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3d Marine Division, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 October to 31 October 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

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P.L. TOWNSEND

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3d Marine Division, FME
FPO San Francisco 96602

COMBAT CHRONOLOGY
1 October 1968 to 31 October 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)

COMMANDER

Capt. P.L. TOWNSEND
087362/0802
1 Oct 1968 - 31 Oct 1968

LOCATION

A" Platoon

1 Oct - 22 Oct 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M 110) at A-3, RVN
23 Oct 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M 110) at C-1, RVN
24 Oct - 31 Oct 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers at A-3, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 Oct - 22 Oct 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M 110) at Landing zone Pete
Pete, RVN
23 Oct - 31 Oct 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M 110) at Rockpile, RVN

"C" Platoon

1 Oct - 31 Oct 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (M 110) at A-4, RVN

STAFF OFFICERS

Not applicable

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSN

OFF
8

ENL
195

OFF
10

ENL
6

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~NARRATIVE SUMMARY

With the continuing bomb halt, all shooting was restricted to south of the Ben Hai River. The majority of the observed missions fired by the Battery were against NVA/VC bunkers and built-up areas. In this role, the Battery negated thousands of man-hours of work by destroying 155 bunkers and damaging 58.

Lt. Risher returned to the Battery but immediately transferred to a restricted duty assignment. CWO-2 Fisher returned to the Battery and re-assumed control of "Q" platoon.

A request was submitted to the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division for permission to recommend 1st 9" Howitzer Battery (SP) for a Navy Unit Commendation Award for the period 1 July - 31 November 1968.

During the month of December, the Howitzers of this Battery fired 91 observed missions and 232 unobserved missions, expending 3382 rounds of M106(HE) and 51 rounds of M104 (HE).

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General support of the Third Marine Division

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

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

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 155 Bunkers Destroyed
2. 58 Bunkers Damaged
3. 9 Structures Destroyed
4. 5 Structures Damaged
5. 27 Secondary Explosions
6. 8 KIA (Confirmed)
7. 9 KIA (Probable)
8. 1 KIA (Confirmed)
9. 13 Fighting Holes Destroyed
10. 3 Fighting Holes Damaged
11. 220 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
12. 30 Meters of Road Destroyed
13. 3 Trails Cut in Half
14. 1 .50 Cal. Position Damaged
15. 1 Cable Bridge Damaged
16. 1 Base Camp Destroyed
17. 2 Secondary Fires
18. 5 100 lb. Sacks of Rice Destroyed
19. 36 82mm Rounds Destroyed
20. 1 RIG Destroyed
21. 1 M-14 Destroyed
22. 500 Rounds of AK-47 Ammo Destroyed
23. 1 Motorbike Destroyed
24. Numerous assorted articles of 762 gear destroyed

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

None

E. NEW TECHNIQUES

None

F. COM AND RELATIONS

N/A

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Due to the nearly continuous usage and the lack of spare parts, the Howitzers continue to have an excessive decline rate. It is still rare to have ever 5 guns "up" simultaneously. At no time during December were 6 guns operational.

H. LOGISTICS

No Problems

I. CIVIL ACTION

The Battery Corpsmen conducted 2 PWOCAS, treating 254 Vietnamese Nationals.

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery joined 1 Officer and 11 Enlisted and dropped 1 Officer and 13 Enlisted. The Operating Percentages (of Manning level) of Officers is 72% and of Enlisted, 97%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problem

N. WEATHER

Continued clear and warm.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

N/A

P. AIR SUPPORT

N/A

Q. ACTIVATIONS / DEACTIVATIONS / REDESIGNATIONS

N/A

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Supporting Documents

The Following is a list of originated messages for Dec 68 from 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP):

<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
✓060755Z Dec 68	Combat Losses
✓090515Z Dec 68	Supply Req.
✓110215Z Dec 68	Telephone Set EE-8 Handset
✓170810Z Dec 68	3d Div Pers Resp Course
✓170815Z Dec 68	Personal Response Council Meeting
✓190235Z Dec 68	Personnel Accounting Course
✓220200Z Dec 68	Speed Requirements
✓230215Z Dec 68	Addresses of Certain Officers
✓230310Z Dec 68	Location of Personnel
✓240120Z Dec 68	Negative Report to 3d MarDiv Msg 220740Z Dec 68
✓270510Z Dec 68	Answer to 3d MarDiv Msg 140414Z Dec 68
✓270512Z Dec 68	LCpl Donnie G. White 2334649 USMC
✓300720Z Dec 68	Negative Report to 3d MarDiv Msg 260652Z Dec 68
✓300724Z Dec 68	Answer to 3d MarDiv Msg 210151Z Dec 68
Nothing Follows	

