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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for March; submission of
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1
Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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Command Chronology 1 March through 31 March 1967

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Part I
Organizational

1. Reporting Unit: 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
2. Command Post: Phu Bai (YD 893128)
3. Period Covered: 1-31 March 1967
4. Date Submitted: 1 April 1967
5. Average Monthly Strength:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	5	0
Enlisted	162	4
6. Commanding Officer: Major E. D. LITZENBERGER
7. Principal Staff: N/A
8. Subordinate Units: N/A
9. Attachments & Detachments: U.S. Army 40mm M42 and crew located in battery for air defense and local security. One 8 inch Howitzer Platoon detached in support of Chinook II.
10. Location of Units: One platoon of 8 inch Howitzers is located at (YD 643279).
11. Mission: Direct Support designated Recon patrols, Reinforcing, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

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Part II
Significant Events

1. Personnel:

- A. Throughout the month Officer strength was at 62%. Enlisted strength was at 86%.
- B. The battery joined 3 Officers and 7 Enlisted for the period.
- C. During this period 4 Marines extended for 6 months.
- D. 7 Marines took advantage of R & R.
- E. Three Marines were awarded the purple heart. One Marine was awarded the bronze star with combat "V".

2. Administrative: N/A3. Intelligence:

- A. The S-2 from 4th Battalion, 12th Marines briefs the entire battery every Saturday morning at 0800.
- B. Continued minor harrassment of the perimeter by the Viet Cong.

4. Training Highlights:

- A. GMS classes were held on Equipment and Uniforms, Hand to Hand Combat, Code of Conduct, First Aid, and NBC defense.
- B. A personal response class was presented to the Staff and Officers by a representative from Division Personal Response Team on 16 March.
- C. MOS & on-the-job training was continued throughout the month.
- D. FAM firing of M-14, .45 caliber pistol and the submachine gun was held on 21 and 28 March.
- E. A direct fire shoot was held with the 155mm Gun on 30 March.
- F. One three hour school/demonstration was held for 3rd Recon Battalion on 6 March.
- G. At the end of this month there was a total of 1 officer and 13 enlisted enrolled in MCI courses, 2 officers and 7 enlisted enrolled in USAFI (College) and 1 enlisted enrolled in USAFI (High School).
- H. During this period 13 enlisted took the GED high school test.
- I. During this month the following formal school quota was filled.

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5. Special Operations:

A. One platoon of 8 inch Howitzers is in support of Chinook II.

6. Command and Control:

A. The battery is under Adcon and Opcon of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

7. Communications and Electronics: The following is on loan:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
A. AN/PRC 25	2	4th Battalion, 12th Marines
B. TA312/EEB	3	Headquarters Bn., 3rdMarDiv
C. TA-1/pt	2	Headquarters Bn., 3rdMarDiv
D. RG292	3	Headquarters Bn., 3rdMarDiv

8. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination:

A. The battery furnished a Liason Team at Phu Loc.

9. Medical & Dental:

A. Medical Statistics

- (1) Total battle casualties.....2
- (2) Total number of personnel treated (routine).....9
- (3) Total immunizations given.....9

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10. Logistics:

A. Supply

(1) The following items are on loan to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division for use of CAC:

- (a) Cot, folding canvas.....18
- (b) Insect bar, cot.....9
- (c) Pole, folding cot (set).....9
- (d) Can, water.....2

(2) Nitrogen and oxygen are in critical shortage.

B. Contonement. The battery is still housed mainly under the original canvas that was brought to Vietnam.

C. Maintenance

(1) The M51 retriever was taken off deadline during this reporting period.

(2) Non-Availability of replacement Recoil cyclinders and other 3rd Echelon repair parts continues to cause serious problems in maintenance of Self Propelled weapons.

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D. Motor Transport

(1) Vehicles on loan to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division for CAC:

(a) Truck, 1/4 ton, M36A1.....1

(b) Truck, 3/4 ton, M37.....1

(2) During March a heavy duty grease rack was constructed to assist in Motor Transport maintenance.

E. Water. Water is trucked to this position from a water point 1 1/2 miles away while it is trucked 20 miles to a 8 inch Platoon at PK-17.

F. Embarkation. The battery does not have any qualified personnel. School quotas have been requested.

G. Hospital & Evacuation. N/A

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Part III
Chronological Summary of Significant Events

- 2 Mar - At 1900 fired 2 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE at unknown number of VC entrenched in bunkers (60142163). 3 bunkers destroyed, 2 damaged, no visible bodies. Fire mission in support of Chinook II.
- 3 Mar - At 2200 fired 18 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE at reported 2 Battalions of VC. (730310), (759326) VC routed. 30KIA (Prob). Fire mission for Rice Cutless 26, Chinook II.
- At 0002 fired 9 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected VC (992010). No surveillance. Fire mission for Blackbox 22.
- 4 Mar - At 1140 fired 5 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE at 4 VC (608221). Good target coverage. Fire mission for Nettle Rash I, Chinook II.
- 6 Mar - From 1100-1240 fired 23 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE for defensive fires (570190), (552190), (568180), (550180), (560175), (570186). Good target coverage. Fire mission for Muster I, Chinook II.
- 7 Mar - At 1520 fired 23 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE at VC in foxholes. (718310), (722310). Negative Surveillance. Fire mission for Nettle Rash I, Chinook II.
- 9 Mar - At 1645 fired 28 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE at VC mortar and CP (687304). 4 KIA (Conf). Fire Mission for Nettle Rash I, Chinook II.
- 14 Mar - Battery stood Commanding General, 3rd MarDiv Inspection.
- 22 Mar - Battery patrol apprehended 2 armed Detainees (895121). Forwarded to CIT for interrogation.
- 23 Mar - At 1345 Battery received one sniper round from the Southeast.
- From 2150-2235 fired 34 rounds 155mm Gun for unit in contact with VC. Good illumination. Fire mission Seabrook 22.
- 26 Mar - At 0845 fired 38 rounds 8 inch Howitzer at two VC huts (529275). Both huts destroyed. Fire mission for Pilsner 62, Chinook II.
- 27 Mar - At 1110 fired 14 rounds 155mm Gun HE at 10 VC moving by river (989968). 5 KIA (Prob). Fire mission for Muster II.
- At 1650 fired 19 rounds 155mm Gun HE at unknown number of VC following patrol. (905978). Good coverage. Fire mission for Monotype II.

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28 Mar - At 0745 fired 16 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected VC positions (020009). Good coverage. Fire mission for Seabrook 62.

At 1600 fired 5 rounds 155mm Gun HE at VC surrounding patrol (905987). Fire mission for Monotype I. No surveillance.

30 Mar - At 1330 mission was received for 30 VC with mortars (079984). Village chief failed to clear mission.

Recapitulation of Fire Missions.

	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>Total</u>
Phu Bai	39	101	135	275
Chinook	25	26	131	182

Ammunition Expenditures.

HE (155mm Gun).....	355
WP (155mm Gun).....	45
ILL (155mm Gun).....	39
HE (8 inch Howitzer).....	529

Surveillance

<u>KIA (Conf)</u>	<u>KIA (Prob)</u>	<u>WIA (Conf)</u>	<u>WIA (Prob)</u>
4	35	0	0

Battery Patrols. 5

Battery Listening Posts employed. 2

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Encl: ✓(1) 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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