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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

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(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 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
11th Marine RegimentMaj. R. A. JORALMON  
1 April to 30 April 1969SUBORDINATE UNITS  
NoneATTACHED 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
	22-30 April 1969	1stLt. H. HELMS
Plt. Commander	1-30 April 1969	1stLt. M. GREGORY
"A" Plt. FDO	13-30 April 1969	1stLt. D. RIGSBEE
Supply Officer	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

<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER</u>		<u>TYPE AND NUMBER</u>			<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
	<u>OF MISSIONS</u>		<u>OF ROUNDS</u>			
			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>
11th Marines	Obs.	0	HE	ILL	WP	0
	Unobs.	5	0	0	0	30
	H&I	6	30	0	0	35
	TOTAL	11	35	0	0	65
1/13 Marines	Obs.	0	0	0	0	0
	Unobs.	0	0	0	0	0
	H&I	5	10	0	0	10
	TOTAL	5	10	0	0	10

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>		<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>			<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
Obs.	101	HE	ILL	WP	303
Unobs.	95	263	40	0	221
H&I	118	221	0	0	184
TOTAL	314	184	40	0	708

175MM GUNS MINUS "A" Plt.

<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>		<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>
26th Marines	Obs.	0	HE
	Unobs.	81	0
	H&I	119	177
	TOTAL	200	413
1st RECON	Obs.	96	590
	Unobs.	2	304
	H&I	0	9
	TOTAL	98	0
11th Marines	Obs.	0	313
	Unobs.	18	0
	H&I	0	69
	TOTAL	18	0

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## PART II (Continued)

UNIT SUPPORTEDTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF MISSIONSTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF ROUNDS

1st Marine Division	Obs. 3	HE 43
	Unobs. 0	0
	H&I 0	0
	TOTAL 3	43
Operation Oklahoma Hills	Obs. 0	0
	Unobs. 5	11
	H&I 2	6
	TOTAL 7	17
7th Marines	Obs. 0	0
	Unobs. 2	3
	H&I 0	0
	TOTAL 2	3
3rd 175mm Guns	Obs. 4	58
	Unobs. 4	10
	H&I 0	0
	TOTAL 8	68

TYPE AND NUMBER  
OF MISSIONSTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF ROUNDS

Obs.	103	HE 405
Unobs.	112	279
H&I	121	419
TOTAL	336	1,103

175MM GUNS "A" Plt.

UNIT SUPPORTEDTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF MISSIONSTYPE AND NUMBER  
OF ROUNDS

5th Marines	Obs. 0	HE 0
	Unobs. 27	113
	H&I 5	15
	TOTAL 32	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	HE
	Unobs.	2	57
	H&I	0	7
	TOTAL	<u>6</u>	0
			64
1st RECON	Obs.	10	90
	Unobs.	6	89
	H&I	5	19
	TOTAL	<u>21</u>	198
2/11 Marines	Obs.	0	0
	Unobs.	13	48
	H&I	0	0
	TOTAL	<u>13</u>	48
1st Marine Division	Obs.	2	30
	Unobs.	0	0
	H&I	0	0
	TOTAL	<u>2</u>	30
11th Marines	Obs.	0	0
	Unobs.	6	20
	H&I	0	0
	TOTAL	<u>6</u>	20

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	
Obs.	16
Unobs.	54
H&I	10
TOTAL	<u>80</u>

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS</u>
HE
177
277
34
<u>488</u>

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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, Tractor 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

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Appendix B: (Documentation) to 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
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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 Movement	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, GZ1050, Grid ZC 200875, 6 VC, End of Mission due to Necessity of caring for Casualties	Obs	2 HE	Exp.
081415	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, GZ1051, Grid AT 78178680, Unit in Contact with NVA, Excellent Shooting	Obs	13 HE	"
081545	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, GZ1051, Grid AT 78178680, Known Enemy Position, Excellent Shooting	Obs	11 HE	"
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 for 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 1615 8510, Valid	Obs	19 HE	"
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 3rd 175mm Guns	Unobs	5 HE	"
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, GZ1056, Grid ZC 100850	Obs	2 HE	"
131145	Fired Precision Registration for 3rd 175mm Guns, Grid ZC 16158510, Valid	Obs	13 HE	"
131147	Fired Fire Mission for AO, KX9402, Grid AT 832919, Muzzle Flashes, Good Coverage, Nega- tive Surveillance	Obs	4 HE	"
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, Nega- tive 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, GZ1081, Grid ZC 066868, 6 NVA in Open, Negative Surveillance	Obs	4 HE	Exp.
280030	Fired Fire Mission for Recon, GZ1082, Grid ZC 054862, 12 VC in Open, Good Coverage, Negative Surveillance	Obs	3 HE	
280758	Fired Prep Fire for Recon, GZ1083, Grid ZC 064874, Negative Surveillance	Obs	3 HE	"
290001	Routine Messages, Maintenance,			
292400	and H&I's this period			
302400	Close Journal			

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