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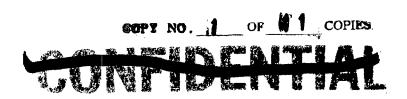
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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

t. Designation.

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

Commanding

Majer W. M. STEPHENS 1-30 Nevember 1968

Executive Officer

Captain T. W. STEELE 1-30 Nevember 1968

Suberdinate Units

1st Plateen, 5th 155mm Gan Battery (SP)(Rein)

2nd Plateen, 5th 155mm Gwn Battery (SP)(Rein)

3rd Plateen, 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP)(Rein)

Commander

1stLt J. T. CANNING 1-30 Nevember 1968

1stLt L. M. PALM 1-30 Nevember 1968

1stLt W. W. MILES 1-30 Nevember 1968

Attached Units

1st Plateen, 5th 8" Hewitzer Battery (SP)

Commander

1stLt. J. T. CANNING 1-30 Nevember 1968

2. Location.

a. Battery Headquarters

b. 1st Platoon

c. 2nd Plateen

d. 3rd Platoen

e. 8" Plateen

1-30 Nevember 1968 Camp Carrell

1-30 Nevember 1968 Ca Im

t-3 Nevember 1968 C-2

4-30 Nevember 1968 Camp Carrell

1-30 Nevember 1968 Reck Pile

1-30 November 1968 Ca Lm

Monthly Average Strength

USMC OFF ENL 9 180 OFF ENL

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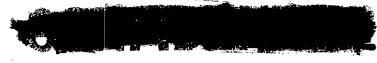
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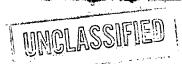
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During Nevember 1968, the 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP) and its attached lest Flateen, 5th 8m Hewitzer Battery (SP) commanded by Major W. M. STEPHENS continued its mission of reinforcing the 12th Marines. The battery remains under the operational control of the 108th Artillery Group (USA) and the administrative control of the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibieus Brigade. During the month firing positions were maintained at Camp Carrell, the Rock Pile, and Ca Im to support 3d Marine Division units. Readiness of the 155 guns fluctuated rapidly throughout the menth from 2 to 5 guns operational.

Firing from Camp Carrell and the Reck Pile was controlled both tactically and technically from the battery FDC at Camp Carrell. The volume of fires was light and confined almost entirely to unobserved TOT/H&I/ artillery suppression fires.

The volume of fires from the 2 8" Howitzers and 2 155mm guns at Ca Im was extremely light during Nevember with only occasional prop fires and H&I/TOT's. One 155 gun experienced considerable down time due to a replacement and adjustment of a sight mount. Work in the position continues to better proper the area to accommedate 4 weapons. A 100 man mess hall was built by the battery from accumulated assets and is now operational.

Equipment readiness remained marginal (C-3) throughout the menth with final drive, sight mount, equilibration system, and main engine repairs. It is extremely difficult due to the lack of repair parts and the weapens age to keep more than three 155 guns operational at any one time. This bettery's retriever (VTR M51) has been deadlined since 1 October for a transmission. Prespects of repairs being accomplished before 1 January 69 are dim with no available parts. Some down time is being experienced with the new multifuel tracks for exhaust stacks, starters, and voltage regulators. Personnel readiness dropped to C-2 during November for the first time since May 1966.

By 23 Nevember the battery had commenced displacement of the command post and administrative rear from Camp Carrell to Dong Ha. The neve should be completed by the first week in December.

The battery continues to support OPERATIONS SCOTLAND II, HIRISE AND SCOTLAND II EAST. OPERATION LANCASTER II terminated 2400, 23 Nov 68.

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Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 1 November 1968 Displaced 2nd Plateon (2 155 Guns) from Camp Carrell to C-2.
- 3 November 1968 2nd Flatoen reoccupied Camp Carroll.
- 14 Nevember 1968 2nd Battalion/94th Arty assumed responsibility for 175 Gun training.
- 18 Nevember 1966 Forces at Camp Carrell to be reduced. 5th 155 Gun Battery and 2/94th Arty to occupy Camp Carrell.
- 20 November 1968 CG Ninth MAB 190744Z NOV 68 received changing ADCON directly to Ninth MAB as of 1 December 1968.
- 21 Nevember 1966 Mission redefined as reinfercing 12th Marines. Discentimed reinfercing missions to 1/12 and 2/12.
- 22 November 1968 Directed to displace Battery Headquarters to Dong Ha west.

 Commanding Officer inspected Meter transport.
- 23 November 1968 Commenced displacement of Battery Headquarters to Dong Hawest.

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