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1st 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein) MAF  
APO San Francisco 96602

Command Chronology

1 August to 31 August 1967

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

Captain M. M. BAIG

Units OPCON 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Two U.S. Army M42's  
 "D" Battery, 1st Battalion  
 4th Artillery, 231 and 232

Detached Units

1st 155mm Gun Platoon - Operation CUMBERLAND (1 August - 5 August)

2. LOCATION

1-31 August: PHU BAI, RVN (YD 893128)  
 1-5 August: 155mm Gun Platoon, (YD 620095)

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>Officers</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
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On 5 August, 1967, the platoon of 155mm Guns at (YD 620095) were released from OPCON 1st FAG and its support of Operation CUMBERLAND and returned to the Battery position at PHU BAI, RVN (YD 893127).

During the month of August, the Battery continued to improve its defensive positions and defensive counter-attack plans. Two bunkers were rebuilt and additional wire was laid to better channelize the enemy into pre-designed killing zones. Four new counter-rocket plans were put in effect to provide more rapid and more accurate response.

As part of the battalion's overall security measures the Battery ran 7 night patrols and put out 4 listening post.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. a. Combat Missions Assigned

1 August, 1967 - 1st Platoon, 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), OPCON to 1st Field Artillery Group, General Support, Operation CUMBERLAND, and Direct Support designated Recon Patrol.  
 5 August - 9 August - 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), General Support, Operation HUSH.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

KIA (Conf)  
 0

KIA (Prob)  
 0

d. Casualties sustained. Nonee. 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-IPT	2	HqBn, 3dMARDIV(Rein)FMF
(b) RC 292	3	HqBn, 3dMARDIV(Rein)FMF
(c) Tent, General Purpose	7	HqBn, 3dMARDIV(Rein)FMF
(d) Telephone Set EEB	2	HqBn, 3dMARDIV(Rein)FMF

(3) Maintenance. During this period, several 155mm Guns (SP), M-53, have been deadlined for recoil cylinders and for sight mount problems. At present one weapon is deadlined awaiting replacement parts, two oil lines.

(4) Bunkers and Perimeter Security. During the month of August, two bunkers were completely rebuilt. 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.

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f. Civic Action. During this period the battery continued its Civic Action Program in the village of Loc Bon (TD 926130). During the month a school house was completed and instruction begun on the raising of pigs. During the month, 1631 villagers received medical treatment. Several Dent Cops were also held. A program will shortly be initiated to train Vietnamese civilians in basic First Aid so that they can eventually participate in the medical phase of the Civic Action Program.

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

h. Personnel

Number of replacements received: 4 enlisted  
 Number of personnel rotated: 9 enlisted  
 Number of personnel lost through attrition  
     other than rotation: 8 enlisted

Promotions: 3 to Lance Corporal, 5 to Corporal, 1 to Staff Sergeant

i. Recapitulation of fire missions

PHU BAI 1-31 August 1967

155 Gun (PHU BAI)	<u>OBS</u> 26	<u>UNOBS</u> 30	<u>H&amp;I</u> 470	<u>TOTAL</u> 526	<u>HE</u> 1043	<u>ILL</u> 109	<u>WP</u> 34	<u>TOTAL</u> 1221
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## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

- 052010H Aug 67 - Fired 27 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 29 rounds 155mm Gun WP at suspected Viet Cong observation post. Position vic YD 943969. Excellent coverage on target. Fire mission for 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 052130H Aug 67 - Fired 15 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected Viet Cong lights and movement vic YD 934974. Excellent coverage on target, lights extinguished. Fire mission for 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.
- 122145H Aug 67 - Fired 5 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected Viet Cong voices and movement vic YD 925985. Good coverage on target, voices silenced. Fire mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 141830H Aug 67 - Fired 60 rounds 155mm Gun HE at 30 suspected Viet Cong vic YD 885904, following extraction of a team from 3d Recon Battalion. Negative surveillance. Fire mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 191400H Aug 67 - Fired 33 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected Viet Cong position vic YD 833003. Rounds on target, negative surveillance. Fire mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 191500H Aug 67 - Fired 30 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected wounded Viet Cong vic YD 828998 following extraction of a team from 3d Recon Battalion. Negative surveillance. Fire mission for 3d Recon Battalion.
- 282100H Aug 67 - Fired 96 rounds 155mm Gun Illumination at suspected enemy position. vic YD 990064. Excellent coverage on target. Fire mission for Combined Action Company.

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