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1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) (-) (Rein)
1st Field Artillery Group
APO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group
(2) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 January 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B
(d) RegtO 5750.2D

Encl: ✓(1) 1st 155 Gun Btry (SP) (-) (Rein) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d) enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 January 1968.
2. This page is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1968

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PART I (U)

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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| 1. <u>Designation</u> | <u>Commander</u> |
| 1st 155MM Gun Battery (SP) (Rein) | Major N. J. BECKMAN |

ATTACHED UNITS

2d Platoon, 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery (SP) 15-31Jan68

2. LOCATION
1-31 January 1968; PHU BAI, RVN

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3. <u>BATTERY OFFICERS</u> | |
| Executive Officer | Capt. T. P. HOWE 1-31Jan68 |
| Assistant Executive Officer | 1stLt E. A. SMYTH 1-31Jan68 |
| Fire Direction Officer | 2dLt J. B. GRAVES 1-31Jan68 |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt A. P. EDELMANN 1-31Jan68 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	125	0	3

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From 1 - 31 January 1968, the battery continued to improve its position and defensive fire plans. Construction was completed on 7 perimeter fighting holes and 11 interior positions designed to provide rapid protection against mortar and/or rocket attacks. Interior positions bolster the secondary line of defense within the compound. In addition, 2 gun pits and 1 ammunition bunker were constructed. As a part of the battery's overall security measures, 5 patrols were run and 7 listening posts were established during the month of January.

On 26 January, 1968, the battery received an estimated 60-80 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. During the attack, 10 WIA's were sustained, 5 of which were from the 8" HOWITZER Platoon.

On 29 January, 1968, 2 155mm GUNS (SP), M-53, were signed over on temporary loan to the 5th 155mm GUN BTRY (SP) at Camp Evans, RVN (YD53453153) for deployment with the 1st Air Cavalry Division, USA.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIONa. Losses

- (1) Battle Evac: 4
- (2) Battle Non-Evac: 1
- (3) Non-Battle: None
- (4) Administrative: 25

b. Gains

- (1) Replacements: 39

c. POW's Captured: Noned. Morale and Personal Services: Morale is good. Mail service has been good. PX and laundry service located in vicinity of Command Post.e. Awards and Decorations: Nonef. Promotions: 1 : 1 Pvt to PFCg. Billeting: Furnished transient billeting to 26 enlisted personnel during January, 1968.h. Administration: Normal administration accomplished during the month.2. OPERATIONSa. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) 1-14 January 1968 - General Support/Rein 4/12 Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.
- (2) 15-31 January 1968 - General Support/Rein ~~1st Pl., 1st Bn.~~ Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.

b. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
55	29	325	409

c. Entries

15 Jan 1968 ADCON/OPCON transferred from 4/12 to 1st FAG effective 151200H Jan68 - concurrently, assumed OPCON 2nd Plt., 3rd 8" HOWBtry(SP).

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- 16 Jan 1968 - 2nd Plt., 3rd 8" HOWBTRY(SP) arrived from DaNang
- 26 Jan 1968 - Battery received an estimated 60-80 rounds of 82mm mortars at 260130H Jan. 68 and sustained 10 WIA's, (5 WIA's were from 8" HOW)
- 27 Jan 1968 - One platoon (equipment only, no personnel), chopped to CG, 1st Air Cav, displaced to Camp Evans, grid YD53453153
- 29 Jan 1968 - Equipment in above entry signed over to 5th 155 GUNBTRY(SP) on temporary loan

a. Significant Fire Missions

- 121150H Jan. 68 - Fired 4 rds WP and 4rds HE at 5 enemy bunkers vicinity YD939994; observer reported good effect on target, one bunker damaged. Mission for Division AO.
- 151050H Jan, 68 - Fired 7 rds HE on enemy movement Vic YD979990. Observer reported outstanding coverage and that movement ceased. Mission for 1st Force Recon
- 301008H Jan, 68 - Fired 5 rds WP and 9 rds HE at 3 VC with packs and rifles Vic YD715154; observer reported 3 confirmed KIA's. Mission shot for 1st Force Recon

3. LOGISTICS

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a. Supply

- (1) The overall supply status of the unit is satisfactory. Major items on loan are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1. Telescope, Panoramic M100	2	1st 8" HOWBTRY (SP)
2. Sight, M34A2	1	HqBn, 3rd Mar Div (Rein) FMF
3. Compass, Magnetic	15	HqBn, 3rd Mar Div (Rein) FMF
4. Antenna, RC-292	1	1st FAG
5. Aiming Circle	1	1st FAG
6. Tripod, Aiming Circle, M-24	1	1st FAG

b. Maintenance

- (1) During January, 4 GUNS, 155mm (SP) M-53, received Quarterly Preventive Maintenance

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c. Ammunition Expended (1-31 January 1968)

<u>HE</u>	<u>ILUM</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1195	166	26	1387

d. Gun Status

<u>SER.NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE D/L</u>	<u>CAN BE FIRED</u>	<u>WORK ORDER#</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
213243	M-93		Yes		
213252	M-53		Yes		
213232	M-53		Yes		
213242	M-53	26Dec67	No	0-3318	Transmission/ and Equalibrator Location FLSG(A)

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TAB (D) (1st 155 GunBtry(SP) (-) Command Chronology) to Enclosure (1)
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1st 155 mm Gun Btry

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Jan 1968