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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for February; submission of
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1
Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

- 1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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Command Chronology 1 Feb. through 28 Feb. 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL

1. Reporting Unit: 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
2. Command Post: Phu Bai (YD893128)
3. Period Covered: 1-28 February 1967
4. Date Submitted: 1 March 1967
5. Average Monthly Strength:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	6	0
Enlisted	161	4
6. Commanding Officer: Major E. D. LITZENBERGER
7. Principal Staff: N/A
8. Subordinate Units: N/A
9. Attachments & Detachments: U.S. Army 40mm M42 and crew located in battery for air defense and local security. One 8 inch Howitzer Platoon detached in support of Chinook I and II.
10. Location of Units: One platoon of 8 inch Howitzers is located at (YD643279)
11. Mission: D/S Recon Patrols
G/S Reinforced 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

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Part II
Significant Events

1. Personnel:

A. Throughout the month Officer strength was at 75%. Enlisted strength was at 95%.

2. Administrative: N/A3. Intelligence:

A. The S-2 from 4th Battalion, 12th Marines briefs the entire battery every Saturday morning at 0800.

B. Continued minor harrassment of the perimeter by the Viet Cong.

4. Training Highlights:

A. GMS classes were held on map reading the M-60 machine gun, Marine rifle squad, the 50 cal. machine gun, and hand and rifle grenades.

B. MOS and on-the-job training was held throughout the month.

C. A total of eight hours training in 81mm Mortar Gunnery including firing of illumination and HE training missions was held during February.

D. A total of four hours of forward observer techniques and application was given to selected personnel of the Battery in conjunction with the 81mm mortar training.

E. A total of seventy hours of formal FDC school was presented this month.

F. Six three-hour school/demonstrations were held for CAC (4), 3rd Recon Bn (2), and Scout-sniper (1).

G. At the end of this month there was total of two officers and fourteen enlisted enrolled in MCI courses, four officers and eight enlisted enrolled in USAFI (college) and one enlisted in USAFI (high school).

H. During this reporting period the following formal school quotas were filled:

(1) Special Weapons Assembly School.....2
(2) Weapons Repair.....1

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I. Three enlisted men took the College GED test.

5. Special Operations:

A. One platoon of 8 inch Howitzers is in support of Chinook II.

6. Command and Control:

A. The battery is under Adcon and Opcon of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. Adcon was effective 10 February 1967.

7. Communications & Electronics: The following is on loan:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
A. AN/PRC 25	2	4th Battalion, 12th Marines
B. TA312/EEB	3	Headquarters Bn., 3rdMarDiv
C. TA-1/pT	2	Headquarters Bn., 3rdMarDiv
D. RC292	3	Headquarters Bn., 3rdMarDiv

8. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination: N/A

9. Medical & Dental:

A. Medical Statistics

- (1) Total battle casualties.....4
- (2) Total number of personnel treated (routine).....110
- (3) Total immunizations given.....40

10. Logistics:

A. Supply

(1) The following items are on loan to CAC:

(a) Cot, folding canvas	18
(b) Insect bar, cot	9
(c) Pole, folding cot (set)	9
(d) Can, water	2

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(2) Batteries 6 TN are still in critical shortage.

B. Contonement. The battery is still housed mainly under the original canvas that it brought to Vietnam.

C. Maintenance.

- (1) A tube was replaced on a 155mm Gun. Percentages of tube life now left on the 3 155mm Guns are 42%, 75%, 90%.
- (2) Two recoil cylinders were replaced on an 8 inch Howitzer.
- (3) Track was replaced on the retriever, and work continued to remove the vehicle from deadline.

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D. Motor Transport.

(1) Vehicles on loan to Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division for CAC:

- (a) Truck, 1/4 ton, M38A1.....1
- (b) Truck, 3/4 ton, M37.....1

E. Water. Water is trucked to this position from a water point 11/2 miles away.

F. Embarkation. The battery's only embarkation Officer rotates in March. School quotas have been requested.

G. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

(1) Three Marines were evacuated this month.

<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
(a) Fever of unknown origin.....1		5Feb67
(b) Chronic headache.....1		13Feb67
(c) Seizure disorder.....1		21Feb67

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Part III
Chronological Summary of Significant Events

- 1 Feb - At 1345 fired 32 rounds 155mm Gun HE on 10 Viet Cong moving to the west (916999). Excellent coverage. Fire mission for Nightsticker I, 3rd Recon Bn.
- At 1400 fired 35 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE on 2 Viet Cong Companies. (504335) (496334) (486330) (491333) (500335). 1 Viet Cong KIA (conf). Fire mission in support of Chinook I.
- At 1715 fired 16 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE on 20 Viet Cong (491334). Negative surveillance. Fire mission in support of Chinook I.
- 3 Feb - At 1100 received one sniper round from treeline to the South.
- 5 Feb - At 0830 received 3 sniper rounds from treeline to the South.
- 7 Feb - At 1115 fired 22 rounds 155mm Gun HE on 3 Viet Cong moving in the brush (706147). 3 Viet Cong KIA (Prob). Fire mission for Primness I, 3rd Recon Bn.
- 8 Feb - At 0950 one sniper round hit near the battery center.
- 12 Feb - At 0720 received 3 sniper rounds from the treeline to the South.
- At 1220 fired 7 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE at 4 Viet Cong in bunker (596250). Two direct hits on bunker, 4 Viet Cong KIA (Conf).
- At 2155 a local security outpost observed movement to the front. Fired six rounds of M-14 and three 81mm mortar illumination. The sea was searched at first light with negative results.
- 15 Feb - At 0520 fired 29 rounds 155mm Gun HE on Viet Cong along the road (YD862237 - 884227). Initial surveillance was 14 confirmed KIA, later changed to "blood and bandages." Fire mission for Dragon Fly-18, ARVN.
- 17 Feb - At 1625 fired 3 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE on 200 Viet Cong in a Village (652367). Check fire due to aircraft in the area. Fire mission in support of Chinook.
- 23 Feb - At 0440 fired 27 rounds 155mm Gun HE on 200 camp fires (YD727128), (YD726117), (YD721118). No surveillance. Fire mission from intelligence source.
- 23 Feb - At 1020 fired 31 rounds 8 inch Howitzer HE on large concrete Building (606231) 80 to 90% destruction. Fire mission for Nettle Rush 1, 3rd Recon Bn.

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24 Feb - At 0100 a local security outpost observed movement to the front,
 Fired six rounds M-14 and 81mm mortar illumination. Searched
 area at first light with negative results.

Recapitulation of Fire Missions.

	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>Total</u>
Phu Bai	21	86	100	207
Chinook	17	41	328	386

Ammunitions Expendures.

HE (Gun).....349
 WP (Gun).....28
 Ill (Gun).....28
 HE (8").....538

Surveillance.

<u>KIA (Conf)</u>	<u>KIA (Prob)</u>	<u>WIA (Conf)</u>	<u>WIA (Prob)</u>
5	3	0	0

Battery Patrols. 5

Listening Posts. 6

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