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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June 1970 to 30 June 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1C
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A
(c) DivO 5750.2C

Encl: (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June 1970 to 30 June 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Maj N. J. SPITZER
1 - 30 June 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

1stLt R. J. HENDERSON
1 - 16 June 1970

1stLt J. B. BISHOP
17 - 30 June 1970

"B" Platoon

1stLt W. E. CROFT
1 - 30 June 1970

"C" Platoon

1stLt F. P. WARRINGTON
1 - 30 June 1970

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-30 June 70, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-13 June 70, AN HOA COMBAT BASE, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN
13-30 June 70, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-12 June 70, LZ ROSS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN
12-14 June 70, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN
14-30 June 70, AN HOA COMBAT BASE, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-12 June 70, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN
12-30 June 70, LZ ROSS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Capt S. M. HINDS
1-30 June 1970

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3. STAFF OFFICERS (Cont'd)

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt M. A. BACA
1-30 June 1970

Communications Officer

1stLt J. B. BISHOP
1-16 June 1970

Supply Officer

1stLt M. A. BACA
16-30 June 1970

Motor Transport/Maintenance Officer

1stLt W. M. ROYER
1-30 June 19701stLt M. A. BACA
1-30 June 19704. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USM</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 10 | 168 | 0 | 5 |

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. GENERAL REVIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES

a. The majority of the missions fired by this battery during the month were against intelligence targets. The total missions fired was 371. Further breakdown of missions fired is covered in paragraph 4.

b. All howitzers of the battery were calibrated during the month and appropriate adjustments and replacements were made as required.

2. MISSIONS ASSIGNED

a. 010001H June 70 through 130805H June 70:

Battery (-); Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
"A" Platoon; Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines

b. 130805H June 70 through 141340H June 70:

Battery: Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

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2. MISSIONS ASSIGNED (Cont'd)

c. 141340H June 70 through 302400H June 70:

Battery (-); Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
 "B" Platoon; Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines

3. OPERATIONS. None4. FIRE SUPPORT MISSIONS

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>OBSERVED</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED</u> | <u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 6 | 117 HE |
| 2 | 2 | 11 | 56 HE |
| 3 | 5 | 2 | 88 HE |
| 4 | 3 | 6 | 77 HE |
| 5 | 2 | 15 | 83 HE |
| 6 | 3 | 9 | 68 HE |
| 7 | 1 | 6 | 73 HE |
| 8 | 2 | 11 | 53 HE |
| 9 | 0 | 18 | 96 HE |
| 10 | 2 | 24 | 120 HE |
| 11 | 1 | 24 | 83 HE |
| 12 | 0 | 11 | 50 HE |
| 13 | 1 | 14 | 168 HE |
| 14 | 1 | 13 | 57 HE |
| 15 | 2 | 10 | 98 HE |
| 16 | 1 | 5 | 52 HE |
| 17 | 0 | 13 | 50 HE |
| 18 | 4 | 11 | 144 HE |
| 19 | 1 | 12 | 65 HE |
| 20 | 1 | 16 | 176 HE |
| 21 | 1 | 7 | 81 HE |
| 22 | 2 | 3 | 37 HE |
| 23 | 1 | 9 | 74 HE |
| 24 | 1 | 9 | 74 HE |
| 25 | 4 | 10 | 155 HE |
| 26 | 2 | 7 | 83 HE |
| 27 | 7 | 7 | 102 HE |
| 28 | 4 | 7 | 83 HE |
| 29 | 1 | 8 | 36 HE |
| 30 | 2 | 8 | 97 HE |
| TOTALS | 59 | 312 | 2596 HE |

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| | <u>CONFIRMED</u> | <u>PROBABLE</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| KIA'S | 6 | 2 |
| WIA'S | 1 | 0 |
| BUNKERS | 12 | 2 |
| STRUCTURES | 11 | - |
| CAVES | 1 | - |
| SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS | 7 | - |

6. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

| | |
|----------------|---|
| COMBAT RELATED | 0 |
| NON-COMBAT | 5 |

7. LOGISTICS

a. During the month constant maintenance and improvement was made on the positions and protective wire.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. No noteworthy problems existed in communications during the month.

