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1st 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
3d Marine Division, BPF
APO San Francisco 96802

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CONTROL # 025968

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, BPF

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

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3d Marine Division, MAF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 July 1968 to 31 July 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (OP)

COMMANDERMajor F. L. GAPIN
077623/0802/0430
1 July - 31 July2. LOCATION"A" Platoon1 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-1, RVN
2-7 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-3, RVN
8-31 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-1, RVN"B" Platoon1 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-2, RVN
2-7 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-3, RVN
8-12 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-2, RVN
13-31 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Thon Son Lam (Rockpile)
RVN"C" Platoon1-6 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Khe Sanh, RVN
7-12 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-3, RVN
13-31 July 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at C-2, RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS

NOT APPLICABLE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 July to 6 July 1968, this unit had two Howitzers deployed to Khe Sanh under OPCON of Task Force HOTEL. Also this unit deployed two Howitzers to Thon Son Lam (Rockpile) from 14 July to 31 July 1968, under OPCON of Task Force HOTEL.

During the month of July, the Howitzers under this command fired 149 observed missions and 827 unobserved missions expending 5267 rounds of the M106 and 214 rounds of HE M40A.

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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
3. Operation SCOTLAND II
4. Operation HIGHRISE
5. Operation NAPOLEON
6. Operation SALINE II
7. Operation LANCASTER JULY
8. Operation THOR

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 16 Confirmed KIA
2. 31 Confirmed MIA
3. 46 Secondary explosions
4. 26 Bunkers destroyed
5. 12 Bunkers damaged
6. 72 Structures destroyed
7. 1 Structure damaged
8. 3 Sampans destroyed
9. 1 Tracked Vehicle damaged
10. 390 Meters of trenchline destroyed
11. 3 Artillery weapons destroyed
12. 4 Artillery weapons damaged
13. 1 Antiaircraft weapon destroyed
14. 1 Antiaircraft weapon damaged
15. 3 Pack animals destroyed
16. 2 Storage areas destroyed
17. 6 Fighting holes destroyed
18. 1 Bridge damaged
19. 4 Fuel dumps destroyed

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

Three (3) MIA

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

None

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

Not Applicable

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8" Howitzer M110 continues to function satisfactorily with major problems resulting from lack of 2d and 3d echelon spare parts. We are still

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having trouble with fuel tank leakage. In addition, the bulle have a tendency to leak and the hydraulic systems continue to leak periodically. The fuel line rate for Motor Transport continues to be around 10%. We still have not received any of the new M151 Jeeps.

H. LOGISTICS

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

I. CIVIL ACTION

Our program for the village outside of Q-1 is still in progress as set forth in previous reports. Natives seem to be receptive and appreciative.

J. ADMINISTRATION

Addressograph machine has been down for six (6) weeks because of part shortages.

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery has joined 9 and dropped 14 resulting in a personnel operating percentage of 84%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications remain on a satisfactory level.

N. WEATHER

Weather was hot, windy, and clear. Occasional thundershowers occurred.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

Not applicable

P. AIR SUPPORT

Not applicable

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

None

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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