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1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SI)
3d Marine Division, MFM
APO San Francisco 96602

1ST 8" HOW (SP)

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, MFM

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A

(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SI) Command Chronology

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


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

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PART I

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1. DESIGNATION

1st 8" Howitzer Battery (3P)

COMMANDER

Capt. J.L. Townsend
087362/0802
1 December 1968 to
31 December 1968

2. LOCATION

"A" Platoon

1 December - 31 December 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (1110) at A-2, RVN

"B" Platoon

1 December - 31 December 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (1110) at Elliot Combat Base, RVN (Previously designated as The Rockpile)

"C" Platoon

1 December - 31 December 1968 - Two 8" Howitzers (1110) at A-4, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not applicable

4. WEAPONS MONTHLY STRENGTH

USFC

USN

OFF
8

ENL
187

OFF
0

ENL
6

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G. EQUIPMENT

On 18 January, the Battery finally had six guns operational simultaneously. Through a vigorous maintenance program, they were kept in an "up" status for the remainder of the month. The Battery continues to have the only operational M1 Retriever in the area. The Motor Transport deadline rate hovered around 10% the latter part of the month, going as low as 6% at one time.

H. LOGISTICS

No Problems

I. CIVIC ACTION

The Battery Corpsemen conducted 6 MRCAPS, treating 545 Vietnamese Nationals. Four of the Sergeants assigned to the Battery Rear voluntarily became involved in a building project in Dong Ha. By scrounging materials and contributing time and work, they aided greatly.

J. ADMINISTRATION

No Problems

K. PERSONNEL

The Battery joined 1 officer and 15 enlisted and dropped 1 officer and 17 enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of Manning Level) of officers is 72% and, of enlisted, 97%.

L. INTELLIGENCE

No Comment

M. COMMUNICATIONS

No Problems

N. WEATHER

Cold and wet earlier in the month; hot and dry the second half of the month.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

N/A

P. AIR SUPPORT

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2. ASSIGNMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

PART IV

SUGGESTED DOCUMENTS

1. None

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Part IV

Supporting Documents

The following is a list of originated messages for Jan 69 from 1st 8"
Howitzer Battery (SP):

DTG

✓040030Z Jan 69
✓040506Z Jan 69
✓060800Z Jan 69
✓110300Z Jan 69
✓110512Z Jan 69
✓141100Z Jan 69
✓280800Z Jan 69
Nothing Follows

SUBJECT

Combat Losses
Quarterly Pac Fleet Str Status Rpt as of 31 Dec 68
Answer to 3d MarDiv Msg 031013Z Jan 69
Negative Report to 3d MarDiv Msg 100541Z Jan 69
Answer to 3d MarDiv Msg 070738Z Jan 69
Loc Pers
Negative Report to 3d MarDiv Msg 231250Z Jan 69

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C.O.	18

ZNY CCCCCC CCN: 024 HAS BEEN SENT
 R 040506Z JAN 69
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
 TO CG, THIRD MARDIV
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 BT

CONFIDENTIAL 8"
 (SP-1)
 QUARTERLY PAC FLEET STR STATUS RPT (U) AS OF 31 DEC 1968

1. FM PACO 5399.2A
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A. THE FOLLOWING INFO IS SUB:
 A. DONG HA, RVN
 B. FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
 C. N/A
 D. R
 E. 184
 F. NONE
 G. NONE
 H. NONE
 I. NONE
 2. N/A

BT

CP-4

TOD: 040830Z JAN 69 TT-04 DWM PAGE 1 OF 1

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NY: PEEFEE

R 040000Z JAN 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

~~H A S B E E N S E N T~~

CCN: 021

TO OF THIRD MARDIV

ADJ

INFO: 100TH MARINES

6"

BT

INCLAS: PEEFEE

(SO-4)

COMBAT LOSSES

A: D.V.O 040000Z

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A) IN NEGATIVE REPORT IS N. B. M. C. C.

BT

TOD: 040000Z JAN 69/TT-61/ONE

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040000Z JAN 69

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ZNY EEEEE

R 060000Z JAN 69

H A S B E E N S E N T

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BTRY (SP)

CON; 039

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

BT

ADJ
8 "

UNCLAS E F T O

(SC-21)

REF (A) YOUR MSG 031313Z JAN 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED.

(A) FY-69 50 EACH

(B) FY-70 100 EACH

BT

TOD: 060830Z JAN 69

TT-03

CAF

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ZNY EEEEE
 R 110300Z JAN 69
 FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP) ADJ
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 BT
 UNCLAS E F T O
 LDC PERS
 A. YOUR MSG 101541Z JAN 69
 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), A NEG REPORT IS SUBMITTED.
 BT
 TOD: 110315Z JAN 69 TT-01 DWM PAGE 1 OF 1

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NY EEEEE

R 110512Z JAN 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION

CCN; 087 HAS BEEN SENT

ADJ

8"

REQUEST RELEASE

FM CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION
TO CG FORLOGCOM

INFO TWELFTH MARINES

FIRST EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

REF (A) YOUR MSG 070330Z JAN 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS

SUBMITTED:

(A) TCN OF BAGGAGE IS M43551 81093332XX

(B) DATE SENT FROM FLSG-3 S&R 13117 JULY 1963

BT

FOR: 110530Z JAN 69 TT-02 DWM PAGE 1 OF 1

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NY EEEEE
R 141100Z JAN 69
FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)
TO CG THIRD MARI DIV
INFO 7EN/TWELFTH MARINES

HAS BEEN SENT
CGN 122

1ST 8"

BT
UNCLAS E F TO
LOC PERS

A. YOUR MSG 130129Z JAN69

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

BT

TOD 141520Z/TT07/HM

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ZNY EEEEE

R 280800Z JAN 69

FM FIRST EIGHT INCH HOW BTRY (SP)

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

BT

UNCLAS E F T O

(ATTN: DIVORD SCI-8)

REF (A) YOUR MSG 231250Z JAN 69

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

BT

TOD: 281030Z/JAN 69/TT-04/RRE

HAS BEEN SENT

CCN: 235

ADJ

8"