

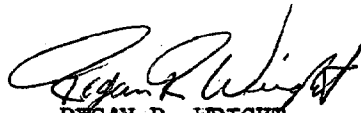
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP), 2d Field Artillery Group  
Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

UNCLASSIFIED

RRW/vdg  
5750  
18 June 1970

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic  
Via: Commanding Officer, 2nd Field Artillery Group, Force Troops,  
Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1 January through 30 June 1970  
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A  
(b) ForTrps0 5750.3A

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted.

  
REGAN R. WRIGHT

5th 175mm Gun Btry (SP)

Jan - June 1970

UNCLASSIFIED

## UNCLASSIFIED

I. ORGANIZATION DATAA. Designation/Location

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP), FPC  
San Francisco, Calif. 96602 (from 1 Jan through 13 Apr 70)

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP), 2nd Field Artillery Group  
Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, CamLej, N. C. 28542  
(from 13 Apr through 30 June 70)

Attached Units

1st Platoon, 5th 8 inch Howitzer Battery (1 Jan - 26 Mar 70)

Location

1st Platoon, 5th 8 inch Howitzer Battery  
(1 Jan - 13 Feb 70, FSB Alpha-2 RVN)  
(13 Feb - 2 Mar 70, Dong Ha Combat Base RVN)  
(3 Mar - 10 Mar 70, Hill 34 DaNang RVN)  
(11 Mar - 26 Mar 70, Embarked aboard USS VANCOUVER LPD-2)

5th 175mm Gun Battery (1 Jan - 13 Feb 70, Camp Carroll RVN)  
(14 Feb - 2 Mar 70, Dong Ha Combat Base RVN)  
(3 Mar - 10 Mar 70, Hill 34 DaNang RVN)  
(11 Mar - 26 Mar 70, Embarked aboard USS VANCOUVER LPD-2)  
(27 Mar - 13 Apr 70, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.)  
(13 Apr - 15 May 70, Embarked aboard USS NASHVILLE LPD-2)  
(16 May - 30 Jun 70, Force Troops, FMFLant Camp Lejeune, N. C.)

b. Period Covered By this Report. 1 Jan through 30 Jun 70

c. Name/Rank of Commanding Officer.

Major J. C. ATKINS Jr.	1 January - 10 Mar 70
Capt. J. N. HUDSON	10 Mar - 1 June 70
Major R. R. WRIGHT	1 June - 30 June 70

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

Executive Officer

Capt T. E. MACDERMANT

1 Jan through 1 Mar 70

Unknown

1 Mar through 9 Jun 70

Capt F. M. PLATT

9 Jun through 30 Jun 70

First Sergeant

Unknown

1 Jan through 1 Jun 70

GySgt J. W. WATERER Jr.

1 Jun through 30 Jun 70

d. Average Monthly Strength During Period

<b>January</b> USMC OFF ENL 11 195		USN OFF ENL 0 7		ARVN OFF ENL 0 2	
<b>February</b> USMC OFF ENL 11 190		USN OFF ENL 0 7		ARVN OFF ENL 0 2	
<b>March</b> USMC OFF ENL 9 150		USN OFF ENL 0 0		OTHER OFF ENL 0 0	
<b>April</b> USMC OFF ENL 3 27		USN OFF ENL 0 0		OTHER OFF ENL 0 0	
<b>May</b> USMC OFF ENL 3 27		USN OFF ENL 0 0		OTHER OFF ENL 0 0	
<b>June</b> USMC OFF ENL 7 85		USN OFF ENL 0 2		OTHER OFF ENL 0 0	

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

3 January 1970	CG, III MAF, Lt Gen. H. NICKERSON Jr. and party visited Camp Carroll
7 January 1970	8 inch platoon at Alpha-2 received an estimated 7 rounds of 122mm rockets, negative damage
8 January 1970	8 inch platoon at Alpha-2 received an estimated 3 rounds of 82mm mortar, negative damage
11 January 1970	8 inch platoon received 4 rounds of unknown type mortar, negative damage
14 January 1970	175mm Guns participated in TASK FORCE SMITH #2 sending six guns to FSB ELLIOT
16 January 1970	175mm Guns departed FSB ELLIOT to CaLu
18 January 1970	175mm Guns departed CaLu to Camp Carroll
20 January 1970	Dong Ha Combat Base received unknown size and number of incoming rounds, negative damage
21 January 1970	8 inch Platoon at Alpha-2 received 5 rounds 140mm rockets, negative damage
21 January 1970	Camp Carroll received 8 rounds 122mm rockets, negative damage
24 January 1970	8 inch Platoon at Alpha-2 received 6 rounds 82mm mortar, negative damage
25 January 1970	Camp Carroll received 9 rounds 140mm rockets, negative damage
28-31 January 1970	175mm Guns participated in TASK FORCE BRADBERRY sending four guns to CaLu with remaining guns supporting operations from Camp Carroll

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

4 February 1970

8 inch platoon at Alpha-2 received an estimated 6 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, negative damage

7 February 1970

Defense Minister of South Vietnam and party visited Camp Carroll

8 February 1970

8 inch platoon at Alpha-2 received an estimated 17 rounds of 122mm rockets in three separate attacks, negative damage

13 February 1970

Six 175mm guns and two 8 inch howitzers displaced from their respective locations to Dong Ha

23 February 1970

175 Battery assigned non-operational status

27 February 1970

Ceremony for last round of Marine Artillery fired in Northern I Corps was held

27 February 1970

As of this date six 175mm guns and two 8 inch howitzers have been turned over to the U.S. Army

