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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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Encl: (1) 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 SEPTEMBER 1967 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Major G. J. WATERS 1 to 30 September

2. LOCATION
1 to 30 September DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1 to 30 September	Capt. J. L. MILLER
1st Platoon Commander	1 to 30 September	Capt. M. L. HEFTI
2nd Platoon Commander	1 to 30 September	1stLt. D. D. DEWEE
3d Platoon Commander	1 to 30 September	1stLt. G. J. CUMMINS
Supply Officer	1 to 30 September	1stLt. D. M. KENADY
First Sergeant	1 to 30 September	1stSgt. J. M. MATTMILLER

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USM</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	200	0	3	0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 to 30 September the battery continued to support operations of the First Marine Division. The modified mission of the battery is as follows: 1st Platoon, GS/Rein Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; 2nd Platoon, GS/Rein 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; 3d Platoon, GS/Rein 3d Battalion, 11th Marines; the priority of fires is assigned to 1st Recon. Battalion. The battery retained responsibility for technical fire direction control of Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, and of 2nd Platoon, 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP), 11th Marines. The Commanding Officer, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), exercises responsibility as artillery position area coordinator for the artillery complex (AT921798); a combined security program is

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coordinated and directed by the Commanding Officer, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP). On 25 September Battery "B", 8th Battalion, 4th Artillery was displaced from the artillery complex at (AT921798).

During the month of September the battery fired the following missions:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H & I</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
43	87	240	1602

2nd Platoon continued to support Operation Yazoo under OPCON 3d Battalion, 11th Marines until 4 September. Commencing with prep fires on 22 September 2nd Platoon fired in support of Operation Shelbyville from 22 to 28 September. In its continuing general support mission the battery accounted for 14 structures destroyed or damaged, 2 KIA's, one WIA, and 20 probable KIA's; the battery fired numerous missions on suspected troop concentrations from squad to battalion size and on rocket sites. H & I fires averaged 10 missions per day.

The only incident of close combat occurred on 2 September. Shortly after midnight Headquarters Platoon received approximately twelve incoming rockets.

On 19 September the battery received from 1st Force Service Regiment on temporary loan one 8" How (SP) M-110 for training purposes.

The battery continued its Civic Action Program in the hamlets and villages listed below.

HAMLET
 Trung Son
 Van Duong
 Thanh Vinh
 An Ngai Dong

VILLAGE
 Hoa Vinh
 Hoa Vinh
 Hoa Vinh
 Hoa Thanh

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) Losses

- (1) Battle: none.
- (2) Non-battle: one (1) enlisted.
- (3) Administrative: twenty-five (25) enlisted.

(b) Gains

- (1) Replacements: eleven (11) enlisted.

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- (c) POW's Captured: none.
- (d) Morale: Excellent.
- (e) Personal Services:
 - (1) Beach calls provided a Sunday at China Beach for all personnel.
 - (2) A larger, better-equipped enlisted messhall is under construction.
- (f) Awards and Decorations: none.
- (g) Court Martials: one. Article 15: six (6).

2. INTELLIGENCE

- (a) Wire patrols and daylight reconnaissance patrols were sent out several times each week and in every instance of suspected enemy activity.
- (b) On 18 and 23 September spot reports were submitted to 11th Marines regarding the fact that the villagers seemed to be avoiding Medcaps.
- (c) On 30 September a villager brought one box of M-26 fragmentation grenades to the Medcap patrol. He said he had found them beside the road. A spot report was sent to 11th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- (d) Pertinent intelligence reports were utilized in providing for the security of the battery command posts.

3. TRAINING

- (a) On 13 and 14 September section chiefs, gunners, and platoon commanders attended school on the M-110 at 1st Force Service Regiment.
- (b) Since acquisition of an M-110 on temporary loan on 19 September staff NCO's and officers have held classes to thoroughly familiarize all O811's with all aspects of the firing and maintenance of the weapon.
- (c) One enlisted is receiving M16A1 training on Okinawa; one enlisted is attending NCO school on Okinawa.
- (d) The battery training schedule continues to emphasize general military subjects proficiency and proficiency in MOS.

4. OPERATIONS

- (a) On 4 September one 8" How (SP), one officer, and 22 enlisted returned

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to OPCON this battery from supporting Operation Yazoo under OPCON 3d Battalion, 11th Marines. No missions were fired during the period covered by this report.

