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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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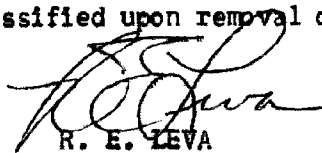
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1 March to 31 March 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Commanded

Major R. E. LEVA (1-31 Mar 1969)

2. Location

1-8 March 1969, Hill 55, RVN (AT 96606216)
 1-2 March 1969, Hill 65, RVN (AT 87595744)
 8-31 March 1969, Hill 34, RVN (AT 98557194)
 5-31 March 1969, An Hoa, RVN (AT 86624707)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer
 Asst Executive Officer

Fire Direction Officer
 Asst Fire Direction Officer
 Liaison Officer
 Supply Officer

Capt L. E. JOHNSON (1-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt J. J. CALLAHAN (1-5 Mar 1969)
 1stLt S. D. HILL (10-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt M. L. JOHNSON (1-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt G. D. SIMPSON (1-31 Mar 1969)
 1stLt W. F. FORESTER (13-31 Mar 1969)
 Capt G. M. HAUGEN (1-31 Mar 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
7	151

<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 SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of March 1969, the Battery occupied positions during the first of the month on Hill 55, RVN. On 2 March 1969, the Alfa detachment of two 155mm guns moved from Hill 65 back to the Battery position at Hill 55.

On 1 March 1969, Alfa detachment equipped with two new 175mm guns was deployed to a position in An Hoa, under the command of 1stLt G. D. SIMPSON.

On 5 March 1969, the Battery became fully operational 175mm Gun Battery. Four guns remained on Hill 55, while the detachment proceeded to An Hoa. The last rounds fired by the M53 155mm Gun in this Battery occurred at 050430H.

On 8 March 1969, four 175mm Guns and the Battery Headquarters displaced to Hill 34, where the Battery is presently located. Since arriving in position the Battery has continued a program of improving the gun pits, ready ammunition pits and living areas. Also the "A" position at An Hoa improved their position by building defensive and ammunition bunkers and improving their gun positions.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of March.

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Total</u>
155G	211	94	305
175G	1413	111	1524

3. The following missions were fired during the month of March.

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>HRI's</u>	<u>Total</u>
72	198	296	566

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of March is as follows:

<u>KIA</u>		<u>Structures</u>	<u>Bunkers</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
<u>Prob</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>	<u>Explosions</u>
0	0	0	0	3

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	1	12	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	17	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	4	0	0

b. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from the 11th Marine Regiment. The Battery since moving from Hill 55 has been receiving additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

c. Organizations and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery has fired in support of Oklahoma Hills, which is currently in progress. Between 5 - 30 March 1969 the Alfa detachment was placed under the operational control of the 2ndBn, 11th Marines with a General Support Reinforcing Mission.

d. Training. During the month of March 1969, the Battery conducted four hours of formal schooling and also four hours of weapon safety on the M16 rifle. In addition, the Battery had three hours of FAM fire with the M16 rifle and the M60 machine gun. In addition seventeen new personnel were given Vietnam Orientation lectures by the Commanding Officer.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month, the Battery experienced no major problems with the receipt of the new M107's on the supply systems. At the end of the reporting period all M107's were in an operational status and all logistics, equipment and supply in a satisfactory basis.

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f. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no Civic Action or Civil Affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries

01 Mar 1969 - 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP), redesignated to 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (Ref: CG 1stMarDiv msg 281430Z) Feb 1969.

02 Mar 1969 - The Alfa detachment of 155mm guns displaced from Hill 65, RVN, and returned to Hill 55, RVN, (Effective 1700H 2 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's log and morning Report)

04-05 Mar 1969 - Alfa detachment of 175mm guns (M107) displaced from Battery position on Hill 55, RVN, and departed to position at An Hoa, RVN. (Effective 1800H 4 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's Log and Morning Report)

05 - March 1969 - Battery became operational with the 175mm gun at 1200H, (Effective 1200H 5 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officers Log)

08 Mar - 1969 - The Battery and Headquarters displaced from Hill 55, RVN, to Hill 34, RVN, where it assumed present positions. (Effective 1600H Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's Log and Morning Report)

08 Mar 1969 - Battery received word that Alpha detachment at An Hoa, RVN, was mortared by enemy forces. Approximately 20 82mm rounds landed in position. "A" position received one WIA and three WIANE. One M35A2C truck was damaged and one M2 Aming Circle was destroyed. (Effective 0800H 8 Mar 1969) (Ref: Watch Officer's Log)

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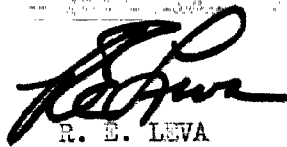
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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FME
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation Commander

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) Major R. E. LEVA
1-30 April 1969

2. Location

1-30 April 1969, Hill 34, RVN (AT 98557194)
1-12 April 1969, An Hoa, RVN (AT 86624707) (2 gun detachment)
12-30 April 1969, Hill 55, RVN (AT 96606216) (3 gun detachment)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer Capt. L.E. JOHNSON (1-30 Apr 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer 1stLt. S.D. HILL (1-30 Apr 1969)
Fire Direction Officer 1stLt. M.L. JOHNSON (1-30 Apr 1969)
Asst. Fire Direction Officer 1stLt. G.D. SIMPSON (1-30 Apr 1969)
Liaison Officer 1stLt. W.F. FORESTER (1-30 Apr 1969)
Supply Officer Capt. G.M. HAUGEN (1-18 Apr 1969)
2dLt. L. WARD (19-30 Apr 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Other	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
7	151	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of April 1969, the Battery occupied two positions; 1-12 April four guns were on Hill 34 and two guns composed the Alpha detachment at An Hoa under the command of First Lieutenant G. D. SIMPSON.

On 12 April 1969, two guns were deployed to the new Alpha position on Hill 55 under the command of first Lieutenant S. D. HILL. The former Alpha detachment moved from An Hoa to Hill 34 and rejoined the Battery.

On 13 April 1969, an additional gun was deployed to the Alpha detachment giving them three guns while three guns remained at the Battery position on Hill 34. This was effective through 30 April 1969.

Since arriving at Hill 34 on 8 March 1969, the Battery has continued to improve gun pits, ammo bunkers, lighting systems for illumination of the perimeter wire, living quarters, shower and head facilities, and is currently rebuilding the berm.

On 27 April 1969, ASP #1 exploded causing light to heavy damage to the buildings in the Battery area. Since that date repairs on the buildings has continued. Equipment incurred minor damage, mostly to vehicle canvas.

The Alpha detachment has effected a rigorous improvement program for gun pits, bunkers, protective wire on their perimeter, living quarters, and head and shower facilities.

Three Battery officers rotate on a weekly basis as the Alpha detachment commander.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of April:

	1st MAF	Army	ROK	Total
175 Gun HE	896	0	12	908

3. The following missions were fired during the month of April:

Obs	Unobs	H&I's	Total
32	198	46	235

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of April is as follows:

KIA		Structures	Bunkers	Secondary
Prob	Conf	Damaged/Destroyed	Damaged/Destroyed	Explosions
8	0	0 3	0 0	1

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration(1) Losses

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	1	9	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	16	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	6	0	0

b. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

c. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery continued to fire in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills, which was in progress from 1-30 April 1969. The Battery has also fired in support of the Korean Marine Brigade. On 12 April 1969, the Alpha detachment at An Hoa rejoined the Battery. The detachment had been OPCON to the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines, assuming a General Support/reinforcing mission from 1-12 April 1969.

d. Training. During the month of April 1969, Battery personnel received eight hours of formal training, four hours of weapons safety, six hours FAM firing of .50 Cal Machine Guns, M60 Machine Guns, M16 Rifle, M79 Grenade Launcher and M26 Hand Grenades; also sixteen hours of section training was held. One Staff NCO and one Lance Corporal attended the Division NCO Leadership School, one Enlisted attended the I Corps Generator School and one Sergeant attended the Division Career Planning Course. One Enlisted attended the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course held in Okinawa. In addition, sixteen personnel were given a Vietnamese Orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month the Battery experienced no major problems with the new M107's or the supply system. At the end of the reporting period, all M107's were in an operational status and all logistics, equipment and supply in a satisfactory basis.

f. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no Civic Action or Civil Affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.


