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3d 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marine Regiment  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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5750  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines (-), 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
(Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1stMarDiv 5750-6)

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The command chronology for this Battery is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 August to 31 August 1966.

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data

- a. Designation 3d 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)
- b. Location Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered 1 August to 31 August 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank/Name</u>
Commanding Officer	1-31 August	Captain J. D. MCNAMARA
Executive Officer	1-15 August	Captain R. T. TANNER
Executive Officer	16-31 August	1stLt J. A. H. RESSMEYER
Asst Executive Officer	1-31 August	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Fire Direction Officer	1-15 August	1stLt J. A. H. RESSMEYER
Fire Direction Officer	16-31 August	1stLt T. L. JOHNSON
Asst Fire Direction Officer	12-31 August	1stLt J. W. RHODES
Liaison Officer/Plt Commander	1-31 August	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Plt Commander	1-31 August	1stLt T. E. MACDERMANT
Supply Officer	1-31 August	WO L. D. RAUB

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

On 6 August the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) displaced from Battery position and moved north of Tam Ky to support Operation Colorado. The position occupied, BT 224320, was the most northern position yet occupied by this battery. During Operation Colorado, excellent support was received from the 9th Engineer Battalion. On 16 August, the battery returned from Operation Colorado. On 17 August the Battery CP was moved from BT 489031 to BT 438098. During August, support provided by the battery included the following missions.

Mission	NO.	HE	WP
OBSERVED	17	274	33
UNOBSERVED	20	98	1
H & I	88	738	0
REGISTRATIONS	4	63	1
TOTAL	129	1173	35

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel During August, this battery lost 1 officer and 9 enlisted due to administration reasons. It has gained 2 officers and 3 enlisted. Although the battery is at a relatively high percentage of T/O, deployment in three positions creates a strain on personnel resources.

b. Administration No significant events in this area.

c. Intelligence It remains very difficult to obtain surveillances on missions fired in support of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion units.

d. Training This battery has conducted schools on the section level with on the job training to facilitate training new people in this battery.

e. Special Operations From the period of 6 August to 16 August 1966, the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was in support of Operation Colorado. The battery position was located at coordinates 224320 and the principle directions of fire were 3600 and 4000. "C" Platoon, 3d 8" HowBtry was attached to the Gun Btry to form a composite Btry. During Operation Colorado support provided by this battery included the following missions:

<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>
OBSERVED	1	12	5
UNOBSERVED	15	60	0
H & I	52	539	0
REGISTRATIONS	1	14	1
TOTAL	69	625	6

f. Command and Control As of 31 August the 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at BT 438098 with guns laid on azimuth 4200.

g. Fire Support Nothing significant to report in this area.

h. Air Defense Not applicable

i. Combat Air Support Not applicable

j. Civic Action Since moving the Btry CP, it is expected that the Battery will combine efforts on civil affairs with the 4thBn 11th Marines.

On 31 August 1966, SSgt W. F. MATTINGLY saved the life of a 5 year old Vietnamese boy. The boy jumped on the back of a moving M37 vehicle driven by SSgt MATTINGLY. The boy fell back, apparently dead from cardiac arrest or shock. SSgt MATTINGLY immediately halted and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation. The boy responded and was taken to "B" Med Co.

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k. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or Special Warfare. Not applicable

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology of 1 August to 31 August 1966.

References

Attached

- a. Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L701, Sheet 6757 III (Not attached)
- b. Documentation

Appendix B

Appendix A to  
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Appendix B (Documentation) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology  
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0745 1 AUG 66	1700 7 AUG 66

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT					
0745			1 AUG 66	OPENED JOURNAL.		
1630			2 AUG 66	RECEIVED MESSAGE TO RELAY 6% TUBE LIFE GUN ON AZ. 3400 FOR H&I'S, GUN #40.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1925		2 AUG 66	GUN #1 PLT. "C" OUT OF ACTION BE- CAUSE OF EXCESS NITRO.	11TH MAR FDC	
	2250		2 AUG 66	GUN #1 "C" PLT. BACK IN ACTION.	11TH MAR FDC	
	0710		3 AUG 66	GUN #213240 OUT OF ACTION AND GONE TO FLSSG FOR NEW TUBE.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1340		3 AUG 66	REQUESTED AREA TO TEST FIRE GUN # 40.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1850		3 AUG 66	GUN #4 IN ORDER ON AZ. 4300.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1925		3 AUG 66	FIRE 3 ROUNDS TO TEST NEW TUBE ON GUN #40.	11TH MAR FDC	
	0730		4 AUG 66	FDC C.S.M.O. FOR OPERATION COLORADO "C" PLT. DISPLACING TO 2/11 AREA COORD. 439084.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1330		5 AUG 66	GUN #2 ARRIVED 2/11 AREA. "C" PLT. ARRIVED 2/11, LAID ON AZ. 4900.	11TH MAR FDC	
	0500		6 AUG 66	GUNS 1&2 DEPARTED 2/11 AREA FOR BTRY POSITION VICINITY 2232.	11TH MAR FDC	
	0515		6 AUG 66	MARG 6 NOTIFIED AMIGO 3 THAT NO ENGINEERS AT FERRY #2.	11TH MAR	
0700			6 AUG 66	INFORMED BY BARABBAS 6 THAT FERRY #2 WILL NOT TAKE RETREIVER.	9TH ENG BAT	
0815			6 AUG 66	MARG. 6 ORDERED TO PROCEED TO HILL 29 WITH MARG "A".		
	1230		6 AUG 66	ARRIVED POSITION AND BTRY LAID ON AZ. 4800 AT COORD. 224320. REPORTED OPCON TO 2/11.	2/11 FDC	
	1345		6 AUG 66	BEECHNUT "C" IN POSITION UNDER OPCON OF MARG.		
	0600		6 AUG 66	COMPANY "A" 1/5 CAPT J. FURLEIGH ARRIVED 2232 FOR SECURITY.		
	1640		6 AUG 66	REQUESTED REGISTRATION FOR 7 AUG.	11TH MAR	
	0730		7 AUG 66	A/1/5 RECEIVED ORDERS TO PROCEED TO LSA.		
	0800		7 AUG 66	A/1/5 RECEIVED BY K/3/5 CAPT R. MARESCO COMMANDING.		
	1300		7 AUG 66	K/3/5 RECEIVED ORDERS TO PROCEED TO 3/5'S POSITION.		
	1700		7 AUG 66	G/2/5, CAPT GRUNER REPORTED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ARTY UNIT AT COORD. 2232.		
	0830		7 AUG 66	RELAYED 1 PLT ON AZ. 4300. 8 ONCH PLT RELAYED ON AZ. 4100.		

