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1ST 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

CommanderCapt. F. H. DOUGLAS
1 - 30 September 19692. Location1-30 September 1969 CP Hill 34 RVN (AT 98557194)
1-30 September 1969 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment
RVN (AT 92048008)3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt. L. E. JOHNSON	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer	1stLt. R. K. HANSON	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. W. F. FORESTER	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. J. J. PRESTON	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Liaison Officer	2ndLt. J. W. MONACO	(8-30 Sep 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt. J. D. WEBER	(1-30 Sep 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	171	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of September 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 at the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

The HE and powder bunkers at the CP position were completed. Repairs were started and completed on the HE and powder bunkers at the Alpha position.

On the night of 5 September a small force of about 12 NVA/VC attempted to probe the CP position. They were spotted by the outposts and fired upon when they approached the defensive wire. Movement in front of the wire continued throughout the night with an estimated 5 probable enemy casualties. In the morning at first light a squad sized patrol swept the area and captured one wounded VC Master Sergeant and a small cache of weapons which included 3 satchel charges, 1 RPG round, 8 home-made grenades in C-Ration cans, and one AK-47 magazine with 52 rounds. Interrogation of the prisoner by 1st ITT disclosed that their mission was to destroy the 175mm guns and as much of the CP as possible. They expected mortar support but did not have it at the time of the probes. No friendly casualties resulted from this action.

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

175 Gun HE	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	2798	0	0	2798

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

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Totals</u>
44	484	22	550

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

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

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	3	25	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	3	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	32	0	0
(3) Net loss	1	0	0	0
(4) Net gain	0	4	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. No new operations were fired upon in the month of September.

D. Training. During the month of September the Battery personnel received 12 hours of formal training, 4 hours of weapon 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. Four hours of section training was held by each section in the Battery. Training by the Division Mobile Training Unit was attended by 64 men; 22 new personnel were given the Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of September this unit submitted two-hundred and seventy-six (276) requisitions to the supply source. Of these requisitions one-hundred and thirty-two (132) were completed. There were ten (10) requisitions for major end items with six (6) being completed. This unit received three (3) trucks, M151 which improved our motor transport and communications operations status. Also received one (1) radio AN/PRC-25. All

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monsoon equipment with the exception of rain hats and boots are completed. One (1) high pressure cleaning unit was also received. Two (2) TA-312's telephones were received. FDC received their aiming circle which had been sent to D. X. The armorer received two (2) Star-light scopes and one (1) .50 ca. machine gun. One (1) M-60 machine gun was lost to Code H status. Critical repair parts which caused GA card submission have either been received or removed from critical list. One (1) M107 gun has been permanently replaced by a float gun from 1st FSR. At the present time this unit is in C-1 status. A complete summary can be obtained from this Unit's Log-Sum report. Third echelon maintenance has slowed down considerably from last month. One (1) tanker, M-49 has been down for third echelon repair for an unusually long time. This unit's logistics still remain in an overall good condition with the exception of Supply personnel. Two (2) men were unexpectedly lost due to Med-Evac and emergency leave.

2. Entries.

5 Sep 1969 - Post #32 reported 9 to 12 men approaching the wire. When the suspected enemy approached the immediate vicinity of the wire the post was given permission to open fire. One probable enemy casualty was reported and the enemy broke contact. (Effective 052305H Sep 1969). Ref: Watch officer's log of 05 September and SPOTREP of 052305H sent to 11th Marines.

5 Sep 1969 to 6 Sep 1969 - Various incidents were reported by Posts #31 and #32 in which the enemy was observed attempting to withdraw dead or wounded and to reenter the wire. (Effective 052305H Sep 1969 to 060600H Sep 1969). Ref: Watch officer's log of 05 and 06 Sep 1969.

6 Sep 1969 - A squad sized patrol swept the area in front of the wire and captured a 23 year old man and a small cache of weapons. (Effective 060630H Sep 1969). Ref: SPOTREP dated 060815H Sep 1969.

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