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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SF)
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st 155 Gun Battery (SP)
4th Battalion, 12th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) EMF

Capt M. M. BAIG

Units OPCON 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Two U.S. Army M42's
D Battery, 1st Battalion
4th Artillery

DETACHED UNITS

1st 155 Gun Platoon - Operation CUMBERLAND (31 July)

2. LOCATION.

1-31 July: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 893128)
1-17 July: 155mm Gun Platoon, (YD 716106)

3. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
5		115	0		3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 12 July 1967, the platoon at Operation CUMBERLAND sustained an estimated 50-70 round 82mm mortar attack. The attack resulted in 1 friendly WIA.

On 17 July 1967, the platoon of 155mm Guns at (YD 716106) was released from its support of Operation CUMBERLAND and returned to the battery position at PHU BAI, RVN (YD 893127).

On 31 July 1967, a platoon of 155mm Guns were placed OPCON 1st MAG.

During the month of July, the battery continued to improve its defensive positions and defensive counter-attack plans. Seven new bunkers were built and situated within the perimeter to serve as both mortar bunkers and a second line of defense.

Education and training continued with classes in General Military Subjects and on the job training. Classes were held in First Aid, Venereal Disease, Assembly and Disassembly of M-16, Intelligence briefings, Patrol and LP Techniques, and NBC Defense.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. a. Combat Missions Assigned

1 July 1967 - 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) continues General Support PHU BAI AO.

1 July 1967 - 1st platoon, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) General Support Operation CUMBERLAND and Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.

b. Significant Operations.

1 July 1967 - 17 July - 1st Platoon, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Support Operation CUMBERLAND and Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.

31 July - 1st Platoon, 1st 155mm Gun Battery was placed OPCON to 1st Field Artillery Group.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

<u>KIA (Conf)</u>	<u>KIA (Prob)</u>
0	6

d. Casualties Sustained 1 WIA.

e. Logistics.

1. General. During this period the Battery remained ADCON/OPCON of 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

2. Supply. The overall supply picture is Satisfactory. Major items still on loan are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
a. TA-312/EEB	1	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
b. TA-1/PT	2	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
c. RC 292	3	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
d. Tent, General Purpose	7	HqBtry, 1st BAC
e. Telephone Set EE 8	2	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF
f. Truck, 3/4 Ton, M37B1	1	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv(Rein)FMF

3. Maintenance. During this period two Guns, 155mm (SP) M-53 had Quarterly Preventive Maintenance held. One weapon is deadlined for 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance.

4. Bunkers and Perimeter Security. During the month of July, seven

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new bunkers were built within the perimeter to serve as both Motar bunkers and a second line of defense. The Battery has continued to improve its defensive positions and defensive counter-attack plans. A continued wire laying effort has resulted in a network of wire designed to both impede and channelize the enemy.

5. Water. The battery continues to truck water from the Division water point.

f. Civic Action. During this period the battery assumed the responsibilities of the Civil Action Program in the Village Loc Bon (YD 926130). Several Med Caps and one Dent Cap have been held. The battery has begun its program to refurbish the center of the village.

g. Administration The Battery is ADCON, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

h. Personnel

Number of replacements received: 1 officer, 1 enlisted.
 Number of personnel rotated: 1 officer, 4 enlisted.
 Number of people lost through attrition rather than rotation:
 1 officer, transfer, 4 enlisted, transfer.
 Promotions: 4 to Corporal, 1 to Staff Sergeant, 2 to Lance Corporal.
 Six members of the Battery took advantage of the overseas extension program.

i. Fire Support

This battery furnished fire support as follows:
 General Support/Rein 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
 General Support Operation CUMBERLAND
 Direct Support designated Recon Patrols

j. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

PHU BAI 1-31 July 1967
 Operation CUMBERLAND

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1st Platoon (YD 716106)	24	7	125	156	208	0	39	247
155mm Guns (PHU BAI)	87	10	246	343	1002	42	249	1293

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following entries were taken from the computer records and fire reports.

- 021740H Jul67 - Fired 12 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 5 rounds 155mm Gun WP at suspected Viet Cong. Position vic YD 779979. Good effect on target. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 031955H Jul67 - Fired 18 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 3 rounds 155mm WP on suspected Viet Cong. Position vic YD 778975. Excellent effect on target. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 032255H Jul67 - Fired 12 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 1 round 155mm Gun WP at suspected enemy movement vic YD 76849479. Good effect on target. Battery credited with 2 probable KIA's. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 051950H Jul67 - Fired 63 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 4 rounds 155mm Gun WP at suspected Viet Cong. Position vic YD 763982. Good coverage on target. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 082250H Jul67 - Fired 3 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 2 rounds 155mm Gun WP at movement in a treeline vic YD 756964. Battery credited with 4 probable KIA's. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 101935H Jul67 - Fired 139 rounds 155mm Gun HE in support of surrounded Recon Patrol. Vic YD 983995. Outstanding coverage on target, Recon Patrol safely extracted. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Battalion. Additional 75 rounds fired on target area after extraction.
- 131515H Jul67 - Fired 30 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 37 rounds 155mm Gun WP at confirmed Viet Cong. Position vic YD 779975-YD 779980. Rounds on target. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 180956H Jul67 - Fired 6 rounds 155mm Gun HE at 15-20 Viet Cong in the open. Vic ZD 020010. Good coverage on target. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

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