

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

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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

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 1st 8" HowBtry (SP), 12thMar, 3dMarDiv, FMF, Da Nang, S. Viet Nam
- (2) Period 1-31Oct66
- (3) Commanding Officer - Captain Henry N. MEANS Jr. 075653 USMC
Executive Officer - Captain Edward O. REUSSE Jr. 081338 USMC
1stSgt - 1stSgt William R. THOMPSON 980174 USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted - 158 USN Enlisted - 2

b. Significant Events.

(1) This unit joined 13 enlisted USMC during the month of October. The average monthly strength during the reporting period is 8 Officer, 157 Enlisted Marines and 2 USN Enlisted.

(2) None

(3) Patrols continue daily around the Battery area.

(4) The security force of this unit conducted the following training:

Subject

Assembly & disassembly and operation of

a. M-14 Rifle

b. M-60 Machine Gun

c. Cal 60 HB M2 Machine Gun

M76 Grenade Launcher w/Assembly/M26 Frag Grenade

Squad Tactics/Scouting/Patrolling

Employment of Claymore Mines

Interpretation of VC Trail Signs

Hand & Arms Signals

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No. Hours

1
5
2
1
6
2
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Enclosure (6)

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(5) On 11 September 1966 the battery occupied Kilo position and assumed operational control of the 155mm Gun that occupied Kilo during last reporting period. On 11 September 1966 the battery came under operational control of the 11th Marines. On 19 October 1966 the battery obtained two (2) 155 Howitzers (towed) from Lima Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines. These Howitzers occupied the CP on 19 October 1966 and continue to do so. The 1st Platoon one (1) 8" Howitzer and one (1) 155mmGun, occupied Hill 65 during the reporting period and are in General Support reinforcing 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. The 3rd Platoon one (1) 8" Howitzer and one (1) 155mmGun occupied Hill 55 during the reporting period and are in General Support reinforcing 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines. The guns at this CP were assigned a mission of General Support reinforcing Bravo Battery, 173rd Airborne Brigade on 20 September 1966. One (1) 8" Howitzer remains at FLSG for repairs.

(6) None

(7) N/A

(8) Carried out normal communications with deployed platoons.

(9) N/A

(10) The Battery fired the following rounds during the reporting period: 175 HE 8" Howitzer rounds, 154 HE 155mmGun rounds, 34 WP 155mmGun rounds, 126 HE 155 Howitzers rounds, 2 WP 155 Howitzers rounds. Twelve (12) observed missions were fired with the following surveillance:

- (a) Five (5) Boats destroyed
- (b) One (1) Bridge partly destroyed
- (c) Twenty-one (21) Probable KIA
- (d) One (1) Confirmed KIA
- (e) Three (3) Huts destroyed

(11) None

(12) None

(13) N/A


(14) 119 local civilians were treated during the reporting period.

(15) Protestant and Catholics are furnished transportation each Sunday to attend services at the 7th Engineer Battalion Command Post.

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(16) Civic Action Projects for the month of October 1966 were accomplished before the battery moved to its present position. The Thack Nham School was renovated, new desks for three (3) class rooms, new desk and a new porch were installed. A new building in the Phu Hoa village for the purpose of Med Cap and Public Information Office was constructed during October 1966 before the Battery moved. Since occupying our new position contact has been made with local village officials, and Civil Affairs Projects and Med Caps are being planned for the local village in this area.


E. O. REUSSE, Jr.
By direction

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CO, 11thMar

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