

5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(Rein)
1st Battalion, 13th Marines
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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/s/R. M. Black
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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 Organizational Data

Designation

5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein)

Commander

Major R. M. BLACK
 1 October-31 October 1967

Executive Officer

Captain A. J. SCHMIDT
 1 October-31 October 1967

Subordinate Units

1st Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein)

Captain E. E. PARKER
 1 October-31 October 1967

2nd Platoon, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein)

Captain K. O. W. STEEN
 1 October-31 October 1967

Attached Units

1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

Commander

Captain A. J. SCHMIDT
 1 October-31 October 1967

Location

1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	Battery (-)(Rein)	17 miles south of Chu-Lai
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	2nd Platoon	Danang TAOR
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1967	1st Platoon	Dong Ha TAOR

Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the Battery (-)(Rein) mission remained unchanged; general support/reinforcing the Americal Division in the Chu-Lai TAOR. 1st Platoon displaced from Que Son on 2 October 1967, and traveled to Chu-Lai road. During this movement, one M53, 155mm Gun was hit by a command detonated mine approximately 5 miles north of Tan Ky. The gun was later repaired sufficiently to allow the movement to continue. Four 2nd Platoon personnel received wounds during the mine explosion and subsequent action. The gun was declared unrepairable at FLSG-Bravo, Chu-Lai, and is now awaiting evacuation to depot repair in COMUS. The 2nd Platoon remained in the Chu-Lai area from 4 October - 6 October awaiting transportation to Danang. Arriving in Danang on 17 October, the 2nd Platoon came under operational control of 3d 8 Inch Howitzer Battery, in general support of the 1st Marine Division in the Danang TAOR.

The 1st Platoon moved to Quang Tri City on 4 October 1967, to support operation Medina. Returning to Cam Lo on 20 October 1967, the platoon remained under operational control of 1st 8 Inch Howitzer Battery throughout the month of October.

The Battery (-)(Rein) completed participation in operation Dragon-Fire with 1st ROK Marine Brigade on 31 October 1967.

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 SECTIONAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 October 1967 2nd Platoon begins displacement from Que Son area
- 3 October 1967 2nd Platoon gun hit by command detonated mine, 5 miles north of Tan Ky. Four WIA (1 hospitalized) resulted.
- 4 October 1967 1st Platoon moves to Quang Tri City to begin operation Medina
- 17 October 1967 2nd Platoon moves into Danang TOAR, under operational control of 3d 8 Inch Howitzer Battery (SF)
- 20 October 1967 Operation Medina ends for 1st Platoon; return to Can Lo, resume participation in operation Kingfisher
- 31 October 1967 Operation Dragon Fire ends for Battery (-)(Rein)
 Operation Kingfisher ends for 1st Platoon

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