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SECRET2. Entries

- 12 April 1969 - New Alpha detachment with two guns deployed to Hill 55.
 Effective 1305H 12 April 1969
 Old Alpha detachment deployed from An Hoa
 Effective 1400H 12 April 1969
 New Alpha detachment in position at Hill 55. Old Alpha detachment arrived at Hill 34 and in position
 Effective 1954H 12 April 1969
- 13 April 1969 - One Gun departed Hill 34
 Effective 1100H 13 April 1969
 Gun arrived Hill 55
 Effective 1242H 13 April 1969
- 27 April 1969 - ASP #1 started burning with small explosions. The incident was approximately 1600 meters Northeast of Battery position on Hill 34
 Effective 1045H 27 April 1969
 Fire had increased and appeared to be endangering the Battery position. Removed communications equipment from communications tent to a safe distance by truck
 Effective 1400H 27 April 1969
 POL Dump 100 meters Northeast of the Battery position caught fire causing dangerous hazard to FDC and gun pits. Guns were moved a safe distance away. FDC technical control shifted to Alpha detachment.
 Effective 1430H 27 April 1969
 Fire was contained to a small portion of the POL dump. FDC control was reestablished at battery area, guns were relayed in gun pits.
 Effective 1730H 27 April 1969
 Heavy explosions continued causing damage from shock waves and heavy shrapnel to buildings in Battery area. Fires continued until late afternoon 28 April 1969
 Effective 1800-2200H 27 April 1969

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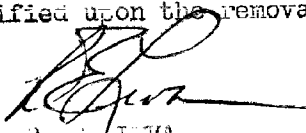
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

CommanderMajor R. E. LEVA
1-31 May 19692. Location1-31 May 1969, -(CP)- Hill 34, RVN (AT 98557194)
1-31 May 1969, -(Alpha position)- Hill 55, RVN (AT 96606216)3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt. L.E. JOHNSON (1-31 May 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer	1stLt. S.D. HILL (1-31 May 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. G.D. SIMPSON (1-31 May 1969)
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. W.F. FORESTER (1-31 May 1969)
Liaison Officer	1stLt. R.K. HANSON (1-31 May 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt. L. WARD (1-31 May 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
6	150

USN	
Off	Enl
0	3

Other	
Off	Enl
0	0

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of May 1969, the Battery occupied two positions. Three guns were located on Hill 34 along with the Battery CP. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55.

Improvements continued on the burn on Hill 34. New concertina wire was placed around our perimeter. Two additional flood lights were also installed.

Work was begun on our present security bunker to enlarge it into an FDC.

The Alpha position also added more concertina wire to its perimeter. Also, six 500 watt flood lights were installed. It was the first lights ever installed around their perimeter.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of May:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>Total</u>
175 Gun HE	705	0	0	705

3. The following missions were fired during the month of May:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>HEI's</u>	<u>Total</u>
14	104	85	203

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of May are as follows:

<u>KIA</u>		<u>Structures</u>	<u>Bunkers</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
<u>Prob</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>	<u>Explosions</u>
0		0 0	0 0	0

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration(1) Losses

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	0	21	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	12	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	9	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	0

b. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

c. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support reinforcing of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery fired in support of Operation Oklahoma Hills until its termination on 30 May 1969.

d. Training. During the month of May 1969, the Battery personnel received eight hours of formal training; four hours of weapons safety, four hours of weapons safety, four hours of fan firing of the 50 Cal. machine guns, M 60 machine gun, M 16 rifle, M 79 grenade launcher and M 26 hand grenades. Also four hours of section training was held. One Lance Corporal attended the Division NCO Leadership School and one enlisted man was sent to the Embarkation School in Okinawa. Fourteen new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.


e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. The Logistics/Supply status of the Battery is good. No major problems have arisen in conjunction with the M107, 175mm Gun. Logistical/Supply support from this units supporting elements was satisfactory. It is anticipated that as the M107 increases in usage and age a larger, more complete stock of 2nd echelon repair parts will be made available from the supply units which service the M107.

f. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no Civic Action or Civil Affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries


14 May 1969 - Fired counter-rocket fire while Danang was taking incoming rockets. (Effective at 0215H Feb 69) Ref: Watch Officer's log of 14 May 1969.

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 14 May 1969 - Post #4 was hit with a CS grenade, thrown by a Vietnamese riding a motor-cycle west on Route #8, Danang, RVN. (Effective at 2020H May 1969) Ref: Watch Officers log of 14 May 1969.

