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FPO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 November 1969 to 30 November 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATOR

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP

COMMANDER

Major W. H. BARNARD
070251/0802
1-30 November 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

Capt J. W. HUGHES
089509/0802
1-30 November 1969

"B" Platoon

Capt H. M. HITT
087916/0802
1-30 November 1969

"C" Platoon

Capt J. N. HUDSON
090558/0802
1-30 November 1969

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-30 Nov 1969, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-30 Nov 1969, AN HOA COMBAT BASE, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-30 Nov 1969, LZ ROSS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-30 Nov 1969, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt F. J. WATKINS
0100115/0802
1-30 November 1969

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Supply Officer

1stLt G. N. BARNES
0105018/0802
1-5 November 1969

2ndLt J. J. BURTON
0107297/0802
6-30 November 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES

a. The majority of fire missions fired by this battery were fired on Intelligence Targets.

b. During the month of November 1969 this Battery fired a total of 56 observed missions and 222 unobserved missions, expending 1578 rounds.

2. MISSION ASSIGNED

a. General support, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP 1-30 Nov 1969

b. (1) Battery (-): Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, 1-30 Nov 1969

c. (2) "A" Platoon: Reinforcing 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1-30 Nov 1969

3. OPERATIONS. None

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<u>DAY</u>	<u>OBSERVED MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
1	1	3	21 HE
2	4	6	76 HE
3	1	5	39 HE
4	1	5	13 HE
5	-	2	6 HE
6	2	12	68 HE
7	1	4	30 HE
8	-	11	81 HE
9	-	12	38 HE
10	-	3	26 HE
11	3	12	88 HE
12	5	16	281 HE
13	-	-	-
14	3	1	49 HE
15	-	1	4 HE
16	2	18	106 HE
17	3	20	97 HE
18	-	1	9 ICM
19	-	3	18 HE
20	2	5	26 HE
21	1	6	63 HE
22	3	4	47 HE
23	1	15	66 HE
24	-	9	36 HE
25	3	-	24 HE
26	1	19	53 HE
27	3	5	27 HE
28	1	14	56 HE
29	12	-	84 HE
30	3	7	41 HE
TOTAL	56	222	1564 HE 9 ICM

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45 Confirmed KIA

8 Probable KIA

3 Secondary Explosions

22 Bunkers Destroyed

1 Bunker Complex Destroyed

7 Structures Destroyed

6. CASUALTIES

WIA; Two (2)

Non-Combat Injury; One (1)

7. LOGISTICS

a. Construction of eight (8) SEA Huts in the Battery Headquarters area (LZ BALDY) was completed late in November 1969.

b. One (1) gun pad was completed and one (1) partially completed at the "C" Platoon position at LZ BALDY.

c. Due to deteriorated road conditions, resupply from the DANANG complex was poor. Condition of the road and heavy mining activity from LZ BALDY to LZ ROSS has also increased problems of resupply to "B" Platoon. Resupply at AN HOA COMBAT BASE is by air only.

d. Resupply and movement of personnel between DANANG, LZ BALDY, LZ ROSS and AN HOA COMBAT BASE by air was hampered somewhat due to weather conditions.

8. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. No problems.9. EQUIPMENT. Maintenance problems are compounded by the combination of old howitzers and vehicles and difficulty is supply of repair parts.10. CIVIC ACTION. None

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11. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. The Battery joined 5 Officers and 26 Enlisted and transferred 28 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 133%; Enlisted 109%.

12. TRAINING. Maximum general subject and technical training consistent with the tactical situation was conducted.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. No significant events occurred the month of November.

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