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1ST 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Maj N.J. BECKMAN

UNITS OPCON 1st 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)

Two U.S. Army M42
Delta Battery, 1st Battalion
44th Artillery

2. LOCATION

1-31 December: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 893127)

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
5	116	0	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, the battery continued to improve its position area and perimeter defense plans. Construction was completed on one perimeter defensive bunker. Reinforcing modifications were affected on existing perimeter, interior and ammunition bunkers. Additional Claymore mines were employed to improve the battery's perimeter during the hours of darkness. As a part of the battery's overall security measures, seven (7) patrols were run and eight (8) listening posts put out during the month of December.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned

1 December 1967 - 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) continues G/S
PHU BAI AO.

2. Significant Operations

1 December - 31 December 1967 - General Support/Rein 4th
Battalion, 12th Marines Direct
Support designated Recon Patrols

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy

<u>KIA (Conf)</u>	<u>KIA (Prob)</u>	<u>WIA (Conf)</u>
6	7	1

4. Casualties sustained - 05. Logistics

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

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
(1) Telescope, Panoramic, M-100	2	1st8inHowBtry(SP)
(2) Sight, M34A2	1	HqBn3dMarDiv(Rein)
(3) Compass, Magnetic	15	HqBn3dMarDiv(Rein)

c. Maintenance. During this period, one gun, 155mm (SP)
M-53 had Quarterly Preventive Maintenance held.

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d. Bunkers and Perimeter Security. During this period, construction was completed on one perimeter defensive bunker. Modifications to reinforce perimeter, interior and ammunition bunkers were also affected. Additional Claymore mines were employed so as to strengthen the battery's perimeter during the hours of darkness.

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

6. Civic Action. The battery has continued its participation in the Civic Action Program in the village of LOC BON (YD 926130). Frequent MedCaps were held and one hundred and fifty (150) Christmas gifts were furnished the children of the village. Other programs to refurbish the village have also continued.

7. Personnel

- a. Number of replacements received: 18 Enlisted
- b. Number of personnel rotated: 1 Officer, 5 Enlisted
- c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 9 transfers to other units
- d. Promotions: 3 Sergeants, 3 Corporals, 1 Lance Corporal, 1 First Lieutenant

8. Fire Support. The battery furnished fire support as follows:

- a. General Support/Rein, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
- b. Direct Support, designated Recon Patrols

9. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

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1 - 31 December 1967

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOT</u>
155mm Gun (PHU BAI)	40	7	422	469	776	207	47	1030

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

- 012100H Dec67 - Fired 98 rounds of 155mm Gun Illumination on enemy movement, vic YD 950003. Excellent coverage on target. Mission from 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 161747H Dec67 - Fired one round WP and 3 HE on enemy bunker and cave complex vic YD 718159. Direct hit, good shooting. One bunker destroyed. Mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 171110H Dec67 - Fired 2 WP and 3 HE on 1 VC and 4 NVA vic YD 710170. Rounds on target. One WIA captured. Mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 171335H Dec67 - Fired 22 rounds of HE on 5 enemy bunkers vic YD 708168. Observed 6 confirmed KIA's and 7 Probable KIA's. Mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 172100H Dec67 - Fired 4 rounds WP and 3 HE on enemy movement vic YD 952993. Rounds on target. Mission for 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 292050H Dec67 - Fired 3 rounds HE on enemy movement vic YD 973997. Good coverage on target. Mission for 3d Recon Battalion.