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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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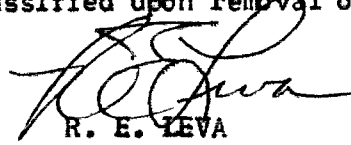
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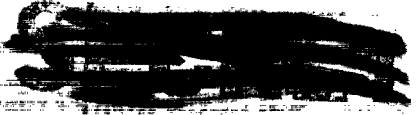
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March to 31 March 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commanded

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Major R. E. LEVA (1-31 Mar 1969)

2. Location

1-8 March 1969, Hill 55, RVN (AT 96606216)
 1-2 March 1969, Hill 65, RVN (AT 87595744)
 8-31 March 1969, Hill 34, RVN (AT 98557194)
 5-31 March 1969, An Hoa, RVN (AT 86624707)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer
 Asst Executive Officer

Capt L. E. JOHNSON (1-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt J. J. CALLAHAN (1-5 Mar 1969)
 1stLt S. D. HILL (10-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt M. L. JOHNSON (1-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt G. D. SIMPSON (1-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt W. F. FORESTER (13-31 Mar 1969)
 Capt G. M. HAUGEN (1-31 Mar 1969)

Fire Direction Officer
 Asst Fire Direction Officer
 Liaison Officer
 Supply Officer

4. Average Monthly Strength

<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>
7	151	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of March 1969, the Battery occupied positions during the first of the month on Hill 55, RVN. On 2 March 1969, the Alfa detachment of two 155mm guns moved from Hill 65 back to the Battery position at Hill 55.

On 1 March 1969, Alfa detachment equipped with two new 175mm guns was deployed to a position in An Hoa, under the command of 1stLt G. D. SIMPSON.

On 5 March 1969, the Battery became fully operational 175mm Gun Battery. Four guns remained on Hill 55, while the detachment proceeded to An Hoa. The last rounds fired by the M53 155mm Gun in this Battery occurred at 050430H.

On 8 March 1969, four 175mm Guns and the Battery Headquarters displaced to Hill 34, where the Battery is presently located. Since arriving in position the Battery has continued a program of improving the gun pits, ready ammunition pits and living areas. Also the "A" position at An Hoa improved their position by building defensive and ammunition bunkers and improving their gun positions.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of March.

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Total</u>
155G	211	94	305
175G	1413	111	1524

3. The following missions were fired during the month of March.

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>HEI's</u>	<u>Total</u>
72	198	296	566

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of March is as follows:

<u>KIA</u>		<u>Structures</u>	<u>Bunkers</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
<u>Prob</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>	<u>Explosions</u>
0	0	0	0	3

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	1	12	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	17	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	4	0	0

b. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from the 11th Marine Regiment. The Battery since moving from Hill 55 has been receiving additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

c. Organizations and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery has fired in support of Oklahoma Hills, which is currently in progress. Between 5 - 30 March 1969 the Alfa detachment was placed under the operational control of the 2ndBn, 11th Marines with a General Support Reinforcing Mission.

d. Training. During the month of March 1969, the Battery conducted four hours of formal schooling and also four hours of weapon safety on the M16 rifle. In addition, the Battery had three hours of FAM fire with the M16 rifle and the M60 machine gun. In addition seventeen new personnel were given Vietnam Orientation lectures by the Commanding Officer.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month, the Battery experienced no major problems with the receipt of the new M107's on the supply systems. At the end of the reporting period all M107's were in an operational status and all logistics, equipment and supply in a satisfactory basis.

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f. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no Civic Action or Civil Affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries

01 Mar 1969 - 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), redesignated to 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (Ref: OG 1stMarDiv msg 281430Z) Feb 1969.

02 Mar 1969 - The Alfa detachment of 155mm guns desplaced from Hill 65, RVN, and returned to Hill 55, RVN, (Effective 1700H 2 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's log and morning Report)

04-05 Mar 1969 - Alfa detachment of 175mm guns (M107) desplaced from Battery position on Hill 55, RVN, and departed to position at An Hoa, RVN. (Effective 1800H 4 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's Log and Morning Report)

05 - March 1969 - Battery became operational with the 175mm gun at 1200H, (Effective 1200H 5 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officers Log)

06 Mar - 1969 - The Battery and Headquarters desplaced from Hill 55, RVN, to Hill 34, RVN, where it assumed present positions. (Effective 1600H Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's Log and Morning Report)

08 Mar 1969 - Battery received word that Alpha detachment at An Hoa, RVN, was mortared by enemy forces. Approximately 20 82mm rounds landed in position. "A" position received one WIA and three WIANE. One M35A2C truck was damaged and one M2 Aming Circle was destroyed. (Effective 0800H 8 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's Log)

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