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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.1

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 1st 8" HowBtry(SP) (-) (Rein)/Da Nang, South Vietnam.
- (2) Period - 1Feb66 to 28Feb66.
- (3) Commanding Officer - Major Paul E. WILSON 053178
- (4) Executive Officer - Captain Ervin "J" CRAMPTON 069268  
1stSgt - 1stSgt Hoyt S. HALE 507907
- (5) Officers-8 Enlisted-197 USN-3

b. Significant events.

(1) Of the thirty-six (36) communications personnel on T/O there are now thirty (30). Four (4) of these are due for rotation in March and ten (10) in April. A critical shortage of officers is anticipated with the loss of six (6) officers in the next two (2) months.

(2) The shortage of typewriters is critical. It has been necessary to code X two (2) machines with no replacements.

(3) Twice daily patrols continue to operate outside the battery perimeter. One lookout is stationed during daylight hours with a full view of the perimeter. (a) 252200 Feb, Ivan Bravo received one grenade in position. No casualties. Returned fire, no enemy WIA. (b) 272045 Feb, Ivan received fire from French Bunker (967774). Sent out a patrol, patrol reported having sighted blood and other indications of two (2) possible VC WIA. One minor injury (Marine) WIA not evacuated.

(4) Indoctrination of incoming and outgoing personnel continues in accordance with Division instructions. Other classes held were as follows:

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26Feb66	Briefing on Vietnam	65
27Feb66	Intelligence Briefing	150

(5) Three (3) 8" Howitzers and two (2) attached 155mm Guns occupied forward positions for fourteen (14) days in order to provide support for two (2) operations.

(6) One (1) officer and six (6) enlisted attended assembly refresher training TAD in Okinawa for one (1) week.

(7) No change from last report.

(8) No change from last report.

(9) N/A

(10) Fired 379 rounds 8" HE, 216 rounds 155mm Gun HE, and 32 rounds 155mm Gun WP on various targets. H&I fires remain predominate. 22Feb, Fire Mission on 10 VC - 5 casualties estimated. 22Feb, Fire Mission on 4 VC on OP - 2 casualties estimated.

(11) No change from last report.

(12) No change from last report.

(13) N/A

(14) Battery medical personnel rendered medical aid to approximately eighty (80) people in nearby and forward position villages.

(15) The 12th Marine Protestant Chaplain conducts weekly services in the battery Staff NCO Club. Catholics attend services at a nearby Chapel.

(16) During the reporting period the following civic actions were conducted:

(a) Distributed 480 kilos of rice to the hamlet of Da Phouc. A total of 97 families received food. The village chief reported that Marines are well liked and respected in this area.

(b) Wood and MEDCAP materials were also contributed to surrounding villages.

c. Documentation. N/A

  
PAUL E. WILSON