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11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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Command Chron

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 July 1969 to 31 July 1969

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Major G. W. DILWORTH 1 to 31 July 1969

2. LOCATION

1 to 31 July DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Executive Officer | 1 to 31 July | Capt. W. F. HUDIBURG Jr. |
| 1st Platoon Commander | 1 to 26 July | 1stLt. T. J. McCREANOR |
| | 27 to 31 July | 1stLt. S. P. SULLIVAN |
| 2nd Platoon Commander | 1 to 31 July | Capt. M. B. JOHNSON |
| 3d Platoon Commander | 1 to 31 July | 1stLt. J. E. SHELTON |
| Supply Officer | 1 to 31 July | 1stLt. H. D. KLEIN |
| First Sergeant | 1 to 31 July | 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> |
| 11 | 202 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of July, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) continued to support the operations of the 1st Marine Division. The modified mission of the battery was as follows: 1st Platoon remained at the 3d 8" C.P. (AT921799) where its mission was general support of the 1st Marine Division. 2nd Platoon remained OPCON to 2nd Bn, 11th Marines at An Hoa (AT875475) throughout July. 3d Platoon remained GS/Rein of 1stBn, 11th Marines from 1 to 9 July. On 10 July 3d Platoon became general support of the 1st Marine Division. 3d Platoon was at HILL 55 (AT965528) throughout July. The Commanding Officer of 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) exercised responsibility as Area Coordinator for the Northern Artillery Contonment (AT921799) during the month of July.

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

| <u>OBSERVED</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED</u> | <u>PREEMPTIVE</u> | <u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 80 | 321 | 61 | 2354 |

While firing 80 observed missions, the battery accounted for 1 enemy structure destroyed, 1 enemy structure damaged, 9 enemy bunkers destroyed, 1 enemy bunker damaged, 1 enemy wall destroyed, 20 meters of enemy trench-line destroyed, 2 enemy huts destroyed, 10 enemy KIA's, 31 probable enemy KIA's, and 1 secondary explosions.

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

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: sixteen (16) enlisted, three (3) Officers.

(b) Gains

(1) Replacements: sixteen (16) enlisted, two (2) Officers

(c) POW's captured: None

(d) Morale: Excellent

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

(f) Awards and Decorations: None

(g) Court Martials: one (1) Special Court-Martial; Article 15: twelve (12)

2. INTELLIGENCE

During July, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) used information gathered by higher echelon intelligence teams as a base, from which to plan the

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amount of security used by the Northern Artillery Contonment.

3. TRAINING

(a) Two (2) enlisted attended Division Career Planning School. One (1) enlisted attended Division Vietnamese Language School. One enlisted attended NCO Leadership School. One(1) enlisted attended Basic Ammo Tech School in Okinawa.

(b) During July 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) 2nd Platoon participated in Operation Pipestone Canyon and Operation Durham Peak during the month of July.

(b) 3d Platoon participated in Operation Pipestone Canyon and Operation Durham Peak during the month of July.

5. COMMAND AND CONTROL

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>GRID</u> | <u>PRIMARY DIR. OF FIRE</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Hdqters, 3d 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) | AT921799 | 5000 |
| 1st Platoon | AT921799 | 5000 |
| 2nd Platoon | AT875475 | 5000 |
| 3d Platoon | AT965528 | 5000 |

6. CIVIC ACTION

(a) During the month of July a well was completed and a leveling and grading project was started in Van Duong. Medical treatment was given to 529 villagers and 11 villagers received dental treatment. Six children and one adult were evacuated. One nurse was trained.

(b) The following articles were distributed to local villagers: 3 masonry kits, 80 lbs. of soap, and 20 lbs. of food. 25 dollars was contributed to the orphanage.

