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OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS)
TO 1ST FAG COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

(1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY
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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
1st Field Artillery Group
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October to 31 October 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Major B. A. MUTCH JR
 1-31 October 1968
2. Location
 1-31 October 1968, PHU BAI, RVN (YD89391285)
3. Battery Officers
 Executive Officer Capt M. H. LONG 1-31 Oct 1968
 Assistant Executive Officer 1st Lt J. J. CALLAHAN III 1-31 Oct 1968
 Fire Direction Officer 1st Lt M. L. JOHNSON 1-31 Oct 1968
 Assistant Fire Direction Officer 2nd Lt G. M. SIMPSON 1-31 Oct 1968
 Supply Officer 1st Lt G. M. HAUGEN 1-31 Oct 1968
4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
6	126

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	3

<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of October the Battery continued to improve its position area rebuilding ammunition bunkers, personnel bunkers, fighting holes, and the FDC bunker. Particular emphasis was placed on building of new bunkers on the perimeter. Six bunkers were torn down and completely rebuilt along with new 81mm mortar pit and ammunition bunkers. Also the fighting holes on the perimeter were greatly improved.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of October:

<u>1st FAG</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Total</u>
42	1512	1554

The following missions were fired during the month of October:

<u>CBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
74	77	245	396

The consolidated surveillance received for missions fired during the month is as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>STRUCTURES</u>	<u>BUNKERS</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>EXPLOSIONS</u>
0	0	0	0

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PART III

1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration

(1) LOSSES

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u>
Administrative	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Battle KIA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle WIA (Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle DOW	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Non-Battle	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(2) REPLACEMENTS	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
(3) NET LOSS	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(4) NET GAIN	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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b. Intelligence. The Battery occupies "E" Tower of the PHU BAI perimeter OP System and aids in counter rocket/mortar target acquisition. Also the PHU BAI Base Defense has been providing a night observation device in the tower as part of the defense system and target acquisition. Other intelligence target acquisition data is obtained from S-2 1st FAG.

c. Organization and Operations. The Battery continues to have the mission of reinforcing XXIV Corps Artillery, U. S. Army.

d. Training. During the period 1-31 October the Battery scheduled and held nine hours of formal classes on general military subjects. Average attendance at these classes was 80%. A more formal method of training in general military subjects has been initiated with results proving satisfactory. In addition to these classes each section in the Battery held ten hours of section training.

e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. At the end of the reporting period six guns were operational. The Battery continues to experience trouble with broken sight mounts. Reasons for sight mount breakage remains unexplainable. Several guns have also experienced trouble with their nitrogen systems. Other areas of logistics remain satisfactory.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or civil affairs programs during the month of October. No MedCaps were performed.

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- 09 OCT 68 LP reported seeing someone running from them as they left the Battery position enroute to their post. After reaching the post the LP reported hearing movement behind them. Post D3 fired hand illum and reported seeing two dogs. (Effective 092230H October 1968) Ref: Base Defense Log 9 October 1968 and Watch Officer's Journal.
- 19 OCT 68 No LP sent out because of U. S. Army operation in front of position. (Effective 192200H October 1968) Ref: Watch Officer's Journal.
- 25 OCT 68 LP resumed because of completion of U. S. Army operation in front of position. (Effective 252200H October 1968) Ref: Watch Officer's Journal.
- 26 OCT 68 Received one night sighting device from Base Defense to be used in "E" Tower for night observation. The device will be returned to the Army each day. (Effective 261900H October 1968) Ref: Watch Officer's Journal.

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