

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

1/JWL/wrm  
5750  
7 Apr 1970

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade,  
FMF, Camp Pendleton, California 92055  
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March 1970 to 13 April 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A ✓  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.86 ✓

Encl: (1) 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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

  
J. N. HUDSON

ENCL(1)

5th - 175mm Gun Battery

7 Apr - 13 Apr 1970

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1970 to 13 April 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)  
11th Marine Regiment  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
(1 March 1970 to 11 March 1970)

Maj J. C. ATKINS Jr.  
1 - 10 March 1970

Capt J. N. HUDSON  
11 March to 13 April  
1970

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)  
Force Troops, FMFPac  
(11 March 1970 to 26 March 1970)

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF  
(26 March 1970 to 13 April 1970)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Platoon, 5th 8 Inch Howitzer Battery  
1 - 27 March 1970

2. LOCATION

1 - 2 March 1970: Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN  
3 - 10 March 1970: Hill 34, Danang, RVN  
11 - 26 March 1970: Embarked aboard USS VANCOUVER, LPD-2 enroute CONUS  
27 March to 13 April 1970: MCB, Camp Pendleton, California

3. STAFF OFFICERS

None

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

March:	<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>
	9	150	0	0	0	0

April:	<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>
	3	27	0	0	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 - 10 March 1970, 5th 175mm Gun Battery remained non-operational while preparing for and embarking for CONUS.

On 3 March 1970, the battery moved south from Dong Ha Combat Base to Hill 34, Danang, RVN. All T/E equipment was mobile-loaded on organic vehicles and the vehicles conveyed by U. S. Navy barges. Personnel were transported by Marine C-130 aircraft.

From 3 March 1970 to 11 March 1970, the battery continued to prepare all equipment for embarkation.

On 10 March 1970, Captain Jack N. HUDSON relieved Major James C. ATKINS Jr. as Battery Commander at a ceremony held at 11th Marines Headquarters.

On 11 March 1970, the battery embarked aboard the USS VANCOUVER, LPD-2 at Danang with 205 enlisted personnel and 6 officers. At 1640 the ship sailed for CONUS.

At 1640 on 11 March 1970, command of 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN) was passed from CG, III MAF to CG, Force Troops, FMFPac.

On 26 March 1970, while still aboard the USS VANCOUVER, command was again passed. 1st Platoon, 5th 8 Inch Howitzer Battery was passed to the CO, 1st FAG and the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) was passed to the CG, 5th MEB.

On 27 March 1970, the battery debarked at DELMAR, Camp Pendleton, California. Immediately after debarking, 1st Platoon, 5th 8 Inch Howitzer Battery was detached to 1st FAG, Force Troops, FMFPac. By 2400 that evening, 103 men were transferred for release from active duty.

By 31 March 1970, 75 enlisted and three officers were transferred with PCS orders, bringing the battery strength to 27 enlisted and 3 officers.

On 13 April 1970, the battery moved to San Diego, California and embarked aboard the USS NASHVILLE, LPD-13 for transfer to Camp Lejeune, N. C. On this date command was passed from CG, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade to CG, FMFlant.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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. Ref: 11th Marines, Regimental Special Order No.
11 March 1970	Battery embarked aboard USS VANCOUVER, LPD-2 and sailed for CONUS at 111640.H. Mar Ref: USS VANCOUVER 120800Z Mar70 (c)
	Command of 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) passed from CG, III MAF to CG, Force Troops, FMFPac Ref: CG, III MAF 120201Z Mar70 (s)
26 March 1970	Command of 1st Platoon, 5th 8 Inch Howitzer Battery passed to CO, 1st FAG, Force Troops, FMFPac Ref: CG, Force Troops, FMFPac 262156Z Mar70 (s)
	Command of 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) passed to CG, 5th MEB Ref: CG, Force Troops, FMFPac 262156Z Mar70 (s)
27 March 1970	Battery debarked USS VANCOUVER at DELMAR, Camp Pendleton, California Ref: USS VANCOUVER, 271200Z Mar70 (u)
	1st Platoon, 5th 8 Inch Howitzer Battery detached to 1st FAG, Force Troops, FMFPac Ref: CG, Force Troops, FMFPac 262156Z Mar70 (s)

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13 April 1970

Battery embarked aboard  
USS NASHVILLE, LPD-13 at  
San Diego, California

Command of battery passed  
from CG, 5th MEB to CG,  
FMFlant  
Ref: CMC 252047Z Mar70 (s)

PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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