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TO 1ST FEG COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Major R. E. LEVA (1-31 Dec 1968)

2. Location

1-31 Dec 1968 Hill "55", RVN (AT9660 6216)
Hill "65", RVN (AT8759 5744)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer

Major M. H. LONG (1-29 Dec 1968)
Captain L. E. JOHNSON (30-31 Dec 1968)

Assistant Executive Officer

1st Lt J. J. CALLAHAN (1-31 Dec 1968)

Fire Direction Officer

1st Lt M. L. JOHNSON (1-31 Dec 1968)

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

2nd Lt G. D. SIMPSON (1-31 Dec 1968)

Supply Officer

Captain G. M. HAUGEN (1-31 Dec 1968)

Battery Officer

Captain L. E. JOHNSON (22-29 Dec 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>
6	129	0	3	0	0

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PART III

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative

Extensive effort was directed on building up our new position. Personnel trenches for protection from Mortar/Rocket attacks and sanitation facilities have been completed. Work still continues on the ammunition bunkers and gun pits. The 1st Engineer Battalion started working on the FDC and Medical bunkers.

Also, during the past month each section devoted many man-hours working on Battery equipment and records in preparation for the upcoming CMMI on 6 January 1969.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of December:

<u>Army</u>	<u>MAF</u>	<u>Total</u>
828	2100	2928

The following missions were fired during the month of December:

<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H & I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	120	427	554

The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month is as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>STRUCTURES DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>BUNKERS DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>Total</u>
0	0	0	.0

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PART III

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) LOSSES

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administrative	1	15	0	2
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	9	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) REPLACEMENTS	1	22	0	0
(3) NET LOSS	0	0	0	2
(4) NET GAINS	0	7	0	0

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b. Intelligence. The Battery received the majority of their intelligence targets and missions through the 11th Marines. As of 31 December 1968, communications were established with Line Tell, the Army Special Force unit at THOUNG DUC and targets were received direct from their position.

c. Organization and Operations. The Battery's mission is that of general support of the 1st Marine Division.

d. Training. During the period 1-31 December 1968, nineteen hours of formal schooling were held. This included: Section training - eight hours, Weapons Safety Lectures - four hours, defensive drills - three hours, Code of Conduct - one hour, UCMJ - one hour, Embarkation - two hours.

No personnel from this Battery were sent on TAD to any schools.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. Two guns are currently deadlined, one requiring third echelon maintenance and the other second echelon. There is a continuing problem with M100 sights and sight mounts, as well as rear split rings and gas check pads.

Both M6 Limco's are presently deadlined, one with an unserviceable track and the other requiring a new transmission.

f. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic actions or civil affairs during the month of December. No MedCaps were performed.

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SECRET2. Entries

27 Dec 1968 - Received six or seven mortar rounds on Hill "55". Although no rounds hit our position, "Lima" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines to our left flank received one round. All personnel were alerted and remained in the personnel trenches until 0600 (Effective 130215H Nov 68). Reference: Watch Officer's Journal.

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