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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1800			7 AUG 66	RECEIVED MESSAGE TO RELAY RIGHT PLT ON AZ. 4500.	2/11	
	1130		8 AUG 66	8 INCH GUN #2 OUT OF ACTION. CAN BE FIRED MANUALLY.		
2030			8 AUG 66	RECEIVED WORD THAT REASSIGNED A MISSION OF GENERAL SUPPORT/REINFORCING.	11TH MAR.	
2130			9 AUG 66	RECEIVED WORD TO RELAY 8" ON AZ. 4100.	11TH MAR FDC	
	2230		9 AUG 66	GUN #1, 8" OUT OF ACTION AS OF 1900. EQUILIBRATOR VALVE STUCK.	11TH MAR FDC	
2245				RECEIVED H & I'S CONC SX 086, 089, 069, 133, 134, 136, 138, 139, 147, 160, 161, 162, 164, 166, 155 FOR MARGERINE.		
	2025		10AUG66	8" HOW PLT RELAYED ON AZ. 3200		
	2045		10AUG66	DETROIT TIGERS RELAYED ON AZ 3600, "C" PLT.	11TH MAR FDC	
	2215		10AUG66	RELAYED DETROIT TIGERS X ON AZ4000	11TH MAR FDC	
	0955		11AUG66	GUN #2 OUT OF ACTION, CONTACT TEAM FROM L.S.A. WORKING ON SIGHT.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1155		11AUG66	2/11 FORWARD F.D.C. ARRIVED THIS CP SET UP OPERATIONS.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1615		11AUG66	GUN #1 OUT OF ACTION DUE TO GAS CHECK PAD. GUN CAN BE FIRED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1840		11AUG66	GUN #2 DISPLACING FORWARD TO LAY ON ON AZ 4000.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1900		11AUG66	GUN #2 IN ORDER ON AZ 4000. IN REFERENCE TO LAS. MISSION HE DESTROYED 4 BUILDINGS, 10 DAMAGED.	11TH MAR FDC	
	2131		13AUG66	RELAYED <del>XXXX</del> RIGHT PLT ON AZ 4600	11TH MAR FDC	
0500			16AUG66	CSMO 3RD 155GUN BTRY(-), DISPLACING TO HILL 54, A PLT. COORD. 395145 AND C PLT TO 2/11 COORD. 439084.	11 TH MAR FDC	
	0920		16AUG66	ARRIVED 2/11 AREA, LAID ON AZ 5400	11TH MAR FDC	
1850			16AUG66	RECEIVED FIRE CAP FROM MARG. A; SENT SENT SAME TO AMIGO. COORD.395145; LAID ON AZ 4600.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1620		17AUG66	RECEIVED WORD TO RELAY MARG A ON AZ 4200. SENT SAME TO MARG A.	11TH MAR FDC	
	1130		21AUG66	RECEIVED FIRE CAP FROM MARG. A. LAID ON AZ 4700. SENT SAME TO 4/11.	11TH MAR FDC	
	2345		24AUG66	RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND 2 HAND GRENADES, COORD. 438047. RETURNED FIRE, 200 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS, 1 GRENADE; ENEMY FIRE CEASED, WILL SEARCH FIRST LIGHT.	11TH MAR FDC	

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IN	OUT				
	0630		25 AUG 66	PLT. LED BY GY SGT CLUTCH SEARCHED AREA OF 2345 HR. ACTION. FOUND AIMING STAKES, MARKS OF HEAVY OBJECTS BEING DRAGGED TOWARD KHUONG NHON (2). ONE PROBABLE W.I.A.	11TH MAR FDC
1400			25 AUG 66	RECEIVED WORD TO RELAY ON AZ 4200 FROM 4/11.	11TH MAR FDC
	1425		25 AUG 66	GUN #21 IN ORDER ON AZ 4200.	11TH MAR FDC
	1600		25 AUG 66	3RD GUNS, OPCON 11TH MAR, SENT FIRE CAP TO 11TH MAR FDC.	11TH MAR FDC
	1240		29 AUG 66	GUN #213257 HAD PULLOVER GAUGE READING TO SHOW 6% TUBE LIFE LEFT. GUN IS IN B PLT.	11TH MAR FDC
	2130		29 AUG 66	REQUESTED A FIRE CAP FROM MARG A. RECEIVED SAME, AZ OF FIRE 4900.	11TH MAR FDC
	0800		30 AUG 66	RECEIVED FIRE CAP FROM MARG B. A. MARG B. B. 54129439 C. 4150. FIRE CAP WAS RELAYED TO US THROUGH AMIGO.	11TH MAR FDC

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