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1ST 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery for
July 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Major R. E. LEVA 1-12 July 1969
Capt. F. H. DOUGLAS
13 - 31 July 19692. Location1-31 July 1969 (CP) Hill 34 RVN (AT98557194)
1-31 July 1969 (Alpha position), Hill 55 RVN (AT96606216)3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt L. E. JOHNSON	(1-31 July 1969)
Asst Executive Officer	1stLt W. F. FORESTER	(1-31 July 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt G. D. SIMPSON	(1-31 July 1969)
Asst Fire Direction Officer	1stLt S. D. HILL	(1-31 July 1969)
Liaison Officer	1stLt R. K. HANSON	(1-31 July 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt L. WARD	(1-31 July 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Other	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
7	158	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative

During the month of July 1969, the battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns were located on Hill 34 along with the Battery CP. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55.

The intra wire program was mostly completed. All that remains at this time is the wire that will be placed around the new gun pads. Three new gun pads were constructed this past month. Although at the present time they are not in use as the HE and powder pits are not completed.

Construction on three new personnel bunkers on the gun line was started this month. When completed the entire gun crews will be able to live on the gun line.

The FDC bunker was completed and became operational on 19 July 1969.

Work continued on perimeter security all unspent 175mm Charge 1 and 2 powder bags were placed out in the wire. Not only will they provide a considerable amount of light but also will prove to be quite an effective weapon in case of a ground attack.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of July:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	1675	0	0	1675

3. The following missions were fired during the month of July:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-Emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
29	344	65	439

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of July were as follows.

<u>KIA</u>		<u>Structures</u>		<u>Bunkers</u>		<u>Secondary</u>
<u>Prob</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>		<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>		<u>Explosions</u>
0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	1	9	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	15	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	6	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. On the 21st of July the Battery fired its first rounds in support of operation Durham Peak.

D. Training. During the month of July 1969, the Battery personnel received eight hours of formal training, four hours of weapons safety, and four hours of fam firing of the 50 cal. Machine guns, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenades. Also four hours of section training was held. We had 70 men attend training by the division mobil training unit. We had one SNCO attend Career Planning school held by division. Thirteen new personnel were given a Vietnamese Orientation Lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. The overall Supply Logistics situation in this unit is good. The vehicle deadline rate is at a relatively low rate due to excellent response to requisition for 2nd Echelon repair parts. This units supply cargo manifest is complete, no problems are foreseen if this unit is obliged to deploy.

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F. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or civil affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries.

23 July 1969 - CS gas in the area from post #32 along the berm and gun line including the FDC. 4/11 security was notified. (Effective at 0110 Hr. 23 July) Ref: Watch Officers log of 23 July 1969.

23 July 1969 - Post #32 reported a person in the wire. Upon gaining clearance from the OD of 4/11 Lt WARD fired two rounds which dropped the person in the wire. A follow up patrol at first light found no body. Although much blood was found at the scene of the incident. (Effective at 0200 Hr. 23 July 1969) Ref: Watch Officers log of 23 July 1969.

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