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3RD 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division  
(Rein) FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 March to 31  
March 1969

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2C  
(d) RegtO 5750.2E

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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Maj. R. A. JORAIMON  
11th Marine Regiment 1 March to 31 March 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS  
None

ATTACHED UNITS  
None

2. LOCATION

1-31 March 1969: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)  
Da Nang, Grid AT 920800  
1-07 March 1969: "A" Plt., An Hoa, Under Operational  
Control of 1st FAG, Grid AT 878472  
8-31 March 1969: "A" Plt., An Hoa, Under Operational  
Control of 2/11, Grid AT 878472

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31 March 1969	Capt. H. SAGE
Asst. Executive Officer	1-07 March 1969	1stLt. D. SAUER
Fire Direction Officer	1-07 March 1969	1stLt. J. CARTER
	8-31 March 1969	1stLt. D. SAUER
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1-31 March 1969	1stLt. D. RIGSBEE
Plt. Commander	1-31 March 1969	1stLt. M. GREGORY
Supply Officer	1-31 March 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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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period 1-31 March 1969, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (minus) fired 1,804 rounds on 610 missions. There were no enemy casualties or enemy structures reported destroyed this period. This unit did receive one (1) secondary explosion on Grid AT 73478435, Concentration No. GZ1032 at 1640 hours on 24 March 1969.

During this reporting period, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (minus) was OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Da Nang, RVN. "A" Plt., 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was OPCON to 1st FAG, 1st Marine Division, An Hoa, RVN, from 1-7 March 1969. From 8-31 March 1969, "A" Plt. was OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, at An Hoa, RVN. (Refer to OPCON unit's Command Chronology for data).

On 25 March 1969, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) received two (2) Gun Field Artillery, Self-Propelled: 175mm, M107, for familiarization and service practice. The battery fired 3 missions and expended 25 rounds in practice. (Paragraph #2 below)

2. MISSIONS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF:

UNIT SUPPORTED	TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS		TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS		TOTAL ROUNDS	
			HE	ILL		
RECON	Obs.	255	887	113	6	1,006
	Unobs.	0	0	0	0	0
	H&I	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	255	887	113	6	1,006
26th Marines	Obs.	268	484	0	0	484
	Unobs.	0	0	0	0	0
	H&I	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	268	484	0	0	484
11th Marines	Obs.	5	38	0	7	45
	Unobs.	35	118	0	4	122
	H&I	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	40	156	0	11	167
3rd 155mm Guns	Obs.	2	44	0	17	61
	Unobs.	1	5	0	0	5
	H&I	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	3	49	0	17	66

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UNIT SUPPORTED	TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS	TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS			TOTAL ROUNDS
		HE	ILL	WP	
13th Marines	Obs.	0	0	0	0
	Unobs.	3	6	0	6
	H&I	23	22	0	22
	TOTAL	26	28	0	28
7th Marines	Obs.	0	0	0	0
	Unobs.	1	4	0	4
	H&I	14	21	0	21
	TOTAL	15	25	0	25
1st Mar Div	Obs.	3	22	0	28
	Unobs.	0	0	0	0
	H&I	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	3	22	0	28

TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS	TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS			TOTAL ROUNDS
	HE	ILL	WP	
Obs. 262	991	113	36	1,140
Unobs. 43	133	0	4	137
H&I 305	527	0	0	527
TOTAL 610	1,651	113	40	1,804

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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	10	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	13	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	3	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 March.

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## e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

1. Ordnance Equipment

a. This unit has one (1) M51VTR Retriever on deadline for hydraulic line seals. These items are presently on NORS requisition in the supply system.

2. Engineer Equipment

a. This unit has one (1) M64 Eimco Tractor, Code H. A replacement has been ordered on Document No. 9015 1021.

b. We have one (1) Arc Welding Machine, Trailer Mounted, on deadline awaiting 2nd Echelon repair parts.

3. Motor Transport

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

b. Due to a recent rocket attack, numerous tools and test equipment were destroyed. Replacements are now on requisition for these items.

4. Communications

a. One (1) AN/MRC 83 and one (1) AN/MRC 109 were destroyed in a rocket attack. The MRC 109 has been Coded Out and reordered on Document No. 9080 1775. We are presently awaiting disposition on the AN/MRC 83.

5. Supply

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

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

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- g. Psychological Operations: None
- h. Combined Action Company Program: None
- i. None

2. Entries: None

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Appendix A: (List of references) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
Command Chronology 1 March to 31 March 1969

REFERENCES

ATTACHED

a. Army Map Service, Serial L7014 1:50,000  
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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Appendix B: (Documentation) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
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a. 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal

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CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTING COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

FDC

3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
010001 March 1969 to  
312400 March 1969d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001	Open Journal				
011540	Sent Spot Report on Crater Analysis to Regiment				
012220	Fired TOT for 11th Marines VZ3077, Grid ZC 198842, Enemy Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	Exp.	
020001	Routine Messages, Maintenance, 022400 and H&I's this Period				
030044	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1285, Grid ZC 195852, Suspected NVA Position, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"	
030103	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1286, Grid ZC 193871, Suspected NVA Position, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"	
030120	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1287, Grid ZC 188872, Suspected NVA Position, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	5 HE	"	
031505	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ680, Grid ZC 154680	Obs	1 WP	"	
041005	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ981, Grid ZC 176801	Obs	1 HE	"	
041300	Fired Spotter Rounds for Recon GZ982, Grid ZC 187899	Obs	2 WP	"	
041330	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ983, Grid ZC 194885	Obs	1 WP	"	
042310	Fired Wake Up Round for Recon GZ986, Grid ZC 198760	Obs	1 HE	"	
050050	Fired Wake Up Rounds for Recon GZ987, Grid AT 794765	Obs	4 HE	"	
050120	Gun #62 Down, Recoil				
051735	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ991, Grid ZC 198888, Old Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Obs	6 HE	"	
051805	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ992, Grid ZC 188885	Obs	1 WP	"	

