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1ST 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
APO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of December 1969

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.8E

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)  
for the month of December 1969.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Commander

Majer F. H. DOUGLAS  
1 - 31 December 1969

2. Location

1 - 31 December 1969 CP Hill 34 RVN (AT 98557194)  
1 - 31 December 1969 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment  
RVN (AT 92048008)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt. L. E. JOHNSON	(1-8 December 1969)
" "	Capt. D. A. ARTHUR	(8-31 December 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer	1stLt. J. J. PRESTON	(1-12 December 1969)
" "	1stLt. E. M. KIMOTO	(13-28 December 1969)
" "	1stLt. J. C. PERRY	(29-31 December 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. R. K. HANSON	(1-31 December 1969)
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. E. M. KIMOTO	(1-12 December 1969)
" "	1stLt. J. C. PERRY	(13-28 December 1969)
" "	2ndLt. S. I. NAVARRO	(29-31 December 1969)
Liaison Officer	2ndLt. J. W. MONACO	(1-28 December 1969)
" "	1stLt. R. A. BISHOP	(29-31 December 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt. J. D. WEBER	(1-31 December 1969)
Battery Officer	1stLt. R. A. BISHOP	(1-28 December 1969)
Battery Officer	2ndLt. J. W. MONACO	(29-31 December 1969)
Battery Officer	2ndLt. S. I. NAVARRO	(1-28 December 1969)
Battery Officer	2ndLt. T. W. MACKIE	(24-31 December 1969)

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>
9	155	0	3	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative.

During the month of December, the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Five guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other four guns composed the Alpha Detachment at the Northern Artillery Cantonment. From 4 to 31 December, three guns from 3rd 175mm Gun Battery were placed under the Operational Control of 1st 175mm Gun Battery. Upon joining the 1st 175mm Gun Battery one gun was emplaced with Alpha Detachment, while the other two guns remained at Hill 34.

At the CP position, a new watch tower was constructed to improve the security near the burn and new fighting holes were built into the burn itself. Work is still continuing on the defensive perimeter.

The gun pads at the Alpha position were being rebuilt, in the month of December and are nearing completion. A new FDC/XO pit was also started in December and will soon be completed and in full operation. The replacement of old wire and strengthening the defensive position is still continuing at Alpha.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of December:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	2421	0	0	2421

3. The following missions were fired during the month of December:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
27	423	0	450

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of December were as follows:

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

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration(1) Losses

	USMC		USM	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	3	24	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	11	0	0
(3) Net loss	1	14	0	0
(4) Net gain	0	0	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received intelligence information and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. No new operations were fired upon in the month of December.

D. Training. During the month of December 1969, Battery personnel received 21 hours of formal training, 4 hours of weapons safety. Also 27 hours of section training was conducted for each section in the Battery. Eleven new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of December, this unit submitted two hundred and seventy (270) requisitions, 43 were completed, 14 were cancelled. There were 17 requisitions for major end items. Three (3) were completed, 1 voided and none cancelled. Out of 55 BX transactions this month, 7 were completed and 17 were made void. At present, this unit is in C-2 Readiness Status.

F. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or Civil Affairs Programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

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2. Entries. At 0140 hours local time on 31 December, Gun #1 experienced an in bore premature burst of a 175mm projectile. The fuse apparently activated approximately midway through the tube. The burst completely severed the tube throwing large fragments up to approximately 700 meters. There were no injuries to personnel. Damage to the weapon was confined to complete destruction of the tube and slight damage to the turret mount.

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