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3D 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (SP)
11th Marines
1st Marine Division (-) (Rein) FMF
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(d) RegtO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) 3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology.
✓(2) Photograph of the Commanding Officer of 3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 November 1970 to 30 November 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)	Maj. W.J. MCCALLUM	1 to 30 November

2. LOCATION

1 to 30 November DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Capt L.A. BOISE	1 to 30 November
1st Platoon Commander	2ndLt D.A. WILSON	1 to 30 November
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt W.E. LUCAS	1 to 29 November
	1stLt T.W. SWIHART	30 November
3rd Platoon Commander	1stLt J.R. CAMPBELL	1 to 30 November
Supply Officer	1stLt O.R. MCGINNIS	1 to 30 November
First Sergeant	MSGT G.W. HANNES	1 to 18 November
	1stSgt J.A. CASTOR	19 to 30 November

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9	238

<u>USM</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	5

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During November the 3D 8" Howitzer Battery mission of general support of the First Marine Division remained unchanged. The disposition of the 4 platoons is as follows: Headquarters at Hill 34 (AT977717), 1st Platoon at Northern Artillery Contonment (AT921799), 2nd Platoon at Hill 55 (AT965619), 3rd Platoon at LZ Baldy (AT129451).

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During November the battery fired the following missions:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>INTELS</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u>
10	3	138	860

While firing 10 observed missions the battery was credited with 7 probable KIA's, 2 bunkers, 1 bunker partially destroyed, 2 huts, 10 caves, 2 possible harbor sights, and 1 secondary.

There were no incidents of close combat during the month of November.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) Losses

- (1) Battle: None
- (2) Non-Battle: three (3)
- (3) Administrative: eight-teen (18)

(b) Gain

- (1) Replacements: seventeen (17) enlisted, three (3) officers

(c) POW captured: None

(d) Moral: Good

(e) Personnel Services: The enlisted men's club in addition to normal operations hosted live entertainment four times during November for personnel of 3D 8" Howitzer Battery Headquarters, 1st Platoon, B Company 1st Engineer Battalion.

(f) Awards and Decorations: None

(g) Courts-Martial: None Article 15: 3

2. INTELLIGENCE

During November 3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) used information gathered by higher echelon intelligence teams as a bases from which to plan the amount of security used by the 3D 8" C.P. The 3D 8" Hdqtrs & C.P. are subordinate in matters of physical security to CO 1st Bn., 5th Marines, the Hill 34 Cantonment Coordinator.

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~~SECRET~~3. TRAINING

(a) Two (2) enlisted men attended a career planning school, also two (2) enlisted men attended a 16mm movie projectionist school.

(b) During November the battery training schedual emphasized saftey in driving and employment of weapons and proficiency in General Military Subjects and individual MOS's.

4. OPERATIONS

(a) During November 2nd & 3rd Platoons participated in operation Imperial Lake

5. COMMAND AND CONTROL

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>PRIMARY DIR. OF FIRE</u>
Hdqutrs 3D'8" Howitzer Battery	AT985719	
1st Platoon	AT921799	5000
2nd Platoon	At965619	5000
3rd Platoon	AT129451	5000

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Documents of 3D8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology.

(a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 and charts 6540 I, 6540 II, 6540 III, 6540 IV, 6541 I, 6541 II, 6541 III, 6640 I, 6640 II, 6640 III, 6640 IV, 6641 I, 6641 II, 6641 III, 6739 III, 6739 IV, Series L not attached.

✓(b) Unit Journal - Appendix A.

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01000: November 70 302400: November 70

- 1 051546 1st Platoon fired 32 HE at 7 VC/NVA in a cave reported by Salutation 87, 1 cave destroyed, 7 probables.
- 2 270630 3rd Platoon fired 52 HE at a bunker complex reported by Arome 64, 2 huts, 6 caves, 1 bunker, 2 probables, 1 secondary.

APPENDIX A

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01000: November 70 302400: November 70

- 1 040800 Voosen, F.O. tr to 5th Meb Campen, Calif.
- 2 160800 Swihert, T.W. from 2nd Bn. 11th Mar. 1st MarDiv.
- 3 230800 Shukle, R.H. tr to 1st Bn. 11th Mar. 1st MarDiv.
- 4 230800 Crew II, T.W. from 1st Bn. 11th Mar. 1st MarDiv.
- 5 290800 Wiley III, G.A. 2nd 8" How. Btry. (SP) CamLeJ. N.C.

APPENDIX A

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