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R 060755Z DEC 68

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION (SC-4)

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

COMBAT LOSSES

A. DIV 4400.15

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

BT

TOD 061737Z/TT-04/RDN

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060755Z DEC 68

H A S B E E N S E N I

CCN 048

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ADJ

READ BOARD

To: Gy Sgt Chavez
 8" How should be
 included as an INFO Addressee
 on these "Request Release" messages

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7NY FEEEE
 R 090515Z DEC 68
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV

(REQ REL)

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO MOONE HUNDRED
 INFO 7TH/2ND/4TH MARINES
 BT

REF CG 3RD MARDIV MSG 061043Z DEC 68

1. ACI/MOI/T/5965-645-4875/EA/0001/M21273/3333/3314/YCOMMD/C/

BI NK/BI NK/992/12/BI NK/BLNK/

2. ACI/MOI/T/5965 645 4875/EA/3336/M21273/3342/1334/YCOMMDX

C/BLNK/BI NK/992/17/BI NK/BLNK/

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TOD: 090710Z TT=09 JVA PAGE 1 OF 1

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 R 110215Z DEC 68
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 (REF REF.)

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO CG FORLOGCOMD
 INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
 PT

INCLAS F F T O

SUBJ: TELEPHONE SET EE-8 HANDSET

REF CG 3RD MARDIV MSG 061043Z DEC 68

ATTN: MC100 (MC1-5-HIG)

1. AC1/MC1/T/5965-645-4875/EA/00001/M21270/7303/0014/YCOMMO/

C/BINK/BINK/892/12/BINK/BINK/

2. AC1/MC1/T/5965-645-4875/EA/00006/M21270/1684/YCOMMO/

C/BINK/BINK/892/17/BINK/BINK/

PT

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R 170810Z DEC 68	CCN 164
FM FIRST FIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)	
TO CG THIRD MARDIV	
INFO 2EN/TWELFTH MARINES	8th
BT	
INCLAS FF TO	ADJ
3RD DIVISION PERS REST COURSE	
* YOUR MSG 120702Z DEC 68	
* IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION IS	
HEREBY SUBMITTED.	
* SSGT ALVIN J. HILL 1443848 USMC	
* RELIETING WILL NOT BE REQUIRED	
BT	

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R 170815Z DEC 68

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO 7EN/TWELFTH MARINES

BT

UNCLAS F F T O

PERSONNEL RESPONSE COUNCIL MEETING

AS YOUR MSG 120704Z DEC 68

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION IS

HEREBY SUBMITTED:

1. 1ST LT LESTER L. GRASSELLI 0102571 USMC

2. BILLETING WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV ADJ
1FO TWELFTH MARINES
BT
INCLAS E F T O
(SC-7E)
PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING COURSE
A. YOUR BULLETIN 1080 OF 17DEC68
1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION IS
HEREBY SUBMITTED.
LCPL JAMES D. WATTS 2356204
BILLET MOS 0141
RTD MAY 69
BT
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R 220200Z DEC 68

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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SUBJ SPEED REQUIREMENTS

REF (A) CG 3RD MARDIV MSG P150254Z DEC 68

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R 230215Z DEC 68
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP) ADJ
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO 2ND/12TH MARINES
BT
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ADDRESSEES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS
AS YOUR ITR 7R/LEG/SAB OVER 1300 DTD 16 DEC 68
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), A NEG REPORT IS SUBMITTED
BT
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R 230310Z DEC 68
FM FIRST FIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO 7EN/TWELFTH MARINES
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(SC-7R)

LOC OF PERS

Re YOUR MSG 220133Z DEC 68

In ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), A NEG REPORT IS HEREBY
SUBMITTED.

