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TO 1ST FAG COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

(1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY
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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
1st Field Artillery Group
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Commander

Major B. A. MUTCH Jr.
1-30 September 1968

2. Location

1-30 September 1968, Phu Bai, RVN (YD 89391285)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer

Capt M. H. LONG 1-30 Sep 1968

Assistant Executive Officer

1stLt J. J. CALLAHAN III 1-30 Sep 1968

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt M. L. JOHNSON 1-30 Sep 1968

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

2ndLt P. M. STROOBAND 1-30 Sep 1968

Liaison Officer

2ndLt G. M. SIMPSON 1-30 Sep 1968

Supply Officer

1stLt G. M. HAUGEN 1-30 Sep 1968

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>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September the Battery continued to improve its position area rebuilding ammunition bunkers, personnel bunkers, fighting holes and the FDC bunker. Fifteen barrels containing napalm were placed at various locations in the perimeter wire, greatly improving the defensive posture of the Battery area.

On 031500H one platoon of guns, equipment and personnel were displaced from (YD 92530708) and returned to the Phu Bai position area.

On 18 and 19 September four guns were calibrated by the 177th Ordnance Detachment, Ballistic and Technical Service. Guns #213207, #213242, #213172, and #213211 were calibrated.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of September:

<u>1stFAG</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>26th Marines</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1155	34	32	1221

The following missions were fired during the month of September:

	<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155G	57	170	243	470

The consolidated surveillance received for missions firing during the month is as follows:

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

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel/Administration(1) Gains/Losses

(a) Administrative Losses	15
(b) Battle KIA	0
(c) Battle WIA (Evac)	0
(d) Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0
(e) Battle MIA	0
(f) Battle DOW	0
(g) Non-Battle	0
(h) Replacements	16
(i) Net Gain	1

b. Intelligence. The Battery occupies Tower E of the Phu Bai perimeter OP system and aids in counter rocket/counter mortar target acquisition. Other intelligence and target acquisition data is obtained from the S-2, 1st FAG.

c. Organization and Operation. The Battery's mission was changed during the month to reinforcing XXIV Corps Artillery, U. S. Army. The Battery provided support for two operations conducted by XXIV Corps during the month of September.

d. Training. During the period 1-30 September the Battery scheduled and held eight hours of formal classes on general military subjects. Average attendance at these classes was 45%. In addition to these classes each section in the Battery held an additional twelve hours of section training.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. At the end of the reporting period six guns were operational. The Battery continues to experience trouble with broken sight mounts and sights (M100). Reasons for the sight mount breakage remains unexplainable. Other areas of logistics remain satisfactory.

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f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery delivered 600 pounds of hog meal to the village of Loc Bon (YD 926104) during September. The Battery is no longer responsible for Civic Action Programs in the village (Authority CG, 1stMarDiv ltr 46/WIM/tjg over 5080 of 23Sep68). No MedCaps were performed during the month of September.

2. Entries

- 25Sep68 Guns #213172 and #213211 returned from "A" position. (YD 92530708), effective 031700H September 1968. Reference: Move Report #141820 031700H.
- 1Sep68 MPQ-10 (CMR) from 1st FAG entered Battery position and was laid on azimuth 3200, effective 041325H September 1968. Reference: Move Report #101230 041950H.
- 14Sep68 Post D-2 reported seeing someone in the tomb in front of wire. After permission from base defense was received, illumination was fired and target engaged with small arms fire. Target was seen falling, as if hit, effective 142130H September 1968. Reference: Base Defense Log of 14 September 1968.
- 15Sep68 Patrol sent to investigate area in front of D-2 post. No body or blood trails were located, effective 150700H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.
- 16Sep68 Gun #5 and Twin 40's reported taking small arms sniper fire effective 162030H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.
- 16Sep68 South gate reported taking incoming M79 rounds, effective 162200H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.
- 18Sep68 Calibrated guns #213207 and #213242, effective 180900H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.
- 19Sep68 MPQ-10 (CMR) left Battery position, effective 191100H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.
- 19Sep68 Calibrated guns #213172 and 213211, effective 191200H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.
- 21Sep68 Listening post reported movement in front of their position. Base Defense was notified and illumination was fired with negative results, effective 240100H September 1968. Reference: Watch Officers Journal.

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28Sep68 Gun #213152, FLSG-A float gun, replaced gun #213174 and was laid on azimuth 3200m, effective 281500H September 1968.
Reference: FLSG-A Direct Exchange System Item.

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