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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 January to 31 January 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Major R. E. LEVA (1-31 JAN69)
2. Location
1-31 January 1969, Hill 55 (AT96606216)
Hill 55 (AT87595744)
3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt L. E. JOHNSON (1-31 JAN69)
Assistant Executive Officer	1st Lt J. J. CALLAHAN III (1-31 JAN 69)
Fire Direction Officer	1st Lt M. L. JOHNSON (1-31 JAN69)
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	2nd Lt G. D. SIMPSON (1-31 JAN69)
Supply Officer	Capt G. M. HAUGEN (1-31 JAN69)
4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
6	147

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	3

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative

During the month of January the Battery continued to occupy positions on Hill 55 and Hill 65. During the month an extensive building program was continued with work being done on ammunition bunkers and personnel bunkers at both positions.

Also during the month work was started on a new FDC bunker at the position on Hill 55. At the time of this report the work on the bunker is nearing completion.

The Battery is now sharing its position on Hill 55 with Counter Mortar Radar from the 1st Field Artillery Group. Counter Mortar shares the FDC facilities with Battery FDC and will be with FDC in the new FDC bunker.

The Battery is also making preparations for the receipt of the 175mm Guns (M107) sometime during the month of February. Personnel from the Guns, FDC and Maintenance have been attending training sessions with Army 175mm Gun units at Bravo Btry, 3th Battalion, 4th Arty Corps and at CHU LMI.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of January:

MAF	Army	TOTAL
<u>1144</u>	<u>1797</u>	<u>3241</u>

The following missions were fired during the month of January:

OBS	UNOBS	WAI's	TOTAL
<u>39</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>515</u>

The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of January.

KIA		STRUCTURES	BUNKERS	SECONDARY
Prob	Conf	DAMAGED/DESTROYED	DAMAGED/DESTROYED	EXPLOSIONS
<u>24</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

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PART III

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) LOSSES

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administrative	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle KIA	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Battle MIA (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>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(2) REPLACEMENTS	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(3) NET LOSS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
(4) NET GAIN	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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b. Intelligence. The Battery receives its intelligence and target acquisition from the 11th Marine Regiment. Also the Battery has been receiving target acquisition intelligence from the Special Forces unit located at THUONG JUC, RVN throughout the month of January.

c. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to have the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery participated in Operation Mead River, and is now participating in Operation Taylor Common.

d. Training. During the month of January the Battery conducted 7 hours of formal schooling which included 4 hours of weapon safety and 3 hours of FAM firing of the 50 cal machine gun, M-60 machine gun and the M-16 rifle. 20 new personnel were given the Vietnam Orientation Lectures by the Commanding Officer.

During the month 6 FDC personnel went to Chart Operator and Computer School; also the FDC and MFDC attended an orientation conference at Bravo Battery, 3th Battalion, 4th Artillery, US Army in connection with fire direction procedures used on the 175mm Guns. Two FDC personnel attended FADAC Operator School at 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. 10 maintenance personnel went MAB to 533th Ordnance Co., CHU LI, RVN for on-the-job training with the M107, 175mm Gun, and 21 O311 gun crewman attended on-the-job training on the M107 with Bravo Btry, 3th Battalion, 4th Artillery, US Army.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. At the end of the reporting period only one M-53 is not operationally ready. Gun #213242 has electrical and generator problems. One of the M64 Eimco's is at 1st FBR for a complete rebuild.

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

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- 01 JAN 69 Alfa position reported taking one HE round on side of Hill 65 and five other rounds landed below the hill in the village. Incident was reported to 11th Marines. (Effective at 1700H Jan 69) Ref: Watch Officers log 1 January 1969.
- 20 JAN 69 Special Forces (THUCNG DUC) reported that on the night of 15 Jan the Battery killed 1 NVA squad of 10 men with HE-I round. This was a confirmed body count. (Effective at 2000H Jan 69) Ref: Watch Officers log of 20 January 1969.
- 26 JAN 69 Special Forces (THUCNG DUC) reported that the Battery got 24 probable KIA's from the HE-I's fired the night previous on 25 January. The Special Forces received their report from villagers in the area. (Effective 262020H Jan 69) Ref: Watch Officers log of 26 January 1969.

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