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1ST 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
1st Field Artillery Group  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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(d) RegtO 5750.2E

Encl: (1) 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This page is downgraded to unclassified upon the removal of enclosure (1).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1968

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## PART I

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1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Major B. A. MUTCH JR.  
1-31 July 19682. Location

1-31 July 1968, Phu Bai, RVN (YD 89391285)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt M.H. LONG 23-31 July 1968
Assistant Executive Officer	1stLt J.B. GRAVES 1-15 July 1968
Officer	1stLt J.D. MCROY 22-31 July 1968
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt J.D. MCROY 1-21 July 1968
	1stLt J.J. CALLAHAN, III 22-31 July
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	1stLt M.I. JOHNSON 1-31 July 1968
Supply Officer	1stLt A.P. EDELMANN 1-21 July 1968
	1stLt G.M. HAUGEN 22-31 July 1968

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>
6	138	0	4	0	0

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During July, the Battery continued to improve its position area. An extensive rebuilding program on all ammunition bunkers, personnel bunkers, fighting holes and parapits for vehicles was started in preparation for monsoon weather.

At 0340, 1 July 1968, the Battery listening post received two sniper rounds. The incident was reported to 1st FAG.

As of 31 July 1968, the Battery had 84% of its authorized strength. MOS 0811 is becoming critical with 72% of the authorized strength on board. At present, the Battery has 11 of the 17 authorized SNCOs.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of July:

	<u>1stFAG</u>	<u>1stForRecon</u>	<u>5thMar</u>	<u>3dJAP</u>	<u>Total</u>
155G	2005	186	52	1	2244
105H	1262	0	0	0	1262
Total	3267	186	52	1	3486

The following missions were fired during the month of July:

	<u>Obs</u>	<u>UnObs</u>	<u>Total</u>
155G	65	643	708
105H	1	342	343
Total	66	985	1051

The consolidated surveillance for missions fired during the month of July is as follows:

	<u>STRUCTURES</u>	<u>BUNKERS</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>EXPLOSIONS</u>
0	0	0	0

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL INSURANCE AND REPAIRMENT EVENTS1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration(1) Gains/Losses

(a)	Administrative	27
(b)	Battle KIA	0
(c)	Battle WIA (Evac)	0
(d)	Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0
(e)	Battle MIA	0
(f)	Battle DOW	0
(g)	Non-Battle	1
(h)	Replacements	5
(i)	Net Loss	23

b. Intelligence. The Battery mans Tower 12 of the Phu Bai perimeter OP towers and aids in rocket/mortar target acquisition. Other intelligence and target acquisition data is obtained from the S-2, 1st MAC.

c. Organization and Operations. The Battery participated in Operation Houston during the month of July 1968.

d. Training. During the period 1-31 July 1968, the Battery scheduled and held six hours of formal classes in general military subjects. Average attendance at the formal classes was 35%. Each section of the Battery held an additional fifteen hours of training.

e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. On 8 July, M53, USMC #213211 was deadlined for 24 hours due to the recoil mechanism. M53, USMC #213243 was deadlined from 5 July to 10 July for "Q" service and sprocket bolts. There is a definite problem area which exists with the M100 series sights through the DX program. Any future breakdown of an M100 sight will result in a gun being deadlined until a replacement is acquired from Okinawa. At the end of the reporting period, six guns were up. Other areas of logistics remain satisfactory.

Major items of equipment on loan to other units are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1. Telescope, panoramic (M100)	2	1st8" HowBtry (SP)
2. Sight, M34A2	1	3dCAPHDqtrs
3. Compass, Lensatic, M1	15	3dCAPHDqtrs
4. Telephone, TA/321, #4985	1	TEXRay M&S station

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f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery is responsible for the Civic Action Program in the village of LOC BON (YD926104). The Battery Civic Action officer and other members of the Battery visited the village twice a week during the month of July. The Battery delivered hog feed and soap for distribution. One MedCap was conducted and 114 people were treated.

The building of steps for the renovated market place was discussed with the village chief as a future project.

## 2. Entries

- 010340H Battery LP received two sniper rounds. Incident reported to 1st FAG.
- 010715H B/1/11 displaced from this Battery.
- 051720H Platoon from E/2/11 occupied the firing pads within this position. Laid on azimuth 3200 mils.
- 141800H Received call from 1stFAG to suspend fire on 155 Guns indefinitely due to an accident at 3d 155 Guns.
- 181045H Platoon, E/2/11 displaced from this Battery position.
- 181200H Suspend fire on 155 Guns cancelled.
- 251510H E/2/11 occupied firing pads. Laid on azimuth 3200 mils.
- 261440H E/2/11 displaced from this Battery position.

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