

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology report of
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

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

a. Organizational Data.

- (1) 1st 8" HowBtry (SP), 12thMar, 3dMarDivFMF, Da Nang, S. Viet Nam
- (2) Period 1-30Nov66
- (3) Commanding Officer - Captain Paul E. ROUSH 072976 USMC
Executive Officer - Captain Edward O. REUSSE, JR. USMC
1stSgt - 1stSgt William R. THOMPSON 980174 USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted - 156 USN Enlisted - 4

b. Significant Events.

(1) This unit joined 1 Officer, 8 Enlisted Marines, and 2 USN Enlisted during the month of November. The average monthly strength during the reporting period is 8 Officers, 154 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:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>No. Hours</u>
Assembly & disassembly and operation of	
a. M-14 Rifle	1
b. M-60 Machine Gun	5
c. Cal 60 HB M2 Machine Gun	2
M76 Grenade Launcher w/Assembly/M26 Frag Grenade	1 1/2
Squad Tactics/Scouting/Patrolling	6
Employment of Claymore Mines	2
Interpretation of VC Trail Signs	1
Hand & Arms Signals	1/2

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(5) On 8 November 1966 the third platoon, consisting of One (1) M55 8" Howitzer and one (1) M53 155mm Gun displaced from Hill 55 and occupied a firing position at An Hoa. The platoon is presently assigned a mission of general support, reinforcing Foxtrot Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. On 19 November 1966, the M53 155mm Gun, located at Hill 65 was brought into FLSG to have a new tube installed. On 21 November 1966 the M55 8" Howitzer on Hill 65 was displaced to Hill 55 enroute to An Hoa. On 22 November 1966 the M53 155mm Gun had been retubed, and was sent to Hill 55. A Tank escort was arranged for, and both the M 55 and M53 of the First Platoon were deployed to An Hoa to join the Third Platoon in their general support reinforcing mission of Foxtrot Battery 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. The M53 Gun at the Battery CP along with two (2) 155mm Howitzers are assigned a mission of general support reinforcing Bravo Battery of the 173 Airborne Brigade. One (1) M55 8" Howitzer remains at FLSG for repairs.

(6) None

(7) N/A

(8) Carried out normal communications with both deployed platoons. A Retransmission unit has been placed on Hill 327 to facilitate communications with excellent results.

(9) N/A

(10) The Battery fired the following rounds during the reporting period:

8" How HE 351

155 Gun HE 150

155 Gun WP 47

155 Gun I1131

155 How HE 170

155 How WP 98

(a) Forty-Four (44) observed missions were fired with the following surveillance:

(1) 1 Bunker destroyed

(2) 1 KIA

(3) 1 secondary explosion

(11) None

(12) None

(13) N/A

(14) None

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

(16) None.

E. O. Reusse Jr.
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By direction

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