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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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4 January 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, Eleventh Marine Regiment

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
(d) RegtO 5750.2D

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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3rd 155mm Gun Btry

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1967

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1. 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
11th Marine Regiment

LtCol., R. P. HOLT
1-29 December 1967
Capt., D. F. SORTINO
29-31 December 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

- 2ND Platoon 5th 155mm Gun Btry (SP) -OPCON - Capt., K. O. STEEN
1-11 December 1967
1stLt., D. L. RODGERS
11-14 December 1967
1stLt., R. E. WASSUM
15-31 December 1967

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1967: Da Nang, RVN

3. BATTERY OFFICERS BILLET

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Executive Officer | 1-29 Dec. 1967 | Captain D. F. SORTINO |
| Executive Officer | 29-31 Dec. 1967 | Captain T. H. GRIFFITH JR. |
| Fire Direction Officer | 1-29 Dec. 1967 | 1stLt. J.W. STEPHENSON JR. |
| Fire Direction Officer | 29-31 Dec. 1967 | 1stLt. J.M. CANARIO |
| Platoon Commander | 1-29 Dec. 1967 | Captain T. H. GRIFFITH JR. |
| Platoon Commander | 29-31 Dec. 1967 | 1stLt. J.W. STEPHENSON JR. |
| Platoon Commander | 1-31 Dec. 1967 | 1stLt. P. J. ONEIL |
| Battery Officer | 14-31 Dec. 1967 | 1stLt. J. M. LISANTE |
| Supply Officer | 1-31 Dec. 1967 | 1stLt. 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 | 134 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

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

Support provided by this battery included:

| <u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>ROUNDS</u> | <u>HE</u> | <u>WP</u> | <u>ILLUM</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Observed (9) | | 79 | 0 | 3 |
| Unobserved (583) | | 797 | 0 | 0 |
| H&I (359) | | 865 | 0 | 0 |
| Registrations (1) | | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL 952 | | 1744 | 1 | 3 |

SURVEILLANCE INCLUDED:

3 Sampans damaged

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration: During the period 1-31 December 1967 the battery transferred 11 enlisted due to normal rotation. Also during this period the battery joined 17 enlisted men from Commands out of WESTPAC. The battery is presently operating at 88.7% of T. O. strength.

b. Enemy, weather and terrain: None

c. Organization and Operations: 1st Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP), participated in the following operations:

OPERATIONDATES

CITRUS

151400 - 232400 December 1967

AUBURN

280800 - 312400 December 1967

d. Plans: None

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e. Training: Due to operational commitments during the month of December, the battery held a restricted amount of General Military Subjects training. On the Job Training and MOS training was highlighted by a reconnaissance, selection, and occupation of position near First Battalion, 7th Marines (Hill 41); and a two day fire/communication exercise at the same location. In addition all personal and crew served weapons in the battery were fired for familiarization.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply: Presently, this command has four major Class II, Type I, T/E deficiencies. The M53 GUN (SP), Doc# M21248-7250-0008, has been followed up ten times with the latest status coming from the MCSA, Philadelphia, on 31 October 1967. The status was, "Item delayed, supply action being continued." This item was nominated for Red Ball on 1 December 1967, with no further status to date.

The Truck, Utility, M38A1, Doc# M21248-7314-0002, has been passed to MRL (3rd FSR). This document has been followed up five times with the latest status being, "Passed to 3rd FSR", which was received on 17 November 1967. No status has been received from 3rd FSR to date.

The Welding Machine, Arc, Doc# M21248-7319-0004, has been passed to MRL. This document has been followed up five times with no status from 3rd FSR to date.

The High Pressure Steam Cleaning Unit has been placed on requisition at MCL (1st FSR) under the new Doc# M21248-7331-0016. It has been followed up twice with no status received to date.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: None

h. Psychological Operations: None

i. Communications: Nothing significant to report.

2. Entries: None

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

References

ATTACHED

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

b. 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal Appendix B

Appendix A to
Enclosure (1)

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FDC

3D 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
010001 December 1967 to
312400 December 1967

010001 Journal Opened
051730 Rec'd mission from 11th Marines GRID ZC 18441Z, troop concentration, 2 HE.
052105 Rec'd mission from 3/11 GRID ZC 210330, VC Platoon, 8 HE.
071845 Rec'd mission from 3/11 GRID AT 800293, VC troop concentration, 2 HE.
1000 2 Guns displaced from GRID AT 919801 to GRID AT 922790 for a reconnaissance, selection and occupation of position.
1130 2 Guns returned to GRID AT 919801 from RSOP.
200630 2 Guns displaced from GRID AT 919801 to GRID AT 935663 for a training operation.
201200 Arrived at GRID AT 935663
201530 Fired direct fire from Hill 41, 11 HE.
201800 Rec'd mission from 11th Marines GRID ZC 035542. G-2 Tgt.
221130 2 Guns displaced from GRID AT 935663, returning to C.P. GRID AT 919801.
221505 2 Guns arrived in position, are laid and ready to fire.
240845 Rec'd mission from Recon (Prep fire) GRID AT 9980 4625, 11 HE.
241608 Rec'd TOT mission from 11th Marines, 10 HE.
251551 Rec'd TOT mission from 11th Marines GRIDS AT 913648 to AT 925644, 12 HE.
261845 Rec'd mission from 3/11 GRID AT 7525 3023, intelligence target, 10 HE.
271330 Rec'd mission from A.O. on GRID AT 215324, V.C. SamPans 23 H.E., 3 SamPans damaged.
272240 Rec'd 6 missions from 11th Marines GRID AT 7475 4160 to 7538 4161 and ZC 147418 to 155417 and AT 760375 to 749377 and AT 714424 to 713415 and AT 758394 to 756394 and 756388 to 763389, 60 HE.
290753 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID ZC 160705 VC Harbor site, 6 HE.
312050 Rec'd on calls from Recon effective 021600 Jan 1968.
312400 Journal closed

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