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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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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 September to 30 September 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 September to 30 September 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank/Name</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 September	Captain J. D. MCNAMARA
Executive Officer	1-30 September	Captain J. A. H. RESSMEYER
Asst Executive Officer	1-30 September	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Fire Direction Officer	1-30 September	1stLt J. W. RHODES
Platoon Commander/Asst FDO	1-30 September	1stLt T. L. JOHNSON
Plt Commander/LiaisonO	1-30 September	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Battery Officer	1-17 September	1stLt T. E. MACDERMANT
Supply Officer	1-30 September	WO L. D. RAUB

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

From 1 September until 20 September, 3d 155mm Gun Battery was under OPCON and ADCON of the 11th Marine Regiment with the assigned mission of General Support. On 21 September, the battery was placed under OPCON of 4th Battalion, 11th Marines with ADCON still under Regiment. Support provided by this battery during September included the following missions:

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
OBSERVED	23	214	86	2
UNOBSERVED	3	20	2	0
H&I	98	366	66	0
REGISTRATIONS	8	55	27	0
TOTAL	132	655	181	2

Total Rounds fired on the above missions was 838.

Total surveillance for missions fired in September Include:

14 KIA (prob)	14 Structures Destroyed
2 WIA (prob)	21 Structures Damaged

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel During September, this battery lost 1 Officer and 8 Enlisted due to normal rotation. It has gained 7 Enlisted for the same period. PFC K. D. KILBOURNE 2094127 was awarded a Bronze Star for his actions during a VC attack on 20 June 1966. Three men, Captain J. A. H. RESSMEYER, 084351, LCpl M. G. PATTON 2133911, and PFC W. R. THOMAS 2030830 were awarded purple hearts for wounds received during a Viet Cong attack on 11 September 1966.

b. Administration No significant events in this area.

c. Intelligence This battery captured a large amount of Viet Cong weapons following an attack on 11 September 1966. Included in the captured weapons were:

1. 17 Potato Type Grenades
2. 2 40/80 AT RPG2 Rockets
3. 3 Magazines, czech, assault 7.62mm
4. 2 Magazines with 9mm ammo
5. 23 Small Satchel charges
6. 3 Medium size satchel charges
7. 1 rifle grenade
8. 1 M26
9. 4 cartridge belts
10. 1 Pocket knife

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 Commencing on 2 September 1966, "B" Platoon fired missions in support of a Recon Operation from position BS 54089435. On 26 September "A" Platoon, at BT 39541453, was relayed on AZ 5700 to support operation Rough Rider II; But not required to fire any missions. "A" Platoon began support of Operation Monterey on 29 September 1966 from BT 39541453.

f. Command and Control As of 30 September the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at BT 438098. "A" Platoon is located at BT 395145 with gun #1 on AZ 4900 and gun #2 on AZ 4000. "B" Platoon is located at BS 541944 with one gun laid on AZ 4150.

g. Close Combat At approximately 110115H Sep 1966, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) at BT 438097 was attacked by an estimated force of 30 or 40 VC. The VC attacked from the north and the west simultaneously. The VC suffered 1 KIA (confirmed) and 4 KIA (prob). The 3rd 155mm Gun Battery had 3 men slightly wounded.

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h. Fire Support As a result of reverting to OPCON 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, the battery has combined technical fire direction facilities with Batteries "L", "M", and Hq 4/11.

i. Air Defense Not Applicable

j. Combat Air Support Not Applicable

k. Civic Action Nothing Significant to report in this area.

l. 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 September 1966 to 30 September 1966.

References

Attached

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

Appendix B

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Appendix B (Documentation) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command
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JOURNAL
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JOURNAL

ORGANIZATION		FROM (Hour and date)		TO (Hour and date)	PLACE
3RD 155 GUN BTRY (SP)		1 SEPT 1966			
TIME IN AND ORIGINATOR	TIME OUT AND ADDRESSEE	SER. NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, AND ACTION TAKEN	
0115	1130 XXXX 1710		1SEPT66	"B" PLT WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF A RECON OPER. COMMENCING 0530 2 SEPT, 66. 11TH MAR FDC.	
			2SEPT66	RECEIVED CLEARANCE FROM 11TH MAR FDC TO CONDUCT H/B REGISTRATION GRID SQUARE 1900-2100	
	1348		3SEPT66	RECEIVED WORD "A" PLT GENERAL SUPPORT REINFORCING FOR PROWL. INFORMED "A" PLT OF SAME.	
			11SEPT66	SENT SPOT REPORT TO 11TH MAR FDC. LINE D. RECEIVED INTENSE SMALL ARMS FIRE AND APPROX. PLATOON OF VIET CONG FROM THE NORTH. VIET CONG WITHDREW BACK TO THE NORTH. LINE E. RETURNED 300 RDS. OF SMALL ARMS FIRE.	
	2028		15SEPT66	LINE G. 3. LINE X 1. PROBABLE 4, CONFIRMED 1. PLAID 6 CALLED AND REQUESTED WE SHOOT FUZE DELAY IF WE DO ANY FIRING DURING HEAVY RAIN.	
	2015		19SEPT66	RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM MAR "B" THAT TRUCK HAS NOT RETURNED TO THE POSITION FROM MAR "C"	
	2120		19SEPT66	TRUCK LEFT MAR "C" AT 1300 FOR MAR "B" POSITION RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM FALSE THROUGH PLAID THAT MISSING TRUCK HAS BEEN FOUND WITH PASSINGERS	
				TRUCK AND PASSINGERS WILL SPEND NIGHT AT 1/7 AND RETURN TO MAR "B" IN THE MORNING. NOTIFIED MAR "B" OF SAME.	
	1210		21SEPT66	SITE THAT WENT TO FLSC HAS BEEN CONDEMNED. NOW SWITCHING SITES SO THAT THE GUN WITH THE LONGER TUBE LIFE WILL HAVE A SITE. MESSAGE FROM MAR "Y" 6.	
	1300		22SEPT66	RECEIVED WORD THAT MAR. UNDER OPCON OF 4/11 AS OF 21 SEPT 66.	
	1133		23SEPT66	MARG. "Y" REPORTED GUN #54 AND #46 OUT OF ACTION DUE TO CONDEMNED TUBES. REPORTED SAME TO 11TH MAR FDC.	
	1415		24SEPT66	RECEIVED WORD THAT MARG. WOULD BE FIRED ONLY ON OBSERVED MISSIONS.	
1730			24SEPT66	BATTERY FDC COMBINED WITH 4/11 AND 8" HOW BTRY TO FORM ONE FDC.	

(See instructions over)

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