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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
4th Battalion, 12th Marines  
2nd Marine Division (Rein) FME

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1967

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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

Major N. J. BECKMAN

## UNITS OPCON 1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)

One U. S. ARMY M42  
 D Battery, 1st Battalion  
 44th Artillery

2. LOCATION

1-30 November: PHU BAI, RVN (YD893127)

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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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November, the battery continued to improve its position and defensive counter-attack plans. Construction was begun on one new perimeter defensive bunker, while improvements and modifications were effected on existing defensive and ammunition bunkers. During this period, the battery strengthened its defensive position with a system utilizing the emplacement of Claymore mines about the perimeter during the hours of darkness. As part of the battery's overall security measures, the battery ran 7 patrols and put out 7 listening posts during November.

M-16A1 rifles were issued as T/O weapons during this period. An effective training and indoctrination program on this weapon was carried out in compliance with existing directives with one hundred per cent battery participation.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. a. Combat Missions Assigned

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

b. Significant Operations

1 November - 30 November 1967 - General Support/Rein  
4th Battalion, 12th  
Marines Direct Support  
designated Recon Patrol

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemyKIA (Conf)KIA (Prob)

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d. Casualties Sustained 0e. 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. Telescope panoramic, M-100 | 1               | 1st 8in Howitzer<br>Battery (SP) |
| b. Sight, M34P2               | 1               | HqBn, 3dMarDiv<br>(Rein) FMF     |
| c. Compass, magnetic          | 15              | HqBn, 3dMarDiv<br>(Rein) FMF     |

3. Maintenance During this period, one Gun, 155mm (SP)  
had Quartely Preventive Maintenance.

4. Bunkers and Perimeter Security. During this period  
construction was begun on one new perimeter defen-  
sive bunker, while improvements and modifications

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were affected on existing defensive and ammunition bunkers. During this period the battery strengthened its defensive position with a system utilizing the emplacement of Claymore mines about the perimeter during the hours of darkness.

5. Water The battery continues to truck water from the Division water point.
- f. Civic Action The battery has continued its participation in a Civic Action Program in the Village of LOC BON (YD 926130). Frequent Med Caps and a program to refurbish the village have continued.
- g. Administration The battery is ADCON, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.
- h. Personnel  
 Number of replacements received: 1 Officer, 10 Enlisted  
 Number of personnel rotated: 1 Officer, 11 Enlisted  
 Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation: 3 transfer to other units  
 Promotions: 6 Corporals, 6 Lance Corporals
- i. Fire Support This battery furnished fire support as follows: General Support/Rein, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Direct Support designated Recon Patrols
- j. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

PHU BAI

1-30 November 1967

|                      | Obs | Unobs | H&I | Total | HE  | ILL | WP | Total |
|----------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| 155mm Guns (PHU BAI) | 19  | 11    | 176 | 206   | 414 | 26  | 14 | 454   |

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## PART IV

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

071535H November 67 - Fired 36 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 2 rounds 155mm Gun WP at VC bunkers and storage area. vic YD707140. Two secondary explosions, one bunker completely destroyed. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

091210H November 67 - Fired 4 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected NVA troop movement vic YD770077. Negative surveillance of the area, rounds on target. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Bn.

091815H November 67 - Fired 4 rounds 155mm Gun HE and 1 round 155mm Gun WP at suspected NVA position vic YD758079. Negative surveillance. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

092140H November 67 - Fired 6 rounds 155mm Gun WP at VC village (intelligence target) vic YD 774072. Negative surveillance. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

201400H November 67 - Fired 10 rounds 155mm Gun HE at suspected VC movement vic YD776054. Negative surveillance. Fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

211620H November 67 - Fired 6 rounds 155mm Gun HE at 5 enemy sampans vic YD745104. Outstanding coverage on target, 2 probable KIA. Fire mission for 3rd Recon Bn.

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