9. EQUIPMENT

a. Limited problems existed in motor transport and maintenance due to resupply of replacement parts.

10. CIVIC ACTION. None11. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. The battery joined 1 officer and 21 enlisted and transferred 4 officers and 26 enlisted during the month. The operating percentage of manning level for the month was; Officers 111%; Enlisted 84%.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

12 June 1970 "B" Platoon displaced from LZ Ross to LZ Baldy, Quang Nam Province, RVN
Ref: Btry OpOrder 1-70 (S), TAB A
"C" Platoon displaced from LZ Baldy to LZ Ross, Quang Nam Province, RVN
Ref: Btry OpOrder 1-70 (S), TAB A

13 June 1970 "A" Platoon displaced from An Hoa Combat Base to LZ Baldy, Quang Nam Province, RVN
Ref: Btry OpOrder 1-70 (S), TAB A

14 June 1970 "B" Platoon displaced from LZ Baldy to An Hoa Combat Base, Quang Nam Province, RVN

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

/TAB A Battery Operations Plan 1-70 (Original Only)

/TAB B Excerpts from FDC Journal

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 LZ Baldy
 061200H Jun70

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OPERATION ORDER 1-70

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 sheets 6640 I, II, III, IV
 (b) Div. Plan 301-70
 (c) Btry 8 23000.3A

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy forces. Current intsums and perintreps.
- b. Friendly forces. Reference (b)
- c. Attachments and detachments. None

2. Mission. 1st 8th Howitzer Battery provides general support and reinforcing fires as directed by Eleventh Marines.

3. Execution.

- a. Concept of operation. 1st 8th Howitzer Battery at H hour on D day commences movement from platoon positions. Platoons to displace singly on order. Supporting fires provided as required by elements of Eleventh Marines.
- b. Battery Position. On D+1, when directed, displace from An Hoa Combat Base to Landing Zone Baldy.
- c. "B" Platoon. On D-1, when directed dispatch advance party from Landing Zone Ross to An Hoa Combat Base. On D day, when directed, displace from Landing Zone Ross to Landing Zone Baldy. On D+2, when directed, displace from Landing Zone Baldy to An Hoa Combat Base.
- d. "C" Platoon. On D-2, when directed, dispatch advance party from Landing Zone Baldy to Landing Zone Ross. On D day when directed, displace from Landing Zone Baldy to Landing Zone Ross.
- e. Battery Headquarters. Provide personnel augmentation, maintenance and motor transport support to displacing units.
- f. Coordinating Instruction.

(1) D-Day 8 June 1970.

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- (2) All units submit movreps and firecaps in accordance with reference (c)
- (3) Convoy control, Annex A.
- (4) Supporting arms.
 - (a) Fires will be adjusted as required by airborne observer when available.
 - (b) Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines provides fires required on 540 between An Hoa Combat Base and Dai Loc.
 - (c) Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines provides fires required between Landing Zone Ross and Ba Ben Bridge.
- (5) Direct liaison authorized all units.
- (6) Equipment exchange authorized.
- (7) Coordinate with appropriate infantry battalions for inclusion of platoon convoys in normal infantry convoys.
- (8) Coordinate with 5th Marines for Tank support.
- (9) Coordinate with 11th Marines for OV-10 support.
- (10) Platoon Commanders prepare and implement counter ambush plan.
- (11) All traffic concerning this operation conducted prior to D day will be passed via secure communications channels.
- (12) All displacing commanders prepare position turnover file to include:
 - (a) Minimum OE
 - (b) Ammo count by lot
 - (c) Scrounge sources
 - (d) Defensive plan, sectors of fires, etc.
 - (e) Agreements with adjacent units
 - (f) Position area diagram
 - (g) Survey info, OS's, EOL's, Platoon centers
 - (h) Electrical power status

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- (i) Water source
- (j) Circuit diagram for wire lines
- (k) Counter monsoon plan.

(13) This plan effective upon receipt.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. Displacing units carry minimum non TE equipment.
- b. Displacing howitzers carry two complete rounds each.
- c. 6 rations for meals as required during displacements.
- d. Fuel all vehicles prior to displacement.
- e. Small arms ammunition: Basic allowance minimum. Additional ammunition at platoon commanders discretion.

