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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 SEPTEMBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1967

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

COMMANDERCAPT. W. G. SMITH JR.
975271/0802ATTACHED UNITS

1ST PLT. 5TH 155 GUN BATTERY (SP)

CAPT. E. E. PARKER
936413/08022. LOCATION

1-30 SEPT 67: FIVE (5) 8" HOW AND TWO (2) 155MM GUNS CAN LO, RVN

1-30 SEPT 67: ONE (1) 8" HOW GIG LANK, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

THIS BATTERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 43 OBSERVED MISSILES AND 562 UNOBSERVED MISSILES IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, EXPENDED 2747 ROUNDS 8" HE AND 143 ROUNDS 155MM HE.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT OF 3RD MARINE DIVISION

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

OPERATION KINGFISHER 810001 - 302400 SEPT 67

CONFIDENTIALC. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. THREE (3) KIA CONFIRMED
2. FOUR (4) KIA PROBABLE
3. ONE (1) BUNKER AND 25 METERS OF TRENCHLINE DESTROYED.
4. SIX (6) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS FROM COUNTER BATTERY MISSIONS.

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

BATTERY SUSTAINED FOUR (4) NON-SERIOUS CASUALTIES.

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

NONE

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

NO COMMENT

G. EQUIPMENT

THIS BATTERY RECEIVED SIX (6) HOWITZERS, 8 INCH, SELF-PROPELLED, M109 DURING THE PAST MONTH AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYING THEM AT CAMLO, RVN. THE SIX (6) HOWITZERS, 8 INCH, SELF-PROPELLED, M55 WILL BE TURNED IN AFTER THEIR USE AS A BACK-UP FOR THE NEW HOWITZERS DIMINISHES.

H. LOGISTICS

THE LOGISTICS SITUATION OF THIS BATTERY IS SATISFACTORY. WE HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF OUR INITIAL PROVISIONING PARTS FOR THE M110. REPAIR PARTS FOR THE M55 ARE ON ORDER. OUR M41 EIMCO TRACTORS ARE STILL ON ADMIN DEADLINE FOR LACK OF PARTS THOUGH THREE TYPES OF NINE REQUIRED ITEMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

I. CIVIC ACTION

NO COMMENT

J. ADMINISTRATION

CG ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED 16 SEPT 1967, SATISFACTORY WITH MINOR DISCREPANCIES.

K. PERSONNEL

SITUATION IMPROVING, JOINED 26 AND LOST 22 DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

L. INTELLIGENCE

NO COMMENT

M. COMMUNICATIONS

NO COMMENT

ENCLOSURE (1)

CONFIDENTIALA. WEATHER

THE ADVENT OF MONSOON RAINS WITH SUBSEQUENT FLOODING OF THE CAM LO RIVER HAS PRESENTED MAJOR RE-SUPPLY PROBLEMS TO THE BATTERY POSITION. DURING A FOUR (4) DAY PERIOD OF CONTINUOUS RAIN, THE BATTERY POSITION WAS RE-SUPPLIED BY HELICOPTER BOAT. WITHOUT A MORE SUITABLE BRIDGE OR A MORE BOAT LIFT AT THE CAM LO RIVER, THIS RE-SUPPLY PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE THE MONSOON SEASON.

B. FIRE SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

P. AIR SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

NONE

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE