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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)  
3d Marine Division, FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, 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), 2ndBn, 12thMar, 3dMarDiv, Da Nang, S. Vietnam
- (2) Period covered 1-28Feb67
- (3) Commanding Officer - Captain Paul E. ROUSH 072976, USMC  
Executive Officer - Captain Edward O. REUSSE JR. 081338, USMC  
First Sergeant - 1stSgt Auzie V. WHITE 1095894, USMC
- (4) Officers - 8 Enlisted 179 USN Enlisted - 4

b. Significant Events:

(1) This unit joined fourteen (14) Enlisted Marines during the month of February 1967. The average monthly strength during the reporting period was 8 officers, 176 enlisted marines and 4 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 training:

Subject	No. Hours
General Orders	2
Instructions on EE-8	2
Instructions on PRC-25	3
.50 Cal Machine Gun/Fam Fire	2
M60 Machine Gun/Fam Fire	2
m-14 Rifle/Fam Fire	14
Claymore Mine	1
Hand Grenade M26	1
Hand Illum & Trip Flares	1
Scouting & Patrolling	1
Battery Guard Orders	2
Vietnamese Lang Trng	5

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(5) First and Third Platoons, consisting of one (1) M55 Howitzer (SP) and one (1) M53 155 Gun (SP) each still occupy a position at An Hoa. These four (4) weapons are assigned a mission of general support 1st MarDiv, reenforcing Echo Battery, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar. At the CP, one (1) M55 8" Howitzer (SP), one (1) M55 155 Gun (SP) and two (2) 155mm Towed Howitzers are assigned a mission of general support 1st MarDiv, reenforcing Bravo Battery, 1st Bn 13th Mar.

(6) None

(7) N/A

(8) Carried out normal communication with deployed platoons.

(9) 19 February 1967, five (5) vehicle convoy, one (1) officer, nine (9) enlisted from battery participated in defense of position held by Hotel Company, 2ndBn, 5th Marines while being billeted for night awaiting ferry ten (10) miles north An Hoa. 1800 hours, came under small arms fire, no marine casualties. 2300 hours, came under small arms fire, no marine casualties.

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

8" How HE - 311  
155 Gun HE - 250  
155 Gun WP - 40  
155 Gun Ill - 32  
155 How HE - 19  
155 How Ill - 19

(a) During the reporting period this unit fired fifty-five missions with the surveillance of two (2) confirmed KIA's, ten (10) probable KIA's, thirteen (13) probable WIA's, one (1) house destroyed and one (1) bunker destroyed.

(11) The overall supply situation in the Battery is satisfactory. The special CRITIPAK for engineer equipment was received this month. Twenty-four items were requested and twenty-four items were received. The Battery also recieved its authorization for a modification of allowances. The Battery now rates 14 sets of binoculars vice 8 sets and the allowance for body armor upper torso was increased to 231. The turn in of excess supplies has just been completed for the end of 1966.

(12) None

(13) N/A

(14) Treated a total of 375 patients in the hamlets of Thanh Vinh and Van Dzung in the village of Hoa Vinh, in addition we treated 26 dental patients 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.

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(16) The emphasis of our civic action program has been centered on a weekly MedCap and DentCap Program, supported by AMA doctors from Advance Team #1 at Da Nang Hospital and Dentists from 1st Dental Company. In addition this unit has re-opened the school at An Ngai Dong Hamlet. Through contributions from this unit and Bravo Battery, 1stBn, 13th Mar, we are enabling 70 plus children to attend school whereas before there were only 12 students in attendance. Our sanitation program was completed this month when all trash dumps were covered over and one central dump completed. To emphasize the importance of sanitation we had a PysOps Team from the 29th CA Company show movies, play tapes and distribute pamphlets. This unit also supplied cement to resurface the floor at the school in Van Doung. A continuing program of leaflet distribution was pursued during the reporting period.

  
PAUL E. ROUSH

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