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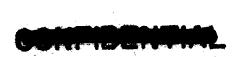
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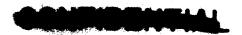
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

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Capt. P.L. TOWNSEND 087362/0802 1 Sept 1968 - 30 Sept 196

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 Sept - 30 Sept 1968 - Two 8" Howitzer: (E113) at A-3, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 Sept - 13 Sept 1968 - Two 8" Howitsers (M110) at Rockpile, RVN 14 Sept - 30 Sept 1968 - Two 8" Howitsers (M110) at Lending Zone Pete, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 Sept - 30 Sept 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M. 10) at 1-4, RVN

3. TAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGHTH

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PART II



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The most note-worthy achievement of the worth of September was the move by "B" Platoon from the Rockpile to Landing Zone Pete. This cross-country move involved the fording of two large creeks and the climbing of several very steep hills. The move was led by two EINCO's that cut out roads and pulled the trucks up the steeper grades. The move was measurabled by an infantry operation in the DMZ and the Division Commanding General's expressed desire that 8" be moved into position to support the operation. Resupply is possible only by use of U.S. Army M548 Trucked Vehicles. While at Landing Zone Pete, "B" Platoon is under the operational control of 2/12.

U.S. Army 108th Field Artillery Group. Due to frequent bed weather the levial Observers were not able to fly as much as in previous months. This resulted

in fewer missions for both "A" and "C" Platoons,

Artillery Group through 15 Sept. On 16 Sept they went under the operational control of the 12th Marines with the understanding that 108th Group could assign them missions with the permission of the 12th Marines. This arrangement was established in order to give 12th Marines primary control in case support was needed for the operation in the DMZ.

Activity at the Battery Headquarters has primarily involved the construction of 8 S.E. Asia Huts and a shower. These new buildings allowed the Battery to evacuate it's position at C-3 and consolidate all maintenance and controlling

activities at Dong Ha.

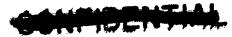
On the night of 28 September a fire broke out in the FDC Bunker at A-3. The bunker, and everything in it, was a total loss. One man was injured by an exploding small arms round. Among the gear lost was 5 AN/PRC-25 radios, complete FDC set-up and 6 men's personal gear. The re-actions of the personal in attempting to combet the blaze and removing smouldering ammenition was of such a high ciliber that 4 are being recommended for Navy commendation Medals and 2 for Bronze Stars.

During the month of September, the U.S. Army 108th Field Artillery Group submitted through their chain of command a recommendation that 1st 8" Howitzer

Battery be awarded the Army Valorous Unit Award.

During the month of September, the howitzers of this battery fired 152 observed missions and 163 mobserved missions, expending 3659 rounds of M106 (HE) and 22 rounds of M404 (HE).

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LI TING of SIGHIFICANT EVERTS

A. COMBAT MISSION ASSIGNED

General Supprt of the Third Marine Division

B. SIGNIVICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

- 1. Operation Kentucky
- 2. Operation Highrise
- 3. Operation Saline II
- 4. Operation Lancaster II
- 5. Operation Scotland II East
- 6. Operation Highrise Thor

C. CASUALITIES INFLICTED ON THE ENERTY

- 1. 47 Confirmed KIA's
- 2. 20 Probable KIA's
- 3. 11 Artillery Guns Destroyed
- 4. 9 Artillery Guns Damaged
- 5. 59 Bunkers Destroyed
- 6. 2 Bunkers Damaged
- 7. 77 Secondary Explosions
- 8. 5 Secondary Fires
- 9. 50 Meters of Tranchline Destroyed
- 10. 1 Anti-Aircraft Gun Destroyed
- 11. 2 Tracked Vehicles Destroyed
- 12. 1 Truck Destroyed
- 13. 1 Tracked Vehicle Damaged
- 14. 16 Structhres Destroyed
- 15. 1 50 Cal Machinegum Destroyed
- 16. 5 Automatic Weapons Positions Destroyed
- 17. 1 AK 47 Destroyed
- 18. 2 Escape Routes Destroyed
- 19. 2 Supply Dumps Destroyed
- 20. 1 Steel Bridge Destroyed
- 21. 1 60 MM Mortar Destroyed
- 22. 1 Camouflaged Arty Position Destroyed
- 23. 1 Truck Park Destroyed
- 24. Large Quantity of Rice Destroyed

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D. CASUALITIES SUSTAINED

One (1) WIA, One (1) Non-Combat Injury

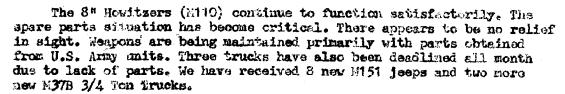
E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

None

F. COMPAND RELATIONS

N/A





H. LOGISTICS

The resupply of "B" Platoon at Landing Zone Pete can only be accomplished by use of tracked vehicles. The resupply of "C" Platoon is seriously hampered by the fact that the bridge over Cam Lo River collapsed. The engineers are in the process of constructing a new bridge. The road from Highway 1 into A-3 becomes increasingly difficult to traverse. This is due to the frequency of mines (up to 9 found in one day) and the fact that whenever it rains, the road is a virtual sea of mud.

I. CIVIC ACTION

None

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The battery has joined 32 and dropped 12 enliated men, resulting in a operating percentage of 93%. The battery has joined 0 and dropped 2 officers, resulting in an operating percentage of 64%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment



PART III (cont)

M. COMMUNICATIONS

The loss of 5 AN/PRC 25's in the fire at "A" Platoon has caused the battery to re-distribute it's remaining railos. As a result all stations are no longer able to moniter as many nets as is preferable. This has not affected our operational ability.

N. MEATHER

Generally Cooler with Frequent Thundseshowers.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

N/A

P. AIR SUPPORT

N/A

Q. ACTIVATIONS / DEACTIVATIONS / REDESIGNATIONS

None

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



1. None

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