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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Major R. L. REED 1 to 31 March 1969

2. LOCATION

1 to 31 March DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1 to 4 March	Capt. R. RUTHFIELD
	5 to 31 March	Capt. W. F. HUDIBURG Jr.
1st Platoon Commander	1 to 31 March	1stLt. J. G. SIGMAN
2nd Platoon Commander	1 to 31 March	1stLt. B. G. WALKER
3d Platoon Commander	1 to 15 March	1stLt. R. K. COOMBS
	16 to 31 March	1stLt. J. E. SHELTON
Supply Officer	1 to 31 March	Capt. D. L. RITTICHER
First Sergeant	1 to 11 March	CySgt. C. DREWY
	12 to 31 March	1stSgt. R. W. DEGRAVE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	190	0	5	0	0

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of March, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) continued to support the operations of the First Marine Division. The modified mission of the battery was as follows: 1st Platoon began March with its tactical mission OPCON to First FAG. On 5 March 1st Platoon was chopped OPCON to 2nd Bn, 11th Marines, in accordance with 11th Marines FragO 9-69, and remained OPCON to 2/11 throughout the rest of March. 2nd Platoon began March at the battery CP, with its tactical mission G/S of the 1st Mar Div. On 28 March, 2nd Platoon's mission changed to G/S REIN of 3d Bn, 11th Marines, in accordance with 11th Marines FragO 12-69. On 30 March 2nd Platoon moved from the battery CP to Hill 52 (AT788552). 3d Platoon began March with its tactical mission G/S of the 1st Mar Div, and remained

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G/S throughout March. The Commanding Officer of 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) exercised responsibility as Area Coordinator of the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT921799).

During the Month of March the battery fired the following missions:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H &amp; I</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
55	114	181	1340

While firing 55 observed missions, the battery accounted for 10 enemy bunkers destroyed, 1 enemy bunker damaged, 5 enemy structures destroyed, 20 meters of trenchline destroyed, 1 Anti-Aircraft site destroyed, 1 cave destroyed, ~~1 secondary explosion~~ and several enemy mortars silenced.

There were no incidents of close combat during the month of March.

The battery continued its Civic Action program in the villages of Trung Son, Ap Van Duong (1)/(2), Houng Phuoc, and Thanh Vinh.

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) Losses

(1) Battle: None

(2) Non-Battle: None

(3) Administrative: thirty-two (32) enlisted, two (2) Officers.

(b) Gains

(1) Replacements: twenty-seven (27) enlisted, three (3) Officers.

(c) POW's captured: None

(d) Morale: excellent

(e) Personal Services: The battery Chapel is open to all personnel in the Northern Artillery Cantonment, and the Enlisted Club, in addition to normal operations, provides entertainment twice monthly to all personnel in the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

(f) Awards and Decorations: None

(g) Courts-Martial: None; Article 15, UCMJ: One (1).

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**SECRET****2. INTELLIGENCE**

During March, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) used information gathered by higher echelon intelligence teams as a base, from which to plan the amount of security used by the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

**3. TRAINING**

(a) One (1) enlisted attended Basic Supply Accounting at FLC, two (2) enlisted attended Career Planning School in Okinawa, one (1) enlisted attended Enlisted Embarkation School in Okinawa, and One (1) Officer began Embarkation Officer's School in Okinawa during March.

(b) During March the battery Training Schedule emphasized Safety in Driving and employment of weapons, and proficiency in General Military Subjects and individual MOS's.

**4. OPERATIONS**

(a) 1st Platoon participated in Operation Taylor Common from its primary position during March.

(b) 2nd Platoon moved to Hill 52 (AT788552) to participate in Operation Oklahoma Hills during March.

**5. COMMAND AND CONTROL**

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>PRIMARY DIR. OF FIRE</u>
Hqtrs, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	AT921799	
2nd Platoon (1 to 30 March)	AT921799	5000
2nd Platoon (31 March)	AT788552	4800
3d Platoon	AT965628	4800

**6. CIVIC ACTION**

(a) During March, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Med Caps treated 378 Vietnamese Medical Patients.

(b) Wood was supplied to build a bridge in Ap Van Duong (1).

(c) Plans are being made for a livestock project in Thanh Vinh.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Documentation of 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

(a) Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000 and Charts 6540 I, 6540 II, 6540 III, 6540 IV, 6541 II, 6541 III, 6640 I, 6640 II, 6640 III, 6640 IV, 6641 II, 6641 III, 6739 III, 6739 IV, Series L - not attached.

(b) Unit Journal - Appendix A.

