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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

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✓(2) Supporting Documents (Originated Messages) copies 1 and 2 only

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P. L. TOWNSEND

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COMBAT CHRONOLOGY
1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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PART I

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1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDER

Capt. P. L. TOWNSEND
087362/0802
1 February 1969 to
28 February 1969

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-2 Gio Linh, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Elliot Combat Base, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Con Thien, RVN

Battery Headquarters

1 February to 28 February 1969 - Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
8	178	0	6

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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The Vietnamese Tet passed without incident but the post-Tet attacks did increase the amount of firing by the platoons during the last week of the month. "B" Platoon did take one 122mm rocket in its position during an NVA attack by fire on Elliot Combat Base on 25 Feb. Damage was limited to one trailer and the CO's jeep.

The majority of the fire missions fired by "A" and "C" Platoons was bunkers in the southern half of the DMZ.

The Maintenance Crew maintained "six guns up" throughout the month with only minor exceptions.

Construction in the rear continued.

The third Battery galley was established at Con Thien and is feeding approximately 300 men (majority are infantrymen from the 3rd Marines). The Battery galley at Gio Linh is feeding approximately 125 men ("A" Platoon and all other American Forces there). The galley at Elliot Combat Base is feeding "B" Platoon and 12 personnel from a U.S. Army Duster Platoon.

During the month of February, the howitzers of this battery fired 82 observed missions, and 233 unobserved missions, expending 3788 rounds of M106 (HE) and 180 rounds of M404 (WP).

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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A. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED

General Support of the Third Marine Division

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

Operation Kentucky
Operation Highrise
Operation Scotland II

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 42 Bunkers Destroyed
2. 26 Bunkers Damaged
3. 2 Bunkers Closed
4. 8 Huts Destroyed
5. 3 Cave Entrances Damaged
6. 1 Sampan Destroyed
7. 24 Secondary Explosions
8. 1 Secondary Fire
9. 4 Rocket Positions Destroyed
10. 1 Automatic Weapons Position Destroyed
11. 1 .50 Cal Machine Gun Destroyed
12. 1 .50 Cal Machine Gun Damaged
13. 1 Flag Destroyed
14. 1 Mound Destroyed
15. 1 Mound Damaged
16. 4 Fighting Holes Destroyed
17. 123 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
18. 3 KIA's (Probable)
19. Undetermined amount of KIA's Sighted by Colorado "1" on 28 Feb 1969.

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D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

None

E. NEW TECHNIQUES

None

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

N/A

G. EQUIPMENT

The Battery's howitzers are now in good repair. At no time during the month was one down for more than 24 hours. On 26 Feb., the Battery was notified that it would receive three new M-54A2 5-Ton Multifuel Trucks through the RME program.

H. LOGISTICS

No Problems

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I. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Corpsmen conducted 3 Medcaps, treating 105 Vietnamese Nationals.

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery joined 1 officer and 7 enlisted and dropped 1 officer and 19 enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of officers is 88% and, of enlisted, 91%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problems

N. WEATHER

Hot and dry the first three weeks of the month, cold and wet the last week.

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c. FIRE SUPPORT

N/A

d. AIR SUPPORT

N/A

e. ACTIVATIONS / DEACTIVATIONS / REDESIGNATIONS

N/A

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

DESIGNATION	DTG	SUBJECT
✓1st 8" How Btry (SP)	020800Z Feb 69	Report of Accidental Discharge
✓1st 8" How Btry (SP)	030910Z Feb 69	Combat Losses
✓1st 8" How Btry (SP)	020810Z Feb 69	Misc Report of Misc Accident
✓1st 8" How Btry (SP)	210430Z Feb 69	25th Division Personal Response Course
✓1st 8" How Btry (SP)	241220Z Feb 69	Status of Grenade Launcher M79

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P ØØØØØZ FEB 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
BT
UNCLAS E F T O
REPORT OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE
A. DIVO 5100.11A
1. 2 FEB 69 ØØØØ
2. 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
3. ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING
4. CON THIEN RVN
5. (5) PE 4 225944 USMC
6. (4) F
7. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE .45 CALIBER WEAPON INFLICTING WOUND TO RIGHT LEG TIME IN COUNTRY 14 MONTHS LAST SAFETY INSTRUCTION WAS 30 SEP 68
8. UNK
9. NONE
10. NONE
BT

TOD: Ø2Ø9Ø1Z/FEB 69/TT-Ø3/RRE

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN: Ø14

8th

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P 02081ØZ FEB 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
BT
UNCLAS E F T O
MISC REPORT OF MISC ACCIDENT
A. DIVO 5100.11A
1. 2 FEB 69 1210
2. 1ST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
3. MISC ACCIDENT
4. CON THIEN RVN
5. (4) B 21/2660 USMC
6. (4)F
7. ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION OF UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE INFLICTING MULTIPLE WOUNDS TO FACE AND EYES. WHILE BURNING TRASH
8. UNK
9. NONE
10. NONE
BT

HAS BEEN SENT

CON: Ø13

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TOD: Ø2ØØØØZ/FEB 69/TT-Ø2/RRE

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R Ø3Ø91ØZ FEB 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES
BT
UNCLAS E F T O
(SC-4)
COMBAT LOSSES
A. DIVO 4400.16
1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED.
BT
TOD: Ø31ØØØZ/FEB 69/TT-Ø4/RRE

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN: Ø22

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R 210450Z FEB 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) 8"
TO CG THIRD MARDIV ADJ
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
UNCLAS E F T O
25TH DIVISION PERS RESP COURSE
A. YOUR MSG 170140Z FEB 69
1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION IS HEREBY
SUBMITTED.
A. 1STLT DONALD C. ROBERTSON 010258 USMCR
BT
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R 241220Z FEB 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) CCN 190
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
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8"

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO CG FORLOGCOMD
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
BT
UNCLAS E F T O
ATTN MC 100
1. UN 9049 THIS UNIT RECIEVED A CONTAINER WITH 1348-1 AS FOLLOWS
A51/MC1/T/1010 691 1382/EA/00004/M21270/9044/2532/BLNK/C/VLNK/BLNK/
892/1/74H/AA13/BLNK/
ITEMS RECIEVED WERE BATTERY, STORAGE BB-646/U FSN 6140 981 5305 QTY 3
INSTEAD OF THE REQUESTED LAUNCHER GRENADE 40MM X M79
TCN 5305 724 5911 (FEDERAL STOCK NUMBER)
PROCESS DATE 9041
REQUEST STATUS OF LAUNCHER GRENADE 40MM X M79
BT
TOD 241250Z/TT09/JLA PAGE 1 OF 1 241220Z FEB 69

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