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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
3rd Marine Division (Rein)  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 12th Marine Regiment (Attn. S-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology; report of  
Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. Organizational Data

- (1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery(SP)/Da Nang South Vietnam
- (2) Period - 1 September 1965 - 30 September 1965
- (3) Commanding Officer - Major Paul E. WILSON 053178  
Executive Officer - Captain Ervin "J" CRAMPTON 069268  
1stSgt - 1stSgt Hoyt S. HALE 507907
- (4) Officers - 7  
Enlisted - 135  
USN - 3

b. Significant Events

- (1) Information regarding rotation of battery personnel as pertains to special capability of 8" Howitzer requested from higher headquarters. No answer as yet.
- (2) N/A
- (3) Routine reports made to Regiment S-2 concerning small arms fire in nearby hamlet about once every week.

ENCLOSURE (9) (4)

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Passed on to S-2 sample of sheet metal strips about one (1) foot long with nails driven through and placed in road with nails sticking up. Caused flat tires on two unit vehicles in one day.

- (4) Classes held on "Indoctrination of Troops in Vietnam", "Marine Corps duty at U.S. Embassy in Saigon", "VD Prevention", "Viet Cong Mines and Booby Traps" and 50 caliber machine gun.
- (5) N/A
- (6) Seven men sent TAD to school on assembly operations
- (7) N/A
- (8) Daily radio contact made with 1st Platoon located in Chu Lai
- (9) N/A
- (10) Fired 406 rounds on targets of opportunity, on call concentrations, and H&I fires in general support of 3rd Marines TAOR
- (11) Field (combat) usage of 8" Howitzers (SP) providing new usage data for operational capabilities of howitzer and chassis. Maintenance support taxed in some areas. Logistics chain may have a weak link for resupply of 3rd and 4th echelon maintenance spare parts
- (12) Organic 50 caliber machine guns positioned around battery area on "locally developed" sky mounts for air defense role. Guard detail instructed in use of weapon, rules of engagement with unfriendly aircraft, and aircraft recognition.
- (13) N/A
- (14) Unit medical section administered aid to approximately 246 persons over a period of 5 days in hamlet north of Da Nang named Kim Lien
- (15) N/A
- (16) Chocolate milk was provided on occasion to children of hamlet mentioned in (14) above.

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c. Documentation - N/A

  
PAUL E. WILSON

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