3 March 1970

Battery moved administratively from Dong Ha Combat Base to Hill 34 DaNang RVN

10 March 1970

Capt J. N. HUDSON assumed command of Battery vice Maj. J. C. ATKINS Jr relieved

11 March 1970

Battery embarked aboard USS VANCOUVER LPD-2 and sailed for CONUS at 111640 H Mar

11 March 1970

Command of 5th 175mm Gun Btry (SP) passed from CG, III MAF to CG, ForTrps FMFPac

26 March 1970

Command of 1st Platoon 5th 8 inch Howitzer Battery passed to CO, 1stFAG, ForTrps FMFPac

26 March 1970

Command of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) passed to CG, 5th MEB

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

27 March 1970	Battery debarked USS VANCOUVER at DELMAR, Camp Pendleton, Calif
27 March 1970	1st Platoon 5th 8 inch Howitzer Battery detached to 1stFAG, FMFPac
13 April 1970	Battery embarked aboard USS NASHVILLE LPD-13 at San Diego, Calif
13 April 1970	Command of Battery passed from CG, 5th MEB to CG, FMFLant
15 April 1970	Battery debarked from USS NASHVILLE at Morehead City, N. C.
15 April 1970	Command of Battery passed to CG, FortTrps, FMFLant
15 April 1970	Battery assigned to CO, 2dFAG FortTrps FMFLant
1 June 1970	Major R. R. WRIGHT assumed command of Battery vice Capt J. N. HUDSON relieved

a. Personnel. The Battery operated at close to T.O. strength from 1 January through 11 March 1970. On 11 March 70 the Battery embarked aboard the USS VANCOUVER with six (6) officers and 205 enlisted men. Immediately upon arrival in CONUS on 27 March 70, 103 men were transferred for release from Active Duty. On 31 March 70, 75 enlisted and 3 officers were transferred on PCS Orders. The Battery strength upon arrival at Camp Lejeune on 16 May 70 was 2 officers and 26 enlisted. The Battery is expected to be at T.O strength by 30 June 70.

b. Administration. Some administrative problems have been encountered since the Battery arrived at Camp Lejeune. The Directives and records arrived incomplete with many out of date and missing changes. Continuity of administrative work has been nonexistent since no administrative personnel arrived with the Battery. Battery personnel are in the process of reworking the directives system and writing new Battery Orders.

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

c. Intelligence. Current Intelligence Summarys

d. Training. Informal on-the-job training was held on a daily basis while in Vietnam. In addition to fam firing, individual and crew-served weapons, FDC classes in specialized topics and firing battery drills were conducted. During 28-31 January 70 a direct fire demonstration was conducted on a section level and then on a Battery level. During February and March there was embarkation training in preparation for return to CONUS. Since the arrival at Camp Lejeune all available time has been spent on inventorying, maintenance and turn in of equipment.

e. Special Operations. The Battery participated in two artillery raids during the period covered. The first was TASK FORCE SMITH #2 from 14-18 January 70 where 1600 rounds were expended. The second was 6/33d ARTYTASK FORCE from 28-31 January 70 where 1056 rounds were expended.

f. NEC. None

g. Command and Control. The Battery has been under the command and control of 1st Marine Division, Force Troops FMFPac, 5th MEB and Force Troops FMFLant.

h. Close Combat. The Battery received incoming rockets and mortar rounds on several occasions during this period while serving in RVN.

i. Fire Support.

Unit Supported	January	
	175mm	No. of rounds 8"
101st ABN	1757	4
2d ARVN, 1st Div	436	0
1/5th MECH	892	525
7th ARVN Cav	35	331
1st ARVN 1st Div	18	0
Highrise	180	949
TASKFORCESMITH #2	1600	0
6/33d ArtyTaskForce	1036	0
TOTAL	5954	1809

Number Missions: 380/8"; 611/175mm

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED

## February

<u>Unit Supported</u>	<u>175mm</u>	<u>No. of rounds</u>	<u>8"</u>
7th ARVN	20		390
Highrise	109		577
1/5 MECH	110		442
2d ARVN	158		0
101st AEN	2026		0
1st ARVN Regt	92		0
TOTAL	2515		1409

Number Missions: 308/8"; 563/175mm

j. Logistics. During the month of January a complete inventory of all T E equipment, a comprehensive T A and a new 782 gear control system was initiated and put into action. Initial preparation for possible embarkation including inventories, manifests and marking was completed in early February. Preparation for embarkation was the main project during February and early March. The Battery embarked on 11 March 70. The main project since arrival at Camp Lejeune has been inventoring equipment and surveying that equipment which is unserviceable. 2nd FSR is in the process of performing 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance on all six 175mm guns. All motor transport vehicles have been turned over to 2nd FSR for survey or repair. The general condition of all supply items including the supply records which arrived at Camp Lejeune is poor. A complete inventory and ordering of all supplies needed is currently underway.

k. Air Defense. None

l. Close Air Support. None

m. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. During January 3 MedCaps were held at the Refugee Camp at Cam Lo in Quan Cam Lo District. Approximately 180 persons were treated at each MedCap. Various Medical supplies were given to the local priest for distribution as necessary. In February several civilians were hired to work on the Battery Area, so more Marines would be free to work toward embarkation.

UNCLASSIFIED

ENCLOSURE (3)



UNCLASSIFIED

n. Fiscal Matters. There are no records at this Command to show how much money was allotted between 31 December 1969 and 1 June 1970. This Battery has spent money allotted to the Second Field Artillery Group from 1 June until 12 June 1970, when all spending in the Battery was suspended. During the period 1 June until 12 June 1970 the Battery spent \$5,723.58 in OFF's and \$3,756.04 in OPEUD for a total of \$9,479.62.

ENCLOSURE (3)

UNCLASSIFIED