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UNIT OR SECTION S - 1	
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FROM (Date and hour) 010001 March 1969	TO (Date and hour) 312400 March 1969

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		1	010800	Cpl ADAMS, D.C., drop tr to MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. Auth DSO # 25-69.		
		2		Cpl BLAINE, J.G., drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 92-69. L/Cpl BRANSCOMBE, R.R., drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 92-69.		
		2	021300	PFC REDMOND, D.L., jdchg fr 1st ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. PFC VANBRUNT, P.T., jdchg fr 1st ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. 1stLt. MCCREANOR, T.J., jdchg fr 3dBn, 11Mar. GySgt FREEMAN, H.G., jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		3	031300	1stLt SHELTON, J.E., jdchg fr 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C.		
		4	041300	Group Entry: PFC GRAY, G.A.; PFC SMALL, S.R.; PFC TABING, G.O.; PFC WELLS, G.A.; jdchg fr 1st ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		5	051300	PFC DENNEHY, R.W. jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. Sgt TUBBS, L.G., jdchg fr 2nd ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		6	060800	Capt. RUTHFIELD, R., drop tr to 4th Bn, 11th Mar.		
		7	070800	GySgt DIXON, H., drop tr to 4th Mar Div, Trenton, N.J., Auth DSO # 120-69. GySgt WESTGATE, R.W., drop tr to 4th FSR, Greensboro, NC, Auth DSO # 42-69.		
		8	071300	PFC SCIRROTTO, M.A., jdchg fr 3d ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. PFC FORAKER, M.E., jdchg fr 3d ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		9	100800	Cpl EGAN, F.M., drop tr to MCB, Quantico, VA, Auth DSO # 92-69. Cpl HILL, T.A., drop tr to 5th Mar Div, Cam Pen, Calif. Auth DSO # 92-69. GySgt KELLY, J.E., drop tr to MCB, Quantico, VA, Auth DSO # 123-69. L/Cpl WHITAKER, G.J., drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C. Auth DSO # 120-69.		
		10	101300	PFC YOUNG, R.M., jdchg fr 1st ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		11	110800	L/Cpl BENSON, P.A., drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 92-69.		
		12	121300	1stSgt DEGRAVE, R.W., jdchg fr 2nd ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
		12	121300	CySgt ICHIKI, R.K., jdchg fr 3d 155 Gun Btry, this Regt. PFC WHITE, J.L., jdchg fr 1st ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		13	130800	L/Cpl BAZAAR, P.M., drop tr to FortTrps, FMF-Lant, Cam Lej, N.C. Auth DSO # 107-69. L/Cpl MEDICO, M.E., drop tr to 5th Mar Div, Cam Pen, Calif. Auth DSO # 92-69.		
		14	160600	PFC DANDRIDGE, E., drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 92-69. PFC JOHNSON, G.G., drop tr to 5th Mar Div, Cam Pen, Calif., Auth DSO # 92-69.		
		15	170800	1stLt COOMBS, R.K., drop tr to FortTrps, FMF-Lant, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 981-68. Cpl MARSDEN, J.F., drop tr to D.I. Scol, PISC, Auth DSO # 61-69. Group Entry: L/Cpl BANISTER, L.A.; Sgt BOUCHER, R.E.; Cpl HANIYAK, B.; Cpl JENNINGS, D.A.; SSgt JONES, J.R.; L/Cpl MARTINEZ, J.E.; drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 120-69. Sgt SIFUENTES, C., drop tr to FortTrps, FMF-Lant, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth DSO # 120-69. Sgt WOODIN, J.A., drop tr to nearest MarCor-Acty, Conus, Auth DSO # 120-69.		
		16	181300	SSgt BENSON, J.D., jdchg fr 4th Bn, 11th Mar. SSgt REDDEN, A.G., jdchg fr 4th Bn, 11th Mar. SSgt SMUNDERS, C.L., jdchg fr 4th Bn, 11th Mar. PFC LEON, T., jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. PFC SCHULTZ, V.F., jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		17	190800	Cpl FONTAINE, H.J., drop tr to Camp S. D. Butler, Okinawa, Auth. 1st Mar Div SpdLtr. 30hO/2972. Cpl JOZWIAK, W.G., drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, Cam Lej, N.C., Auth. DSO # 92-69. Sgt MAYER, G.H., drop tr to 4th Tkbn, USMCR, Yakima, Washington, Auth DSO # 154-69.		
		18	191300	2ndLt NESS, N.I., jdchg fr Norton AFB, Calif. PFC PALMER, B.D., jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif. PFC SHERWOOD, L.V., jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB, Cam Pen, Calif.		
		19	201300	HM2 MORGAN, H.K., jdchg fr Portsmouth Naval Hosp., VA.		

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