- (b) 2nd Platoon fired the following missions in support of Operation Shelbyville from 22 to 28 September:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H & I</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
2	2	18	97

5. COMMAND AND CONTROL

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>DIRECTION OF FIRE</u>
Hdqs 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	AT92137986	
1st Platoon	AT87674755	3400 and 2400
2nd Platoon	AT10685842	3200
3d Platoon	AT92137986	3900, 5400, 6400

6. CLOSE COMBAT

- (a) On 2 September shortly after midnight Headquarters C. P. received approximately twelve incoming 122mm rockets and sporadic sniper fire. The small arms fire was returned with negative results. The battery sustained one WIA (minor) and one structure damaged.

7. CIVIC ACTION

- (a) A total of 117 Medcap treatments were administered during the month. This low figure was at least partly due to the fact that the villagers were avoiding the Medcaps. On one Medcap there were only two patients; on another, none.
- (b) The battery supplied cement, lumber, and tin roofing from III MAF G-5 for the construction of a school at Thanh Vinh (AT927797).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Documentation of 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology
 - (a) Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000 and Charts 8541 III, 6540 I, 6540 II, 6540 III, 6540 IV, 6541 II, 6640 I, 6640 II, 6640 III, 6640 IV, 6641 II, 6641 III, 6739 I, 6739 II, 6739 III, 6739 IV, Series L - not attached.
 - ✓(b) Unit Journal - Appendix A

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NAVMC 219-GS (REV. 5-63)
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PLACE

3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

FROM (Date and hour)

TO (Date and hour)

010001H Sep 67

302400H Sep 67

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1927		1	011927	3d Plt guns #226638 and #226639 are up.		SF
0055		2	020055	Headquarters C.P. received approximately twelve 122mm rockets in position. Resulted in one 3d8" HowBtry(SP) WIA (minor), one 3d155GunBtry(SP) WIA (medevac), two "B" Btry 8th Bn 4th Arty vehicles destroyed and one structure damaged.		STF
0355		3	040355	3d Plt gun #226639 down; out of battery.		SF
1300		4	041300	2nd Plt gun #213239, crew, FDC, and one officer returned OPCON 3d 8" How Btry (SP).		SF
1305		5	041305	2nd Plt gun #213239 departed Hill 55 en route to Headquarters C.P.		SF
1705		6	041705	2nd Plt gun #213239 arrived at Headquarters C.P.; laid on AZ 4500.		SF
0425		7	050425	3d Plt gun #226638 down; nitrogen pressure low		SF
1615		8	051615	3d Plt gun #226638 back up.		SF
0830		9	060830	2nd Plt gun #213239 departed Headquarters C.P. en route to Plt C.P.		SF
1155		10	061155	3d Plt gun #226638 down; no power		SF
1430		11	061430	2nd Plt gun #213239, crew, FDC, and one officer arrived at 2nd Plt C.P.		SF
1910		12	061910	3d Plt gun #226639 back up.		SF
1606		13	071606	3d Plt gun #226639 down; recoil cylinder leaking.		SF
1550		14	081550	3d Plt gun #226638 down; will not equilibrate.		SF
1205		15	091205	2nd Plt 3d 155 Gun Btry (SP) returned to OPCON 3d 8" How Btry (SP).		SF
1830		16	091830	3d Plt gun #226638 back up.		SF
0030		17	110030	1st Plt gun #333746 down; spider gear.		SF
2325		18	112325	3d Plt gun #226639 down; fire in engine compartment.		SF
1545		19	131545	1st Plt gun #333746 back up.		SF
0200		20	150200	3d Plt gun #226639 back up.		SF
1310		21	151310	2nd Plt fired on 20 V.C. with supplies at (AT119536) for Gatkiller 33. Surveillance indicated excellent effect on target, 5 structures destroyed, 8 probable KIA's, one large secondary explosion.		F
1400		22	171400	1st Plt gun #333744 down; recoil cylinder.		SF
	2000	23	181400	Spot rep to 11th Mar; only two patients came to Medcap today and only five on 16 September.		F
1900		24	191900	8" How (SP) M-110 #351480 arrived at Headquarters C.P. on temporary loan.		STF

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ORGANIZATION		FROM	TO	PLACE
3d 8 th Howitzer Battery (SP)		010001H Sep 67	302400H Sep 67	
TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, AND ACTION TAKEN
0200		25	200200	3d Plt gun #226639 down; out of battery. SF
0510		26	210510	3d Plt gun #226639 can be fired manually; no power. SF
1100		27	221100	2nd Plt gun #213239 moved to new 2nd Plt C.P. (AT10685842). SFM
1330		28	221330	2nd Plt gun #213205 moved to new 2nd Plt C.P. (AT10685842). SFM
	1600	29	231400	Spot rep to 11th Mar; no patients were treated at Medcap today; people avoiding Medcaps. F
1115		30	251115	"B" Btry 8th Bn 4th Arty displaced from artillery complex (AT92137986). SF
1105		31	261105	1st Plt gun #333746 down; will not traverse. SF
1900		32	271900	1st Plt gun #333746 can be fired manually; no power. SF
1015	1730	33	281015	1st Plt gun #333746 back up. SF
		34	301530	Spot rep to 11th Mar and 2nd Bn 7th Mar; villager brought one box of M-26 frag grenades which he found beside the road to the Medcap team today.

