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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDERMajor W. G. SMITH JR.
076271/08022. LOCATION

1-29 Feb 68 two 8" How (M110) at C-1 RVN
 1-29 Feb 68 two 8" How (M110) at C-2 RVN
 1-29 Feb 68 two 8" How (M110) at Cam Lo RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	183

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	4

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This unit fired a total of 109 observed missions and 334 unobserved missions in general support of the Third Marine Division, expending 4100 rounds of HE M106 and 5 rounds of projectile M404.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

1. Operation Kentucky
2. Operation Lancaster
3. Operation Highrise
4. Operation Hedge Sled
5. Operation Napoleon
6. Operation Saline

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C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 24 KIA confirmed
2. 6 KIA probable
3. 27 Secondary Explosions
4. 5 Arty Pieces Destroyed
5. 30 Bunkers Destroyed
6. 13 Bunkers Damaged
7. 5 Buildings/Structures Destroyed
8. 20 ~~Meters~~ of Trenchline Destroyed
9. 1 Sampan Damaged
10. 5 Live Stock Destroyed
11. 5 Rocket Positions Destroyed
12. 4 Large Boxes of Supply Destroyed

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

Six (6) minor WIA's

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

During the month of February 1968 this unit was equipped with projectile HE M404 and has fired three observed missions on troops in the open. The performance of the projectile M404 and the Fire Direction Center procedures have been good to excellent.

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

NO COMMENT

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8 inch Howitzer M110 continues to function satisfactorily. Three UER's have been submitted on minor parts of the M110. Motor Transport is continuing to develop into a significant problem area. At present twenty vehicles are deadlined for 3rd echelon or higher repair.

H. LOGISTICS

We have received shipment notification from Barstow for our eight 2½ ton Multifuel Trucks. At present we have six 2½ ton trucks and only three of our eight rated M38A1 jeeps. Supply system response to requisitions has greatly improved since the cancellation program. Status is now being received within the established time frames though transportation problems have delayed receipt of material released for shipment. We recently had one of our three Einco Tractors destroyed and are awaiting a disposition letter from FLSC-B to order a replacement vehicle on Red Ball.

I. CIVIC ACTION

NO COMMENT

J. ADMINISTRATION

The Regimental Administration Assistance Team conducted an inspection. Administration was rated as satisfactory with discrepancies. These discrepancies have been eliminated. Personnel Accounting percentage error is .7%.

K. PERSONNEL

This Battery has joined 29 and dropped 22 causing the battery to be operating at 90% strength.

L. INTELLIGENCE

NO COMMENT

M. COMMUNICATIONS

The Regimental Communications Assistance Team inspected our Communications Section. Communications was rated satisfactory with discrepancies. These discrepancies have been eliminated.

N. WEATHER

Rainy, overcast weather was encountered throughout the month. All positions are holding up well under the adverse conditions.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

P. AIR SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

NONE

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE