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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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January to 31 January 1968

Ref: (a) LCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPAO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 1st 8" Inch Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

1st Plt. 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

COMMANDERMajor W. G. SMITH JR.
076271/08021stLt M. C. KALIN
094820/08022. LOCATION

1-31 Jan 68 two 8" How (M110) at C-1 RVN
 1-31 Jan 68 two 8" How (M110) at C-2 RVN
 1-31 Jan 68 two 8" How (M110) at Cam Lo RVN
 1-11 Jan 68 two 155 Guns (M53) at Cam Lo RVN
 11-20 Jan 68 two 155 Guns (M53) at Dong Ha RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This unit fired a total of 127 observed missions and 442 unobserved missions in general support of the Third Marine Division, expending 4708 rounds

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

1. Operation Kentucky
2. Operation Lancaster
3. Operation HighRise
4. Operation Hedge Shed
5. Operation Neosho II terminated 25Jan68
6. Operation Napoleon

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 28 KIA confirmed
2. 27 KIA probable
3. 6 Secondary Explosions
4. 2 motars destroyed
5. 1 .50 cal. Machine gun destroyed
6. 1 sampan destroyed
7. 71 bunkers destroyed
8. 11 bunkers damaged
9. 15 buildings destroyed
10. 1 bunker complex uncovered
11. 270 meters of trenchline destroyed
12. 1 bunker complex destroyed
13. 1 assembly area destroyed
14. 1 supply area destroyed
15. 5 water buffalo KIA confirmed

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

NONE

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

We are refining techniques for the employment of the Visual Airborne Target Locating System (VATLS) system. As yet progress has not been significant since the system is not fully operational.

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

NO COMMENT

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8 inch Howitzer Battery (SP) (M110) continues to function satisfactorily. Motor Transport is developing a significant problem due to the age of vehicles and continued high usage. At present sixteen vehicles are deadlined for 3rd echelon or higher repair.

H. LOGISTICS

The present supply situation is satisfactory. Second echelon repair parts are being supplied to customers regularly, with the exception of motor transport DX parts. FLSG-B DX shop has been filling only 60% of our demands. Short supply items are flack jackets, crocus cloth, and truck inner tubes.

I. CIVIC ACTION

NO COMMENT

J. ADMINISTRATION

No administration difficulties encountered during this reporting period. The Battery Office has been located in Dong Ha.

K. PERSONNEL

This battery has joined 9 and dropped 16 causing the battery to be operating at 81.3% strength.

L. INTELLIGENCEL. NO COMMENTSM. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications have improved with the addition of a radio relay being installed at our Cam Lo position.

N. WEATHER

Clear weather was encountered throughout most of the month. The weather caused no operational difficulties.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

P. AIR SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

Operational control of First Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP), was chopped to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines on 20 Jan 1968.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE