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3RD 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marine Regiment  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division  
(Rein) FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April to 30  
April 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2C  
(d) RegtO 5750.2E

Encl: ✓(1) 3rd 175mm 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 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

## COMMANDER

3rd 17 Gun Battery (SP)  
11th Marine Regiment

Maj. R. A. JORALMON

1 April to 30 April 1969

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

## ATTACHED UNITS

None

## 2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1969: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)

Da Nang, Grid AT 920800

1-30 April 1969: "A" Plt., An Hoa, Under Operational  
Control of 2/11, Grid AT 878472

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-30 April 1969	Capt. H. SAGE
Fire Direction Officer	1-30 April 1969	1stLt. D. SAUER
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1-13 April 1969	1stLt. D. RIGSBEE
Plt. Commander	22-30 April 1969	1stLt. H. HELMS
"A" Plt. FDO	1-30 April 1969	1stLt. M. GREGORY
Supply Officer	13-30 April 1969	1stLt. D. RIGSBEE
	1-30 April 1969	1stLt. 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>
6	153	0	3	0	0

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period 1-30 April 1969, the 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP) was OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF, RVN. "A" Plt., of this battery was OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment at An Hoa, RVN.

During this period, Marine Corps history was made. This battery which was 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) became 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP) on 12 April 1969. Thus, we bade farewell to the 155mm Gun M-53, which served us well, even though it was very old and needed repairs quite frequently. With the new 175mm Gun M-107, we shall continue our mission for the United States with even more vigorous and accurate artillery support.

General Simpson, Commanding General 1st Marine Division, was present at the redesignation ceremony on 12 April 1969.

During this period, the 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 2,299 rounds on 730 missions. Surveillance of targets fired resulted in two (2) confirmed enemy KIA's. This battery fired in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills from 8-30 April, 1969.

2. MISSIONS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF:155MM GUNS

UNIT SUPPORTED	TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS	TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS			TOTAL ROUNDS
		HE	ILL	WP	
1st RECON	Obs. 101	263	40	0	303
	Unobs. 2	16	0	0	16
	H&I 0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL 103	279	40	0	319
26th Marines	Obs. 0	0	0	0	0
	Unobs. 88	175	0	0	175
	H&I 107	139	0	0	139
	TOTAL 195	314	0	0	314

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<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
		HE    ILL    WP	
11th Marines	Obs. 0 Unobs. 5 H&I 6 TOTAL 11	0    0    0 30    0    0 35    0    0 65    0    0	0 30 35 65
1/13 Marines	Obs. 0 Unobs. 0 H&I 5 TOTAL 5	0    0    0 0    0    0 10    0    0 10    0    0	0 0 10 10
<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>	
	HE    ILL    WP		
Obs. 101 Unobs. 95 H&I 118 TOTAL 314	263    40    0 221    0    0 184    0    0 665    40    0	303 221 184 708	

175MM GUNS MINUS "A" Plt.

<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>
		HE
26th Marines	Obs. 0 Unobs. 81 H&I 119 TOTAL 200	0 177 113 590
1st RECON	Obs. 96 Unobs. 2 H&I 0 TOTAL 98	304 9 0 313
11th Marines	Obs. 0 Unobs. 18 H&I 0 TOTAL 18	0 69 0 69

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UNIT SUPPORTEDTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF MISSIONSTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF ROUNDS1st Marine  
DivisionObs. 3  
Unobs. 0  
H&I 0  
TOTAL 3HE  
43  
0  
0  
43Operation  
Oklahoma HillsObs. 0  
Unobs. 5  
H&I 2  
TOTAL 70  
11  
6  
17

7th Marines

Obs. 0  
Unobs. 2  
H&I 0  
TOTAL 20  
3  
0  
3

3rd 175mm Guns

Obs. 4  
Unobs. 4  
H&I 0  
TOTAL 858  
10  
0  
68TYPE AND NUMBER  
OF MISSIONSTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF ROUNDSObs. 103  
Unobs. 112  
H&I 121  
TOTAL 336HE  
405  
279  
419  
1,103

175MM GUNS "A" Plt.

UNIT SUPPORTEDTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF MISSIONSTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF ROUNDS

5th Marines

Obs. 0  
Unobs. 27  
H&I 5  
TOTAL 32HE  
0  
113  
15  
128

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<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>
3rd 175mm Guns	Obs. 4 Unobs. 2 H&I 0 TOTAL 6	HE 57 7 0 64
1st RECON	Obs. 10 Unobs. 6 H&I 5 TOTAL 21	90 89 19 198
2/11 Marines	Obs. 0 Unobs. 13 H&I 0 TOTAL 13	0 48 0 48
1st Marine Division	Obs. 2 Unobs. 0 H&I 0 TOTAL 2	30 0 0 30
11th Marines	Obs. 0 Unobs. 6 H&I 0 TOTAL 6	0 20 0 20

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>
Obs. 16 Unobs. 54 H&I 10 TOTAL 80	HE 177 277 34 488

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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	0	11	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	22	0	2
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	10	0	1

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 April.

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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 had one (1) M64 EIMCO Tractor, Code H. A replacement has been procured.

b. We have one (1) Arc Welding Machine, Trailor 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 parts 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. Both the MRC-83 and MRC-109 have been coded out and reordered on Document No's 9111-2643 and 9080-1775 respectively.

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 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
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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 175mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal Appendix B

Appendix A to Enclosure (1)

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Appendix B: (Documentation) to 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
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a. 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTING COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

FDC

3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
010001 April 1969 to  
302400 April 1969

## d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001	Open Journal			
011635	Gun #13 Up			
020001	Routine Messages, Maintenance,			
022400	and H&I's this period			
031600	Fired Test Rounds for 175mm Guns	Obs	4 HE	Exp.
042052	Fired Illumination for Recon GZ670Z, Suspected Enemy Move- ment	Obs	3 Ill	"
051900	Gun #64 Down, Site Mount			
061235	Fired Spotter Rounds for Recon, GZ1046, Grid AT 814883	Obs	4 HE	"
061315	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ1047, Grid AT 815881	Obs	1 HE	"
061335	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ1048, Grid AT 813877	Obs	1 HE	"
061500	Gun #813 Down; Gun #368 Down, Nitro Plug; Gun #64 Up			
061600	Fired Demonstration Round for 3rd 175mm Guns	Unobs	1 HE	"
062100	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, GZ854, Grid ZC 210705, Moving Lights, Excellent Coverage, Lights Out	Obs	7 HE	"
070001	Routine Messages, Maintenance,			
072400	and H&I's this period			
081030	Fired TOT for Recon, XY1315, Grid AT 887888, 100 VC, 175mm Guns, Negative Surveillance	Obs	6 HE	"
	Fired TOT for Recon, XY1315, Grid AT 887888, 100 VC, 155mm Guns, Negative Surveillance	Obs	12 HE	"
081100	Fired TOT for Recon, XY1316, Grid AT 881888, 100 VC, 175mm Guns, Negative Surveillance	Obs	3 HE	"
	Fired TOT for Recon, XY1316, Grid AT 881888, 100 VC, 155mm Guns, Negative Surveillance	Obs	4 HE	"

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081320 Fired Fire Mission for Recon, Obs 2 HE Exp.  
 GZ1050, Grid ZC 200875, 6 VC,  
 End of Mission due to Necessity  
 of caring for Casualties

081415 Fired Fire Mission for Recon, Obs 13 HE "  
 GZ1051, Grid AT 78178680, Unit  
 in Contact with NVA, Excellent  
 Shooting

081545 Fired Fire Mission for Recon, Obs 11 HE "  
 GZ1051, Grid AT 78178680,  
 Known Enemy Position, Excellent  
 Shooting

090001 Routine Messages, Maintenance,  
 092400 and H&I's this period

100001 Routine Messages, Maintenance,  
 and H&I's this period

111500 Fired Precision Registration Obs 19 HE "  
 for 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 1615  
 8510, Valid

121100 General Simpson, Commanding  
 General, 1st Marine Division,  
 Arrived this Position. Unit  
 Designation Changed from 3rd  
 155mm Gun Battery (SP) to 3rd  
 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

121130 Fired Demonstration Rounds for Unobs 5 HE "  
 3rd 175mm Guns

121145 General Simpson, Commanding  
 General, 1st Marine Division,  
 Departed this Position

121150 Sent Fire Capability to Regi-  
 ment; 175mm Guns: #968 Down,  
 Initial Cleaning; #368 Down,  
 FSR-Recoil System; 155mm Guns:  
 #13 Down, Broken Universal

121235 Fired Spotter Rounds for Recon, Obs 2 HE "  
 GZ1056, Grid ZC 100850

131145 Fired Precision Registration Obs 13 HE "  
 for 3rd 175mm Guns, Grid ZC  
 16158510, Valid

131147 Fired Fire Mission for AO, Obs 4 HE "  
 KX9402, Grid AT 832919, Muzzle  
 Flashes, Good Coverage, Neg-  
 ative Surveillance

131515 Move Report to S-3, Two (2)  
 M-107 175mm Guns Departed for  
 An Hoa

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131600	Informed Regiment two (2) M-107 175mm Guns Arrived An Hoa	
140910	Move Report To S-3, two (2) M-53 155mm Guns Arrived this Position from An Hoa	
150940	Fired Precision Registration for 3rd 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 16158510, Valid	Obs 13 HE Exp.
151500	Guns #968, #368, and #813 Up	
161050	Fired Two (2) Precision Registrations for 3rd 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 16158510, Both Valid	Obs 26 HE "
170015	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs 10 HE "
170225	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs 1 HE "
181155	Fired Spotter Round for Recon, GZ1069, Grid ZC 102865	Obs 1 HE "
191250	Fired Spotter Round for Recon, GZ1070, Grid ZC 106863	Obs 1 HE "
201942	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs 2 HE "
202303	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs 3 HE "
211113	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, GZ1071, Grid ZC105830, Sus- pected Enemy Base Camp, Good Coverage, Negative Surveillance	Obs 26 HE "
211700	Gun #068 Down, Mechanical Mecha- nism	
220001	Routine Messages, Maintenance,	
222400	and H&I's this period	
231030	Gun #068 Up	
240100	Fired TOT for 11th Marines, AX9515, Grid AT 802784, Neg- ative Surveillance	Unobs 7 HE "
240115	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs 9 HE "
241640	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, GZ1075, Grid ZC 179803, Sus- pected Enemy Position, Good Coverage, Negative Surveillance	Obs 8 HE "
241812	Fired Spotter Rounds for Recon, GZ1070, Grid ZC 194665	Obs 2 HE "
251739	Gun #868 Down, Broken Spade Cylinder	
260930	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, ,GZ1080, Grid ZC 066870, 10 NVA, Negative Surveillance	Obs 24 HE "

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261702 Gun #868 Up  
271000 Fired Fire Mission for Recon, Obs 4 HE Exp.  
GZ1081, Grid ZC 066868, 6 NVA  
in Open, Negative Surveillance  
280030 Fired Fire Mission for Recon, Obs 3 HE  
GZ1082, Grid ZC 054862, 12 VC  
in Open, Good Coverage, Neg-  
ative Surveillance  
280758 Fired Prep Fire for Recon, Obs 3 HE "  
GZ1083, Grid ZC 064874, Neg-  
ative Surveillance  
290001 Routine Messages, Maintenance,  
292400 and H&I's this period  
302400 Close Journal

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