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Commanding Officer From:

Commending General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF To:

(1) Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group 7.a:

(2) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Command Chronelogy for period 1-31 March 1968

(a) MCO 5750.2A Ref:

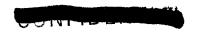
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8 (c) DivO 5750.2B

(d) Regt0 5750.23

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- In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d) enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 March 1968.
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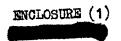
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PART I - Organizational Data

PART II - Nametive Summary

PART III - Sequential Listing of Significant Events







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ist 195mm Sun Buttour (AF)

Commander

Major N. J. RECKMAN

2. Location

1-31 March 1958; Phu Bai, RVN

3. Dattery Officers

Executive Officer
Pine Direction Officer
Supply Officer

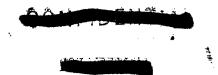
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TetLt. J. B. GRAVES 1-31Mar68
1stLt A. P. EDELMANN 1-31Mar68

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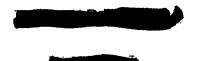
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to improve its position area and defensive fire plans. Numerous modifications were affected on perimeter bunkers, fighting noise, intensor penkers, and perimeter wire. As a part of the battery's overall security measures, 31 listening posts were established and 4 patrols run.

on 15 Meach 1960, at approximately 0805, an explosion on gun # 2 claimed the lives of six members of that section while another was seriously wounded. On 30 March 1968, the wounded Marine lief of complications as a result of the accident. The probable cause, as determined by investigation, was the failure of the breach block to be fully closed and locked prior to firing.

in 26 March 1968, approximately four enemy mortars began firing toward the Phu Bai Air Field from a position 1200 meters south of the battery area at 0300. Immediately, 200 rounds of twin 40mm cannon fire and 800 rounds of .50 cal. machinegun fire were brought to bear on the enemy mortars. The mortars were quickly silenced. Although no enemy were found when a patrol was sent out the following day, villagers in the area reported seeing the enemy carrying their wounded away after the unargument.





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(1) Baitle Dylo: 7

(2) Estile Hon-Evac: None

(3) Non-Battle: None

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- (i) Replacements: 22
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- d. Morale and Personal Services: Morale is good. Mail relyices have been disrupted due to the tactical retration and limited availability of government airtraft. Ty and laundry service located in vicinity of limited Post.
- e. Awards and lecorations: None
- f. Promotions: 5: 2 Topl to Cpl; 1 PFC to LCpl; 2 Pvt to PFC
- g. Billeting: Furnished transient billeting for 3 officers and 20 enlisted personnel during March 1968.
- h. Administration: Normal administration accomplished during the month.

Operations

- a. Combat Missions Assigned
 - (1) 1-31 March 1968 General Support/Rein 1stBn, 11th Merines Direct support designated Recon Patrols.

CONCLUSION

h. Recepitulation of Fire Missions

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- one from 68 door one gun departed the battery area, emissing dia Le (YD82661527) at 0900 and was wall on azimuth 4500
 - Of for 63 One gun departed Gia Le (YD82661527) at 145 and arrived in the battery area at 1220
 - Jame (8 At 0805 one M-55, 155mm (SP) Gun exploded in the Sattery area; 6 KIA's and 1 WIA passained as a result
 - Received two M-53, 155mm (SP) Guns from 5md 155mm Gun Battery (SP). Guns were torolded to this battery.

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- Fired 12 rounds HE at NVA on trail vio. VD946024. Two confirmed WIA's. Phission show for 1st Force Recon.
- 291050H Mar 1950 Fired 6 rounds HE and 3 rounds WP on active rocket sites vic. YD780070 Two secondary explosions were observed. Mission shot for 1st Force Recon.
- 291740H Mar 1968 Fired 18 rounds HE on 9 V.C. on trail vic. YD927026. One confirmed KIA. Mission shot for 1st Force Recon.

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TAB (E) (1st 155mm Gun Btry (SP) Command Chronology)

To Enclosure (1)

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