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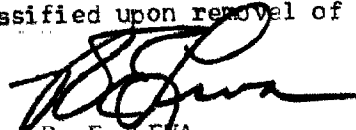
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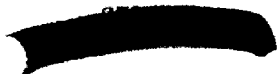
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP) Major R. E. LEVA 1-30 June 1969
2. Location
 1-30 June 1969 (CP), Hill 34, RVN (AT98557149)
 1-30 June 1969 (Alpha position), Hill 55, RVN (AT96606216)
3. Battery Officers
- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Executive Officer | Capt L. E. JOHNSON | (1-30 June 1969) |
| Asst Executive Officer | 1stLt W. F. FORESTER | (1-30 June 1969) |
| Fire Direction Officer | 1stLt G. D. SIMPSON | (1-30 June 1969) |
| Asst Fire Direction Officer | 1stLt S. D. HILL | (1-30 June 1969) |
| Liaison Officer | 1stLt R. K. HANSON | (1-30 June 1969) |
| Supply Officer | 2dLt L. WARD | (1-30 June 1969) |
4. Average Monthly Strength
- | USMC | | USN | | Other | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of June 1969, the battery occupied two positions. Three guns were located on Hill 34 along with the battery CP. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55.

A barrier wire construction program was continued at both positions to strengthen our defensive posture. Tangle foot, apron and concertina was placed around the berm. Also intra battery wire was started around the gun pits, FDC and the living quarters. Since 25 April 1969, some 75 rolls of single strand wire and 1440 rolls of concertina have been added.

Work continued on the new FDC bunker. All that remains is finishing the inner walls and constructing the firing charts.

Five additional sea huts were constructed at the Battery CP. Also an extension to the battery office was built. This extension provided a room for the S and C plus office space for various sections in the battery.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of June:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	3225	0	0	3225

3. The following missions were fired during the month of June:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>H&I's</u>	<u>Total</u>
23	567	120	710

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of June were as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>Structures</u>	<u>Bunkers</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
<u>Pmb Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged/Des</u>	<u>Explosions</u>
0	0	0	0

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

A. Personnel and Administration


(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	0	10	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	2	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	21	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	9	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. The Battery fired in support of Operation PipeStone Canyon through the month of June.

D. Training. During the month of June 1969, the Battery personnel received ten hours of formal training; four hours of weapons safety, and four hours of fan firing of the 50 cal. machine gun, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenades. Also four hours of section training was held. Seventeen new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. The Supply and Logistics situation in this unit since the last reporting period has improved. Faster response from this units supply support element has helped to reduce the vehicle deadline time for parts. Excellent support has been recieved by this unit particularly in response to this units increased requirement in usage of Class IV barrier material.


F. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic Action or civil affairs program during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries

20 June 1969 - was informed by brief radio message that our Alpha position Hill 55 was taking incoming small arms fire. (Effective at 0545 Hr June 1969). Ref. Watch Officers log of 20 June 1969.

20 June 1969 - Alphs reported no further incoming - no positive identification of rounds no damage or injuries. (Effective at 0553H June 1969). Ref. Watch Officers log of 20 June 1969.

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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
APO San Francisco 96602

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Commander

Major R. E. LEVA 1-12 July 1969
 Capt. F. H. DOUGLAS
 13 - 31 July 1969

2. Location

1-31 July 1969 (CP) Hill 34 RVN (AT98557194)
 1-31 July 1969 (Alpha position), Hill 55 RVN (AT96606216)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt L. E. JOHNSON	(1-31 July 1969)
Asst Executive Officer	1stLt W. F. FORESTER	(1-31 July 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt G. D. SIMPSON	(1-31 July 1969)
Asst Fire Direction Officer	1stLt S. D. HILL	(1-31 July 1969)
Liaison Officer	1stLt R. K. HANSON	(1-31 July 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt L. WARD	(1-31 July 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Other	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
7	158	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of July 1969, the battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns were located on Hill 34 along with the Battery CP. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55.

The intra wire program was mostly completed. All that remains at this time is the wire that will be placed around the new gun pads. Three new gun pads were constructed this past month. Although at the present time they are not in use as the HE and powder pits are not completed.

Construction on three new personnel bunkers on the gun line was started this month. When completed the entire gun crews will be able to live on the gun line.

The FDC bunker was completed and became operational on 19 July 1969.

Work continued on perimeter security all unspent 175mm Charge 1 and 2 powder bags were placed out in the wire. Not only will they provide a considerable amount of light but also will prove to be quite an effective weapon in case of a ground attack.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of July:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	1675	0	0	1675

3. The following missions were fired during the month of July:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-Emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
29	344	65	439

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of July were as follows.

