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3rd 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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Encl: (1) 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 NOVEMBER 1966 TO 30 NOVEMBER 1966

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDER

Major R.L. REED 1 to 30 Nov.

2. LOCATION

1 to 30 November DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1 to 30 November	Capt. R. RUTHFIELD
1st Platoon Commander	1 to 25 November	Capt. D.L. BERMAN
	26 to 30 November	1stLt. J.G. SIGMAN
2nd Platoon Commander	1 to 30 November	Capt. R. RUTHFIELD
3rd Platoon Commander	1 to 30 November	1stLt. R.K. COOMBS
Supply Officer	1 to 30 November	1stLt. D.L. RITTICHER
First Sergeant	1 to 30 November	GySgt. C. DREWEY

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
6	167

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	2

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 to 30 November the battery continued to support the operations of the First Marine Division. The modified mission of the battery was as follows: 1st Platoon remained OPCON to 2nd Bn, 11th Marines, throughout the month of November. 2nd Platoons mission was G/S of the First Marine Division. 3rd Platoon remained at Hill 55 (AT965628) its mission was also G/S of the First Marine Division.

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During the month of November the battery fired the following missions:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H & I</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
46	173	366	2081

While firing 46 observed missions the battery, during November, was credited with 6 structures destroyed and 2 secondary explosions.

There were no incidents of close combat during the month of November.

The battery continued its Civic Action program in the villages of Trung Son, Ap Van Duong (1) and (2) and Ap Huong Phuoc.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) Losses:

(1) Battle: None

(2) Non-Battle: None

(3) Administrative: One (1) Officer, Nine (9) Enlisted

(b) Gains

(1) Replacements: Sixteen (16) Enlisted

(c) POW's Captured: None

(d) Morale: excellent

(e) Personal Services: Sunday beach runs for approximately 20 men were provided for the battery, as well as Sunday afternoon barbecue. The battery provided the use of its chapel to all resident personnel, and the Enlisted Club provided musical entertainment twice monthly to all resident personnel in the Northern Artillery Cantonment.

(f) Awards and Decorations: One (1) Naval Achievement

(g) Court Martials: None Article 15, Three (3)

2. INTELLIGENCE

During November, 3rd 6" Howitzer Battery (SP) used information gathered by higher echelon intelligence teams as a base, from which to plan the amount of security used around the Northern Artillery Cantonment perimeter. Other precautionary actions were taken in the form of wire patrols and daylight reconnaissance patrols and the readjusting of artillery on-calls to be used as final defensive fire.

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3. TRAINING

(a) One (1) officer and six (6) enlisted men attended a Special Weapons School, during the month of November.

(b) The battery training schedule continues to emphasize safety in employment of weapons, general military subjects proficiency, and proficiency in MOS.

4. OPERATIONS

3rd Platoon supported Operation Mead River from 11 to 30 November, from its primary position.

5. COMMAND AND CONTROL

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>PRIMARY DIR. OF FIRE</u>
Hdqs 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	AT921799	
2nd Platoon	AT921799	4400 & 5400
3rd Platoon	AT965628	5400

6. CLOSE COMBAT

There were no incidents of close combat during the month of November.

7. CIVIC ACTION

During the month of November the battery started conducting three (3) Med Caps each week.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Documentation of 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

(a) Maps: Viet Nam 1:50,000 and Charts 8541 III, 6540 I, 6540 II, 6540 III, 6540 IV, 6541 II, 6640 I, 6640 II, 6640 III, 6739 IV, 6640 IV, 6641 II, 6641 III, 6739 II, 6739 III, 6739 I, Series L- not attached.

✓ (b) Unit Journal - Appendix A

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010001 November 1968 302400 November 1968

1	051300	L/CPL MOORE, BILLY A. to notchg to sk NSA DANANG, RVN
2	061300	PFC HINES, WILLIAM E. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS, auth RSO# 365-60 CPL PREVETT, VERNON D. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS; auth RSO# 329-60 SSGT WALLEN, FRED L. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS; auth RSO# 350-60
3	070000	L/CPL MOORE BILLY A. to chg fm sk NSA DANANG, RVN
4	071300	PFC MEYER, HARVEY D. to notchg to sk NSA DANANG, RVN
5	091300	CPL JOHNSON, DAVID H. drop to Camp Butler for furas RSO# 363-60
6	110000	PVT BUCK, BRUCE C. jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PFC DURRETT, THURMAN M. JR jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.
7	121300	SGT KING, GERARD D. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS, auth RSO# 328-68
8	131300	CPL PRINCE, JERRY R. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS, auth RSO# 355-68
9	140800	PFC SMITH, FRANK W. JR jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.
10	150800	CPL ZAVODA, DAVID P. jdchg fm 1st ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.
11	161300	PVT BUCK, BRUCE E. drop to 2nd Bn this Regt. fordu auth RSO# 372-68
12	180000	PFC DUBLEY, GERALD A. jdchg fm 3rd ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PVT PITSENBARGER, LARRY R. jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.
13	190800	PFC GREEN, KENNETH J. jdchg fm 1st ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PFC McMONIGLE, WILLIAM H. jdchg fm 1st ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PFC MERCER, JOHNNY R. jdchg fm 1st ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PFC PANZA, ANTHONY A. jdchg fm 1st ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.
14	201300	PFC BAILEY, HAROLD M. JR to notchg to sk NSA DANANG, RVN L/CPL THOMPSON, CHARLES R. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS, auth RSO# 355-60

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15	220800	PFC MEYER, HARVEY D. to chg fm sk NSA DANANG, RVN
16	251300	CAPT BERMAN, DAVID L. drop to nearest MarCorActy CONUS, auth RSO# 262-68
17	270800	PFC LENTZ, GARY L. jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PFC WEBER, CURTIS H. jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.
18	290800	PFC BARGES, HOWARD W. jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif. PFC BOYDSTON, MARRION H. jdchg fm 4th ReplCo Stag Bn MCB CamPen Calif.

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