

1ST 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
APO San Francisco 96602

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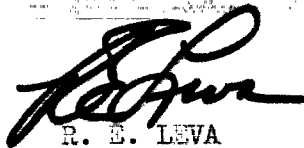
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of April 1969

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.2E

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for 1st 175mm Gun Battery for April 1969

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This page is downgraded to unclassified upon the removal of enclosure (1).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) Major R. E. LEVA  
1-30 April 1969

2. Location

1-30 April 1969, Hill 34, RVN (AT 98557194)  
1-12 April 1969, An Hoa, RVN (AT 86624707) (2 gun detachment)  
12-30 April 1969, Hill 55, RVN (AT 96606216) (3 gun detachment)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer Capt. L.E. JOHNSON (1-30 Apr 1969)  
Asst. Executive Officer 1stLt. S.D. HILL (1-30 Apr 1969)  
Fire Direction Officer 1stLt. M.L. JOHNSON (1-30 Apr 1969)  
Asst. Fire Direction Officer 1stLt. G.D. SIMPSON (1-30 Apr 1969)  
Liaison Officer 1stLt. W.F. FORESTER (1-30 Apr 1969)  
Supply Officer Capt. G.M. HAUGEN (1-18 Apr 1969)  
2dLt. L. WARD (19-30 Apr 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Other	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
7	151	0	3	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of April 1969, the Battery occupied two positions; 1-12 April four guns were on Hill 34 and two guns composed the Alpha detachment at An Hoa under the command of First Lieutenant G. D. SIMPSON.

On 12 April 1969, two guns were deployed to the new Alpha position on Hill 55 under the command of first Lieutenant S. D. HILL. The former Alpha detachment moved from An Hoa to Hill 34 and rejoined the Battery.

On 13 April 1969, an additional gun was deployed to the Alpha detachment giving them three guns while three guns remained at the Battery position on Hill 34. This was effective through 30 April 1969.

Since arriving at Hill 34 on 8 March 1969, the Battery has continued to improve gun pits, ammo bunkers, lighting systems for illumination of the perimeter wire, living quarters, shower and head facilities, and is currently rebuilding the berm.

On 27 April 1969, ASP #1 exploded causing light to heavy damage to the buildings in the Battery area. Since that date repairs on the buildings has continued. Equipment incurred minor damage, mostly to vehicle canvas.

The Alpha detachment has effected a rigorous improvement program for gun pits, bunkers, protective wire on their perimeter, living quarters, and head and shower facilities.

Three Battery officers rotate on a weekly basis as the Alpha detachment commander.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of April:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>Total</u>
175 Gun HE	896	0	12	908

3. The following missions were fired during the month of April:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>H&amp;I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
32	198	48	235

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of April 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>
8	0	0	3	0	0	1

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Persomnel and Administration(1) Losses

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	1	9	0	0
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
Non Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	16	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	6	0	0

b. Intelligence: The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

c. Organization and Operations: The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery continued to fire in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills, which was in progress from 1-30 April 1969. The Battery has also fired in support of the Korean Marine brigade. On 12 April 1969, the Alpha detachment at An Hoa rejoined the Battery. The detachment had been OPCON to the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, assuming a General Support/Reinforcing mission from 1-12 April 1969.

d. Training. During the month of April 1969, Battery personnel received eight hours of formal training, four hours of weapons safety, six hours FAM firing of .50 Cal Machine Guns, M60 Machine Guns, M16 Rifle, M79 Grenade Launcher and M26 Hand Grenades; also sixteen hours of section training was held. One Staff NCO and one Lance Corporal attended the Division NCO Leadership School, one Enlisted attended the I Corps Generator School and one Sergeant attended the Division Career Planning Course. One Enlisted attended the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course held in Okinawa. In addition, sixteen personnel were given a Vietnamese Orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month the Battery experienced no major problems with the new M107's or the supply system. 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.

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

SECRET2. Entries

- 12 April 1969 - New Alpha detachment with two guns deployed to Hill 55.  
 Effective 1305H 12 April 1969  
 Old Alpha detachment deployed from An Hoa  
 Effective 1400H 12 April 1969  
 New Alpha detachment in position at Hill 55. Old Alpha  
 detachment arrived at Hill 34 and in position  
 Effective 1954H 12 April 1969
- 13 April 1969 - One Gun departed Hill 34  
 Effective 1100H 13 April 1969  
 Gun arrived Hill 55  
 Effective 1242H 13 April 1969
- 27 April 1969 - ASP #1 started burning with small explosions. The incident  
 was approximately 1600 meters Northeast of Battery position  
 on Hill 34  
 Effective 1045H 27 April 1969  
 Fire had increased and appeared to be endangering the Battery  
 position. Moved communications equipment from communications  
 tent to a safe distance by truck  
 Effective 1400H 27 April 1969  
 POL Dump 100 meters Northeast of the Battery position caught  
 fire causing dangerous hazard to FDC and gun pits. Guns  
 were moved a safe distance away. FDC technical control  
 shifted to Alpha detachment.  
 Effective 1430H 27 April 1969  
 Fire was contained to a small portion of the POL dump. FDC  
 control was reestablished at battery area, guns were relayed  
 in gun pits.  
 Effective 1730H 27 April 1969  
 Heavy explosions continued causing damage from shock waves  
 and heavy shrapnel to buildings in Battery area. Fires  
 continued until late afternoon 28 April 1969  
 Effective 1800-2200H 27 April 1969

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