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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery for August 1969.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This page is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1969

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCOMMANDER

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Capt. F. H. DOUGLAS  
1 - 31 August 19692. Location

1-31 August 1969 CP Hill 34 RVN (AT 98557194)  
 1-28 August 1969 Alpha Position, Hill 55 RVN (AT 96606216)  
 28-31 August 1969 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment  
 RVN (AT 92048008)

3. BATTERY OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Capt L. E. JOHNSON	(1-31 August 1969)
Asst Executive Officer	1stLt W. F. FORESTER	(1-31 August 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt G. D. SIMPSON	(1-31 August 1969)
Asst Fire Direction Officer	1stLt S. D. HILL	(1-31 August 1969)
Liaison Officer	1stLt R. K. HANSON	(1-31 August 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt L. WARD	(1-31 August 1969)
Battery Officer	1stLt J. D. WEBER	(23-31 August 1969)

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>
7	161	0	3	0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of August the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55 until 28 August when they displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

The building program continues at the Hill 34 position with the HE and Powder Bunkers nearing completion. The intra wire program was mostly completed except around the new gun positions.

Construction on three personnel bunkers on the gun line at Hill 34 was completed this month. The berm light wiring was changed by the Seabees producing increased lighting of the wire and surrounding areas.

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

175 Gun HE	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>RCK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	1428	0	0	1428

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

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
25	274	51	350

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of August 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	7	0	9	1	1	1

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

## A. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	0	13	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	14	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	1	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. During the month of August the Battery fired its first rounds in support of operation Pipestone Canyon.

D. Training. During the month of August the Battery personnel received 12 hours of formal training, 5 hours of weapons safety, and 4 hours of ~~fan~~ firing of the 50 cal. machine gun, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenade. Also 4 hours of section training was held by each section in the Battery. Training by the Division Mobile Training Unit was attended by 75 men, one corporal attended NCO Leadership School, one Staff Sergeant attended career planning school at Division and one Lieutenant attended Officer Leadership School at Division and Registered Publication School at Division. Eighteen new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lectures by the CO.

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E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of August this unit submitted two-hundred and sixty-eight (268) requisitions to the Supply source, of these requisitions seventy-nine (79) were completed. There were seven (7) requisitions for major items with one (1) completed. One (1) duplication machine was received which increased the administrative office's efficiency, with considerable man hours saved. One (1) AN/PRC-109 was deadlined as a result of the vehicle component being code "H". Two (2) general purpose tents were also code "H". Receipt and exchange of secondary reparable items is of major concern with special emphasis on a telescope, panoramic M115. One radio, AN/PRC-25 was deadlined for lack of a secondary reparable item for exchange. Of ten (10) requests submitted only three (3) were filled. Warehousing space for bulk items were obtained through utilization of a building vacated by personnel moving to recently acquired gun crew bunkers. GA-cards were submitted on this unit's critical repair parts and combat essential T/E equipment. At present time this unit is in C-1 status. Equipment repair turn-around time at 1stFSR is still on a fast turn-over for third and fourth echelon.

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

2. Entries. None