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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) AM
APO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of May 1970

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) for the Month of May 1970

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CRONOLOGY



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Commanding Officer

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Captain C. J. WEBER
1 - 31 May 1970

2. Location

1 - 31 May 1970 CP HILL 34 RVN (AT 98557194)
1 - 31 May 1970 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment,
RVN (AT 92043008)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt. D. A. ARTHUR	(1-31 May 1970)
Assistant Executive Officer	1stLt. R. A. BISHOP	(1-31 May 1970)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. J. C. PERRY	(1-31 May 1970)
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. S. J. NAVARRO	(1-31 May 1970)
Liaison Officer	1stLt. J. J. ROMANO	(1-31 May 1970)
Supply Officer	1stLt. J. D. WEBER	(1-31 May 1970)
Battery Officer	1stLt. J. B. HUFFORD	(1-31 May 1970)
" "	1stLt. T. W. PAGE	(1-31 May 1970)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>ASH</u>		<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
9	162	0	2	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative.

During the month of May, the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns and the CP were located on Hill 4. The other three guns composed the Alpha Detachment at the Northern Artillery Cantonment. At the CP position additional wire was laid and the grass in the wire was sprayed with weed killer to improve visibility. Repair work was done on the outpost towers. Bunkers in the living areas were resand-bagged and repair work was begun on the FOC bunker. At the Alpha position work continued on the improvement and repair of the local defensive wire. Work was started to replace old sandbags with new sandbags.

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

	<u>105 MMF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>NOB</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
105 Gun HE	2,161	0	0	2,161

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

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
56	159	0	215

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

<u>KIA</u>		<u>BT DEVICES</u>		<u>COMMS</u>		<u>SECONDARY</u>
<u>Prob</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>		<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>		<u>Explosions</u>
1	2	0	0	0	0	1

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PART III

MONTHLY REPORT OF BATTERY TO THE DIVISION

1. Tonics.

A. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses

	USMC		AFV	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	0	11	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	3	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	2	0	0
(3) Net loss	0	15	0	0
(4) Net gain	0	0	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received intelligence information and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from SMOG along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. No new operations were fired upon during the month of May.

D. Training. During the month of May, the Battery personnel received twenty-four hours of formal training, two hours of weapons safety, and eight hours of gun firing of the .50 cal. machine gun, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenades. Also thirty-three hours of section training was held for each section in the Battery. Two new personnel were led on a Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Impls. During the month of May this unit submitted three hundred and forty-one requisitions to the supply source. Of these requisitions eighty were completed, eight cancelled, and five voided. There was one requisition for a major item which is still pending. Thirteen PX transactions took place in May, eight of which were completed. The Battery sent two men to the 11th AVN Artillery for two days to do welding for improvement of the base plate of that unit's M16's to enable M400 mil traverse capability. At this present time this unit remains in C-1 status.

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F. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no Civic Action or Civil Affairs programs during the month of May. No RedOps were held.

2. Entries.

On 2 May 1970 the Battery received surveillance of one probable KPA while firing Penyarise recon insert. (Effective at 1600 hours 2 May 1970)
Reference: Watch Officer's Log of 2 May 1970.

On 6 May 1970 the Battery received surveillance of the confirmed KPA's while firing for Rock Hat recon insert. (Effective 1755 hours 6 May 1970)
Reference: Watch Officer's Log of 6 May 1970.

On 12 May 1970 the Battery received surveillance of one secondary explosion while firing for Panama Hat recon insert. (Effective 1925 hours 12 May 1970)
Reference: Watch Officer's Log of 12 May 1970.

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