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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESTINATION

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

COMMANDER

Major J. C. MAYERS
078497/4002/0802/4003
1-31 January 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS"A" Platoon

Capt J. W. HUGHES
089509/0802
1-31 January 1970

"B" Platoon

Capt H. M. HITT
087916/0802
1-21 January 1970

"C" Platoon

Capt J. N. HUDSON
090558/0802
21-31 January 1970

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090558/0802
1-21 January 1970

1stLt F. P. WARRINGTON
0106483/0802/0840
21-31 January 1970

2. LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-31 January 1970, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-31 January 1970, AN HOA COMBAT BASE, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"B" Platoon: 1-31 January 1970, LZ ROSS, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-31 January 1970, LZ BALDY, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Fire Direction Officer

2dLt W. S. HAIRE
0108053/0802
1-31 January 1970

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Motor Transport/Maintenance Officer

2dLt J. J. BAKER
0107297/0002
1-31 January 19701stLt G. L. BAKER
0105018/0002
1-31 January 19702. 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>195</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ALL ACTIVITIES

The majority of missions fired by this battery during the month were on intelligence targets. The total missions fired by the battery was 479. Further breakdown of missions fired is covered in paragraph No. 4.

2. MISSIONS ASSIGNED

- General Support, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FIF; 1-31 January 1970.
- Battery (-): Reinforcing 3d Battalion, 11th Marines; 1-31 January 1970.
- "A" Platoon: Reinforcing 2d Battalion, 11th Marines; 1-31 January 1970.

3. OPERATIONS. None4. FIRE SUPPORT

<u>DAY</u>	<u>OBSERVED MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
1	1	4	11 HE
2	2	8	46 HE
3	0	9	9 HE
4	0	4	24 HE
5	0	6	42 HE
6	0	6	19 HE
7	0	7	41 HE
8	0	8	26 HE
9	1	7	36 HE
10	1	4	28 HE

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11c. ~~TRANSFERRING~~ (cont'd)

OBSERVED MISSIONS

UNOBSERVED MISSING

FOOTNOTES APPENDED

12	5	7	78	HE
13	4	14	65	HE
14	4	37	117	HE
15	0	11	35	HE
16	4	11	74	HE
17	5	24	168	HE
18	5	24	83	HE
19	5	26	97	HE
20	2	3	17	HE
21	5	19	104	HE
22	3	5	33	HE
23	5	12	56	HE
24	4	40	79	HE
25	3	23	60	HE
26	5	20	70	HE
27	2	9	39	HE
28	1	14	39	HE
29	4	12	45	HE
30	5	19	134	HE
31	1	5	18	HE
TOTALS	<u>80</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>1727</u>	HE

5. SURVEILLANCE

Confirmed KIA 106

Secondary Explosions - 100 - 60 - 70 - 25 - 2 - 2 3

Bunkers Destroyed 40 40 100 100 100 40 100 40 100 100 18

Structures Destroyed - - - - - 4

Trench Complexes Destroyed - - - - - 11

Probable KIA

6. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

Combat related - 2

Non-combat - 3

Total - 5

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During the month, this battery made start progress in the improvement of positions although hampered by rainy weather much of the time. Included in the improvement program was the construction of 3 bunkers, 9 huts, and the expansion of protective wire.

8. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. No problems
9. EQUIPMENT. During the month, maintenance problems were compounded due to old vehicles, difficulty in supply of repair parts and operation under poor conditions.
10. CIVIC ACTION. None
11. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. The battery gained 1 Officer and 18 Enlisted and transferred 1 Officer and 16 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of Manning Level) of Officers is 104%; Enlisted 93%.
12. TRAINING. Maximum general subjects and technical training consistent with the tactical situation was conducted.

PART IV

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

At approximately, 0100, 6 January 1970, "B" Platoon (LZ ROSS) came under attack. This attack was initiated by a sapper unit armed with satchel charges, Chicom grenades, and RPG's. They were successful in penetrating the perimeter defenses between "B" Platoon and their adjoining unit. Through the efforts of the two units further penetration was halted.

Enemy losses were 6 KIA's, 1 captured, 1 AK 47, and numerous Chicom grenades.

Destroyed or damaged equipment for "B" Platoon is as follows: 2 M-16's, 2 GP tents, 1 SEA hut, and 1 M-35 truck. "B" Platoon received 2 WIA's during this attack.

PART V

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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