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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 1967

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) CAPT. SIDNEY B. GRIMES 082336/0802
 USMC
2. LOCATION
 1 - 22 JUNE 1967 CONSISTING OF SIX (6) 8" HOW (SP) - CAM LO
 22- 30 JUNE 1967 CONSISTING OF FOUR (4) 8" HOW (SP) - CAM LO
 22- 30 JUNE 1967 CONSISTING OF TWO (2) 8" HOW (SP) - GIO LINH
3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
- | USMC | | USN | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

THE BATTERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 51 MISSIONS IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, EXPENDED 973 ROUNDS 8" HE AND FIRED 216 H&I'S.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT 3RD MARINE DIVISION.

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

010001HJUNE67 - DURATION INDEFINATE OPERATION CIMARRON.

3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON ENEMY

0 KIA (CONF), 0 KIA (PROB), 0 WIA (CONF), 0 WIA (PROB).

4. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED TEN (10) BATTLE CASUALTIES RESULTING IN TEN (10) WIA, EIGHT (8) OF WHICH REQUIRED MEDICAL EVACUATION.

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5. LOGISTICS THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION WITHIN THIS COMMAND, DESPITE NUMEROUS SET-BACKS, HAS MANAGED TO OPERATE ON A SOMEWHAT EVEN KEEL. DURING THIS MONTH ONE M55 8" HOWITZER WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED (DURING A VC ARTILLERY ATTACK ON GIO LINH). THE HOWITZER HAS RETURNED TO ACTION. WE ARE AT PRESENT, SUPPORTING TWO FORWARD GUN POSITIONS (GIO LINH AND CAM LO). OUR CAM LO POSITION HAS BUNKERS FAR BELOW THE NECESSARY STANDARD TO COPE WITH THE EVER INCREASING ENEMY TACTICAL SITUATION. A WORK-REQUEST FOR BUNKER CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. OUR MOTOR TRANSPORT STATUS HAS NOT IMPROVED SINCE THE LAST REPORT DUE TO BATTERIES, ELECTROLYTE, AND TIRES NOT BEING AVAILABLE. ONE M54 TRUCK LOST DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.

6. CIVIC ACTION CURTAINED DUE TO UNIT DISPLACEMENT.

7. PERS NNEL THE BATTERY WAS AT 72% T/O STRENGTH AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

SHORTAGES IN THE BATTERY ARE:

1 MAJ 0802, 1 CAPT 0802, 3 LTS 0802

1 GY/SGT 0812, 1 GY/SGT 0848, 1 GY/SGT 2149

1 S/SGT 0848, 2 S/SGT 0812, 1 S/SGT 2539, 1 S/SGT 2867
1 S/SGT 3516

3 SGTS 0811, 6 SGTS 0848, 2 SGTS 2144, 4 SGTS 2151, 1 SGT 2511,
2 SGTS 2531, 3 SGTS 2533, 1 SGT 3041, 1 SGT 5711

11 MARINES PARTICIPATED IN THE R&R PROGRAM. ONE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH BRONZE DEVICE, 8 PURPLE HEARTS WERE AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND.

8. INTELLIGENCE 261200HJUN67 INCOMING MORTARS RESULTED IN TEN (10) WIA.

9. COMMUNICATIONS NO REPORT

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10. TRAINING: OUR TRAINING PROGRAM, FOR THE MOST PART, HAS BEEN KEPT ON A STEADY PLANE. TROOP INDOCTRINATION UPON ASSIGNMENT CONTINUES IN THE USUAL AREAS OF MISSION, ORIENTATION, SECURITY, ETC. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN CLASSES ARE HELD WEEKLY ON THOSE SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS; HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THIS TRAINING IS HELD TO O.J.T. SECURITY DEBRIEFING ARE HELD FOR THOSE PERSONS GOING ON R&R AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ROTATING TO CONUS. ONE OFFICER AND TWO ENLISTED ATTENDED THE SPECIAL WEAPONS TRAINING COURSE IN OKINAWA THIS PAST MONTH, WHILE ONE OFFICER AND THREE ENLISTED ARE NOW IN ATTENDANCE.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM S-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 1 JUNE 1967

1315 1 (088643), BUNKERS, OLDFIELD 22, 92 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 156
 1955 2 (085646), BUNKERS, OLDFIELD 22, 2 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 157
 2130 3 (088643), BUNKERS, OLDFIELD 22, 119 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 156

PERIOD 0001-2400 3 JUNE 1967

1015 1 (203469), RECON BY FIRE, OLDFIELD, 20 HE, SUR. TO FOLLOW
 FX 157

PERIOD 0001-2400 4 JUNE 1967

1720 1 (045726), BIVACK & TROOPS, COVEY 69, 20 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 158

PERIOD 0001-2400 6 JUNE 1967

2145 1 (081756), REGIMENT OF VC, PARKGREEN, 27 HE, SUR. TO FOLLOW
 FX 159

PERIOD 0001-2400 9 JUNE 1967

1045 1 (167765), HUT WITH RICE, SACRED DELTA, 7 HE, GOOD SHOOTING
 FX 171

1330 2 (159754, 159746), 2 VC BATTALIONS, PARKGREEN, 8 HE, NEG. SUR.
 HW 2752, HW 2751

PERIOD 0001-2400 10 JUNE 1967

0730 1 (123777), COUNTER BATTERY, PARKGREEN, 3 HE, NEG. SUR. HW 8571

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM S-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 11 JUNE 1967

1945 1 (151751), SUSPECTED ARTILLERY POSITION, RUGGLES 64, 7 HE,
GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET HW 2799

 PERIOD 0001-2400 12 JUNE 1967

1600 1 (066693), PREP FIRE, PILSNER 22, 25 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 173

1500 2 (050682), PREP FIRE, PILSNER 22, 10 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 174

1600 3 (056685), PREP FIRE, PILSNER 22, 10 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 175

 PERIOD 0001-2400 13 JUNE 1967

0845 1 (077723-080723, 085715-094712, 093714-096718, 091723-094725,
097727-091729), PREP FIRES, RUGGLES, 10 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 176

1625 2 (12307760), BRIDGE DESTRUCTION, PARKGREEN VICTOR, 12 HE
NEG. SUR. FX 177

 PERIOD 0001-2400 14 JUNE 1967

1730 1 (07747288), REGISTRATION, PARKGREEN VICTOR, 12 HE, NEG. SUR.
FX 179

2015 2 (057689), SUSPECTED VC POSITION, PARKGREEN VICTOR, 25 HE,
NEG. SUR. FX 178

 PERIOD 0001-2400 15 JUNE 1967

1710 1 (03956095), BUNKERS, CATKILLED, 7 HE, 1 BUNKER DESTROYED,
1 UNCOVERED, FX 180

2100 2 (16956634), BUNKERS, PARKER 8, 15 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 181

 PERIOD 0001-2400 16 JUNE 1967

1930 1 (172662, 172664), 30 VC BUNKERS, PILSNER 63, 25 HE, NEG. SUR.
FX 182

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PERIOD 0001-2400 17 JUNE 1967

1430 1 (177661, 1776627), VC BATTALION BASE CAMP, PIED PIPER, 14 HE,
7 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 3 PROBABLE, DK 1071755 2 (177661, 1776627), VC BATTALION BASE CAMP, PIED PIPER, 42 HE,
10 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 3 PROBABLE, DK 107

PERIOD 0001-2400 19 JUNE 1967

1735 1 (093732), TOWER AND BUNKERS, RUGGLES 61A, 9 HE, TOWER AND
BUNKERS DESTROYED, FX 183

PERIOD 0001-2400 20 JUNE 1967

2030 1 (174664), BUNKERS, PILSNER 22, 75 HE, NEG. SUR. FX 185

PERIOD 0001-2400 21 JUNE 1967

1605 1 (16057556), FORTIFIED TRENCHES AND BUNKERS, PORTRAYAL 66,
20 HE, TRENCHES AND BUNKERS DESTROYED, HW 2965

PERIOD 0001-2400 23 JUNE 1967

1740 1 (B) (233825), SUSPECTED ARTILLERY POSITION, POTSVILLE,
14 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET, LARGE BUILDING DESTROYED
HW 8992

