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1st 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)  
12th Marines  
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
APO San Francisco, 96602

EDL/rdv  
5758  
3 February, 1967  
001-67

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division  
Subj: Command Chronology for January; 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 January through 31 January 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: 1-31 January 1967
4. Date Submitted: 3 February, 1967
5. Average Monthly Strength:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	6	0
Unlisted	137	5
6. Commanding Officer, Major E. D. LITZENBERGER
7. Principal Staff: N/A
8. Subordinate Units: N/A
9. Attachments and Detachments: U.S. Army 40mm M42 and crew located in battery position for air defense and local security.
10. Location of Units: One platoon of 8inch Howitzers is located at (YD643279)
11. Mission: Battery reinforcement of 4/12.

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PART II  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:
  - A. Throughout the month officer strength was at 75%. Enlisted at 87%.
  - B. Thirty-two enlisted joined the battery.
  - C. Two Marines were rotated home.
  - D. Ten Marines took advantage of R&R.
  - E. The twenty-four Marines that took advantage of the 30 days leave program returned to the battery.
2. Administrative: N/A
3. Intelligence:
  - A. The S-2 from 4th Battalion 12th Marines briefs the entire battery every Saturday morning at 0800.
  - B. Continued minor harassment of perimeter by VC.
4. Training Highlights:
  - A. RAM fire of all individual and crew-served weapons was held on the 11th and 27th of January at Dong Da.
  - B. GMS classes were held on patrolling, UCMJ, leadership, field fortifications, and basic communications.
  - C. MOS and on-the-job training was held throughout the month.
  - D. A total of 72 hours of formal FDC school was held.
  - E. A total of five eight-hours school/demonstrations were held for CAC(2) and 3rd Recon Bn. (3).
  - F. At the end of the month there are a total of 2 officers and 10 enlisted enrolled in MCI courses, 1 enlisted in USAFI (high school), 2 officers and 2 enlisted in USAFI (college). During this reporting period the following formal school quotas were filled.
    - (1) Vietnamese language.....1
    - (2) Field radio operator.....1
    - (3) Basic ammunition technician.....1
5. Special Operations:
  - A. On the 30th of January a platoon of 8" Howitzers deployed to FK 17 (YD643279).
  - B. The fire support coordinator mentioned in the December report returned.
6. Command and Control:
  - A. The battery is Opcon of fourth Battalion, 12th Marines.

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7. Communication and Electronics: The following is on loan.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>
A.	AN/PRC 25	2	4/12
B.	TA 312/EE8	3	Headquarters Bn. 3rd MarDiv
C.	TA-1/pt	2	Headquarters Bn. 3rd MarDiv
D.	RC 292	3	Headquarters Bn. 3rd MarDiv
E.	RC 292	1	4/12

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

9. Medical and Dental:

A. Medical Statistics

- (1) Total battle casualties.....0
- (2) Total number of personnel treated (routine).....92
- (3) Total immunizations given.....138

10. Logistics: The following additional items are on loan to CAC.

A. Supply

(1)	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
(a)	Cot, folding canvas	18
(b)	Insect bar, cot	9
(c)	Pole, folding cot (set)	9
(d)	Can, water	2

(2) FSAO held an inspection of the supply account during the period 27th-29th of January. No significant discrepancies were noted.

(3) Batteries BA-30 and 6TN are still in critical shortage.

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PART III  
 CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 13 January - From 1230-1300 7 8inch HE rounds were fired on a VC ambush (860258), VC dispersed. Fire mission called by ARVN.
- 16 January - Battery patrol found 30-35 bags of rice in abandoned hut (898126). Estimated 1/2 to 1 ton of rice was found.
- 18 January - At 1800 fired 54 rounds 155mm Gun HE on 40 VC in open (908999). 10 KIA (prob). Mission was for 3rd Recon.
- 19 January - Phu Bai base was mortared from a position approximately 800 meters South of this position. The mortars were located immediately and reported to Division FSCC. Countermortar fire was withheld by order of Commanding General 3rd Marine Division.
- 20 January - At 1500 battery received one round of sniper fire.
- 21 January - At 1430 battery patrol picked up one Vietnamese woman (894124). Woman tore up document when patrol approached. Forwarded to IIT.
- At 2305 battery received one fragmentation grenade in outer wire of battery perimeter (896128). Fired 1 round 81mm illumination. Negative results.
- UNCLASSIFIED: At 2015 two trip flares were set off by one or more VC (897128). Received at least two rounds of small arms. Returned M-79, small arms and fired 81mm illumination. Negative results.
- 22 January - At 0550 battery received 3 incoming grenades vicinity (896128). Spotted movement in front of wire. Fired M-79 and 81mm illumination. Searched area at first light, negative results.
- 25 January - Battery patrol found 1 igniter time fuze M-60, 5 rounds of M-1 carbine ammo, 150-200 parts of mortar rounds. All of the parts had been fired, 4 sacks of rice. Found (898126) same hut 1/2 to 1 ton of rice was found on 18 January.
- 28 January - At 1335 fired 4 WP and 5 HE 155mm Gun on VC sniper (880258). Excellent effect on target. 1 VC KIA (prob). Fire mission from elements of "F" 2/9.
- 30 January - At 1030 fired 3 WP and 13 HE 155mm Gun on 6 VC moving in low brush, 6 KIA (prob). Fired for 3rd Recon.

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Recapitulation of fire missions:

	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>ECI's</u>	<u>Total</u>
155mm Gun	28	19	120	167
8" Howitzer	4	12	52	68
Total	32	31	172	235

Ammunition Expenditures:

High Explosive (Gun).....274  
 White Phosphorous (Gun).....54  
 Illumination (Gun).....13  
 High Explosive (8").....139

Surveillance:

<u>EIA (conf.)</u>	<u>KIA (prob.)</u>	<u>WIA (conf.)</u>	<u>WIA (prob.)</u>
0	17	0	0

Battery Patrols:.....Six

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