

1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
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 To: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines (Attn: S-3)
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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 Viet Nam
- (2) Period - 1Mar66-31Mar66
- (3) Commanding Officer - Major Paul E. WILSON 053178 USMC
 Executive Officer - Captain John-R. KOSTELECKY 067044 USMC
 1stSgt - 1stSgt William R. THOMPSON 980174 USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted - 195 USN-3

b. Significant events.

(1) A critical shortage of officers is anticipated with the loss of our two remaining lieutenants in April.

(2) Neither the M543 wrecker or M51 retriever have been received and due to high mobility requirements and extensive distances of unit operations are badly needed.

(3) Twice daily patrols continue to operate outside the battery perimeter. One lookout is stationed during daylight hours with a full view of the battery perimeter.

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

25Mar66 - Chaplain's lecture on Viet Nam Religion 100% attendance
 25Mar66 - VD lecture & movie 75% attendance
 27Mar66 - CO's lecture on local events 75% attendance

(5) Platoons and reinforced platoons occupied three (3) forward positions in support of operations for cumulative total of 28 days.

(6) Two (2) officers and five (5) enlisted attended Assembly Refresher Training, TAD in Okinawa for one (1) week.

ENCLOSURE (6)

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(7) 1st Platoon, 1st 8" HowBtry (SP) returned Op Con from 3rdBn, 12th Marines on 2 March 1966. Attached platoon from 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) returned to Op Con 3rd 155mm GunBtry on 10 March 1966.

(8) Two (2) AN/PRC-25 received this period.

(9) N/A

(10) The battery fired 618 rounds of 8" HE, 225 rounds of 155mm Gun HE and 165 rounds of WP during the month of March. Various on call missions, targets of opportunity and H&I's were taken under fire with H&I's predominating.

(11) No change from last report.

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(14) Medical Aid was rendered by btry personnel to approximately 40 people in nearby villages.

(15) Protestant Services are continuing to be held weekly in battery area. Catholic services available in 7thEngr area weekly.

(16) Community Relations. Weekly visits were continued in the hamlet of Da Phuoc and clothing, candy, soap and MedCap supplies were used and distributed. Several sewing kits were given to the village women and some lumber was supplied to improve school facilities.

c. Documentation - N/A


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