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3rd 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP)
11th Marine Regiment
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96502

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1stMarDiv 5750.6)
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A
Incl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The command chronology for this Battery is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 November to 30 November 1966.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data:

- a. Designation: 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
- b. Location: Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered: 1 November to 30 November 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff:

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank/Name</u>
Commanding Officer	1-30 November	Capt J. D. MCNAMARA
Executive Officer	1-30 November	Capt J. A. H. RESSMEYER
Asst. Executive Officer	1-30 November	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Fire Direction Officer	1-30 November	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Platoon Commander/AsstFDO	1-30 November	1stLt J. W. RHODES
Platoon Commander/LiaisonO	1-30 November	Capt T. L. JOHNSON
Supply Officer	1-30 November	2ndLt B. L. ELLIS

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During the reporting period, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON of 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and under ADCON of the 11th Marine Regiment.

Support provided by this battery during November included the following missions:

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
OBSERVED	26	162	12	0
UNOBSERVED	4	46	0	0
H&I	36	304	0	0
REGISTRATION	4	37	3	0
TOTAL	70	549	15	0

Surveillance for November included: 3 KIA(CONF)
10 WIA(PROB)

3. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel. Twenty One personnel were transferred during the month of November and thirteen personnel were joined during this period.

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- b. Administration: No significant events in this area.
- c. Intelligence: No significant events in this area.
- d. Training: Training conducted during November consisted of a Drivers/Maintenance School for M53 (SP), General Military Subjects (16 Hours), Officers/Staff School and Section Training.
- e. Special Operations: "B" Platoon (BS 541944) supported Operation Rio Blanco during 20 Nov-27 November 1966.
- f. Command and Control: As of 30 November 1966, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at BT 438098 with gun laid on azimuth 4200. Platoon "A" located at BT 395145 with gun #1 on azimuth 4900, and gun #2 on azimuth 4000. Platoon "B" located at BS 541944 with both guns laid on azimuth 3800.

g. Close Combat: During the reporting period the following ambushes were conducted by 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP):

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
4 Nov 66	BT 440101	1 VC KIA (PROB)
13 Nov 66	BT 437103	Negative
18 Nov 66	BT 435100	Negative
23 Nov 66	BT 437103	Negative
26 Nov 66	BT 439101	Negative

h. Fire Support: During the month of November technical fire direction facilities were coordinated with 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).

- i. Air Defense: Not Applicable
- j. Combat Air Support: Not Applicable
- k. Civic Action: No change
- l. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or Special Warfare: Not Applicable

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command
Chronology of 1 November to 30 November 1966.

References

Attached

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

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Appendix B (Documentation) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology
of November to 30 November 1966.

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3RD 155 GUN BTRY.
0740 2 NOV. 66
TO:1115 4 NOV. 66

DATE TIME	UNIT	TARGET	RDS/TYPE	NARRATIVE
2 NOV. 0740				OPENED JOURNAL.
1430-1505	B	TROOP CONCENTRATIONS	13 HE/Q	(2) SIX ROUND MISSIONS WERE FIRED FOR A.O.
3 NOV. 0105	C	FIRE CAP	N/A	GUN #213248 LAYED ON AZ 4200. 20% TUBE LIFE REMAINING.
1055-1120	B V.C.	6 V.C. IN OPEN	6 HE/Q VT	MOVEMENT CEASED.
1150-1300	B	SUSPECTED V.C. AMBUSH	13 HE/Q	RELAYED ON AZ 3800. GOOD COVERAGE.
1410-1455	B	9 V.C. MOVING	7 HE/Q VT	NAGATIVE EFFECT ON TARGET. V.C. MOVED OUT BEFORE CLEARANCE OBTAINED.
1635-1705	B	16 V.C.	16 HE/Q VT	EXCELLENT COVERAGE; EST. PROBABLE 10 K.I.A.
1705-1745	B	4 V.C. IN OPEN	6 HE/Q VT	POOR COVERAGE; V.C. DISPERSED.
2200-2400	B	H&I	6 HE/Q	RELAYED GUN #213240 ON AZ 4200 FOR H&I CONCENTRATION; BACK ON AZ 3800 AT 2400.
4 NOV. 0943-1000	B	4 V.C. ON TRAIL	1 HE/Q	E.O.M.
1000-1010	B	4 V.C. IN OPEN	1 HE/Q	E.O.M.
1045-1115	B	13 V.C.	6 HE/Q	E.O.M. NO SURVEILLANCE.

