 6 HE.
011255 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 9180 2729, 9 HE.
011445 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 920 272 13 HE.
011600 Rec'd missions from Recon - GRID AT 909 244 22 WP, GRID AT 913 265, 15 HE.
011900 Rec'd G-2 TGT's from 2/5 GRIDS AT 797 306 and AT 795 296 36 HE.
012000 Arrived back in Primary Position
020850 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 834 350, 15 HE - 1 Building Destroyed,
        2 Prob KIA.
        Rec'd missions from Recon - GRID AT 907 263, 1 WP and AT 883 279 5 HE, 1 WP.
  .1230
021500 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 886 279, 30 HE.
        Observed 3 VC trying to breech the wire. Rec'd approx 40 rounds small arms
030025
        incoming. 7th MAR's sent out patrol.
        Rec'd mission from 2/1, Prep fires, 16 HE, 1 WP.
031750
        Rec'd mission from 1/1 V.C. assembly area, sniper fire, 28 HE, 1 WP.
031840
        "B" Platoon displaced from GRID AT 8897 7737 to GRID AT 9212 7985.
041540
        Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 805 384 22 Illum.
042200
        Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID 882 380 2 Illum.
062055
        "B" Platoon displaced from GRID AT 9212 7985 to GRID 8897 7737.
070700
071940 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 791 359 18 HE and GRID AT 800 365 17 HE.
072300 Rec'd mission from 11th MAR, GRID ZC 172 417, 9 HE, GRID ZC 160 391 9 HE.
080035 Rec'd mission from 1/7, GRID ZC 206 667 V. C. Construction.
081100 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 789314, 6 HE, 6 WP.
081120 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 795 297, 12 HE, 17 WP - 1 sampam dest.,
         1 Building dest.
        Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 817 322, 18 HE.
  31315
        Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 882 380, 9 HE, 2 Prob KIA's.
υ91815
        Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 780 335, 11 HE, 1 WP.
 100835
        Rec'd saturation mission from 4/11 GRID AT 741 682.
        Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 898 506, 11 HE.
 111900
 120020 Rec'd G-2 Target from 11th MAR's GRID ZC 159 354, 9 HE.
 120930 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID ZC 198 348, 14 HE.
 121950 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 840 380, 1 Illum.
 130420 Gun 46 Down, Expended tube life.
 131800 Rec'd mission from 1/7, NDF GRID ZC202 703.
        Rec'd mission from Recon - Unk number of V.C. GRID ZC192 640.
 131940
        Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 840 380, 5 Illum.
 131945
 140330 Fired 2 rounds HE, for Recon.
 140700 Fired 1 round HE, for Recon GRID ZC 197 632, 12-15 V.C.
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Gun 76 arrived AT 8" HOW. Btry's Position. 141400 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID AT 845 390, 2 Illum. 141730 Guns departed GRID AT 890 774 and returned to 8" position. 141900 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 960 488, 36 HE. 150305 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID AT 845 389, 3 Illum. 151850 Rec'd mission from Recon - GRID AT 835 364, 16 Illum. 152140 Gun 76 caught fire - 0.A. 160900 Fired check rounds GRID AT 882 380, 4 HE. 171605 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 945 484, 10 HE. 172120 Fired in night defensive fire, for Recon GRID ZC 207702. 18**18**55 Rec'd mission from 11thMAR's GRID ZC 128 407, 8 HE. 182130 "B" Platoon displaced to GRID AT 890 774 190825 Rec'd mission from Recon CRID ZC120694 200630 Rec'd G-2 Targets from 11thMAR's GRIDS ZC 124 471, 5HE, ZC115 441 5 HE and 201430 ZC 158 383, 5HE. 211810 Rec'd TOT from 4/11 GRID ZC 195 672 030 Rec'd TOT from 4/11 GRID AT 855 635 Rec'd mission from 2/11 GRID AT 905355, 18 HE. 2,2050 221320 Rec'd mission from A. O. GRID AT 798 357, 7 HE. 230 250 Gun 07 expended tube life. 231130 Rec'd two serenades from 4/11 GRID ZC 169 713 and ZC 145 843 Gun 46 departed GRID AT 890 774 to fLSG. 220800 Gun 48 departed GRID AT 890 774 to fLSG. 230730 Rec'd mission from 2/5 CRID ZC 210356, AT 843 312, 18 HE. 231850 Rec'd mission from 11th MAR's GRID ZC 184 516, 36 HE, CRID ZC 193 498, 36 HE. 231950 Rec'd mission from 11th MAR's GRID ZC 109 422, 6 HE. 241630 Gun 07 displaced from AT 890 774 for Hill 52. 260730 270330 Btry C.P. received APPROX. 6 rds of Rocket fire, 1 KIA. 271920 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 795 355, 3 HE. Gun 46 returned from FLSC. 2**8120**0 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 928 426, 3 HE. 281910 282300 2 LVTH-6's arrived 155 Gun Btry's position 290100 Rec'd mission from 8" HOW Btry GRID AT 670 396 Gun 48 returned from fLSG. 291600 Gun 48 displaced to GRID AT 890 774. 300900 Rec'd mission from 8" HOW Btry. Troop conc at GRID ZC 149398, 4 HE Rec'd mission from 11thMAR's GRID ZC 180 423, 12 H.E. 302030 311900 Rec'd mission from 11th MAR's TCT's FZ1000 and 1001, 36 HE.