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To: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion 13th Marines, FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

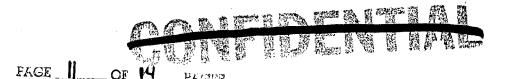
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Organizational Data

1. Designation

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

Commanding

Major R. M. BLACK
1 December -15 December
1967
Major E. B. BEALL, Jr.
16 December - 31 December
1967

Executive Officer
Captain A. J. SCHMIDT
1 December - 31 December
1967

Subordinate Units

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

1stLt Mark C. KALIN
1 December - 31 December
1967

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

1 December - 10 December 1967 Captain K.O.W. STEEN

11 December - 31 December 1967 1stIt R. E. WASSON, Jr.

Attached Units

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

Commander

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

2. Location

1Dec-31Dec67 Battery (-)(Rein)
1Dec-31Dec67 2nd Platoon
1Dec-31Dec67 1st Platoon

17 miles South of Chu-Lai DaNang TAOR Dong Ha TAOR

3. Average monthly strength

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the Battery missions remained unchanged, with the 1st Platoon under the operational control of 1st 8-inch Howitzer Battery (SP) in the Dong Ha Combat Base area, and the 2nd Platoon under the operational control of 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) in the Danang TACR.

During this reporting period, the Battery (-) and attached 8-inch Howitzer Platoon was credited with 12 confirmed VC KIA's, 78 probable KIA's and 94 structures destroyed. Five boats were sunk and six secondary explosions occurred as a result of missions fired by the Battery.

On 5 December 1967, the Battery in the Chu-Lai position received a letter of commendation from the Commanding General, Americal Division, noting the professionalism and accurate, timely artillery fire provided by the Battery since late July.

On 25 December 1967, the Battery detached an advance party to move six miles north of Chu-Lai, to begin preparation of a new Battery position to be occupied in mid-January 1968.





PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Change of Command Ceremonies, relief of Major R. M. BLACK by Major E. B. BEALL, Jr., as Battery Commander Command of the 2d Platoon assumed by 1st R. E. WASSON, J. relieving Captain K.O.W. STEEN, who was detached to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines	
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21 December 1967 Executive Officer makes an inspection tour of First Platoon area, equipment, and personnel.	
24 December 1967 Battery observes 24 hour Christmas truce.	-
25 December 1967 Advance party deployed to new position, 6 miles north of Chu-Lai, to begin preparation for occupation.	



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