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TO 1ST F4G COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

(1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY
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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
1st Field Artillery Group
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO. San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Major B. A. MUTCH JR (1-8 NOV68)

Capt M. H. LONG (9-13 NOV68)

Major R. E. LEVA (14-30 NOV68)

2. Location

1-19 November 1968, PHU BAI, RVN (YD8939 1285)
 20-30 November 1968, HILL 55, RVN (AT9660 6216)
 HILL 65, RVN (AT8759 5744)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer

Capt M. H. LONG (1-8 NOV68,
 14-30 NOV68)

Assistant Executive Officer

1st Lt J. J. CALLAHAN III (1-30 NOV68)

Fire Direction Officer

1st Lt M. L. JOHNSON (1-30 NOV68)

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

2nd Lt G. D. SIMPSON (1-30 NOV68)

Supply Officer

1st Lt G. M. HAUGEN (1-30 NOV68)

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>
6		129

	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	4

	<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative.

During the month of November the Battery displaced from PHU BAI to HILL 55. One Platoon of two guns under the Command of the Assistant Executive Officer was displaced to HILL 65. Fire direction was centralized from the Battery C.P. on HILL 55.

Since occupation of new position, extensive effort has been made to prepare personnel trenches for protection from mortar/rocket attacks, build ammunition bunkers, build sanitation facilities, and to provide adequate drainage of gun pits. Improvement of both positions continue at a steady pace.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of November:

<u>1st FAG</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>MAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
245	602	1088	1935

The following missions were fired during the month of November.

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I's</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
36	157	374	567

The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month is as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>STRUCTURES DAMAGES/DESTROYED</u>	<u>BUNKERS DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS</u>
0	0	0	0

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PART III

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) LOSSES

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administrative	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle KIA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle WIA (Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle DOW	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Non-Battle	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(2) REPLACEMENTS	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
(3) NET LOSS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(4) NET GAIN	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

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- b. Intelligence. The Battery occupied "E" Tower of the PHU BAI perimeter OP System and aided in counter rocket/mortar target acquisition. Other intelligence target acquisition data were obtained from S-2 1st FAG. (1-19 November 1968). Upon displacing from the PHU BAI area the Battery came under operational control of the 11th Marines and has received all intelligence target acquisition data through the 11th Marines.
- c. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to have the mission of reinforcing XXIV Corps Artillery, U. S. Army (1-19 NOV68). As of 20 November the battery's mission changed to General Support of the 1st Marine Division.
- d. Training. During the period 1-30 November the Battery scheduled and held 15 hours of formal classes on general military subjects. Included in these 15 hours were four hours of instruction on weapon safety, and a 2 hour gas chamber exercise. In addition to these classes of formal instruction each section continued with its own training program completing 8 hours of section training.
- e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. Only three of the Battery's M-53 155mm Guns are presently operationally ready. One M-53 was submerged at the Deep Water Pier while being off loaded in DANANG. Two guns are deadlined requiring third echelon maintenance, however they are expected to be operational in early December.
- One M-64 EIMCO is presently deadlined because of unserviceable track. Track has been obtained and the EIMCO will be operational within one week.
- Problems are anticipated in obtaining tube changes and third echelon repair for the M-53 guns situated at the Battery's Alpha position (Hill 65) during Monsoon Season. The position is twenty miles from the maintenance facility at FSR and the bridges and roads are poor even when dry.
- f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or civil affairs programs during the month of November. No MedCaps were performed.

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2. ENTRIES

04 NOV 68 Suspected VC were detected by our LP at coordinates YD89201230. Took enemy under small arms fire when they approached our perimeter wire. Enemy returned fire with approximately 10-12 rounds. A 16 man patrol was sent out to recon the area of the reported enemy sighting. The patrol returned reporting negative results. (Effective 090005H NOV68)
Ref: Base Defense log 9 November 1968 and Watch Officers Journal.

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