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From: Commanding Officer

To:

Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Via:

(1) Commanding Officer, lst Field Artillery Group

(2) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 January 1968

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(a) MCO 5750.24

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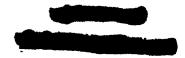
(d) Regt0 5750.2D

Encl: √(1) 1st 155 Gun Btry (SP) (-) (kein) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), (c), and (d) enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 January 1968.

2. This page is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January to 31 January 1968

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PART I (U)

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation 1st 155MM Gum Battery (SP) (Rein) Commander
Major N. J. BECKMAN

ATTACHED UNITS

2d Platoon, 3rd 8 inom Howitzer Battery (SP)

15-31Jan68

- 2. LOCATION
 1-31 January 1968; PHU BAI, RVN
- 3. BATTERY OFFICERS
 Executive Officer
 Assistant Executive Officer
 Fire Direction Officer
 Supply Officer

Capt. T. P. HOWE 1-31Jan68 lstLt E. A. SMYTH 1-31Jan68 2dLt J. B. GRAVES 1-31Jan68 lstLt A. P. EDEIMANN 1-31Jan68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>			
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5	125		

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PART II

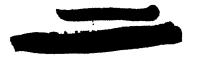
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 - 31 January 1968, the battery continued to improve its position and defensive fire plans. Construction was completed on 7 to perimeter fighting holes and 11 interior positions designed to provide rapid protection against mortar and/or rocket attacks. Interior positions bolster the secondary line of defense within the compound. In addition, 2 gun pits and 1 ammunition bunker were constructed. As a part of the battery's overall security measures, 5 patrols were run and 7 listening posts were established during the month of January.

On 26 January, 1968, the battery received an estimated 60-80 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. During the attack, 10 WIA's were sustained, 5 of which were from the 8" HOWITZER Platoon.

On 29 January, 1968, 2 155mm GUNS (SP), M-53, were signed over on temporary loan to the 5th 155mm GUN BTRY (SP) at Camp Ewans, RVN (YD53453153) for deployment with the 1st Air Cavalry Division, USA.







PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Losses
 - (1) Battle Evac: 4
 - (2) Battle Non-Evac: 1
 - (3) Non-Battle: None
 - (4) Administrative: 25
- b. Gains
 - (1) Replacements: 39
- c. POW's Captured: None
- d. Morale and Personal Services: Morale is good. Mail service has been good. PX and laundry service located in vicinity of Command Post.
- e. Awards and Decorations: None
- f. Promotions: 1: 1 Pvt to PFC
- g. <u>Billeting</u>: Furnished transient billeting to 26 enlisted personnel during January, 1968.
- h. Administration: Normal administration accomplished during the month.

2. OPERATIONS

- a. Combat Missions Assigned
 - (1) 1-14 January 1968 General Support/Rein 4/12 Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.
 - (2) 15-31 January 1968 General Support/Rein Later. 11-186.

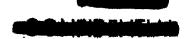
 Direct Support designated Recon Patrols.
- b. Recapitulation of Fire Missions

OBS	UNOBS	H&I	TOTAL
55	29	325	409

a. Entries

15 Jan 1968 ADCON/OPCON transferred from 4/12 to 1st FAG effective 151200H Jan68 - concurrently, assumed OPCON 2ndPlt., 3rd 8" HOWBtry(SP).

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- 16 Jan 1968 2nd Plt., 3rd 8" HOWETRY(SP) arrived from DaNang
- 26 Jan 1968 Battery received an estimated 60-80 rounds of 82mm mortars at 260130H Jan. 68 and sustained 10 WIA's, (5 WIA's were from 8" HOW)
- 27 Jan 1968 One platoon (equipment only, no personnel), chopped to CG, latAirCay, displaced to Camp Evens, grid YD53453153
- 29 Jan 1968 Equipment in above entry signed over to 5th 155 GUNBTRY (SP) on temporary loan

4. Significant Fire Missions

- 12115CH Jan. 68 Fired 4 rds WP and 4rds HE at 5 enemy bunkers vicinity YD939994; observer reported good effect on target, one bunker damaged. Mission for Division AO.
- 151050H Jan, 650 Fired 7 rds HE on enemy movement Vic YD979990.

 Observer reported outstanding coverage and that movement ceased. Mission for 1st Force Recon
- 301008H Jan, 68 Fired 5 rds WP and 9 rds HE at 3 VC with packs and rifles Vic YD715154; observer reported 3 confirmed KIA's. Mission shot for 1st Force Recon

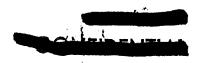
3. LOGISTICS

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 - (1) The overall supply status of the unit is satisfactory. Major items on loan are:

ITEM	CUANTITY 2	UNIT 1st 8" HOWDTRY (SP)
1. Telescope: Panoramic	MINO 2	HgBn, 3rdMarDiv (Rein) FMF
2. Sight, M34A2	٠	Homi, Maria Dir (Boda) FWF
3. Compass, Magnetic	15	HqBn, 3rdMarDiv (Rein) FMF
4 Artenna, RC-292	1	1st FAG
5. Aiming Circle	1	1st FAG
5, Tripod, Aiming Circl	e, M-24 l	1st FAG

Maintenance

(1) During January, 4 GUNS, 155mm (SP) M-53, received Quarterly Preventive Maintenance



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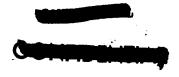
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G.	Ammunition Expended	(1-31	January	1968)
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	HE 1195	TLIUM 166	WP 26	TOTAL 1387	
4.	Jun Status				
SER.NO. 213243 213252	M-53	data di	CAN BE FIRED Yes	MONTK OKOHEN#	REMARKS
2132 32 213242	M-53 M-53	‰ De ≪ 7	Yes N	0-3318	Transmission/ and Equalibrator Location FLSG(A)





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TAB (D) (1st 155 GunBtry(SP) (-) Command Chronology) to Enclosure (1) (Command Chronology)