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1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPC San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major J. C. MAYERS
078497/4002/0802/4003
1-31 December 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

"A" Platoon

Capt J. W. HUGHES
089509/0802
1-31 December 1969

"B" Platoon

Capt H. M. HITT
087916/0802
1-31 December 1969

"C" Platoon

Capt J. N. HUDSON
090558/0802
1-31 December 1969

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-31 Dec 1969, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-31 Dec 1969, AN HOA COMBAT BASE, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-31 Dec 1969, LZ ROSS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-31 Dec 1969, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Fire Direction Officer

2ndLt W. S. MAIRE
0108053/0802
1-31 December 1969

Supply Officer

2ndLt J. J. BURTON
0107297/0802
1-31 December 1969

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Maintenance/Motor Transport Officer

1stLt G. N. PARNES

0105018/0802

1-31 December 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 13 | 195 | 0 | 5 |

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 December 1969 this Battery fired a total of 55 observed missions and 300 unobserved missions, expending 1408 rounds.

2. MISSION ASSIGNED

a. General support, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF 1-31 Dec 1969

b. Battery (-): Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, 1-31 Dec 1969

c. "A" Platoon: Reinforcing 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1-31 Dec 1969

3. OPERATIONS. None4. FIRE SUPPORT

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>OBSERVED MISSIONS</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED MISSIONS</u> | <u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 3 | 7 | 64 HE |
| 2 | 5 | 0 | 31 HE |
| 3 | 4 | 18 | 92 HE |
| 4 | 5 | 36 | 126 HE |
| 5 | 2 | 5 | 47 HE |
| 6 | 1 | 12 | 25 HE |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 HE |
| 8 | 3 | 22 | 151 HE |
| 9 | 3 | 0 | 14 HE |

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4. FIRE SUPPORT (cont.)

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>OBSERVED MISSIONS</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED MISSIONS</u> | <u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 HE |
| 11 | 2 | 2 | 16 HE |
| 12 | 4 | 9 | 81 HE |
| 13 | 2 | 9 | 29 HE |
| 14 | 0 | 13 | 30 HE |
| 15 | 1 | 26 | 101 HE |
| 16 | 0 | 17 | 52 HE |
| 17 | 0 | 2 | 4 HE |
| 18 | 0 | 24 | 59 HE |
| 19 | 0 | 17 | 34 HE |
| 20 | 0 | 12 | 23 HE |
| 21 | 3 | 10 | 68 HE |
| 22 | 2 | 14 | 25 HE |
| 23 | 4 | 6 | 54 HE |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 HE |
| 25 | 0 | 10 | 24 HE |
| 26 | 0 | 1 | 2 HE |
| 27 | 0 | 11 | 17 HE |
| 28 | 4 | 6 | 58 HE |
| 29 | 1 | 4 | 25 HE |
| 30 | 3 | 7 | 74 HE |
| 31 | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>42 HE</u> |
| TOTAL | 55 | 300 | 1408 HE |

5. SURVEILLANCE

14 Confirmed KIA

1 WIA

2 Secondary Explosions

4 Bunkers Destroyed

2 Bunkers Damaged

1 Structures Damaged

6. CASUALTIES. None

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7. LOGISTICS. Construction of four (4) SEA huts in the Battery Headquarters, an FDC bunker at "A" Platoon, four (4) SEA huts, two (2) gun pads, and the FDC bunker in the "C" Platoon area was completed.
8. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. No problems.
9. EQUIPMENT. Maintenance problems are compounded due to old howitzers and vehicles, difficulty in supply of repair parts and operation under poor conditions.
10. CIVIC ACTION. None
11. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. The Battery joined 2 Officers and 19 Enlisted and transferred 3 Officers and 16 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 135%; Enlisted 111%.
12. TRAINING. Maximum general subject and technical training consistent with the tactical situation was conducted.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. No significant events occurred during the month of December 1969.

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1. None

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