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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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Encl: (1) 3rd 175mm Gun Battery Command Chronology
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(d) enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June 1970 to 31 June 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation
3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP)
11th Marine Regiment

COMMANDER
Maj. J. J. Wheeler
01-31 May 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS
NONE

ATTACHED UNITS
NONE

2. LOCATION
01-31 May 1970 Command Post and Firing Battery, An Hoa, Grid at
AT 877 476.
3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	01-31 May 1970 Capt. H.A. Lucas
Fire Direction Officer	01-31 May 1970 1stLt. W. E. Fenner
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	01-31 May 1970 1stLt. P.O. Schaefer
	01-31 May 1970 1stLt. R. L. Flechther
	12-31 May 1970 1stLt. J. F. Munson
Assistant Executive Officer	01-31 May 1970 1stLt. W. E. Haro
Supply Officer	01-31 May 1970 1stLt. W. E. Williams
Motor Transport Officer	23-31 May 1970 2ndLt. F. W. Gray

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
9	151

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	3

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period of 01-31 May, the 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 4117 rounds on 748 missions, with 3 confirmed KIA's, 4 probable KIA's, 6 hooches destroyed, and 1 bunker destroyed.

2. MISSIONS FIRED BY 3RD 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)

UNIT SUPPORTED	TYPE AND NO. MSSNS.		TYPE AND NO. OF RDS.
11th Marines	OBS	19	212
	UNOBS	<u>526</u>	<u>1963</u>
	TOTAL	<u>545</u>	<u>2175</u>
Recon	OBS	29	381
	UNOBS	<u>2</u>	<u>100</u>
	TOTAL	<u>31</u>	<u>481</u>
3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP)	OBS	10	131
	UNOBS	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
	TOTAL	<u>12</u>	<u>137</u>
Operation "Erie Glade" in support of XXIV Corps	OBS	00	000
	UNOBS	<u>56</u>	<u>454</u>
	TOTAL	<u>56</u>	<u>454</u>
US Army Americal	OBS	00	000
	UNOBS	<u>44</u>	<u>237</u>
	TOTAL	<u>44</u>	<u>237</u>
Thuong Duc CIDG	OBS	17	331
	UNOBS	<u>32</u>	<u>302</u>
	TOTAL	<u>59</u>	<u>633</u>
Total	OBS	75	1055
	UNOBS	<u>672</u>	<u>3062</u>
	TOTAL	<u>747</u>	<u>4117</u>

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
(1) Losses	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administration	0	8	0	0
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
(2) Replacements	2	4	0	0
(3) Evac returned to duty	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Loss	0	4	0	0
(5) Net Gain	2	0	0	0

b. Intelligence. None

c. Organizational Operations. None

d. Training. This unit has accomplished the normal training in military subjects during the month of May 1970.

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e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply

1. Ordnance Equipment

- a. There are no major problems in this field at this time.

2. Communications

- A. One AN/URR-23A on order, Doc# 9272-6109
- b. One PU-346 generator on order, Doc# 9143-2690

3. Motor Transport

- a. M37B1, 306467, rear end, TERO# BM-7797-0
- b. M54A2C, 327585, injector pump, TERO# BM-7787-0
- c. M151A1, 335527, rear end, TERO# BM-7802-0
- d. One M151A1 on order, Doc# 0138-8510

4. Engineer Equipment

- a. One Eimco, M64, on order, Doc# 0075-7492
- b. Eimco, M64, 323130, R&R engine, TERO# BE-8580-0
- c. One PU-482 generator on order, Doc# 0097-7938

5. Supply

- a. There are no major problems in this field at this time.

f. through i. are negative

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Appendix A: List of references to 3rd 175 Gun Battery (SP)
Command Chronology 1 May to 31 May 1970.

REFERENCES

A. Army Service Map, Serial L7014 1:50,000

Sheets: 6540 I, II
6541 II
6640 I, II, III, IV
6641 II, III

B. 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal Appendix B

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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 175 Gun Battery
 010001 May 1970 to
 312400 May 1970

STAFF JOURNAL

OBSERVATION HE EXP

010001	OPENED JOURNAL		
010655	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 129568, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	11
010910	Fired mission for Hostage Smoke. Grid AT 793299, boat and hut on river. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	9
010915	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 166563, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	11
011022	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 167565, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	4
011215	Fired fire mission for Hostage Turtle. Grid ZC 192267, enemy base w/fighting holes. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	10
020310	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 109509, contact mission. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	16
020645	Fired fire mission for Hostage Six. Grid ZC 156565, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	16
021141	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 156565, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	52
021935	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 165564, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	5
021940	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 168558, mortar site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	6

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031025	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 170284. Invalid. Cowpoke 22 was getting low on fuel, EOM	OBS	13
041920	Fired fire mission for Trailer Park. Grid ZC 150596, spotter rds.	OBS	2
051530	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 170284. Valid. FO-Cowpoke 38	OBS	12
051645	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 095468, rocket site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	6
051810	Fired fire mission for Thin Man. Grid ZC 090320, spotter rds.	OBS	4
051915	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 162568, rocket site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	7
062025	Fired fire mission for Recon extract for Wage Earner. EOM	UNOBS	50
071508	Fired fire mission for Thin Man. Grid ZC 028312, 17 NVA. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	2
071550	Fired fire mission for Thin Man. Grid ZC 053294, 17 NVA in open. EOM	OBS	9
071930	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 121514. Invalid. AO-Cowpoke 22	OBS	16
081907	Fired fire mission for Recon extract for Penny Wise. AO-Hostage Tiger. EOM	OBS	49
091225	Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 093468, rocket site. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	34
091456	Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 22. Grid ZC 177323, bunkers. EOM	OBS	13
091545	Fired fire mission for Lopez 06 and Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 107567, battalion of NVA. 90% coverage of target, EOM	OBS	58
091752	Fired fire mission for Hostage Bill. Grid ZC 050470, contact mission. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	17
092130	Fired fire mission for Bad Actor. Grid ZC 041476, campfires, EOM	OBS	9

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100910 Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 8. Grid ZC 055474, trail, EOM	OBS	17
101510 Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 8. Grid ZC 050608, DCP, EOM	OBS	2
101534 Fired fire mission for Wage Earner. Grid ZC 180296, spotter rd., EOM	OBS	1
110815 Fired test rds for Gun #3. Grid ZC 026420, AO-Hostage Smoke, EOM	OBS	6
110851 Fired fire mission for Hostage Smoke. Grid ZC 117247, DCP reading. Excellent coverage of target, EOM	OBS	15
111425 Fired fire mission for Recon extract. Grid ZC 183295, AO-Hostage Smoke. Received EOM from 11th Marines.	OBS	5
111623 Fired fire mission for Chilli Pepper. Recon extract, AO-Hostage "E". Grid AT 823319 and AT 821316, EOM	OBS	50
112040 Fired fire mission for All Brook. Grid ZC 072488, bunkers. Excellent coverage of target, EOM	OBS	6
121330 Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 152262. AO-Lang Dale 63. Valid.	OBS	12
130610 Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 165564, mortar site. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	7
130906 Fired fire mission for Hostage "A". Grid ZC 095404, enemy base camp. Excellent coverage of target, EOM	OBS	32
131205 Fired fire mission for Hostage "R". Grid ZC 030506, 4 NVA. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	9
141245 Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 094467, rocket site. EOM	OBS	4
141500 Fired fire mission for Hostage Turtle. Grid ZC 214285, DCP reading. EOM	OBS	1
150830 Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 18. Grid ZC 148256, DCP reading, EOM	OBS	9
151215 Fired fire mission for War Cloud. Grid ZC 053293, bridge, EOM	OBS	3