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3d 8th Howitzer Battery (SP)	010001H Sep 67	302400H Sep 67	

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, AND ACTION TAKEN
		1	010800	HN ENGEL, Stephen E. jd fr MCB CamLej.
		2	020050	Cpl FETTER, Jerry D. WIA; shrapnel wounds (minor).
		3	030800	Cpl CUMBERWORTH, James E. Jr. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth RSO #225-67.
		4	050800	LCpl PRATT, Brock E. tr to Camp Butler. Auth DSO #592-67. Cpl COX, William E. to TAD in conn w/CAG.
		5	070800	Cpl DANIEL, Danny R. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #690-67.
		6	080800	Cpl RUZICKA, Thomas J. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #596-67. Cpl MOON, Samuel R. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. HM 3 DESMOND, Leonard P. tr to nearest Naval Station. Auth BUPERS TC-214. Cpl LOWE, Dannie R. to TAD in conn w/ML6A1 trng Okinawa.
		7	100800	SSgt MILEY, Joe P. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #598-67.
		8	110800	HM LONG, Frederick jd fr 3d Bn 11th Mar.
		9	120800	Cpl RULAU, Richard G. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. HN ENGEL, Stephen E. tr to 2nd Bn 11th Mar. Auth RSO #253-67. Cpl BOLES, Richard A. jd fr MCB CamLej.
		10	130800	Cpl MEIER, Virgil H. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. LCpl ERAAS, Niel F. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #560-67.
		11	151300	Cpl COX, William E. fr TAD in conn w/CAG.
		12	160800	LCpl RENFRO, James G. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67.
		13	170800	LCpl PHILLIS, Gary L. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #560-67. Sgt. MORRISON, Leon W. to TAD in conn w/EmLv. Cpl MILLER, Bruce E. to TAD in conn w/Spl 30 da lv CONUS. Cpl SHIP, Robert W. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67.
		14	190800	Cpl CLUTTER, James Jr. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #560-67. Cpl COX, William E. tr to CO HQBN (REIN) SU #1 f8rdu w/CAP. Auth CG III MAF msg 130608ZSep67

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ORGANIZATION		FROM	TO	PLACE
3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)		010001H Sep 67	302400H Sep 67	
TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, AND ACTION TAKEN
		15	200800	and DSO #648-67.
		16	210800	PFC COOK, Eugene L. to TAD in conn w/Old Scol Okinawa.
		17	220800	LCpl HOWELL, Michael E., LCpl LAFOY, William E., PFC ROSS, Walter C., PFC MCMURRAY, Richard A. jd fr MCB CamPen. Cpl HARTMAN, Donald tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. Cpl KOCHEK, Charles W. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #615-67.
		18	221500	Sgt PYLE, Robert H. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. SSgt WILLIAMS, William S. Jr. jd fr 1stArmPhibCo 11th Mar.
		19	230800	Sgt KANDER, Barry R. fr TAD CONUS. Sgt JENKINS, Eugene tr to Camp SD Butler Okinawa. Auth 1stMarDiv msg 070535ZAug67 and 1stMarDiv msg 190811ZSep67.
		20	240800	Cpl GRAY, Curtis L. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. SSgt SONNEFELD, Stanley E. tr to Camp SD Butler Okinawa while sk USNH Guam. Auth CG FLC msg 231999ZSep67.
		21	250800	Cpl YORK, Robert E. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #561-67. PFC CLIFT, Taral E. jd fr Stud Co. Scol Bn, MCB CamPen.
		22	280800	Sgt COMER, Reginald C. tr to nearest MarCorActy CONUS. Auth DSO #575-67. Cpl MCATEE, Ray J. tr to III MAF Trac Danang. Auth FMFPac msg 300204ZAug67 and DSO #632-67.
		23	281500	Cpl SCHOOLEY, Gary L. tr to 1stMarDiv Ln NCO III MAF TFAC Danang. Auth CMC msg 140029ZSep67 and DSO #660-67. LCpl WILLIAMS, Curtis Jr. jd fr 11th Mar. LCpl CHAMPAGNE, Billy F. jd fr 1st CAG, 5thMarDiv (Rein) FMF CamPen.

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