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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June 1964 to 30 June 1964

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDERMajor P. L. CAPIN
077623/0802/0430
1 June - 30 June2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1968, two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-1, RVN
 1-30 June 1968, two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-2, RVN
 1-30 June 1968, two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Khe Sanh, RVN
 1-30 June 1968, Fire Direction Center at C-3, RVN
 1-30 June 1968, Battery Headquarters at Dong Ha, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
9	190	0	5

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the entire month of June, this unit had 2 guns deployed to Khe Sanh under the OpCon of Task Force Hotal. The following statistics do not include their missions. Only unusual mission was an attempt by "A" Platoon to fire at 10-12 helicopters in the air on the evening of 17 June 1968. "A" Platoon fired at maximum range with shell HE and fuze time, but did not cause any damage.

The four guns under the control of this unit's Fire Direction Center fired during the month of June, 86 observed missions and 233 unobserved missions expending 3616 rounds of HE M106 and 22 rounds of HE M104.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED

GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

1. Operation LANCASTER II
2. Operation KENTUCKY

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1. Operation SCOTLAND II
2. Operation HIGH RISE
3. Operation NAPOLAEON
4. Operation CALINE II

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 5 confirmed KIA
2. 28 confirmed MIA
3. 3 secondary explosions
4. 24 bunkers destroyed
5. 7 bunkers damaged
6. 12 artillery pieces destroyed
7. 7 structures destroyed
8. 11 structures damaged
9. 3 sampans destroyed
10. 1 .30 cal weapon destroyed
11. 3 fighting holes destroyed
12. 1 vehicle damaged
13. 25 meters of trenchline destroyed

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

NONE

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

NONE

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

NO COMMENT

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8" Howitzer (M10) continues to function satisfactorily. The only recurring fault appears to be with the fuel tanks which are leak-prone. The loading rate for Motor Transport continues to be around 10%. We have not yet received any of the new M151 jeeps.

H. LOGISTICS

We are able to resupply all our positions with no major difficulty.

I. CEVAC ACTION

During the period of 10-17 June, the Executive Officer of this unit was instrumental in organizing a MEDCAP program for the village outside C-1. The village chief agreed to build a hut for sick-call just outside the gate into C-1 position. As soon as this work is completed, a regularly scheduled sick-call with the Corporal from the four American units at C-1 will be established. The Army Battery, C-1-40, agreed to supply an interpreter for all sick calls and to arrange to have their unit surgeon make weekly visits. Prior to this, medical aid to this refugee village of 5,000 was of a minimal nature.

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J. ADMINISTRATION

NO COMMENT

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery has joined 14 and dropped 19 resulting in a personnel operating percentage of 94%. A new cadre came in on 25 June 1968, bringing one Captain, one WO1, one GySgt, three Sgts, two Sgt's, and five PFC's.

L. INTELLIGENCE

NO COMMENT

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications remain on a satisfactory level.

N. WEATHER

Weather was hot and clear the majority of the month. Occasional thundershowers helped alleviate the dust problem.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

P. AIR SUPPORT

NOT APPLICABLE

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

NONE

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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