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160840 Fired fire mission for Sand Hurst. Grid YC 001517, 3 NVA in open, Excellent coverage of target, 1 probable KIA, EOM	OBS	11
161007 Fired fire mission for Hostage Hornet. Grid ZC 175276, strong DCP reading. Excellent coverage of target, EOM	OBS	10
161100 Fired fire mission for Sand Hurst. Grid YC 001517, 4 NVA in open, 3 probable KIA's, 1 bunker damaged, EOM	OBS	8
171730 Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 125557, large NVA force. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	28
171730 Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 135557, large NVA force. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	41
172010 Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 127555, campfires. Campfires out, EOM	OBS	11
180001 Routine messages, maintenance, and S-2 targets during this period.		
191300 Fired test rds for 3rd 175 Guns. Grid ZC 152262. Negative surveillance	UNOBS	3
191400 Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 152262. Invalid. AO-Lang Dale 69	OBS	3
200805 Fired fire mission for Baron Tanker. Grid ZC 165564, rocket site. Excellent coverage of target, EOM	OBS	13
202250 Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 21. Grid AT 801304, harbor sites. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	6
210953 Fired fire mission for Sand Hurst. Grid ZC 036471, 3 VC/NVA in open. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	17
211400 Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 18. Grid ZC 058432, bunkers and hooches. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	10
211405 Fired fire mission for Cossack. Grid ZC 053296, wooden bridge. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	2

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211521	Fired fire mission for Cowpoke 18. Grid ZC 063439, hooches. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	5
221010	Fired fire mission for Cossack. Grid ZC 094309, VC in area. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	9
221030	Fired fire mission for Sand Hurst. Grid YC 999517, 4 NVA/bunkers. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	5
231040	Fired fire mission for Hostage Dragon, Grid ZC 097338, cooking fires. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	10
231410	Fired fire mission for Lang Dale 69. Grid AT 793297, 3 hooches. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	15
231440	Fired registration mission. Grid AT 793297. Valid. AO-Lang Dale 69	OBS	14
240001	Routine messages, maintenance, and		
242400	S-2 targets during this period.		
251423	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 215323, Valid. AO-Lang Dale 68	OBS	13
251541	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 023442. Valid. AO-Lang Dale 68	OBS	12
261414	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 170284. Valid. AO-Lang Dale 69	OBS	11
261414	Fired registration mission. Grid ZC 170284. Valid. AO-Lang Dale 69	OBS	12
270001	Routine messages, maintenance, and		
272400	S-2 targets during this period.		
280730	Fired fire mission for Ala King. Grid ZC 047456, suspected mortar site. Mission ended, negative surveillance.	OBS	10
280845	At 0845 hours on 28 May, during a fire mission for Ala King on grid ZC 047456, Gun# 12A57968 had a projectile explode inside the tube. The tube number was 6511-E1 (M113) with 644.00 EFC's fired through it. The cause of the incident is unknown however the tube and pieces of the tube were turned into FLC for further investigation. Three minor injuries		

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were received. The projectiles, powder and fuzes were immediately suspended; powder lot BAJ 67420, projectile lot IOP 14-133, and fuze lot MA 20-2.

281122	Fired fire mission for All Brook. Grid AT 793297, hooches and VC. 4 hooches destroyed, excellent coverage of target, EOM	OBS	29
281135	Fired fire mission for All Brook. Grid ZC 051501, hooches. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	8
281700	Fired TOT for 11th Marines. Grid ZC 085478. Negative surveillance, EOM	UNOBS	24
281700	Fired TOT for 11th Marines. Grid ZC 097478. Negative surveillance, EOM	UNOBS	24
281745	Fired fire mission for Clay Pipe. Grid AT 803299, 5 VC in open. 3 confirmed KIA's.	OBS	17
281835	Fired fire mission for Blue Spruce. Grid ZC 090478, rocket site. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	10
291115	Fired fire mission for Ala King. Grid ZC 032446, 2 VC/NVA. 1 hooch destroyed, EOM	OBS	7
291137	Fired fire mission for Recon extract for Parallel Bars. Grid AT 833301. AO-Hostage Zulu. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	50
291200	Fired fire mission for Recon extract for Clay Pipe. Grid AT 807307. AO-Hostage Zulu. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	50
291737	Fired fire mission for All Brook. Grid ZC 048504, tunnel entrance. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	4
291740	Fired fire mission for All Brook. Grid ZC 050456, mortar sites. Good coverage of target, EOM	OBS	16
301035	Fired fire mission for Flakey Snow. Grid ZC 197268, large base camp. Negative surveillance, EOM	OBS	10

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301855	Fired fire mission for Latin Rebel. Grid ZC 035450, 6 VC/NVA in open. Outstanding coverage of target, EOM	OBS	20
311706	Fired fire mission for Latin Rebel. Grid ZC 034450, 2 VC/NVA in open. Outstanding coverage of target, EOM	OBS	8

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