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5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)
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for period ending 1-30 November 1969

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Organizational DataDesignation

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

CommandingMaj J. C. ATKINS JR.
1-30 November 1969Executive OfficerCapt J.J. MULHOLLAND
1-30 November 1969Subordinate UnitsBravo Platoon
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)Commanding2ndLt J. B. HATFIELD
1-8 November 19691stLt R. L. BAILEY
9-30 November 1969Charlie Platoon
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)1stLt R. L. BAILEY
1-8 November 1969Attached UnitsAlpha Platoon (8" Howitzer)
1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer BatteryCommanding1stLt J. W. LUCEY
1-30 November 1969Location

a. Battery Headquarters

1-30 November 1969 Dong Ha

b. Alpha Platoon

1-30 November 1969 FSB
Alpha-2, Gio Linh

c. Bravo Platoon

1-6 November 1969 Dong Ha
7-30 November 1969 Camp
J. J. Carroll

d. Charlie Platoon

1-30 November 1969 Camp
J. J. CarrollAverage Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
12	227	0	7

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Narrative Summary

During the reporting period 1 - 30 November 1969, the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP)(REIN) commanded by Major James c. ATKINS Jr., remained under operational control of the 108th Artillery Group and continues its mission of reinforcing the fires of the 108th Artillery Group. At 0800, 5 November 1969 the battery came under direct control of the 108th Artillery Group. The battery remains under administrative control of the 11th Marine Regiment.

On 6 November 1969, the battery rear at Dong Ha West closed and displaced to Dong Ha. The Battery Fire Direction Center displaced to Camp J. J. Carroll this date also. The 175mm Gun Battery displaced from Dong Ha on 8 November 1969 to Camp J. J. Carroll. As of this date the six 175mm Guns are all together at Camp Carroll.

On 8 November 1969 2ndLt A. C. WHIDDON, 011 00 54/0801, joined the battery and joined the firing battery at Camp Carroll.

Colonel D. D. EZELL, Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment visited the battery on 14 November 1969. After discussing the overall situation with Major James C. ATKINS Jr., he returned to the 11th Marine Regiment at DaNang.

On 25 November 1969, Colonel R. HIXON from XXIV Corps visited our position at Camp Carroll and Alpha-2. Two days later Colonel HIXON once again visited our two firing positions to wish the troops a holiday greeting.

The battery fired support of the following unnamed operations, 1st Bde/5th Mech, 2nd ARVN and 101st Abn. Rounds expended for the battery during the reporting period were Alpha Platoon 2062 rounds and the 175mm Gun Battery fired 2452 rounds.

Camp J. J. Carroll received eight 140mm incoming rockets on 8 November 1969 with negative damage to personnel and material.

On 30 November 1969, 1stLt W. E. CROFT, 010 01 54/0802 joined the battery and will relieve 1stLt R. L. BAILEY when he returns to CONUS.

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

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

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Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

5 November 1969	0800 5th175mmGunBtry(SP) (REIN) under direct control of 108th Artillery Group
6 November 1969	Battery FDC displaced to Camp J.J. Carroll. Battery Headquarters displaced to Dong Ha
8 November 1969	2ndLt A. C. WHIDDON joined the battery
8 November 1969	Camp Carroll received incoming rockets with negative damage
14 November 1969	Colonel D. D. EZELL, CO, 11th Marines visited firing battery at Camp J. J. Carroll
25 November 1969	Colonel R. HIXON visited Camp Carroll and Alpha-2
27 November 1969	Colonel R. HIXON visited Camp Carroll and Alpha-2 again
30 November 1969	1stLt W. E. CROFT joined the battery

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