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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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4 January 1967

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December to 31 December 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFFACO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 1st 8 Inch Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

1st Plt. 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

COMMANDERMajor W. G. SMITH JR.  
076271/08021stLt M. C. KALIN  
094820/08022. LOCATION

1-30 Dec 67 one 155 Gun (M53) at Gio Linh RVN  
 1-31 Dec 67 one 155 Gun (M53) at Cam Lo RVN  
 31 Dec 67 two 155 Guns (M53) at Cam Lo RVN  
 1-9 Dec 67 six 8" How (M110) at Cam Lo RVN  
 9-31 Dec 67 two 8" How (M110) at C-2 RVN  
 9-23 Dec 67 four 8" How (M110) at Cam Lo RVN  
 23-31 Dec 67 two 8" How (M110) at C-1 RVN  
 23-31 Dec 67 two 8" How (M110) at Cam Lo RVN  
 1-27 Dec 67 one 8" How (M55) at Gio Linh RVN  
 1-31 Dec 67 one 8" How (M55) at Dong Ha RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	220	0	4

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This unit fired a total of 64 observed missions and 787 unobserved missions in general support of the Third Marine Division, expended 3140 rounds 8" and 1230 rounds 155 mm.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION

\*NOTE: Two 8" How (M55) to FLSU-1 on 28 Dec 67 to await disposition instructions; removed from operational commitments.

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

OPERATION KENTUCKY  
OPERATION LANCASTER  
OPERATION HIGH RISE  
OPERATION HEDGE SHED

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. One KIA confirmed
2. Twelve KIA probable
3. Nine secondary explosions
4. One artillery piece destroyed
5. Five bunkers destroyed
6. Fifteen structures destroyed
7. One tower destroyed
8. Nine structures damaged

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

NONE

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

We are now operating under the platoon concept, with three platoons located in three different locations. Two platoons are operated from Battery FDC at Cam Lo and the platoon at C-1 has it's own technical FDC capability.

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

NO COMMENT

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8 Inch Howitzer (SP) (M110) has been functioning satisfactorily.

H. LOGISTICS

Supplies are being received regularly. No immediate supply problems.

I. CIVIC ACTION

NO COMMENT

J. ADMINISTRATION

No administration difficulties were encountered during this reporting period. The Battery Office has been effectively located with the unit operations and command center at Cam Lo.

K. PERSONNEL

This battery has joined 39 and dropped 27 causing the battery to be operating at ~~85~~ strength.

L. INTELLIGENCE

NO COMMENT

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Occupying four separate positions, our KY 8 capability is being used effectively.

N. WEATHER

Rainy weather was encountered throughout the month, increasing the necessity for more permanent gun pits and road ~~system~~ in the different Battery positions.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

P. AIR SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

NONE

## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE