

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 October 1970 to 31 October 1970

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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| <u>1. DESIGNATION</u>       | <u>COMMANDER</u>  | <u>DATES</u>    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) | Maj W.J. MCCALLUM | 1 to 31 October |

2. LOCATION

1 to 31 October DANANG, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

|                       |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Officer     | Capt L.A. BOISE     | 1 to 31 October |
| 1st Platoon Commander | 2ndLt D.A. WILSON   | 1 to 31 October |
| 2nd Platoon Commander | 1stLt W.E. LUCAS    | 1 to 31 October |
| 3rd Platoon Commander | 1stLt O.C. CAMPBELL | 1 to 31 October |
| Supply Officer        | 1stLt D.R. MCGINNIS | 1 to 31 October |
| First Sergeant        | MSgt G.W. HANNES    | 1 to 31 October |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            | <u>OTHER</u> |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u>  | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u>   | <u>ENL</u> |
| 9           | 260        | 0          | 6          | 0            | 0          |

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During October the 3D 8" Howitzer Battery's 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 (AT965 617) Hill 55, 3rd Platoon at (AT128450).

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During October the battery fired the following missions:

| <u>OBSERVED</u> | <u>UNOBSERVED</u> | <u>INTELS</u> | <u>TOTAL ROUNDS</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 18              | 123               | 8             | 1383                |

While firing 18 observed missions the battery was credited with 10 KIA's, 4 bunkers destroyed, and 1 secondary explosion.

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

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) Losses

(1) Battle: None

(2) Non-Battle: one (1)

(3) Administrative: forty-six (46) Enlisted, no Officers

(b) Gain

(1) Replacements: forty-four (44) Enlisted, no Officers

(c) POW's captured: None

(d) Morale: Excellent

(e) Personnel Services: The Enlisted Man's Club, in addition to normal operations, hosted live entertainment twice during the month of October 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: 8 eight

2. INTELLIGENCE

During October, 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 Landmine Warfare school during the month of October.

(b) During October the Battery training schedule emphasized safety in driving and employment of weapons and proficiency in General Military Subjects and individual MOS's.

**4. OPERATIONS**

(a) During October 2nd and 3rd Platoons participated in operation Imperial Lake.

**5. COMMAND AND CONTROL**

| <u>UNIT</u>                         | <u>GRID</u> | <u>PRIMARY DIR. OF FIRE</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Hdqtrs. 3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) | AT977717    |                             |
| 1st Platoon                         | AT921799    | 5000                        |
| 2nd Platoon                         | AT965617    | 5000                        |
| 3rd Platoon                         | AT128450    | 5000                        |

**PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

**1. Documentation of 3D 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Command Chronology.**

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

(b) Unit Journal - Appendix A.

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- |   |        |  |
|---|--------|--|
| 1 | 181720 | 2nd Plt fired 8 HE at enemy bunker & 4 VC/NVA reported by Salutation 80, bunker destroyed 4 VC/NVA KIA's Tgt# FBO566 |
| 2 | 192320 | 2nd Plt fired 12 HE at enemy bunker reported by Salutation 83, 1 bunker destroyed and 1 secondary Tgt# FBO567        |
| 3 | 201044 | 3rd Plt fired 12 HE at enemy bunker reported by Salutation 84, 1 bunker destroyed Tgt# FCL248                        |
| 4 | 311302 | 2nd Plt fired 9 HE at enemy bunker reported by 11th Marines, 2 bunkers destroyed 6 KIA's Tgt# FBO570                 |

APPENDIX A

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No change in the Officer Personnel for the  
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APPENDIX A

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