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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 (SC-3)
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, 3dMarDiv, Da Nang, S. Viet Nam
- (2) Period covered 1-31Jan67
- (3) Commanding Officer - Captain Paul E. ROUSH 072976, USMC
Executive Officer - Captain Edward O. REUSSE JR. 081338, USMC
First Sergeant - 1stSgt William R. THOMPSON 980174, USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted - 174 USN Enlisted - 4

b. Significant Events:

(1) This unit joined sixteen (16) Enlisted Marines and one (1) Enlisted Navy during the month of January 1967. The average monthly strength during the reporting period was 8 officers, 168 enlisted marines and 3 enlisted Navy.

(2) None

(3) Patrols continue frequently around the Battery Area, with no significant occurrences.

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

<u>Subject</u>	<u>No. Hours</u>
General Orders	2
Instructions on EE-8	2
Instructions on PRC-25	3
.50 Cal Machine Gun	4
M60 Machine Gun	1
Clay More Mine	1
Hand Grenade M26	1
Hand Illum & Trip Flares	1
Scouting & Patrolling	5
Fam Fire - M-14 Rifle	4

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(5) First and Third Platoons, consisting of one (1) M55 8" Howitzer (SP) and one (1) m53 155mm Gun (SP) 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 Command Post, one (1) M55 8" Howitzer (SP), one (1) M53 155mm Gun (SP) and two (2) 155mm Towed Howitzer are assigned a mission of general support 1stMarDiv, reinforcing Bravo Battery, 1stBn, 13thMar.

(6) None

(7) N/A

(8) Carried out normal communication with deployed platoons.

(9) 0430 hours, 21 January 1967, armed explosive device discovered within the perimeter wire. Sergeant of the Guard threw grenade away from the contonement where it failed to explode. Disarmed grenade and primitive wooden/wire and nails constructed launching device forwarded to 11th Marines (S-2). 0330 hours, 25 January 1967, Perimeter Defense Post #1 (Southeast sector of compound), Post #4 (Southwest sector of compound) and Post #5 (Southwest sector of compound) cane under small arms fire from front of positions approximately 300 meters out. All post returned fire, resulting in ceasefire of incoming rounds. No Marine casualties. Searched area following morning with negative results.

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

8" How HE - 610
155 Gun HE - 307
155 Gun WP - 39
155 Gun Ill - 40
155 How HE - 135
155 How WP - 12
155 How Ill - 3

(a) During the reporting period this unit fired one (1) reinforcing mission with a survellience of 68 confirmed KIA's 60 probable KIA's. In addition this unit had a total of 26 confirmed KIA's, 21 probable KIA's and two (2) WIA's, four (4) structures were destroyed, three (3) secondary explosions, one (1) bunker destroyed, one (1) evacuated hamlet razed. The Battery fired on two (2) elephants which were carrying two (2) VC. VC fled the area, one (1) elephant was knocked down and unable to get up.

(11)

(a) The overall supply situation within this unit is satisfactory. During the past month this unit received the December CRITIPAK. Out of a quantity of twenty (20) items requested, fifteen (15) were received. The receipt of eighteen (18) M-14 rifles 7.62mm has brought this unit up to T/O in ordanace.

(b) With C1 and C2 lead times continuing to shorten, the resupply of repair parts continues to improve as well as requisition for stock.

(c) Many items of 782 gear have been placed on order for the purpose of bringing this unit back up to T/O. During the month, most of this 782 gear has been received.

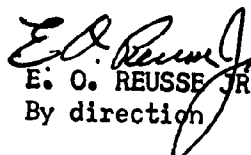
(12) None

(13) N/A

(14) Treated a total of 648 patients, of which fifty (50) were dental patients, in the area surrounding this unit's position during the reporting period.

(15) Protestant services are conducted every Sunday in the Battery area, and Catholics are furnished transportation each Sunday to attend services at the 7th Engineer Battalion Command Post.

(16) The emphasis of an civic action program has been centered on a weekly MedCap and DentCap program, supported by AMA doctors from advance Team #1 at the Da Nang Hospital and dentists from 1st Dental Company. In addition this unit supplied materials for the school at An Naga Dong to reinforce their floor and build a blackboard, also a program has been initiated to clean up the garbage dumps in the area.


E. O. REUSSE JR.
By direction

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