PERIOD 0001-2400 24 JUNE 1967

0900 1 (B) (112848), ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITION, PARKGREEN 19, 5 HE,
NEG. SUR., HW 89781535 2 (B) (234824), SUSPECTED SUPPLY BUILDING, PARKGREEN "C", 85 HE,
EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TARGET, WALLS COLLAPSED, HW 89841620 3 (B) (23467958), ENEMY SUPPLY BUNKER, POTSVILLE, 7 HE, NEG. SUR.
HW 8987

RECORDS OF MISSILES FROM S-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 25 JUNE 1967

- 0350 1 (B) (249824), BUILDING, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8995
- 0355 2 (B) (148780), SUSPECTED SUPPLY ROUTE, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8992
- 0357 3 (B) (243822), BUILDING, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8990
- 0358 4 (B) (148788), SUPPLY ROUTE, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8994
- 0400 5 (B) (237812), BUILDING, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8991
- 0405 6 (B) (216825), BUILDING, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8990
- 0409 7 (B) (190836), ROAD, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 8999
- 0413 8 (B) (211829), BUILDING, POTSVILLE, 2 HE, ROUNDS IN AREA, HW 9000
- 1145 9 (B) (224777), BRIDGE AND HUTCHES, POTSVILLE OP 11, 58 HE BRIDGE DESTROYED, 2 HUTCHES DESTROYED, 1 DAMAGED, HW 9038
- 1731 10 (B) (159780), ARTILLERY POSITION AND BUNKER, SACRED "K", 10 HE BUNKER PARTLY DESTROYED, HW 9042
- 2120 11 (B) (159780), LARGE BUNKER AND TRENCHES, POTSVILLE OP 10, 14 HE, ROUNDS ON TARGET, HW 9076

PERIOD 0001-2400 26 JUNE 1967

- 0835 1 (B) (234805), CONCRETE BUILDING AND TOWER, POTSVILLE OP 11, 23 HE, SMALL SECTION DESTROYED, HW 9079
- 0940 2 (B) (215852, 215861, 223852, 223862), TIME ON TARGET, POTSVILLE, 6 HE, NEG SUR., HW 9078
- 1108 3 (B) (237826), TIME ON TARGET, POTSVILLE, 6 HE, NEG. SUR., HW 9079
- 1708 4 (B) (239806), SUSPECTED SUPPLY ROUTE AND BUILDING, POTSVILLE OP 11, 15 HE, BUILDING PARTIALLY DESTROYED, HW 9151

PERIOD 0001-2400 27 JUNE 1967

- 0845 1 (A) (062742), PRECISION DESTRUCTION ON BUNKERS, RUGGLES 62, 34 HE, NEG. SUR., FX 186

EXTRACTS OF MISSIONS FROM S-3 JOURNAL

PERIOD 0001-2400 29 JUNE 1967

- 1000 1 (A) (140728, 128729, 131729, 126728, 131730), PREP FIRES,
RUGGLES 22, 18 HE, GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET, FX 192
- 1630 2 (B) (251820), MILITARY STRUCTURES, POTSVILLE OP 11, 10 HE,
GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET, ONE SAMPAN DESTROYED, HW 9284
- 1700 3 (B) (249823), MILITARY STRUCTURES, POTSVILLE OP 11, 12 HE,
ONE STRUCTURE PARTIALLY DESTROYED, GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET,
HW 9291

PERIOD 0001-2400 30 JUNE 1967

- 0515 1 (A) (053603, 050680), PREP FIRES, PILSNER 22, 13 HE, GOOD
EFFECT ON TARGET, FX 197
- 1200 2 (B) (186776), SUSPECTED SUPPLY CONCRETE BUILDING, POTSVILLE OP 11
30 HE, HEAVY SCRAPNEL COVERAGE, HW 9170
- 1220 3 (B) (247824), CONCRETE BUILDING, POTSVILLE OP 11, 26 HE, FOUR
HUTCHES BURNING, ONE DIRECT HIT, LOTS OF SCRAPNEL DAMAGE,
HW 9326