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OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS)
TO 1ST FAG COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

(1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY)
(REDESIGNATED 1ST 175MM GUN
BATTERY AS OF 28 FEB 69)

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1ST 175MM GUN BATTAL (SP)
1st Field Artillery Group
1st Marine Division (Rein) MAF
APO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND SERVICELOG

1 February to 29 February 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) Major R. E. LEVA (1-28 FEB69)

2. Location
 1-28 FEB 69: HILL 55 RVN AT96606216
 HILL 65 RVN AT37595744

3. Battery Officers
 Executive Officer Capt L. E. JOHNSON (1-28 FEB69)
 Assistant Executive Officer 1st Lt J. J. CALLAHAN (1-28 FEB69)
 Fire Direction Officer 1st Lt M. L. JOHNSON (1-28 FEB69)
 Assistant Fire Direction Officer 1st Lt G. D. SIMPSON (1-28 FEB69)
 Supply Officer Capt G. M. HAUGEN (1-28 FEB69)

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>
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PART II

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative

During the month of February the Battery continued to occupy positions on Hill 55 and Hill 65. An extensive building program was continued during the month of February with the construction of a gun pad at Hill 55 position plus the Hill 65 position started two gun pads and ammunition bunkers.

The new 800 bunker at Hill 55 was completed during the month of February.

The Battery continued to make preparations for the receipt of the new 175mm (M107) guns. On 23 February the Battery received the new M107's, but at the end of the reporting period, the Battery remains non-operational with the new M107's. Further training and inventories will be carried out prior to the Battery becoming an operational 175mm gun battery.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of February.

NAF	ARMY	TOTAL
<u>1378</u>	<u>1085</u>	<u>2463</u>

The following missions were fired during the month of February.

CBS	UNCBS	HEAT'S	TOTAL
<u>31</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>401</u>	<u>528</u>

The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of February.

KIA		STRUCTURES	BUNKERS	SECONDARY
PROB	CONF	DAMAGED/DESTROYED	DAMAGED/DESTROYED	EXPLOSIONS
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

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PART III

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) LOSSES

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administrative	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle KIA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle MIA (Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle MIA (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>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(2) REPLACEMENTS	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(3) NET LOSS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(4) NET GAIN	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

b. Intelligence. The Battery receives its intelligence and target acquisition from the 11th Marine Regiment. Also the Battery continues to receive target acquisition and intelligence from the unit of Special Forces located at BINH DUC, RVN throughout the month of February.


c. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to have the mission of General Support Reinforcing the 1st Marine Division. The Battery participated in one operation and at the end of the reporting period the Battery was participating in one operation.

d. Training. During the month of February the Battery conducted 14 hours of formal schooling which included 4 hours of weapon safety and 2 hours of FMF firing of the 50 Cal. machine gun, M-60 machine gun, and the M-16 rifle, and 8 hours of GMS training. Seven (7) new personnel were given the Vietnam Orientation Lecture by the Commanding Officer. During the month 2 maintenance personnel were TD to NSA for on-the-job training for generator maintenance and operation.

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 o. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. At the end of the reporting period only one gun is unoperationally ready. Gun #21342 continued to have electrical problems along with problems with the oil lines. Once parts are received, the gun should be operationally ready. Other than maintenance problems with the M-53's, the Battery had no other logistics, equipment or supply problems which are outstanding.

f. Civic Action and Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or civil affairs programs during the month of February. No Med-Caps were performed.

2. Entries

16 FEB 69 Received word that received 1 KIA, 1 Bunker destroyed and 1 Bunker damaged in mission for 11th Marines. (Effective at 1500H FEB69) Ref: Watch Officers Log of 16 February 1969.

23 FEB 69 Fired counter-rocket fire while BATTING taking incoming rockets. Went on Condition II. (Effective at 0203H FEB69) Ref: Watch Officers Log of 23 February 1969.

28 FEB 69 Battery received six (6) 175mm Guns (SP) - (M107's) into Battery position. (Effective at 1630H FEB69) Ref: Watch Officers Log of 28 February 1969.

28 FEB 69 Fired counter-rocket fires. Received word that counter-rocket fires got surveillance of 1 probable KIA and 1 secondary explosion. (Effective at 1925H FEB69) Ref: Watch Officers Log of 28 February 1969.

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