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1st 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)
12th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco, 96602

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3 February, 1967
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division
Subj: Command Chronology for January; submission of
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1
Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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Command Chronology 1 January through 31 January 1967.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL

1. Reporting Unit: 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
2. Command Post: Phu Bai (YD893128)
3. Period Covered: 1-31 January 1967
4. Date Submitted: 3 February, 1967
5. Average Monthly Strength:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	6	0
Enlisted	137	5

6. Commanding Officer, Major E. D. LITZENBERGER
7. Principal Staff: N/A
8. Subordinate Units: N/A
9. Attachments and Detachments: U.S. Army 40mm M42 and crew located in battery position for air defense and local security.
10. Location of Units: One platoon of 8inch Howitzers is located at (YD643279)
11. Mission: Battery reinforcement of 4/12.

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PART II
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel:

- A. Throughout the month officer strength was at 75%. Enlisted at 87%.
- B. Thirty-two enlisted joined the battery.
- C. Two Marines were rotated home.
- D. Ten Marines took advantage of R&R.
- E. The twenty-four Marines that took advantage of the 30 days leave program returned to the battery.

2. Administrative: N/A3. Intelligence:

- A. The S-2 from 4th Battalion 12th Marines briefs the entire battery every Saturday morning at 0800.
- B. Continued minor harassment of perimeter by VC.

4. Training Highlights:

- A. FAM fire of all individual and crew-served weapons was held on the 11th and 27th of January at Dong Da.
- B. GAS classes were held on patrolling, UCMJ, leadership, field fortifications, and basic communications.
- C. MOS and on-the-job training was held throughout the month.
- D. A total of 72 hours of formal FDC school was held.
- E. A total of five eight-hours school/demonstrations were held for CAC(2) and 3rd Recon Bn. (3).
- F. At the end of the month there are a total of 2 officers and 10 enlisted enrolled in MOI courses, 1 enlisted in USAFI (high school), 2 officers and 2 enlisted in USAFI (college).
- G. During this reporting period the following formal school quotas were filled.
 - (1) Vietnamese language.....1
 - (2) Field radio operator.....1
 - (3) Basic ammunition technician.....1

5. Special Operations:

- A. On the 30th of January a platoon of 8" Howitzers deployed to PK 17 (YD643279).
- B. The fire support coordinator mentioned in the December report returned.

6. Command and Control:

- A. The battery is Opcom of fourth Battalion, 12th Marines.

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7. Communication and Electronics: The following is on loan.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>
A.	AN/PRC 25	2	4/12
B.	TA 312/EE8	3	Headquarters Bn. 3rd MarDiv
C.	TA-1/pt	2	Headquarters Bn. 3rd MarDiv
D.	RC 292	3	Headquarters Bn. 3rd MarDiv
E.	RC 292	1	4/12

8. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination: N/A9. Medical and Dental:

A. Medical Statistics

- (1) Total battle casualties.....0
- (2) Total number of personnel treated (routine).....92
- (3) Total immunizations given.....138

10. Logistics: The following additional items are on loan to CAC.

A. Supply

(1)	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
(a)	Cot, folding canvas	18
(b)	Insect bar, cot	9
(c)	Pole, folding cot (set)	9
(d)	Can, water	2

- (2) FSAO held an inspection of the supply account during the period 27th-29th of January. No significant discrepancies were noted.

- (3) Batteries BA-30 and 6TN are still in critical shortage.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 13 January - From 1230-1300 7 8inch HE rounds were fired on a VC ambush (860258), VC dispersed. Fire mission called by ARVN.
- 16 January - Battery patrol found 30-35 bags of rice in abandoned hut (898126). Estimated 1/2 to 1 ton of rice was found.
- 18 January - At 1800 fired 54 rounds 155mm Gun HE on 40 VC in open (908999). 10 KIA (prob). Mission was for 3rd Recon.
- 19 January - Phu Bai base was mortared from a position approximately 800 meters South of this position. The mortars were located immediately and reported to Division FSCC. Countermortar fire was withheld by order of Commanding General 3rd Marine Division.
- 20 January - At 1500 battery received one round of sniper fire.
- 21 January - At 1430 battery patrol picked up one Vietnamese woman (894124). Woman tore up document when patrol approached. Forwarded to IIT.
- At 2305 battery received one fragmentation grenade in outer wire of battery perimeter (896128). Fired 1 round 81mm illumination. Negative results.
- UNCLASSIFIED At 2015 two trip flares were set off by one or more VC (897128). Received at least two rounds of small arms. Returned M-79, small arms and fired 81mm illumination. Negative results.
- 22 January - At 0550 battery received 3 incoming grenades vicinity (896128). Spotted movement in front of wire. Fired M-79 and 81mm illumination. Searched area at first light, negative results.
- 25 January - Battery patrol found 1 igniter time fuze M-60, 5 rounds of M-1 carbine ammo, 150-200 parts of mortar rounds. All of the parts had been fired, 4 sacks of rice. Found (898126) same hut 1/2 to 1 ton of rice was found on 18 January.
- 28 January - At 1335 fired 4 WP and 5 HE 155mm Gun on VC sniper (880258). Excellent effect on target. 1 VC KIA (prob). Fire mission from elements of "F" 2/9.
- 30 January - At 1030 fired 3 WP and 13 HE 155mm Gun on 6 VC moving in low brush, 6 KIA (prob). Fired for 3rd Recon.

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	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>H&I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
155mm Gun	28	19	120	167
8" Howitzer	4	12	52	68
Total	32	31	172	235

Ammunition Expenditures:

High Explosive (Gun).....274

White Phosphorous (Gun).....54

Illumination (Gun).....13

High Explosive (8").....139

Surveillance:

<u>KIA (conf.)</u>	<u>KIA (prob.)</u>	<u>WIA (conf.)</u>	<u>WIA (prob.)</u>
0	17	0	0

Battery Patrols:.....Six**UNCLASSIFIED****CONFIDENTIAL**