

5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (Rein)
First Battalion, 13th Marines (Rein)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 MARCH - 31 MARCH 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

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

CommandingMajor E. B. BEALL, Jr.
1 March - 31 March 1968Executive OfficerCaptain T. W. STEELE
1 March - 31 March 1968Subordinate Units2nd Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery
(SP)(Rein)Commander2nd Lt. G. A. NEAL
1 March - 10 March 1968
1st Lt H. K. LEE
11 March - 31 March 1968ATTACHED UNITS

1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

CommanderCaptain T. W. STEELE
1 March - 31 March 19682. Location

a. Battery (-)(Rein)

1 March - 31 March 1968
LZ SHARON, Quang Tri City

b. 2nd Platoon

1 March - 31 March 1968
LZ EVANS

c. Battery (Rear)

1 March - 15 March 1968
Dong Ha
15 March - 31 March 1968
Landing Zone SHARON, Quang
Tri City3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
11	175

USN	
Off	Enl
0	5

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During March 1968, the battery continued its general support/reinforcing mission of the Army's 1st Air Cavalry Division. The battery headquarters, 4 155 Gns and the attached 8-inch Platoon, reinforced the fires of the 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery, firing in support of the 1st Brigade from LZ SHARON, Quang Tri City. The 2nd Platoon located at LZ EVANS continued its general support/reinforcing mission in support of the 2nd Brigade. The battery remained under the operational control of the 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, U. S. Army, located at LZ EVANS.

The battery supply rear which was located at Dong Ha received incoming enemy artillery 7 March which destroyed an estimated 40% of the unit's organic stock. The decision was made to move the battery supplies to the forward position at LZ SHARON and this entire move was accomplished by 15 March. The supply personnel then began the detailed inventory of losses to be completed by 1 April 1968.

The problem area of personnel readiness has improved considerably this month with the arrival of many key replacements and the serious equipment readiness status has been eased so that only one (1) M-53 155 Gun is still deadlined.

Primary emphasis of work continues to be the preparation of positions, defensive bunkers and local security. The battery has received several mortar and rocket attacks at both Landing Zones and the Dong Ha supply area. Two men were wounded by shrapnel, one man received a concussion, and damage was sustained by some vehicles.

The battery continues its participation in OPERATION JEB STUART.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 7 March 1968 - Battery Supply area received incoming white phosphorous rounds at Dong Ha which destroyed 40% Organiz stock located in 3 GP Tents.
- 10 March 1968- First Lieutenant H. K. LEE Assumed command of 2nd Platoon, 2nd Lieutenant G. A. NEAL remained as assistant platoon commander.
- 14 March 1968- Battery position, LZ SHARON, took an estimated 20 rounds 82MM Mortar fire with 3 WIA and 5 Vehicles damaged.
- 15 March 1968- Supply completed move from Dong Ha to LZ SHARON
- 16 March 1968- 2nd Platoon received mortar and rocket attack at LZ SHARON with negative casualties
- 25 March 1968- LZ SHARON received 19 rounds mortar fire. No casualties to the battery.
- 31 March 1968- OPERATION JEB STUART CONTINUES.

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