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3D 155MM GUN BATTERY (3P)
11th Marine Regiment
1st Marine Division (Rein) FIF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1stMarDiv 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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- a. Designation: 3D 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)
- b. Location: Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered: 1 December to 31 December 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff:

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

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

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

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

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL RND</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed	15	115	102	13	0
Unobserved	32	251	251	0	0
H&I	8	53	53	0	0
Registration	2	19	16	3	0

Surveillance for December included:

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

3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel. 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 joined.

Evacuated Casualties were:

Killed in action None

None MIA

1 Not due to enemy action

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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 Sutter(1-6 December)

f. Command and Control: As of 31 December 1966, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery(SP) CP is located at BT 438098 with 1 gun laid on Azimuth 4200. Platoon "A" is located at BT 395145 with 2 guns laid on Azimuths 4900 and 4600. Platoon "B" is located at BS 540944 with 2 guns laid on Azimuth 4100.

g. Close Combat:

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

090200H BT 437098 2 incoming M26 grenades
10 rnds SA returned 100 rnds at movement
No survl.

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

122245H BT 437097 1 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 BT 437098 Recd. 20 rnds, 2 frag gren. from NW. Returned 80 rnds SA
inconclusive results

160630H (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. Fire Support: During the month of December technical Fire Direction facilities were coordinated with 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 8" Mortar Battery (SP).

i. Air Defense: N/A

j. Combat Air support: N/A

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k. Civic Action: Received civic action supplies and have planed and coordinated thru 4/11. The Battery assisted in construction of a road south of 4/11 for use of the Vietnamese.

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 attached)
- b. Documentations

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Appendix B (Documentation) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology
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D.C.
RD 155 GUN BTRY.
0001 1 DEC. 1966
TO: 1115 14 DEC. 1966

DATE	TIME	MESSAGE
1 DEC. 66	0001	JOURNAL OPENED.
4 DEC. 66	1235	RECEIVED FIRE REPORT FROM BTRY "M" UZ338 V.C. ON TRAIL. E.O.M. ROUNDS IN AREA, NO MOVEMENT.
5 DEC. 66	1620	RECEIVED FROM 1ST FAG F.D.C. COOR. 238070, 230078, 234075. CLEARED SAVE-APPEAL "T" FOR 155 GUNS "A" PLT. FIRE FOR EFFECT, 20 ROUNDS PER CONCENTRATION. 155 GUNS "A" PLT. RELAYED BOTH GUNS ON AZ 4600.
" "	2000	RECEIVED H&I'S CONCENTRATIONS VZ001, VZ002, VZ003 FOR 155 GUNS "A" PLT. H&I'S ARE CLEARED.
7 DEC. 66	1920	4/11 F.O. REPORTED 500 V.C. HAVING PARTY AND CELEBRATION BS 404873.
" "	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.
" "	1510	GUN # 213241 FROM 155 GUNS 1ST PLT. IS OUT OF ACTION FOR EQUILIBRATING SYSTEM.
" "	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	0120	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 FLGS B FOR CANNON ASSEMBLY. GUN #213257 IS AT FLGS FOR NEW TUBE BEING MOUNTED.

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D.C.
RD 155 GUN BTRY.
0335 16 DEC. 1966
TO: 31 DEC. 1966

DATE	TIME	MESSAGE
16 DEC. 66	0335	RECEIVED REQUEST FROM BTRY "M" THAT 155 GUNS "B" PLT. BE RELAYED TO AZ 1540 BY REQUEST OF 3/11 BY 0600.
"	"	0347 RECEIVED FROM 1ST FAG RELAY 155 GUNS "B" TO AZ1540.
26 DEC. 66	1030	GUN #213240 OF 155 "B" IS DEADLINED. ENGIN OVERHAUL AT FLSC.
28 DEC. 66	0735	GUN #213241 OF 155 GUNS A PLT. MOVING TO 155 GUNS "C" PLT. THIS MORNING.
"	"	0855 RECEIVED FROM 4/11 S-3 RELAY GUNS #213248 AND GUN #213257 OF 155 GUNS "A" PLT. ON AZ4000 AND AZ4900.
"	"	1124 RECEIVED FROM 155 GUNS "C" PLT. FIRE CAP GUN #213241 LAID ON AZ4200.
29 DEC. 66	1250	RECEIVED CLEARANCE FOR REGISTRATION FOR 155 GUNS "C" PLT. AT COOR. 317000.
"	"	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 POSITION BUT IS DOWN FOR SIGHT AND BREECH.

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