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 240120Z DEC 68
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP) ADJ
 TO CG THIRD MARIY
 INFO ZEN TWELFTH MARINES
 BT
 THOMAS E F T O
 (SC-3)
 REF (A) YOUR MSG 220740Z DEC 68
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED
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R 270510Z DEC 68

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CCN; 295

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

ADJ

INFO 7EN/TWELFTH MARINES

FLSG-BRAYO

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INCLAS FF TO

(SC-10)

A. YOUR MSG 140414Z DEC 68

E. MI-03817A-35/6A

1. THIS BATTERY HOLDS FIVE RADIO SETS AN/PRC-47 MANUFACTURED
UNDER CONTRACT NO. 72367

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F 270512Z DEC 68

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARDIVH A S B E E N S E N T

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(REF REI)

ADJ

8"

FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO CMC

INFO NAVHOSP USS REPOSE

TWELFTH MARINES

BT

INCLAS E F T O

LCPL DONNIE GEORGE WHITE 2334649 USMC

A. NAVHOSP USS REPOSE MSG 251134Z DEC 68

B. FMFPACO P3040.2D

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) AND (B), THE FOLLOWING INFO IS
HEREBY SUBMITTED.

A. LCPL DONNIE GEORGE WHITE 2334649/0811 USMC

D. 25 DEC 68, ROCKPILE, DIANG TRI PROV, CAUSE OF CONVULSIVE
DISORDER UNKNOWNFM MR & MRS DONNIE GEORGE WHITE, 2917 E. BATES ST. LUBBOCK, TEX.
(FATHER & MOTHER)

1. NONE

BT

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EMY 82222

R 300720Z DEC 63

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH MONITZER BATTERY (SP) ADJ

TO CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION

INFO ZENITH FIFTH MARINES

BT

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(ATTN: DIV ENGR OFF)

A. YR MSG 260652Z DEC63

IS FAV REF (A) A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED

BT

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R 300724Z DEC63

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TO CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION

INFO 2EM/ TWELFTH MARINES

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(SC-21)

A. KR 184 213151Z DEC63

1. LAW REF (A) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED

(A) QTY ON HAND SERVICEABLE (6)

(B) QTY ON HAND UNSERVICEABLE (0)

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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)
 3d Marine Division, MAF
 APO San Francisco 96302

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2 Dec 1959

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, MAF

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3d Marine Division, 7th
APO San Francisco 96602

COMMAND HISTORY
1 January 1969 to 31 January 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (32)

COMMANDER

Capt. P. I. Townsend
 OF7362/GR02
 1 January 1969 to
 31 January 1969

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 January to 31 January 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-2 (Gio Linh), RVN

"B" Platoon

1 January to 31 January 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at Elliot Combat Base,
 RVN

"C" Platoon

1 January to 31 January 1969 - Two 8" Howitzers (M110) at A-4 (Con Thien),
 RVN

Battery Headquarters

1 January to 31 January 1969 - Dong Ha Combat Base

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not applicable

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

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6ENL
187OFF
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6

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Again the continuing bombing halt restricted firing to south of the Don Nai River. As in December the nature of the target of the majority of the battery's observed missions was "Bunkers and Fresh Trails". In January, 1st SFG (Avn) Battery destroyed 90 enemy bunkers and damaged an additional 32.

SGT 2 Fisher had further heart trouble and was evacuated to the States.

No position received any incoming during the month.

The Maintenance Crew kept six guns "hot" almost continuously during the second half of the month.

During the month of January, the howitzers of this battery fired 102 observed missions and 361 unobserved missions, expending 3963 rounds of 106(1) and 157 rounds of 104(1).

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PART III

SCIENTIFIC TESTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. MISSION ASSIGNED

General Support of the Third Marine Division

B. SUPPORTING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

Operation Kentucky
 Operation Highrise
 Operation Online II
 Operation Lancaster II
 Operation Scotland II East

C. CASUALTIES IMPLICATED ON THE ENEMY

1. 90 bunkers destroyed
2. 33 bunkers damaged
3. 8 structures destroyed
4. 2 structures damaged
5. 76 secondaries
6. 3 MIA (Confirmed)
7. 4 MIA (probable)
8. 4 Automatic weapons positions destroyed
9. 1 Automatic weapons positions damaged
10. 1 50 Cal. Machine Gun destroyed
11. 320 meters of trenchline destroyed
12. 11 cultivated fields destroyed
13. 1 cultivated field damaged
14. 1 ammunition dump destroyed
15. 1 tunnel destroyed
16. 1 tunnel damaged
17. 20 meters of tree line destroyed
18. 1 canopy destroyed

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

None

E. REMARKS

None

F. COORDINATIONS

N/A

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PART II

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Shooting was again light during the month of October. This was due primarily to prolonged periods of rain and low cloud cover. The weather greatly reduced the flying time of the U.S. Army 108th Artillery Group Aerial Observers, who normally conduct the majority of the missions fired by "A" and "C" platoons. Another factor was the fact that the maintenance problems of the guns have reached such a state that at no time were all six guns operational at the same time, and rarely were even five "up".

