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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
 4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMP

Captain M. M. BAIG

UNITS OPCON 1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)

Two U.S. Army M42's  
 D Battery, 1st Battalion  
 44th Artillery

Two USMC 155mm Howitzers (SP)  
 L Battery, 4th Battalion  
 12th Marines (1-25 Jun)

DETACHED UNITS

155mm Gun Platoon  
 GIA LE, RVN  
 155mm Gun Platoon  
 (YD 716106)

(1 June-28 June)

(29 June-30 June)

2. LOCATION

1-30 June: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 893127)  
 1-28 June: 155mm Gun Platoon, GIA LE, RVN (YD 899153)  
 29-30 June: 155mm Gun Platoon, (YD 716106)

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
6	151	0	3

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On 25 June, 1967, the platoon of 155 Howitzers (SP), from L Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines was released from OPCON of the 155mm Gun platoon at GIA LE.

On 29 June, 1967, the platoon of 155mm Guns was moved from its position at GIA LE, 3rd Engineers compound at (YD 829153) and took up a position at (YD 716106) in continued support of Operation CUMBERLAND.

During the month of June, the battery continued to improve its defensive positions and defensive counter-attack plans. Two bunkers were rebuilt and numerous fighting holes were added. The battery's extensive wire laying effort has continued with resulting thicknesses in many areas approaching 70 ft. Other wire has been laid to better channelize the enemy into predesigned killing zones. Extensive perimeter white lighting has also been erected with a range of 300 meters.

As part of the battery's overall security measures the battery ran 7 patrols and put out 13 listening posts.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. a. Combat Missions Assigned

1 June 1967 - 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) continues General Support PHU BAI AO.

1 June 1967 - 1st platoon, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) General Support Operation CUMBERLAND and Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.

b. Significant Operations

1 June 1967 - 1st platoon, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) General Support Operation CUMBERLAND.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

<u>KIA (Conf)</u>	<u>KIA (Prob)</u>
0	0

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d. Casualties sustained - 0

e. Logistics

1. General. During this period the battery remained ADCON/OPCON of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

2. Supply. The overall supply picture is satisfactory. Major items still on loan are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
a. AN/PRC 25	2	4thBn, 12th Marines
b. TA 312/EEB	3	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
c. TA-1/PT	2	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
d. RC 292	3	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
e. Truck, 3/4 ton M37	1	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF

3. Maintenance. During this period two Guns, 155mm (SP), M-53 were sent to FLSC-A for repairs. One of these weapons had its transmission repaired while the other is still deadlined due to a broken sight mount and a broken gear in the accessory case.

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4. Bunkers & Perimeter Security. During the month of June the battery acquired another 15mm mortar for use in illuminating the perimeter. Two local security bunkers were rebuilt and numerous individual fighting holes were constructed.

5. Water. The battery continues to truck water from the Division water point.

f. Civic Action

The battery is participating in the civic action program under the control of the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

g. Administration

The battery is ADCOM 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

h. Personnel

Number of replacements received: 3 enlisted  
 Number of personnel rotated: 1 enlisted  
 Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 7 Med Evac (non hostile)  
 Promotions: 4 Corporals, 5 Lance Corporals

i. Fire Support

This battery furnished fire support as follows:  
 General Support/Rein 4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
 General Support Operation CUMBERLAND  
 Direct Support designated Recon Patrols

j. Rearticulation of Fire Missions

PHU BAI & GIA LE

1-30 June 1967

1st Plt (GIA LE)	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNCBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155mm Guns (GIA LE)	33	3	586	622	812	0	83	895
155mm Guns (PHU BAI)	24	134	126	284	454	18	51	523

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following entries were taken from the computer records and fire reports.

031110H June67 - Fired 10 rounds 155mm Gun HE at VC position vic YD 018005. Good effect on target. Fire mission for 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines.

042230H June67 - Fired 3 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected VC lights vic YD 901012. Rounds on target, lights extinguished. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Battalion.

090010H June67 - Fired 20 rounds 155mm Gun HE at VC mortars firing vic YD 862223. Mortars silenced, no more incoming. Fired for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

120800H June67 - Fired 15 rounds 155mm Gun HE at 3 VC on road vic YD 892988. Rounds on target. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Battalion.

240935H June67 - Fired 10 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 2 rounds 155mm Gun WP at VC bunkers and fortified positions vic YD 624188. Very good coverage. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Battalion.

280610H June67 - Fired 25 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 25 rounds 155mm Gun WP at enemy caves, tunnels, and spidertraps vic YD 735140. Good effect on target. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

291230H June67 - Fired 21 rounds 155mm Gun HE at VC storage huts vic YD 875908. Huts destroyed. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Battalion.

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