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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1stBn, 13th Marines ltr 1/TJC/jep
over 5750 Ser 0302A67 of 29Oct67

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)

Subj: Command Chronologies, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (-)
(Rein)

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1stBn, 13th Marines ltr 1/TJC/jep
over 5750 Ser 0302A67 of 29 Oct 1967

From: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronologies, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (-)
(Rein)

Ref: (b) CG Ninth MAB 060250Z Dec 67 (NOTAL)

1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with information
contained in paragraph 5 of reference (b).

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO 1st Bn, 13th Marines ltr 1/TJC/jcp over 5750 Ser
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From: Commanding Officer, RLT-26 (Rear)
To: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade

Subj: Command Chronologies, 5th 155MM Gun Battery (SP) # 013459.A

Ref: (a) Conversation btw CG, 9th MAB and CO RLT-26 (Rear) during
October 1967

1. Forwarded.

2. During reference (a) the Commanding General commented that Command Chronologies of in-country units ADCON to RLT-26 (Rear) would be submitted via the operational chain of command. The Command Chronology of RLT-26 (Rear) for September 1967 did not include the chronologies of the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, Sub Unit #1 Headquarters Company, 26th Marines (RLT-26 (Fwd)), or K Battery, 4th Battalion 12th Marines. The Command Chronology of RLT-26 (Rear) has never included either SLF, both of which are ADCON to RLT-26 (Rear).

3. It appears that enclosures (1) and (2) should be included in the Command Chronology of the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and submitted to the Commandant of the Marine Corps via the 3rd Marine Division.

R D Alexander
R. D. ALEXANDER

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 1st Battalion(Rein), 13th Marines
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
 Via: Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team 26 (Rear)

Subj: Command Chronologies, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology w/endorsements for August 1967
 ✓(2) Command Chronology w/endorsements for September 1967

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) were received by this command on 26 October 1967. The Commanding Officer, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was instructed to submit his command chronology via the Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Force since his unit is under the operational control of the U. S. Army. This method of submission would provide operational data to the Marine Corps chain of command.

2. The Third Marine Amphibious Force, by endorsement, readdressed the subject chronologies for submission by this unit. The distance involved between this command and the Battery does not provide for timely submission of letter type reports therefore this command will submit the Battery Command Chronology under separate cover as soon as received.

3. It is respectfully requested that the category of the Command Chronology, operational or administrative type report, be determined in an effort to clearly define the proper chain of command for submission to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

T. J. Coyle
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 CO, 5th 155mm GunBtry(SP)

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO 5th 155mm Gun Btry ltr AJS:rws 5750 Ser: 0167
dtd 31Aug67

From: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
To: Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 13th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology of 5th 155mm Gun Btry (SP)(-)(Rein), August 1967

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A. L. MICHAUX JR.
By direction

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 FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO 5th 155mm GunBtry ltr AJS:rws 5750
 Ser: 0167 dtd 31Aug67

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
 To: Commanding Officer, First Battalion, 13th Marines
 Via: Commanding General, Third Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology of 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(_)
 (Rein), August 1967

1. Readdressed and forwarded.
2. Paragraph 3.c.(3) of Change #1, of reference (b) states that commands having subordinate units which are required to submit chronologies should include the subordinate's report as part of their own chronology.
3. Accordingly, since First Battalion, 13th Marines has ADCON of the 5th 155mm Gun Battery, request this chronology be included as part of your chronology for August 1967.
4. This endorsement is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED when removed from the basic correspondence.

Fred Haynes
 FRED HAYNES
 By direction

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 CO 5th 155mm Gun Btry (endorsement only)

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1st Battalion, 13th Marines
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3rd Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August to 31 August 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓ (1) 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Declassification of Enclosure (1) may be accomplished in three years. This letter, without enclosure (1) attached, is unclassified.

R. M. Black
R. M. BLACK

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein)

COMMANDERMajor R. M. BLACK
1 August - 31 August 1967EXECUTIVE OFFICERCaptain A. J. SCHMIDT
1 August - 31 August 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS1st Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein) Captain E. E. PARKER
1 August - 31 August 19672nd Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein) Captain K. O. W. STEEN
1 August - 31 August 1967ATTACHED UNITS1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Captain A. J. SCHMIDT
1 August - 31 August 19672. LOCATION

1 - 31Aug67	Battery (-)(Rein)	13 miles south of Chu-Lai, RVN
1 - 31Aug67	1stPlt	Cam Le, RVN
1 - 31Aug67	2ndPlt	Hill 51 (Que Son), RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August, the Battery mission remained unchanged: General Support of Task Force Oregon, and reinforcing the fires of the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade Artillery. First Platoon remains attached to 1st 8 Inch Howitzer Battery (SP), in general support of the 3d Marine Division. Second Platoon is attached to Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, providing general support to the 5th Marines, and reinforcing the fires of the 11th Marines.

The 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein) remains under operational control of the 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (U. S. Army), as an component of Task Force Oregon, headquarters at Chu Lai, RVN. During August, the Battery fired 2018 rounds, in 840 missions. Damage to the insurgent Viet Cong forces includes: 27 confirmed KIA, 11 possible KIA, 14 WIA, 42 huts destroyed, 7 bunkers destroyed, 6 sampans sunk, and 1 secondary explosion.

A Battery rear area is maintained at Chu Lai, consisting of the Battery Supply Officer and eight enlisted Marines. An extensive vehicle preventive maintenance program is conducted there, with frequent rotation of Battery vehicles to prolong serviceability.

The difficulty of obtaining required spare parts for the M55 and M53 weapons has greatly increased the difficulty of firing in this area. On both weapons, 95% of all rounds fired are at maximum charge, causing excessive wear and malfunctioning of optics, recoil cylinders, ammo hoists (M55 only), rear split rings and gas check pads, firing lecks and equilibrators.

The Battery remains under command control, less operational control, of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, located at Khe Sahn, RVN. This has and will continue to cause some difficulty and inefficiency in managing personnel assets.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1- 9 August 1967

General support 101st Airborne Brigade on operation "Hood River" in the Tra Bong River Valley. (No operations order received by this command).

10 - 26 August 1967

2nd Platoon participates in operation "Cochiese, with 5th Marines".

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