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5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)
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Part I
Organizational Data

Designation

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)

CommandingMaj A.B. THOMPSON JR.
1-10 October 1969Maj J.C. ATKINS JR.
11-31 October 1969Executive OfficerCapt J.J. MULHOLLAND
1-31 October 1969Subordinate UnitsBravo Platoon
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)Commanding1stLt J. W. LUCEY
1-18 October 19692ndLt J. B. HATFIELD
19-31 October 1969Charlie Platoon
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)1stLt R. L. BAILEY
1-31 October 1969Attached UnitsAlpha Platoon (8" Howitzer)
1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer BatteryCommanding1stLt J. W. LUCEY
1-31 October 1969Location

a. Battery Headquarters

1-31 October 1969 Dong
Ha West

b. A Platoon

1-5 October 1969 Vander-
grift Combat Base

A Platoon

5-19 October 1969 Dong Ha

A Platoon

19-31 October 1969 FSB
Alpha-2, Gio Linh

c. Bravo Platoon

1-5 October 1969 Vander-
grift Combat Base

5-31 October 1969 Dong Ha

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d. Charlie Platoon

1-20 October 1969
FSB Elliot (Rockpile)20-31 October 1969
Camp J. J. CarrollAverage Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	230	0	5

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Part II
Narrative Summary

During the reporting period 1 - 31 October 1969, the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN) was commanded by Major A. B. THOMPSON JR. from 1 - 10 October 1969. On 11 October 1969 Major James C. ATKINS Jr., assumed command of the battery. The battery remained under operational control of the 108th Artillery Group and continues in it's mission of reinforcing the fires of the 12th Marine Regiment. On 110001 October 1969, the battery terminated all connections with 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade and came under administrative control of the 11th Marine Regiment.

This period witnessed the closing of the unit's position at Vandergrift Combat Base on 5 October 1969. Alpha Platoon moved to Fire Support Base Elliot and Bravo Platoon occupied a position in Dong Ha. On 6 October 1969 Alpha Platoon moved into Dong Ha and joined Bravo Platoon.

Major James C. ATKINS Jr., 08 30 81, USMC assumed command and relieved Major A. B. THOMPSON Jr. on 11 October 1969. Major A. B. THOMPSON Jr. returned to CONUS on PCS Orders on 13 October 1969.

Alpha Platoon (2) 8" Howitzers displaced from Dong Ha on 19 October 1969 to their new position at A-2 Gio Linh. On 20 October 1969 Charlie Platoon displaced from Fire Support Base Elliot to Camp J.J. Carroll.

The battery fired in support of unnamed operations in the 101st Abn, 1st Bde/5th Mech, 4th Marines, High Rise and Recon Zones. Rounds expended for the battery during the reporting period were Alpha Platoon 639 rounds, Bravo Platoon 184 rounds and Charlie Platoon 1968 rounds.

Camp J. J. Carroll received incoming rocket rounds on 11 and 24 October 1969. One individual suffered a superficial arm wound and a CP tent was destroyed. Our firing position at A-2 Gio Linh received incoming mortars on 22 and 29 October 1969 with negative damage to personnel and material.

The battery personnel status is C-1 through the reporting period with critical MOS shortage in the 2151 field.

The battery continues to support AO's within the Northern I Corps.

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Part III
Sequential Listing of Significant Events

5 October 1969	Alpha and Bravo Platoons moved from Vandergrift Combat Base with Alpha going to Fire Support Base Elliot and Bravo Platoon to Dong Ha
6 October 1969	Alpha Platoon moved from Fire Support Base Elliot and joined Bravo Platoon in Dong Ha
7 October 1969	Major J. C. ATKINS JR., O8 30 81 joined the battery
10 October 1969	Command less Opcon of the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN) passed to CO 11th Marines
11 October 1969	Major J. C. ATKINS JR. assumed command of the battery and Major A. B. THOMPSON JR., was relieved
11 October 1969	Incoming rockets at Camp Carroll
13 October 1969	Major A. B. THOMPSON JR., departed PCS for CONUS
19 October 1969	Alpha Platoon(2) 8" Howitzers displaced to A-2 from Dong Ha
20 October 1969	Charlie Platoon(4) 175mm Guns displaced to Camp Carroll from FSB Elliot
22 October 1969	Incoming mortars at A-2

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24 October 1969

Incoming rockets
at Camp Carroll

29 October 1969

Incoming mortars
at A-2

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