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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
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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)/Danang, South Vietnam
 - (a) Attached - One (1) provisional 155mm Gun Platoon
 - (b) Minus - One (1) 8" Firing Platoon located at Chu Lai since 24 April 1965.
- (2) Period - 1Nov65 - 30Nov65
- (3) Commanding Officer - Major Paul E. WILSON 053178
Executive Officer - Captain Ervin "J" GRAMPTON 069268
1stSgt - 1stSgt Hoyt S. HALE 507907
- (4) Officers - 8
Enlisted - 196
USN - 4

b. Significant Events

- (1) Battery enlisted strength has increased by 10 men.
Four (4) men returned from CONUS from emergency leave.
One Officer went to CONUS on emergency leave.
- (2) Annual administrative audit of OQRs and SRBs completed.

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- (3) Small arms fire in nearby hamlet has been determined to be local hamlet chief using rifle shots to summon hamlet fighting force for conferences.

Suspected Viet Cong and negro suspect sighted in same nearby hamlet on 13 November. Patrol sent to hamlet not able to find suspects.

Unexplained small arms fire heard coming from moving vehicles traveling along highway near battery position on several occasions after dark. Efforts being made to ascertain source.

- (4) Troop indoctrination for incoming and outgoing personnel continues as per Division instructions. Classes held on M-14 rifle, military courtesy, history and traditions, and PE-75 generator operation.
- (5) Squad sized patrols sent out twice daily to sweep area around battery perimeter.
- (6) One officer and five (5) enlisted went TAD to Okinawa for assembly training.
- (7) No change from last report.
- (8) Limited contact with 1st Platoon located at Chu Lai. Two (2) SID devices being utilized in position defense.
- (9) No change from last report.
- (10) Fired 643 rounds 8" HE, 2 rounds 155mm Gun HE, 108 rounds 155mm howitzer HE on various fire missions. Mostly H&I fires with two destruction missions fired with good effect and very few on call or will adjust missions.

In the absence of one 8" Howitzer (in for repairs) the 155 Howitzer was obtained and manned during much of the reporting period.

- (11) Eight inch spare parts starting to arrive. Both 155 guns attached declared unserviceable (excess tube wear) during month. New tubes just arrived. Class 4 supplies now arriving.

Periodic rains still playing havoc with road network.

Strongback tent kits now about 5/8 on hand.

(12) No change.

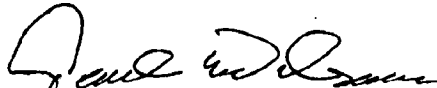
(13) N/A

(14) Unit medical section treated injured woman from Kim Lien--suffered amputated foot two months ago in accident.

(15) Protestant religious service for Marine Corps Birthday held in 12th Marine Regiment area. Big service, well attended. Regular services continue in battery area. Catholic services held at adjacent unit CP.

(16) Milk, clothes, toys and soap distributed to people in Kim Lien by battery personnel on 2 November.

c. Documentation - N/A


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