"B" Platoon did move out of Landing Zone Pete and return to the Rockpile, thus greatly facilitating its resupply.

"A" Platoon moved to C-1 for one day of shooting in support of an ARVN operation north of A-2, and then returned to A-3.

Construction of gun pads and ammunition bunkers began after one false start. On 27 Oct, however, construction was halted as the Seabees received instructions to move to A-2.

The M 51 VTR (Retriever) was engaged in numerous missions, primarily extracting damaged U.S. Army vehicles in the vicinity of A-1 and A-2.

Between 20 Oct and 24 Oct, this unit received a pre CG Inspection, conducted by the Regimental Staff, Motor Transport Section, Supply Section, and the Battery Post office received unsatisfactory ratings. All deficiencies are correctable before the CG Inspection. The CG is from 24 to 29 Nov.

The unit held its first USO show at its Dong Ha position on 24 Oct. Maj. Gen. Davis, Commanding General of the 3d Marine Division, was in attendance.

During the month of October, the howitzers of this battery fired 152 observed missions and 512 unobserved missions, expending 3592 rounds of M 106 (HE) and 22 rounds of M 104 (HE).

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PART III

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General Support of the Third Marine Division

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

1. Operation Highrise
2. Operation Lancaster
3. Operation Thor (3 Oct)
4. Operation Kentucky

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

1. 10 Arty Places Destroyed
2. 5 Arty Places Damaged
3. 1 Arty Position Destroyed
4. 1 Arty Position Damaged
5. 111 Secondary Explosions
6. 13 Secondary Fires
7. 26* by 40* Stack of Ammo Destroyed
8. 1 Ammo Storage Area Destroyed
9. 1 AA Weapon Destroyed
10. 2 AA Weapons Damaged
11. 2 AA Weapon Positions Destroyed
12. 1 50* Command Bunker Destroyed
13. 8 Bunkers Destroyed
14. 3 Tracked Vehicles Damaged
15. 1 Truck Destroyed
16. 1 Truck Damaged
17. 5 Structures Destroyed
18. 1 Rope Bridge Destroyed
19. 1 Pontoon Bridge Damaged
20. 1 Underwater Bridge Damaged
21. 2 Bridges Damaged
22. 1 Barge Destroyed
23. 90 Meters of Trenchline Destroyed
24. 8 Fighting Holes Destroyed
25. 4 KIA (C)
26. 12 KIA (P)
27. 1 Water Buffalo KIA

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D. GEAR/VEHICLES MAINTAINED

None

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

None

F. COMBAND RELATIONS

Not Applicable

G. EQUIPMENT

The 8" Howitzers (M 110) are basically outstanding weapons. Due to their large usage, they require a number of spare parts to replace parts which are malfunctioning due to old age. Those spare parts are becoming increasingly hard to come by. As a result of this now critical lack of supply support, the Battery rarely has as many as five guns operational simultaneously. At no time during the month of October were all six guns "up" at the same time. The vehicles, particularly the M 54 5-Ton trucks are suffering from a similar shortage of replacement parts. To make most ammunition runs, this command must borrow vehicles from other commands.

H. LOGISTICS

Whenever it rains heavily, the Battery Headquarters at Dong Ha is in danger of being unable to reach any of its Platoons. The route from Highway 1 into A-3 is impassable even to tracked vehicles at times. The Cam-Lu River washed out one bridge and its replacement. In order to cross the river to get to A-4, a pontoon ferry must be utilized. There are two bridges on Highway 9 between Dong Ha and the Red Pile that have been washed out by recent rains. Both have been replaced.

I. CIVIC ACTION

During the month of October, the company of this Battery conducted 4 MEDCAPS, treating 200 Vietnamese Nationals.

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems.

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K. PERSONNEL

The Battery has joined 8 and dropped 11 enlisted men, resulting in an operating percentage (of T/O) of 90.2%. The Battery has joined 1 officer and dropped 0 officers, resulting in an operating percentage (of T/O) of 72.7%. A new Manning level for this Battery received during October places the Manning level for this Battery

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PART III (CONT.)

K. PERSONNEL (CONT.)

100 9 officers and 189 enlisted.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problems

N. WEATHER

Increasing periods of rain.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

Not Applicable

P. AIR SUPPORT

Not Applicable

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

None

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

L. None

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