

3D 155MM GUN BARTERY (3P)
11th Marine Regiment
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment (Attn: 5-3)

Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1stharDiv 5750-6)

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

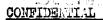
1. The command chronology for this Battery is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 December to 31 December 1966.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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1. Organizational Data:

- a. Designation: 3D 1551M GUN BATTERY (SP)
- b. Location: Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered: 1 December to 31 December 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff:

BILLET	<u>Dates</u>	RANK AND NAME
Commanding Officer Executive Officer Asst. Executive Officer Fire Direction Officer/ Plt Cmdr Platoon Commander/Asst. FDO Platoon Commander/LiasonO Supply Officer	1-31 December 1-31 December 1-31 December 1-31 December 1-31 December 24-31 December 1-31 December	Capt. J. D. McNAMARA Capt. J. A. H. REJERMYAR 1stLt T. D. MAHOMEY 1stLt M. W. HOME 1stLt J. W. RHODES 1stLt W. E. MRIGHT 2ndLt B. L. ELLIS

2. Commander's Marrative Summary of Significant Events

During the reporting period 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON of 4th Battalion, 11th Parines and under ADCON 11th Marines.

Support provided by this Battery during December included the following missions:

TYPE MISSION	KUHBER	TOTAL RIDS	<u>108</u>	<u>WP</u>	$\mathbf{ILL}_{\mathbf{U}1}$
Observed	15	115	102	13	O
Unobserved H&I	52 8	2 51 53	2 51 53	0	0
Registration	2	1 9	16	3	0

Surveillance for December included:

31 KTA(1 confirmed) for 1st Recon Battalion during operation Sutter.

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. <u>Personnel</u>. During the month of December this Battery transferred 12 enlisted of which 9 were due to expiration of tour. One(1) officer was transferred which was not due to expiration of tour. One(1) officer and twenty four(24) enlisted were jioned.

Evacuated Casualties were:

Killed in action None

None WIA

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The battery is now operating at 91% of the T/O strength.

- b. Administration: Nothing of significance.
- c. Intelligence: Nothing of significance.
- d. Training: Operational readiness has been maintained through pertinent training. This has been hampered somewhat by the great distances between the platoon areas.
 - e. Special Operations: Platoon A took part in Operation Subter(1-6 December)
- f. Command and Control: As of 31 December 1966, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at BU 436098 with 1 gun laid on Azimith 4200. Platoon "A" is located at BU 395145 with 2 guns laid on Azimuths 4900 and 4600. Platoon "B" is located at BS 540944 with 2 guns laid on Azimith 4100.

g. Close Combat:

060200H BT 431099 7 man ambush patrol made contact with 2 VC. Fired 10 mds SA and 1 M-26 grenade. VC dispersed.

090200H BT 437098 2 incoming H26 grenades
10 rnds SA returned 100 rnds at movement
No survl.

120010H BT 437098 Reard noises 50-100 meters N of position Illum revealed 2 VC moving N. Fired 10 rnds SA No survl.

122245 3T 437097 l incoming grenade. No return fire. Enemy personnel sighted.

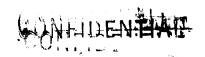
152105H BT 437098 2 frag grenades and 20 rnds SA from NW incoming No return fire

160015h 3T 437098 Recd. 20 mas, 2 frag gren. from M. Returned 80 mas SA inconclusive results

16063CH (follow up report) 5 man patrol searched suspected incident area BT 434095. Tracks indicated an estimated 10 persons in area. One (1) WP grenade landed in wire E of post 3 and Two(2) frag. gren. landed between wire and berm between bunkers 4 and 5 in vicinity of gun #48.

h. <u>Fire Support:</u> During the month of December technical Fire Direction facilities were coordinated with 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).

- i. Air Defense: N/A
- j. Combat Air support: N/A





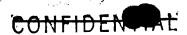


k. <u>Civic Actions</u> Received civic action supplies and have planed and coordinated thru 4/lb. The Battery assisted in construction of a road south of 4/ll for use of the Vietnamse.

1. NBC/Special Warfare: N/A

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology of 1 December to 31 December 1966.

References

Attached

a. Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L701, Sheet 6757 III (Not atwached)

b. Documentations

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Appendix A to ENCLOSURE (1)

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Appendix B (Documentation) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology of 1 December to 31 December 1966.

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0001 1 DEC. 1966

TO: 1115 10 DECL 6966

5.00		LIMAG A O.P.
DATE 1 DEC. 66	TIME	MESSAGE
. 5200 00	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.
4 DEC. 66	123 5	RECEIVED FIRE REPORT FROM BTRY "M" UZ338 V.C. ON TRAIL. E.O.M. ROUNDS IN AREA, NO MOVEMENT.
5 DEC. 66	162Ø	RECEIVED FROM 1ST FAG F.D.C. COOR. 238070, 230078, 234075. CLEARED SAVE-AFPENNE "T" FOR 155 GUNS "A" PLT. FIRE FOR EFFECT, 20 ROUNDS PER CONCENT-RATION. 155 GUNS "A" PLT. RELAYED BOTH GUNS ON AZ 4600.
H H	2000	RECEIVED H&I'S CONCENTRATIONS VZØØ1, VZØØ2, VZØØ3 FOR 155 GUNS "A" PLT. H&I'S ARE CLEARED.
7 DEC. 66	192Ø	4/11 F.O. REPORTED 500 V.C. HAVING PARTY AND CEL- EBRATION BS 404873.
11 11	2015	RECEIVED FIRE MISSION FOR 155 GUNS "B" PLT. FROM FROM 1ST FAG. T.O.T. CLEARED. COOR. BS 404873.
9 DEC. 66	1200	RECEIVED WORD FROM 155 GUNS "A" PLT. GUN #213257 IS DOWN DUE TO EXTENSIVE BLOW BACK.
10 DEC. 66	1110	TO 1ST FAG, GUN #213257 BEING MOVED FROM BTRY. GRP. "L" POSITION TO BTRY. C. P. AT 1500. 155 GUNS "A" PLT. 1 GUN UP AND 1 GUN DOWN.
. # H	1510	GUN $\#$ 213241 FROM 155 GUNS 1ST PLT. IS OUT OF ACTION FOR EQUILIBRATING SYSTEM.
Ħ Ħ	1555	GUN #213241 FROM 155 GUNS "A" PLT. BACK IN ACTION.
# #	1630	GUN #213257 FROM 155 GUNS IS IN 155 GUNS H. Q. POSITION.
11 DEC. 66	Ø12Ø	RECEIVED FROM 1ST FAG PREP FIRE FOR 155 GUNS "B" PLT. CONCENTRATIONS UX420 AND UX421.
14 DEC. 66	1115	RECEIVED FROM 155GUNS "A" PLT. GUN #213241 431 ROUNDS FIRED, 100 ROUNDS REMAIN AS OF 7 DEC. 1966. RECEIVED FROM 155GUNS "B" PLT. GUN #213240 AND GUN #213246 HAVE 25% AND 26% TUBE LIFE REMAINING. RECEIVED FROM 155GUNS "C" PLT. GUN #213248 HAS 10% TUBE LIFE OR 45 ROUNDS REMAINING. GUN #213233 IS AT FLSG B FOR CANNON ASSEMBLY. GUN #213257 IS AT FLSG FOR NEW TUBE BEING MOUNTED.

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D.C. RD 155 GUN BTRY. Ø335 16 DEC. 1966 TO: 31 DEC. 1966

DA"	TE		TIME	MESSAGE
16	DEC.	66	Ø33 5	RECEIVED REQUEST FROM BTRY "M" THAT 155 GUNS "B" PLT. BE RELAYED TO AZ 1540 BY REQUEST OF 3/11 BY 0600.
	Ħ	11	Ø 347	RECEIVED FROM 1ST FAG RELAY 155 GUNS "B" TO AZ1540.
26	DEC.	66	1030	GUN #213240 OF 155 "B" IS DEADLINED. ENGIN OVER- HAUL AT FLSG.
28	DEC.	66	Ø 73 5	GUN #213241 OF 155 GUNS A PLT. MOVING TO 155 GUNS "C" PLT. THIS MORNING.
	tt	H	Ø 8 55	RECEIVED FROM 4/11 S-3 RELAY GUNS #213248 AND GUN #213257 OF 155 GUNS "A" PLT. ON AZ4000 AND AZ4900.
	n	H	11124	RECEIVED FROM 155 GUNS "C" PLT. FIRE CAP GUN #213241 LAID ON AZ4200.
2 9	DEC.	66	125Ø	RECEIVED CLEARANCE FOR REGISTRATION FOR 1:55 GUNS "C" PLT. AT COOR. 317000.
	11	H	1710	UNABLE TO REGISTER 155 GUNS "C" PLT. DUE TO BAD WEATHER ON COOR. 317000.
31	DEC.	66	1245	GUN #213240 OF 155 GUNS *B* PLT. IS BACK IN POSIT- ION BUT IS DOWN FOR SIGHT AND BREECH.

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