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3RD 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marine Regiment  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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28 February 1969

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(c) DivO 5750.2B  
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Encl: ✓(1) 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP), Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a)  
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Appendix A: (List of references) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
Command Chronology 1 February to 28 February 1969

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER
3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) 11th Marine Regiment	Maj. W. H. COOPER 1 February to 10 February 1969 Maj. <del>R.A.</del> JORALMON 11 February to 28 February 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS  
None

ATTACHED UNITS  
None

## 2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1969: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)  
Da Nang, Grid AT 920800  
1-28 February 1969: "A" Plt., An Hoa, Under Operational  
Control of 1st Fag, Grid AT 878472

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-28 February 1969 1stLt. D. Sauer
Fire Direction Officer	1-28 February 1969 1stLt. J. Carter
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1-28 February 1969 1stLt. D. Rigsbee
Plt. Commander	1-28 February 1969 1stLt. M. Gregory
Supply Officer	1-28 February 1969 2ndLt. M. Lebowitz

## 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>
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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period 1-28 February 1969, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 1,743 rounds on 698 missions.

During this reporting period, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Da Nang, RVN. "A" Plt., of this battery, was OPCON to 1st FAG, 1st Marine Division, An Hoa, RVN.

This unit had negative enemy casualties or destruction of enemy structures reported by observers.

"A" Plt., located at An Hoa, received enemy rockets and mortars at 0030 hours on 23 February 1969. This attack resulted in two (2) non-serious casualties. At 0700 hours on 23 February 1969, a second attack resulted in one (1) non-serious casualty. At 0730 hours on 23 February 1969, a third attack resulted in one (1) non-serious casualty. During all of these attacks, living and working buildings were damaged or destroyed. No medevacs were necessary.

At 1930 hours on 28 February 1969, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP), located at Da Nang, received one (1) 140mm rocket. This rocket destroyed the Motor Transport shop with all contents which included maintenance equipment, spare parts, test equipment, one (1) AN/MRC-83 radio vehicle, and one (1) AN/MRC-109 radio vehicle. This attack caused five (5) non-serious casualties. No medevacs were necessary.

2. MISSIONS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF:

UNIT SUPPORTED	TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS		TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS			TOTAL ROUNDS		
RECON	Obs.	151	HE	572	ILL	86	16	674
	Unobs.	17		86		6	0	92
	H&I	12		45		8	0	53
	TOTAL	180		703		100	16	819
26th Marines	Obs.	0		0		0	0	0
	Unobs.	0		0		0	0	0
	H&I	385		461		0	0	461
	TOTAL	385		461		0	0	461
11th Marines	Obs.	1		0		0	4	4
	Unobs.	49		281		0	0	281
	H&I	20		31		6	0	37
	TOTAL	70		312		6	4	322

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## PART II (CONTINUED)

UNIT SUPPORTED	TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS		TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS			TOTAL ROUNDS
			HE	ILL	WP	
7th Marines	Obs.	0	0	0	0	0
	Unobs.	0	0	0	0	0
	H&I	39	76	0	0	76
	TOTAL	39	76	0	0	76
13th Marines	Obs.	0	0	0	0	0
	Unobs.	0	0	0	0	0
	H&I	19	20	0	0	20
	TOTAL	19	20	0	0	20
3rd 155mm Guns	Obs.	3	35	0	4	35
	Unobs.	2	6	0	0	10
	H&I	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	5	41	0	4	45

  

TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS	TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS			TOTAL ROUNDS
	HE	ILL	WP	
Obs. 155	607	86	24	717
Unobs. 68	373	6	0	379
H&I 475	633	14	0	647
TOTAL 698	1,613	106	24	1,743

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. TOPICS

## a. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administration	1	11	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	1	8	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	5	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	6	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	0	0	0

b. Intelligence: None

c. Organizational Operations: None

d. Training: This battery has accomplished the normal General Military subjects and MOS training during the month of February.

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## e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

1. Ordnance Equipment

a. Our M51VTR is deadlined for the lack of a hydraulic line seal. The item was unavailable to pick up on a NORE requisition.

2. Engineer Equipment

a. Status received from 3rd FSR indicates that one (1) of our Tractors, Full-Tracked, M-64 EIMCO's has been given a CODE H. Another EIMCO is now on order, on DOC. NO. 9015 1021.

b. Welding Machine Arc, Trailer Mounted is deadlined due to parts. The parts are now on order.

3. Motor Transport

a. There are presently two (2) Trucks, Cargo M37's, deadlined for front axle housing parts. These parts are now on order.

b. Due to a recent rocket attack, numerous tool kits and test equipment were destroyed. Disposition on these items is pending at present.

4. Communications

a. One (1) AN/MRC-83 and one (1) AN/MRC-109 were recently destroyed in a rocket attack. These are on requisition, awaiting disposition.

5. Supply

a. We are having no major problems in the supply area.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs: Handled as cantonment project.

g. Psychological Operations: None

h. Combined Action Company Program: None

i. None

2. Entries: None

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTING COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
010001 February 1969 to  
282400 February 1969d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001	Open Journal				
011900	Fired Night Defensive Fire for Recon, GZ851 and GZ854, Grids ZC 205708 and ZC 210705, Negative Surveillance	Obs	10 HE	Exp.	
020100	Fired Night Defensive Fire for Recon, GZ851 and GZ852, Grids ZC 205708 and ZC 210705, Negative Surveillance	Obs	12 HE	"	
030001	Routine Messages, Maintenance, H&I's, and C/R Drills this				
032400	Period				
041630	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL262, Grid AT 809793, Enemy Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	8 HE	"	
041800	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL263, Grid AT 809793, Enemy Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	8 HE	"	
042245	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL263, Grid AT 809793, Enemy Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	8 HE	"	
050247	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL263, Grid AT 809793, Enemy Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	8 HE	"	
051015	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Grid ZC 1615 8510, Invalid	Obs	4 WP	"	
051610	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ877, Grid ZC 195878	Obs	1 HE	"	
051632	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ878, Grid ZC 205888	Obs	1 WP	"	

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051642	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ879, Grid AT 870900	Obs	1 WP	Exp.
051735	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ878, Grid ZC 205888	Obs	1 WP	"
051740	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ877, Grid ZC 195878	Obs	1 WP	"
061600	Gun #84 Down, Recoil Cylinder			
071832	Fired TOT for 11th Marines VZ1957, Grid AT 824785, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	9 HE	"
081030	Gun #84 Up			
091510	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ894, Grid ZC 153660	Obs	1 WP	"
091525	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ895, Grid ZC 189871	Obs	1 WP	"
091620	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ896, Grid ZC 195875	Obs	2 WP	"
091857	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ894, Grid ZC 153660	Obs	1 HE	"
101100	Change of Command from Maj. W.H. Cooper to Maj. R.A. Joralmor			
112315	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1266, Grid AT 815778, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	6 HE	"
121015	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Grid ZC 1615 8510, Invalid	Obs	3 WP	"
121430	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1268, Grid AT 831773, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	6 HE	"
121607	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1269, Grid AT 815778, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"
121648	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1270, Grid AT 829771, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"
121841	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1271, Grid AT 825811 Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"
121903	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1274, Grid AT 830788, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"

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131630	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ913, Grid ZC 140850	Obs	2 WP	Exp.
140315	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon, GZ670Z, Grid ZC 205704	Obs	2 Ill	"
150039	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1269, Grid AT 843728, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	8 HE	"
150200	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1270, Grid AT 829880, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	8 HE	"
161358	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ934, Grid ZC 186827, Negative Surveillance	Obs	2 HE	"
161455	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ935, Grid ZC 193826	Obs	1 HE	"
170100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon, KX7108Z, Grid AT 850860	Obs	4 Ill	"
181300	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ948, Grid ZC 180839	Obs	2 WP	"
190123	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon, GZ670Z, Grid ZC 205704	Obs	1 Ill	"
190430	Gun #62 Down, Site			
201000	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid	Obs	2 WP	"
201413	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid	Obs	11 HE	"
		Obs	1 WP	"
			10 HE	"
201930	Gun #84 Down, Site Mount			
211525	Fired Test Rounds for 155mm Guns, GZ958, Grid ZC 19787217	Unobs	3 HE	"
211600	Gun #62 Up			
221340	Gun #84 Up			
230205	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	25 HE	"
230317	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	3 HE	"
230530	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	7 HE	"
230905	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	9 HE	"
231055	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	4 HE	"
231410	Sent Spot Report Concerning Crater Analysis to Regiment			
231820	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	8 HE	"

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232010	Informed by 8" that Village Chief of Loc Hoa, Grid AT 925773, saw 300 VC moving over Hill 282				
240145	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon, GZ670Z, Grid ZC 205704	Obs	6	Ill	Exp.
250555	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	3	HE	"
252305	Fired TOT for 11th Marines VZ2781, Grid AT 682889, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4	HE	"
260145	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	5	HE	"
260156	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL282, Grid AT 857689, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	5	HE	"
260247	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL281, Grid AT 859687, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4	HE	"
260450	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL281, Grid AT 859687, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4	HE	"
260500	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL282, Grid AT 857689, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4	HE	"
261100	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XYL285, Grid ZC 195649, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4	HE	"
261300	Fired Seating Rounds for 155mm Guns, Grid AT 825695	Unobs	3	HE	"
270001	Routine Messages, Maintenance,				
272400	and H&I's this Period				
281930	Rockets! Rockets! One rocket impacted in the Motor Transport shop, des- troying all tools and equip- ment, as well as one AN/MRC- 83 radio vehicle and one AN/MRC-109 radio vehicle. One officer and four enlisted men were wounded but were non-medevac.	Unobs	27	HE	"
282301	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	13	HE	"
282400	Close Journal				

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