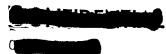
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(1) Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group

(2) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

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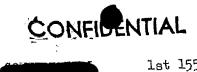
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d) enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 January 1968.

2. This page is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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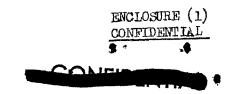
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PART I (U)

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation 1st 155MM Gun Battery (SP) (Rein)

<u>Commander</u> Major N. J. BECKMAN

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

- 2. LOCATION 1-31 January 1968; PHU BAI, RVN
- <u>BATTERY OFFICERS</u>
 <u>Executive Officer</u>
 <u>Assistant Executive Officer</u>
 <u>Fire Direction Officer</u>
 <u>Supply Officer</u>
 <u>Capt. T. P. HOWE 1-31Jan68</u>
 <u>IstLt E. A. SMYTH 1-31Jan68</u>
 <u>IstLt J. B. GRAVES 1-31Jan68</u>
 <u>IstLt A. P. EDELMANN 1-31Jan68</u>

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
5	125	0	3	



PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 - 31 January 1968, the battery continued to improve its position and defensive fire plans. Construction was completed on 7 t 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 BIRY (SP) at Camp Ewans, RVN (YD 53453153) for deployment with the 1st Air Cawalry Division, USA.



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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION
 - a. Losses
 - (1) Battle Evac: 4
 - (2) Battle Non-Evac: 1
 - (3) Non-Battle: None
 - (4) Administrative: 25
 - b. <u>Gains</u> (1) Replacements: 39
 - c. POW's Captured: None
 - d. <u>Morale and Personal Services:</u> Morale is good. Mail service has been good. PX and laundry service located in vicinity of Command Post.

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- e. Awards and Decorations: None
- f. Promotions: 1: 1 Pvt to PFC
- g. <u>Billeting</u>: Furnished transient billeting to 26 enlisted personnel during January, 1968.
- h. <u>Administration</u>: Normal administration accomplished during the month.
- 2. OPERATIONS
 - a. Combat Missions Assigned
 - 1-14 January 1968 General Support/Rein 4/12 Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.
 - (2) 15-31 January 1968 General Support/Rein Later, 11-1100 -Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.
 - . b. Recapitulation of Fire Missions -

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
55	29	325	409

a. Entries

15 Jan 1968 ADCON/OPCON transferred from 4/12 to 1st FAG and effective 151200H Jan68 - concurrently, assumed OPCON 2ndPlt., 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 5, (5 WIA's were from 8" HOW)
- 27 Jan 1968 One platoon (equipment only, no personnel), chopped to CG, lstAirCay, displaced to Camp Evans, grid YD53453153
- 29 Jan 1968 Equipment in above entry signed over to 5th 155 GUNETRY (SP) on temporary loan
- 4. Significant Fire Missions

12115CH Jan. 68 - Fired 4 rds WP and 4rds HE at 5 enemy bunkers visinity YD939994; observer reported good effect on target, one bunker damaged. Mission for Division AO.

151050H Jan, 650- 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
 - a. Supr]

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

ITEM	CUANT ITY	UNIT (CP)
 Telescope: Panoramic MI00 Sight, M34A2 Compass, Magnetic Antenna, NC-292 Aiming Circle Tripod, Aiming Circle, M-2 	2 1 15 1 1 4 1	lst 6" HOWBTHY (SP) HqBn, 3rdMarDiv (Rein) FMF HqBn, 3rdMarDiv (Rein) FMF lst FAG 1st FAG 1st FAG

Maintenance

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

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	не 1195	TLIM 166	WP 26	TOTAL 1387	
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SER.NO. 213243 213252	тоем М-195 М-53		CAN BE FIRED Tes Yes	WORK ORDER#	REMARKS
213232 213242	M-53 M-53	‰ Dе 66 7	Yes NJ	03318	Transmission/ and Equalibrato: Location FLSC(A)

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