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060900 Received two Guns from 1st  
155mm Gun Battery, #64 and  
#75. Surveyed Guns #84 and  
#62 to FSR

061443 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 4 HE Exp.  
XY1289, Grid AT 76588039,  
Negative Surveillance

061508 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 4 HE      "  
XY1290, Grid ZC 182804,  
Negative Surveillance

061543 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 2 HE      "  
XY1291, Grid ZC 181803,  
Negative Surveillance

061609 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 2 HE      "  
XY1292, Grid ZC 177801,  
Negative Surveillance

070010 Rockets! Rockets!      Unobs 1 HE      "  
070800 "A" Plt. went OPCON to 2/11

080001 Routine Messages, Maintenance,  
082400 and H&I's this Period

092045 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 3 HE      "  
KX8531, Grid AT 880870,  
Negative Surveillance

092110 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 6 HE      "  
XY1297, Grid AT 800872,  
350 NVA Moving East,  
Negative Surveillance

092140 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 3 HE      "  
XY1298, Grid AT 870707,  
Negative Surveillance

092225 Fired TOT for 11th Marines      Unobs 6 HE      "  
XY1299, Grid AT 853710,  
Negative Surveillance

101040 Fired Precision Registration Obs      1 WP      "  
for 3rd 155mm Guns, GZ1016,      24 HE      "  
Grid ZC 162851, Valid

111050 Fired Precision Registration Obs      1 WP      "  
for 3rd 155mm Guns, GZ1017,      11 HE      "  
Grid AT 81787200

111115 Fired Test Rounds for 3rd      Obs 10 HE      "  
155mm Guns, GZ1017B

120001 Routine Messages, Maintenance,  
122400 and H&I's this Period

130001 Routine Messages, Maintenance,  
132400 and H&I's this Period

142010 Fired Illumination Mission      Obs 3 Ill      "  
for Recon, GZ1020Z, Grid AT  
809838

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150205	Fired TOT for 11th Marines, XY1308, Grid AT 812871, NVA Battalion, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	2 HE	Exp.
150207	Fired Illumination Mission for Obs Recon, GZ1020Z, Grid AT 809838	Obs	3 Ill	"
151155	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ1022, Grid ZC 164857, 40 VC, Negative Surveillance	Obs	6 HE	"
160001	Routine Messages, Maintenance, and H&I's this Period			
162400				
171350	Fired Spotter Rounds for Recon Obs GZ1023, Grid ZC 176865	Obs	1 HE	"
180950	Fired Spotter Rounds for Recon Obs GZ1024, AT 76458708	Obs	1 WP	"
190430	Rockets! Rockets! Surveyed Gun #46 to FSR	Unobs	2 HE	"
190900				
200208	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	3 HE	"
202030	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX9137, Grid AT 837888, 2 NVA Battalions, Negative Surveillance	Unobs	4 HE	"
202253	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	5 HE	"
210155	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	1 HE	"
220001	Routine Messages, Maintenance, and H&I's this Period			
222400				
231425	Fired Fire Mission for 11th Marines, XY5688, Grid ZC 155842, 150 NVA with rockets and Mortars, Negative Surveillance	Obs	10 HE	"
			4 WP	"
231640	Fired Fire Mission for 11th Marines, XY5688, Grid ZC 155842, Suspected NVA Base Camp, Good Coverage	Obs	16 HE	"
240200	Fired Wake Up Rounds for Recon Obs GZ1030Z, Grid AT 800670	Obs	2 Ill	"
240300	Fired Wake Up Rounds for Recon Obs GZ1030, Grid AT 800670	Obs	2 HE	"
240530	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
241550	Fired Fire Mission for 11th Marines, GZ1031, Grid ZC 153839, Suspected Enemy Base Camp, Good Coverage	Obs	4 WP	<i>SECRET</i>

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241640	Fired Fire Mission for 11th Marines AO, GZ1032, Grid AT 73478435, NVA Base Camp, Negative Surveillance	Obs	4 WP	Exp.
241845	Fired Fire Mission for 11th Marines AO, GZ1032, Grid AT 73478435, NVA Base Camp, One Secondary	Obs	1 WP 10 HE	"
251207	Received two (2) 175mm Guns			
250915	Fired Recon Demonstration GZ1034B, Grid 90008355	Obs	3 HE	"
251430	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ1035, Grid ZC 128850 300 NVA, Negative Surveillance	Obs	1 WP 4 HE	"
252130	Fired Wake Up Round for Recon GZ1035, Grid ZC 162692	Obs	1 HE	"
260001	Routine Messages, Maintenance, and H&I's this Period			
262400				
270605	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	10 HE	"
271530	Fired Precision Registration for 3rd 155mm Guns, Grid ZC 18518650, Valid	Obs	15 WP	"
280900	Fired Recon Demonstration Grid ZC 18758675	Unobs	5 HE	"
281800	Fired Seating Rounds for 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 18758675	Unobs	2 HE	"
291330	Fired Precision Registration for 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 1851 8650, Valid	Obs	15 HE	"
300001	Routine Messages, Maintenance, and H&I's this Period			
310001	Routine Messages, Maintenance			
312400	and H&I's this Period			
312400	Journal Closed			

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