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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
3d Marine Division, FMF
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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 1-31Dec66
- (3) Commanding Officer - Captain Paul E. ROUSH 072976 USMC
Executive Officer - Captain Edward O. REUSSE JR. 081338 USMC
1stSgt - First Sergeant William R. THOMPSON 980174 USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted - 169 USN Enlisted - 3

b. Significant Events.

(1) This unit joined 32 Enlisted Marines during the month of December. The average monthly strength during the reporting period is 8 Officers, 160 Enlisted Marines and 3 USN Enlisted.

(2) None

(3) Patrols continue frequently around the Battery Area.

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

Subject
General Orders
Instruction on EE-8
Instruction of PRC-25
50 Cal. Machine Gun
M60 Machine Gun
Clay More Mine
Hand Grenade, M26
Hand Illum & Trip Flares
Scouting & Patrolling

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Hours</u>
2	2
2	2
3	3
4	4
2	2
2	2
1	1
1	1
6	6

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(5) First Platoon and Third Platoon, consisting of one (1) M55 8" Howitzer and one (1) M53 155mm Gun, each, still occupy a position at An Hoa. These four (4) weapons are assigned a mission of general support 1stMarDiv, reinforcing Echo Battery, 2ndBn, 11thMar. At the Main Command Post, one (1) M55 8" Howitzer (SP), one (1) 155mm Gun (SP) and two (2) 155mm Towed Howitzer are assigned a mission of general support, 1stMarDiv, reinforcing Foxtrot Battery, 2ndBn, 12thMar.

(6) None

(7) N/A

(8) Carried out normal communication with deployed platoons.

(9) 2040 hours, 6 December 1966, received message from An Hoa that the air strip was receiving small arms fire.

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

8" How HE - 268
 155 Gun HE - 255
 155 Gun WP - 14
 155 Gun Ill - 25
 155 How HE - 147
 155 How WP - 37
 155 How Ill - 10

(a) Fifteen (15) observed missions were fired during the reporting period with no assessments.

(11) On 15Dec66 the Battery received a new 8" Howitzer (SP) Ser. #226610 to replace Ser. #226600 on the R&E program. The Mortar Transport deadline rate has been exceptionally low with deadline length never being longer than one or two days. However, there is still a critical need for 6TN batteries in mortar transport as well as maintenance for our self-propelled howitzers. Supply support from C1 and C2 has been improving, but lead times are still longer than they should be. There has been a need for helicopter support so that we can resupply our firing platoons at An Hoa during the rainy season. Excellent cooperation has been given in this area resulting in regular resupply runs.

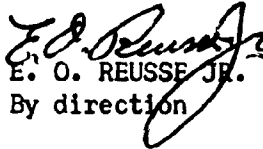
(12) None

(13) N/A

(14) Three hundred thirty nine (339) local civilians were treated during the period 1-31Dec66.

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

(16) Civil affairs has been centered mainly during the month of December on the Med Cap program. We have held Med Caps weekly with assistance from the AMA doctors from Advance Team #1 at the Da Nang Hospital. We are in the process of building a shed near the Battery Area for the purpose of holding Med Cap. We have given assistances to the hospital at Da Nang by locating a GP tent to be used as an additional ward. Our Med Caps are orgaized on a weekly basis and will continue. Med Cap sessions average about two and one half hours per session.


E. O. REUSSE JR.
By direction

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