<u>KIA</u>		<u>Structures</u>		<u>Bunkers</u>		<u>Secondary</u>
<u>Prob</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>		<u>Damaged/Destroyed</u>		<u>Explosions</u>
0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Administrative	1	9	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	15	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	6	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. On the 21st of July the Battery fired its first rounds in support of operation Durham Peak.

D. Training. During the month of July 1969, the Battery personnel received eight hours of formal training, four hours of weapons safety, and four hours of fam firing of the 50 cal. Machine guns, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenades. Also four hours of section training was held. We had 70 men attend training by the division mobil training unit. We had one SNCO attend Career Planning school held by division. Thirteen new personnel were given a Vietnamese Orientation Lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. The overall Supply Logistics situation in this unit is good. The vehicle deadline rate is at a relatively low rate due to excellent response to requisition for 2nd Echelon repair parts. This units supply cargo manifest is complete, no problems are foreseen if this unit is obliged to deploy.

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F. Civic Action/Civic Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or civil affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries.

23 July 1969 - CS gas in the area from post #32 along the berm and gun line including the FDC. 4/11 security was notified. (Effective at 0110 Hr. 23 July) Ref: Watch Officers log of 23 July 1969.

23 July 1969 - Post #32 reported a person in the wire. Upon gaining clearance from the OD of 4/11 Lt WARD fired two rounds which dropped the person in the wire. A follow up patrol at first light found no body. Although much blood was found at the scene of the incident. (Effective at 0200 Hr. 23 July 1969) Ref: Watch Officers log of 23 July 1969.

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1ST 175MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCOMMANDER

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

Capt. F. H. DOUGLAS
1 - 31 August 19692. Location

1-31 August 1969 CP Hill 34 RVN (AT 98557194)
 1-28 August 1969 Alpha Position, Hill 55 RVN (AT 96606216)
 28-31 August 1969 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment
 RVN (AT 92048008)

3. BATTERY OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Capt L. E. JOHNSON	(1-31 August 1969)
Asst Executive Officer	1stLt W. F. FORESTER	(1-31 August 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt G. D. SIMPSON	(1-31 August 1969)
Asst Fire Direction Officer	1stLt S. D. HILL	(1-31 August 1969)
Liaison Officer	1stLt R. K. HANSON	(1-31 August 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt L. WARD	(1-31 August 1969)
Battery Officer	1stLt J. D. WEBER	(23-31 August 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
7	161	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of August the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other three guns composed the Alpha detachment on Hill 55 until 28 August when they displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

The building program continues at the Hill 34 position with the HE and Powder Bunkers nearing completion. The intra wire program was mostly completed except around the new gun positions.

Construction on three personnel bunkers on the gun line at Hill 34 was completed this month. The berm light wiring was changed by the Seabees producing increased lighting of the wire and surrounding areas.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of August:

175 Gun HE	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	1428	0	0	1428

3. The following missions were fired during the month of August:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
25	274	51	350

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of August were as follows:

<u>KIA</u>		<u>STRUCTURES</u>	<u>BUNKERS</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
<u>PROB</u>	<u>CONF</u>	<u>DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>EXPLOSIONS</u>
0	7	0	1	1

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

A. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	0	13	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	14	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	1	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. During the month of August the Battery fired its first rounds in support of operation Pipestone Canyon.

D. Training. During the month of August the Battery personnel received 12 hours of formal training, 5 hours of weapons safety, and 4 hours of ~~fan~~ firing of the 50 cal. machine gun, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenade. Also 4 hours of section training was held by each section in the Battery. Training by the Division Mobile Training Unit was attended by 75 men, one corporal attended NCO Leadership School, one Staff Sergeant attended career planning school at Division and one Lieutenant attended Officer Leadership School at Division and Registered Publication School at Division. Eighteen new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lectures by the CO.

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E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of August this unit submitted two-hundred and sixty-eight (268) requisitions to the Supply source, of these requisitions seventy-nine (79) were completed. There were seven (7) requisitions for major items with one (1) completed. One (1) duplication machine was received which increased the administrative office's efficiency, with considerable man hours saved. One (1) AN/PRC-109 was deadlined as a result of the vehicle component being code "H". Two (2) general purpose tents were also code "H". Receipt and exchange of secondary reparable items is of major concern with special emphasis on a telescope, panoramic M115. One radio, AN/PRC-25 was deadlined for lack of a secondary reparable item for exchange. Of ten (10) requests submitted only three (3) were filled. Warehousing space for bulk items were obtained through utilization of a building vacated by personnel moving to recently acquired gun crew bunkers. GA-cards were submitted on this unit's critical repair parts and combat essential T/E equipment. At present time this unit is in C-1 status. Equipment repair turn-around time at 1stFSR is still on a fast turn-over for third and fourth echelon.

F. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or civil affairs programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

2. Entries. None

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5750
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

CommanderCapt. F. H. DOUGLAS
1 - 30 September 19692. Location1-30 September 1969 CP Hill 34 RVN (AT 98557194)
1-30 September 1969 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment
RVN (AT 92048008)3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt. L. E. JOHNSON	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer	1stLt. R. K. HANSON	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. W. F. FORESTER	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. J. J. PRESTON	(1-30 Sep 1969)
Liaison Officer	2ndLt. J. W. MONACO	(8-30 Sep 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt. J. D. WEBER	(1-30 Sep 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
7	171	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of September the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other three guns composed the Alpha Detachment at the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

The HE and powder bunkers at the CP position were completed. Repairs were started and completed on the HE and powder bunkers at the Alpha position.

On the night of 5 September a small force of about 12 NVA/VC attempted to probe the CP position. They were spotted by the outposts and fired upon when they approached the defensive wire. Movement in front of the wire continued throughout the night with an estimated 5 probable enemy casualties. In the morning at first light a squad sized patrol swept the area and captured one wounded VC Master Sergeant and a small cache of weapons which included 3 satchel charges, 1 RPG round, 8 home-made grenades in C-Ration cans, and one AK-47 magazine with 52 rounds. Interrogation of the prisoner by 1st ITT disclosed that their mission was to destroy the 175mm guns and as much of the CP as possible. They expected mortar support but did not have it at the time of the probes. No friendly casualties resulted from this action.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of September:

175 Gun HE	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	2798	0	0	2798

3. The following missions were fired during the month of September:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Totals</u>
44	484	22	550

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of September were as follows:

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

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses

	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	3	25	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Nonevac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	3	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	32	0	0
(3) Net loss	1	0	0	0
(4) Net gain	0	4	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. No new operations were fired upon in the month of September.

D. Training. During the month of September the Battery personnel received 12 hours of formal training, 4 hours of weapon safety, and 4 hours of fan firing of the 50 Cal. machine gun, M60 machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 grenade launcher and M26 hand grenade. Four hours of section training was held by each section in the Battery. Training by the Division Mobile Training Unit was attended by 64 men; 22 new personnel were given the Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of September this unit submitted two-hundred and seventy-six (276) requisitions to the supply source. Of these requisitions one-hundred and thirty-two (132) were completed. There were ten (10) requisitions for major end items with six (6) being completed. This unit received three (3) trucks, M151 which improved our motor transport and communications operations status. Also received one (1) radio AN/PRC-25. All

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monsoon equipment with the exception of rain hats and boots are completed. One (1) high pressure cleaning unit was also received. Two (2) TA-312's telephones were received. FDC received their aiming circle which had been sent to D. K. The armorer received two (2) Star-light scopes and one (1) .50 ca. machine gun. One (1) M-60 machine gun was lost to Code H status. Critical repair parts which caused GA card submission have either been received or removed from critical list. One (1) M107 gun has been permanently replaced by a float gun from 1st FSR. At the present time this unit is in C-1 status. A complete summary can be obtained from this Unit's Log-Sum report. Third echelon maintenance has slowed down considerably from last month. One (1) tanker, M-49 has been down for third echelon repair for an unusually long time. This unit's logistics still remain in an overall good condition with the exception of Supply personnel. Two (2) men were unexpectedly lost due to Med-Evac and emergency leave.

2. Entries.

5 Sep 1969 - Post #32 reported 9 to 12 men approaching the wire. When the suspected enemy approached the immediate vicinity of the wire the post was given permission to open fire. One probable enemy casualty was reported and the enemy broke contact. (Effective 052305H Sep 1969). Ref: Watch officer's log of 05 September and SPOTREP of 052305H sent to 11th Marines.

5 Sep 1969 to 6 Sep 1969 - Various incidents were reported by Posts #31 and #32 in which the enemy was observed attempting to withdraw dead or wounded and to reenter the wire. (Effective 052305H Sep 1969 to 060600H Sep 1969). Ref: Watch officer's log of 05 and 06 Sep 1969.