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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| FROM (Date and hour) | TO (Date and hour) |
| 010001 July 1969 | 312400 July 1969 |

| TIME | | SERIAL NO. | DATE TIME GROUP | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS | ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File |
|------|-----|------------|-----------------|---|---|
| IN | OUT | | | | |
| | | 1 | 010800 | BROD, D.M.; drop tr to MCB Quantico, Va. Auth. DSO 343-69 KORSH, H.; drop tr to nearest USMC acty Conus for Furas. Auth. DSO 328-69 STRINGFELLOW, J.M.; drop tr to MCB Quantico, Va. Auth. DSO 343-69 | |
| | | 2 | 040800 | GAYLORD, I.M.; drop tr to nearest USMC acty Conus for Furas. Auth. DSO 343-69 NITLO, G.L.; drop tr to nearest USMC acty Conus for Furas. Auth. DSO 343-69 | |
| | | 3 | 041300 | HENDERSON, R.J.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | |
| | | 4 | 050800 | DENNISON, M.C.; drop tr to 2nd Mar Div, FMF Cam LeJ. Auth. DSO 246-69 RABENOLD, R.P.; drop tr to 1st FAG this Regt. Auth. DSO 246-69 | |
| | | 5 | 051300 | HARWICK, W. H.; jdchg fr H&S Co, 1st Bn, 5th Mar Div. MEANS, J.R.; jdchg fr Casual Co, Transient Facilities, Camp Butler. | |
| | | 6 | 070800 | SMITH, R.E.; drop tr to NAVAEROSPMED Inst., Pensacola, Fla. Auth. TC-BO729 | |
| | | 7 | 080800 | RADDATZ, G.R.; drop tr to HQ Btry this Regt. | |
| | | 8 | 100800 | DRENEY, C.; drop tr to 5th Mar Div, FMF Cam Pen, Calif. Auth. DSO 303-69 | |
| | | 9 | 101300 | BASSETT, E.G.; jdchg fr Temis FLDMEDSUS, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. HARRINGTON, R.W.; jd chg fr 2nd ReplCo, Stag Bn, Cam Pen, Calif. McGLYNN, J.D.; jdchg fr 2nd ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | |
| | | 10 | 151300 | WAYCASTER, P.E.; jdchg fr H&H squadron MCAS Kaneohe Bay Oahu, Hawaii. | |
| | | 11 | 211300 | BAINS, D.L.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. PANNELL, R.L.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, Cam Pen, Calif. | |
| | | 12 | 230800 | DUVALL, D.M.; drop tr to nearest USMC acty Conus for Furas. Auth. DSO 333-69 GARRETT, E.J.; drop tr to nearest USMC acty Conus for Furas. Auth. DSO 303-69 LOCKWOOD, G.N. drop tr to Quantico, Va. Auth. DSO 303-69 | |
| | | 13 | 251300 | SCHINDLER, T.W.; jdchg fr 3rd ReplCo, Stag Bn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | |

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| IN | OUT | | | | M-Maps S-Staff | T-Troops F-File |
| | | | | SMITH, K.D.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | | | VANDIVER, R.A.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | 14 | 270800 | McCREANOR, T.J.; drop tr to MCB Cam LeJ, Auth: DSO 275-69 | | |
| | | 15 | 271300 | GALLAGHER, R.J.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | 16 | 280800 | LAYMAN, C.R.; drop tr to Camp Butler. Auth. NSA DNG MSG 08192Z Jul 69 | | |
| | | 17 | 281300 | FOOTE, D.L.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | | | FOSTER, D.J.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | | | GARCIA, D.; jdchg fr 4th ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | | | VINCENT, J.L.; jdchg fr 3d ReplCo, StagBn, MCB Cam Pen, Calif. | | |
| | | 18 | 300800 | MORRISSEY, T.J.; drop tr to 2nd Mar Div. Auth. DSO 352-69 | | |
| | | | | KLEIN, H.D.; drop tr to 4th Bn this Regt. | | |
| | | | | WASH, K.D.; drop tr to 2nd LAAM Bn, MAAG 38, 3d MAW. Auth. DSO 303-69 | | |
| | | 19 | 180800 | EILAND, R.L.; drop tr to nearest USMC acty Conus for Furas. Auth. EDA 690817 | | |

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