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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
3d Marine Division FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

BVS:wct  
5750  
3 June 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 12th Marines (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" HowBtry(SP), Danang, South Vietnam
- (2) Period 1-31 May 1966
- (3) Commanding Officer - Major Louis J. CAVALLO 062684 USMC  
Executive Officer - Captain Burl V. STONUM 073975 USMC  
1stSgt - 1stSgt William R. THOMPSON 980174 USMC
- (4) Officers - 11 Enlisted - 192 USN Enlisted - 3

b. Significant Events.

(1) This unit is losing twenty-six (26) enlisted personnel in July and eighteen (18) in August due to rotation.

(2) Twenty-four enlisted personnel were joined without service records. Three service records (including health and pay records) from this group are still missing.

(3) No change from last report.

(4) The Battery Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Gunnery Sergeant, and Commander of the Guard attended a Field Fortification course for four (4) hours at 3d Engineers.

(5) Platoons and a provisional general support group occupied forward positions in support of four (4) operations for a cumulative total of 26 days.

(6) No change from last report

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(7) Major Paul E. WILSON 053178 USMC was relieved by Major Louis J. CAVALLO 062684 USMC on 1 May 1966.

(8) At present this unit's communications section is short seven (7) radio operators and one (1) 2529. It would greatly help the operation of the unit if we were allotted four (4) more AN/PRC 25's due to the units we support.

(9) N/A

(10) The battery fired 709 HE 8" Howitzer rounds and 17 HE 155mm Gun rounds. Three precision registrations were conducted, three unobserved missions on VC in the open and suspected VC positions and a surveillance of 10 KIA and 3 WIA was received on 27 May 1966. H&I fires remained predominate.

(11) No change from last report.

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(13) N/A

(14) Sixty-five (65) local civilians were treated during the reporting period.

(15) No change from last report.

(16) This unit was redesignated the areas of Chem Tam and Hoa Phu for civil affairs community relations. Contact was made with the hamlet chief and future work projects scheduled. We plan to buy benches for the local school. A noted pro-American feeling is present in these villages.

c. N/A

  
LOUIS J. CAVALLO