6 Sep 1969 - A squad sized patrol swept the area in front of the wire and captured a 23 year old man and a small cache of weapons. (Effective 060630H Sep 1969). Ref: SPOTREP dated 060815H Sep 1969.

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1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)

CommanderCaptain F. H. DOUGLAS
1 - 31 October 19692. Location1-31 October 1969 CP Hill 34 RVN (AT 98557194)
1-31 October 1969 Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment
RVN (AT 92048008)3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer

Capt. L. E. JOHNSON

(1-31 Oct 1969)

Asst. Executive Officer

1stLt. R. K. HANSON

(1-12 Oct 1969)

1stLt. J.J. PRESTON

(12-31 Oct 1969)

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt. W. F. FORESTER

(1-12 Oct 1969)

1stLt. R. K. HANSON

(12-31 Oct 1969)

Asst. Fire Direction Officer

1stLt. J.J. PRESTON

(1-12 Oct 1969)

1stLt. E. M. KIMOTO

(12-31 Oct 1969)

Liaison Officer

2ndLt. J. W. MONACO

(1-31 Oct 1969)

Supply Officer

2ndLt. J. D. WEBER

(1-31 Oct 1969)

Battery Officer

1stLt. J. C. PEDDY

(12-31 Oct 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
8	155

USN	
Off	Enl
0	3

Other	
Off	Enl
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative

During the month of October the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other three guns composed the Alpha Detachment at the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

The construction of better fighting positions on the burm and improvements on the gun pits took place on Hill 34, during the month of October. Culverts are presently being installed down near the guns to help the drainage problem during the heavy rains. This construction is nearing completion.

The Alpha position also worked to improve the drainage problem around their gun pits and is continuing to improve their position at the NAC. Construction of a new FDC is about to begin out at Alpha, due to the flooded condition of the old one.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of October:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	3,666	0	0	3,666

3. The following missions were fired during the month of October.

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
22	726	0	748

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of October were as follows:

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

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	1	20	0	2
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	4	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	20	0	2
(3) Net Loss	0	4	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	0	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received its additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with Local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. No new operations were fired upon in the month of October.

D. Training. During the month of October 1969, the battery personnel received 16 hours of formal training, 4 hours of weapon safety, 4 hours of Fam firing of the 50 cal. machine guns, M60 Machine guns, M16 rifle, M-79 Grenade launcher, and M-26 hand grenades. Four hours of section training was held for each section in the battery and 10 new personnel were given a VietNam Orientation Lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. During the month of October this unit submitted four hundred and fifty (450) requisitions to the Supply source. Of these requisitions, one hundred and ten (110) were completed. Fifteen (15) requisitions were cancelled. There were eight (8) requisitions for major end items, none completed. Two (2) communication modification kits were requisitioned through Division Supply Office. At present time this unit is in C-2 status. The required GA and RM cards were submitted on the deficient items.

F. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or Civil affairs programs during the month. No Medcaps were held.

2. Entries. None

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11th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FME
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATACommander

Major F. H. DOUGLAS

1 - 30 November 1969

1. Designation
1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)
2. Location
1 - 30 November 1969 CP Hill 34 ARVN (AT 98557194)
1-- 30 November 1969 Alpha Alpha Position, Northern Artillery Cantonment
RVN (AT 92048008)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt. L. E. JOHNSON	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer	1stLt. J. J. PRESTON	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. R. K. HANSON	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1stLt. E. M. KIMOTO	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Liaison Officer	2ndLt. J. W. MONACO	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Supply Officer	2ndLt. J. D. WEBER	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Battery Officer	1stLt. J. C. PEDDY	(1-30 Nov 1969)
Battery Officer	2ndLt. S. N. NAVARRO	(15-30 Nov 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
9	170	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Narrative

During the month of November, the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Three guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other three guns composed the Alpha Detachment at the Northern Artillery Cantonement.

At the CP position, a new wire program was completed, within the position, to improve the Battery's inner security. Along with these improvements, the FDC section constructed a new blast wall in front of the FDC bunker and Gun #1 personnel completely rebuilt their ammo and powder bunkers. Under the roads near the gun line, new culverts were installed to improve the drainage within the position and the roads were improved upon. To improve the health conditions, a new troop shower was constructed and three new Heads were received and are now in use.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of November:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	3,823	0	0	3,823

3. The following missions were fired during the month of November

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
13	550	0	563

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of November were as follows:

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

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administrative	0	5	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (Evac	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA (Non-Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
None - Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	27	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	22	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received its intelligence and target acquisitions from 11th Marines. The Battery received its additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operation. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. No new operations were fired upon in the month of November.

