

1ST 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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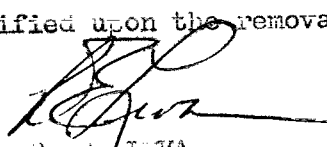
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of May 1969

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.2E

Incl: (1) Command Chronology for 1st 175mm Gun Battery for May 1969

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


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COMBINED CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

CommanderMajor R. E. LEVA
1-31 May 19692. Location1-31 May 1969, -(CP)- Hill 34, RVN (AT 98557194)
1-31 May 1969, -(Alpha position)- Hill 55, RVN (AT 96606216)3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer

Capt. L.E. JOHNSON (1-31 May 1969)

Asst. Executive Officer

1stLt. S.D. HILL (1-31 May 1969)

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt. G.D. SIMPSON (1-31 May 1969)

Asst. Fire Direction Officer

1stLt. W.F. FORESTER (1-31 May 1969)

Liaison Officer

1stLt. R.K. HANSON (1-31 May 1969)

Supply Officer

2ndLt. L. WARD (1-31 May 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
6	150

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	3

<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative

During the month of May 1969, the Battery occupied two positions. Three guns were located on Hill 34 along with the Battery CP. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55.

Improvements continued on the burm on Hill 34. New concertina wire was placed around our perimeter. Two additional flood lights were also installed.

Work was begun on our present security bunker to enlarge it into an FDC.

The Alpha position also added more concertina wire to its perimeter. Also, six 500 watt flood lights were installed. It was the first lights ever installed around their perimeter.

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

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>Total</u>
175 Gun HE	705	0	0	705

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

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>HEI's</u>	<u>Total</u>
14	104	85	203

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of May are 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 0	0

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	0	21	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
Non Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	12	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	9	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	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 reinforcing of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery fired in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills until its termination on 30 May 1969.


d. Training. During the month of May 1969, the Battery personnel received eight hours of formal training; four hours of weapons safety, four hours of weapons safety, four hours of fan firing of the 50 Cal. machine guns, M 60 machine gun, M 16 rifle, M 79 grenade launcher and M 26 hand grenades. Also four hours of section training was held. One Lance Corporal attended the Division NCO Leadership School and one enlisted man was sent to the Embarkation School in Okinawa. Fourteen new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. The Logistics/Supply status of the Battery is good. No major problems have arisen in conjunction with the M107, 175mm Gun. Logistical/Supply support from this units supporting elements was satisfactory. It is anticipated that as the M107 increases in usage and age a larger, more complete stock of 2nd echelon repair parts will be made available from the supply units which service the M107.

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

2. Entries

14 May 1969 - Fired counter-rocket fire while Danang was taking incoming rockets. (Effective at 0215H Feb 69) Ref: Watch Officer's log of 14 May 1969.

 14 May 1969 - Post #4 was hit with a CS grenade, thrown by a Vietnamese riding a motor-cycle west on Route #8, Danang, RVN. (Effective at 2020H May 1969) Ref: Watch Officers log of 14 May 1969.