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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

lst 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

Hajor K. E. SUESBE 071960/0802/5715 1-11 Jul

Major W. H. BARNARD 070251/0802 12-31 Jul

SUBCRDINATE UNITS

"A" Platcon

letLt R. H. MAGNESS Jr. 0103095/0802 1-18 Jul

1stLt D. T. WALLINGFURD UL05303/08U2 19-31 Jul

latit T. L. CARLSON 0103394/0802 1-3 Jul

1stLt R. D. FULLER 0108011/0802 h-31 Jul

latit G. N. BARNES 0105018/0802 1-31 Jul

"B" Platoon

"C" Platoon

LOCATION

Battery Headquarters: 1-31 Jul, Dong Ha Co RVN

"A" Platoon: 1-31 Jul, Elliot Combat Base, RVN

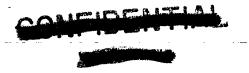
mgs Platoon: 1-31 Jul, CON THIEN (A-4), RVN

"C" Platoon: 1-31 Jul, GIO LINH (A-2), RVN

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3. STAFF O'FICERS

Executive Officer/Fire Direction Officer

Capt J. N. HUDSON 090558/0802 1-31 Jul

Assistant Fire Direction Officer

lstIt f. J. WATKINS 0100115/0802 1-31 Jul

Supply Officer

lstLt M. C. KIRK 0104051/3002 1-31 Jul

Air Observer/Motor Transport Officer

lstLt B. L. NIGHSWONGER 0101/733/0802 1-31 Jul

L. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMIARI

1. General Overview of all Activities

The majority of fire missions fired by this battery were against bunker complexes in the southern half of the DMZ. During the month of July, the howitzers of this battery fired 185 observed missions and 67 unobserved missions, expending 3215 rounds of Shell HE, and 89 rounds of Improved Conventional Munitions. Construction continued in the firing positions and in the motor transport area of the battery headquarters.

- 2. Mission Assigned. General Support of the 3d Marine Division.
- 3. Operations

Operation HIGHRISE, 1-31 Jul

Operation VIRGINA RICGE, 1-10 Jul

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Operation HERKIMAR MOUNTAIN, 1-15 Jul

Operation IDAHO WANYON, 10-31 Jul

Operation AR INSTON CANYON, 16-31 Jul

Operation UTAH HESA, 1-9 Jul

Operation IROQUOIS GROVE, 1-31 Jul

Operation GEORGIA TAR, 16-31 Jul

4. Fire Support

Missions Fired by this Battery from 1-31 Jul

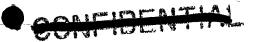
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5. Surveillance of Fire Missions

KIA - 1/1

.50 Cal Positions Destroyed - 1

.50 Cal Positions Damaged - 1

Automatic Weapons Positions Destroyed - 1

Mortar Pit Destroyed - 1

Structures Destroyed - 2

Bunkers Destroyed - 105

Bunkers Damaged - 41

Bunkers Uncovered - h

Tunnels Destroyed - 1

Tunnels Uncovered - 1

Meters of Trenchline Destroyed - 25

Meters of Trail Destroyed - 205

Secondary Explosions - 19

Secondary Fires - 2

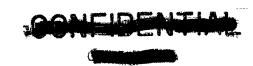
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6. Casualties Sustained. None

7. Logistics

a. Gum pads, powder bunkers, projectile bunkers and a new FDC bunker are in the process of being constructed at this time.

b. Additional electrical power is still required at Elliot Combat Base. The present situation does not allow sufficient power to drive the ME-10 Reefer Unit thus causing a storage problem.



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- c. One additional bunker is required in the battery headquarters to afford adequate protection from incoming hostile fire. One additional SEA Hut is required in the battery headquarters area to eliminate tentage.
- d. Twenty-foot towers are needed at Elliot Combat Base and Con Thien to comply with IXIV Corps SUP concerning safety checks of the lay of pieces. Also, crushed rock is needed for positions at Con Thien and Gio Linh for proper seating of howitzer recoil spades.
- 8. Communications-Electronics. No problems
- 9. Equipment. A new howitzer was received 13 Jul 1969 and assigned to "C" Platoon.
- 10. Civic Action. The Battery Corpsmen conducted 7 MEDCAPS, treating 272 Vietnamose Nationals.
- 11. Personnel and Administration. The Battery joined 1 Officer and 6 Enlisted, and dropped 2 Officers and 12 Enlisted. The Operating Percentage (of manning level) of Officers is 90%; Enlisted, 98%.
- 12. Training. Unit/Section Training, CUATIP, Personal Response and GMS Training continued through the month.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVELTS

- 1. On 12 July 1959 Major W. H. BARNARD as used the duties of Commanding Officer, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).
- 2. On 31 July 1969 the 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (SP), was presented the U. S. Army Valorous Unit Award by Identenant General Melvin ZAIS, Commanding General, XXIV Corps. The ceremony was held on the parade field at the 12th Marines Regimental CP.



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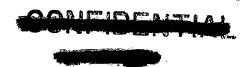
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VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 202.1g(2), AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded to the following named unit of the United States Marine Corps for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

The 1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY, 3D MARINE DIVISION, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period 4 August 1968 to 12 September 1968 in the northern I Corps Tactical Zone. Initially assigned to the 108th Artillery Group with the mission of silencing enemy artillery in the northern sector of the Demilitarised Zone, the men of the battery heroically braved enemy rocket, mortar and artillery fire to discharge more than 5600 rounds against communist 85mm and 130 mm long range gun emplacements. On numerous occasions, the men of the 1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY, 3D MARINE DIVISION, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS faced enemy artillery in a duel of gun against gun and although under a constant enemy artillery barrage, the personnel of the unit responded with counterbattery fire which totally eliminated the aggressors. The exceptional proficiency and singular determination of the battery was evidenced when they were credited with 19 confirmed enemy killed in action and the destruction of 27 communist artillery pieces in the Demilitarized Zone. Through their unrelenting perseverance, determined resourcefulness and dedication to mission accomplishment, the battery's members contributed immeasurably to the Free World effort against communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The men of the 1ST 8" HOWITZER BATTERY, 3D MARINE DIVISION, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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