

1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
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From: Commanding Officer
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Ref: (a) RegtO 5750.1

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 1st 8" HowBtry (SP), Da Nang, South Viet Nam
- (2) Period 1-30 April 1966
- (3) Commanding Officer - Major Paul E. WILSON 053178 USMC
Executive Officer - Captain Burl V. STONUM 073975 USMC
1stSgt - 1stSgt William R. THOMPSON 980174 USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted 196 USN Enlisted 2

b. Significant events.

- (1) N/A
- (2) N/A
- (3) Two (2) patrols per day are sent out on a continuing basis and two listening posts are put out at night.
- (4) On 30 April 1966, 18 men FAM fired the M60 and .50 Cal machine guns at HOA CAM impact range.
- (5) Platoons occupied forward positions in support of various operations for a cumulative total of 34 days.
- (6) Battery NBC NCO completed the unit decontamination station.
- (7) No change.
- (8) No change.
- (9) N/A

ENCLOSURE (6)

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(10) The battery fired 586 HE rounds from the 8" Howitzers and 120 HE and 28 WP rounds were fired by a 155MM gun which is attached to the battery. H&I fires and unobserved missions predominated. On 29 April 1966 two VC in a boat were killed by fire from a platoon in a forward position.

(11) A retriever, 8" Howitzer wrecker, and two (2) TD 18's were received during this period.

(12) No change.

(13) No change.

(14) On the afternoon of 15 April 1966 unit medical section distributed MedCap equipment to Da Phouc Hamlet. The section treated 45 adults and 20 children.

(15) Regimental Chaplain conducted classes on religion in Viet Nam and on venereal disease to battery personnel.

(16) N/A

c. N/A


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