D. Training. During the month of November 1969, the Battery personnel received 21 hours of formal training, 4 hours of weapon safety, and 4 hours of FAM firing of the 50 Cal. Machine gun, M60 Machine gun, M16 rifle, M79 Grenade Launcher, and M26 hand grenades. Four hours of section training was held for each section in the Battery and 28 New personnel were given a Vietnamese Orientation Lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. During the month of November, this unit submitted four hundred and twenty-five (425) requisitions to the supply source. Of these requisitions, ninety-eight (98) were completed, eight (8) were cancelled. There were four (4) requisitions for major end items, none were completed or cancelled. At the present time this unit remains in C-2 status.

F. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or Civil affairs programs during the month. No Medcaps were held.

2. Entries. None

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of December 1969

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.8E

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the 1st 175mm Gun Battery (SP)
for the month of December 1969.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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" "	Capt. D. A. ARTHUR	(8-31 December 1969)
Asst. Executive Officer	1stLt. J. J. PRESTON	(1-12 December 1969)
" "	1stLt. E. M. KIMOTO	(13-28 December 1969)
" "	1stLt. J. C. PIEDY	(29-31 December 1969)
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Battery Officer	2ndLt. S. I. NAVARRO	(1-28 December 1969)
Battery Officer	2ndLt. T. W. MACKIE	(29-31 December 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USM</u>		<u>Other</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
9	155	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Narrative.

During the month of December, the Battery continued to occupy two positions. Five guns and the CP were located on Hill 34. The other four guns composed the Alpha Detachment at the Northern Artillery Cantonment. From 4 to 31 December, three guns from 3rd 175mm Gun Battery were placed under the Operational Control of 1st 175mm Gun Battery. Upon joining the 1st 175mm Gun Battery one gun was emplaced with Alpha Detachment, while the other two guns remained at Hill 34.

At the CP position, a new watch tower was constructed to improve the security near the burn and new fighting holes were built into the burn itself. Work is still continuing on the defensive perimeter.

The gun pads at the Alpha position were being rebuilt, in the month of December and are nearing completion. A new FDC/XO pit was also started in December and will soon be completed and in full operation. The replacement of old wire and strengthening the defensive position is still continuing at Alpha.

2. The following ammunition was expended during the month of December:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>ROK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
175 Gun HE	2421	0	0	2421

3. The following missions were fired during the month of December:

<u>Obs</u>	<u>Unobs</u>	<u>Pre-emps</u>	<u>Total</u>
27	423	0	450

4. The consolidated surveillance received on missions fired during the month of December were as follows:

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

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses	USMC		USN	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Kal</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Kal</u>
Administrative	3	24	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (NonEvac)	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non Battle	0	1	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	11	0	0
(3) Net loss	1	14	0	0
(4) Net gain	0	0	0	0

B. Intelligence. The Battery received intelligence information and target acquisition from 11th Marines. The Battery received additional intelligence data from Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion along with local security information.

C. Organization and Operations. The Battery continued to assume the mission of General Support of the 1st Marine Division. No new operations were fired upon in the month of December.

D. Training. During the month of December 1969, Battery personnel received 21 hours of formal training, 4 hours of weapons safety. Also 27 hours of section training was conducted for each section in the Battery. Eleven new personnel were given a Vietnamese orientation lecture by the Commanding Officer.

E. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of December, this unit submitted two hundred and seventy (270) requisitions, 43 were completed, 14 were cancelled. There were 17 requisitions for major end items. Three (3) were completed, 1 voided and none cancelled. Out of 55 BX transactions this month, 7 were completed and 17 were made void. At present, this unit is in C-2 Readiness Status.

F. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery initiated no civic action or Civil Affairs Programs during the month. No MedCaps were held.

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2. Entries. At 0140 hours local time on 31 December, Gun #1 experienced an in bore premature burst of a 175mm projectile. The fuse apparently activated approximately midway through the tube. The burst completely severed the tube throwing large fragments up to approximately 700 meters. There were no injuries to personnel. Damage to the weapon was confined to complete destruction of the tube and slight damage to the turret mount.

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