5. Command and Communications Electronics.

a. Communications Electronics.

- (1) Convoy control net D-184 68.35 mhz
secondary net D-203 75.05 mhz
 - (2) Division convoy control net 41.25 mhz
Division call sign "Airhose"
 - (3) Convoy aircover D-184 68.35 mhz call sign TDA
 - (4) Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines D-428 72.7 mhz call sign
"Ridge Beam."
 - (5) Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines D-064 57.00 mhz call sign
"Razorhill."
 - (6) Report all checkpoints to Division convoy control and to battery headquarters.
 - (7) "B" Platoon advance party relay checkpoint reports from "A" Platoon and "B" Platoon as required.
 - (8) Advance parties assume call sign of parent platoon plus suffix X Ray
- b. Command part - no change.

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DISTRIBUTION: Commanding Officer (1)
Platoon Commanders (3)
11th Marines (1)
2ndBn, 11th Marines (1)
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 LZ Baldy
 120800H Jun70

Operation Order 1-70, Ch. 1

1. Make the following changes and additions to Annex A of Operation Order 1-70.

- a. Change check point #4 to #99
- b. Change checkpoint #5 to #12
- c. Delete checkpoints #6, #7, #8, #9
- d. Add the following checkpoints

| | |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 63 | 939637 |
| 76 | 927607 |
| 22 | 914577 Dai Lac Br |
| 0 | North end of Liberty Bridge |
| 0A | South end of Liberty Bridge |
| 11 | 920514 |
| 28 | 913501 |
| 33 | 912490 Railroad |
| 74 | 98468 y Son (1) |
| 66 | An Hoa |

e. Add the following paragraphs

h. Report all checkpoints between CP 56 and CP 66 to Division Convoy Control ("airhose" freq 41.25) unless traveling with infantry convoy.

i. Report checkpoints 56 and 12 to Mad Hatter (freq 72.40).

j. Continue to report all checkpoints to Slate Creek (freq 68.35).

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 MAJOR USMC
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TAB B
EXCERPTS FROM FDC JOURNAL

| <u>ENTRY</u> | <u>DTG</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u> |
|--------------|------------|---|
| 12022 | 12124CH | "B" Platoon departed LZ Ross - Movement Report submitted to 3/11 and 11th Marines: A. Bravo (Unit) B. 2 Guns (No. Guns) C. 12124CH (Time) D. LZ Baldy (Destination) |
| 12024 | 12132CH | "B" Platoon arrived at LZ Baldy - Fire Cap submitted to 3/11 and 11th Marines: A. Bravo (Unit) B. 2 Guns (No. Guns) C. 1285045050 (Location) D. 6400 (Direction of Fire) E. 12132CH (Time) |
| 12025 | 12133CH | "C" Platoon departed LZ Baldy - Movement Report submitted to 3/11 and 11th Marines: A. Charley B. 2 Guns C. 12133CH D. LZ Ross |
| 12029 | 12142CH | "C" Platoon arrived at LZ Ross - Fire Cap submitted to 3/11 and 11th Marines: A. Charley B. 2 Guns C. 0289434149 D. 6400 E. 12142CH |
| 13008 | 130805H | "A" Platoon departed An Hoa Combat Base - Movement Report submitted to 2/11, 3/11 and 11th Marines: A. Alfa B. 2 Guns C. 130805H D. LZ Baldy |

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13021 131140H

"A" Platoon arrived at LZ Baldy - Fire Cap
submitted to 3/11 and 11th Marines:

- A. Alfa
- B. 2 Guns
- C. 1285045050
- D. 6400
- E. 131140H

14010 140945H

"B" Platoon departed LZ Baldy - Movement Report
submitted to 3/11 and 11th Marines:

- A. Bravo
- B. 2 Guns
- C. 140945H
- D. An Hoa Combat Base

14026 141340H

"B" Platoon arrived at An Hoa Combat Base
Submitted Fire Cap to 2/11 and 11th Marines:

- A. Bravo
- B. 2 Guns
- C. 866444
- D. 6400
- E. 141340H

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