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3RD 155 GUN BTRY.
0740 5 NOV. 66
TO: 0600 11 NOV. 66

DATE TIME	UNIT	TARGET	RDS/TYPE	NARRATIVE
5 NOV. 0815-0935	B	PLT. V.C. ON ROAD	NONE	RELAYED ON AZ 4100; AT 0915 E.O.M. NOT CLEARED, RELAYED ON AZ 3800.
7 NOV. 0630	B	FIRE CAP	N/A	PLT. LAYED ON AZ 3000.
1615	B	FIRE CAP	N/A	PLT. LAYED ON AZ 3500 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "SANDBAR". FRAG ORDER 10-66 CARRIED OUT.
1635-1645	B	TRENCHES AND FORTIFICATION	12 HE/QD	NO SURVEILLANCE.
8 NOV. 0000-0105	B	N/A	N/A	RELAY ON AZ 3200 TO COVER BTRY. "N"; EST. (2) COMPANIES V.C. CONVERGING ON BTRY "N" POSITION.
0545	B	FIRE CAP	N/A	LAYED ON AZ 3800.
9 NOV. 0130-0630	B	H&I'S	49 HE/Q	RELAYED ONE GUN ON AZ 3000 FOR H&I'S. (4) CONCENTRATIONS.
2100-0500	B	H&I'S	12 HE/Q	(3) CONCENTRATIONS.
10 NOV. 1040-1110	B	5 V.C. IN OPEN	4 HE/Q VT 5 WP/Q	V.C. DISPERSED.
1410-1450	B	8 V.C. IN OPEN	8 HE/Q 6 WP/Q	NO ACTIVITY IN AREA; (2) FIRES BURNING.
2300-0600	B	H&I'S	63 HE/Q	(9) CONCENTRATIONS.

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155 GUN BTRY.

0740 11 NOV. 66

TO: 0700 20 NOV. 66

DATE TIME	UNIT	TARGET	RDS/TYPE	NARRATIVE
11 NOV. 1810-1835	B	100 V.C. CROSSING RIVER	14 HE/Q VT	E.O.M. TARGET OBSCURED.
2210-0440	B	H&I'S	26 HE/Q	(2) CONCENTRATIONS.
12 NOV. 1635	C	FIRE CAP	N/A	GUN #213248 LAYED ON AZ 5600.
2000-0600	C	H&I'S	20 HE/Q	(1) CONCENTRATION.
13 NOV. 0525	C	GUN DOWN REPORT	N/A	GUN #213248 OUT OF ACTION DUE TO POSSIBLE TUBE LIFE EXPENDITURE.
1830	C	FIRE CAP		GUN #213248 LAYED ON AZ 5600. TUBE LIFE 12%.
14 NOV. 2100-2300	B	H&I'S	25 HE/Q	(3) CONCENTRATIONS.
15 NOV. 2100-0200	B	H&I'S	5 HE/Q	(1) CONCENTRATION.
16 NOV. 2000-0600	A	H&I'S	18 HE/Q	(2) CONCENTRATIONS.
17 NOV. 1900-0100	B	H&I'S	11 HE/Q	(2) CONCENTRATIONS.
18 NOV. 2200-0600	B	H&I'S	2 HE/Q	(1) CONCENTRATION.
19 NOV. 0630-0700	B	PREP FIRE AC 010	10 HE/Q	REQUESTED BY S-3 11TH MARINES.

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 30 155 GUN BTRY.
 0700 20 NOV. 66
 TO:0600 25 NOV. 66

DATE TIME	UNIT	TARGET	RDS/TYPE	NARRATIVE
20 NOV. 0700	B	FIRE CAP	N/A	LAYED ON AZ 3800 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION "RIO BLANCO".
1000-1030	B	PREP FIRE TX 001	20 HE/Q	PLT. (1) EVERY THREE MIN. CEASE FIRE AT 1030.
1030-1044	B	BUNKER UZ 300	1 HE/Q	CEASE FIRE; AIRCRAFT IN AREA.
1133-1155	B	15 V.C. UZ 299	9 HE/Q	E.O.M.
1214-1523	B	PLT. V.C. UZ 299	2 HE/Q	E.O.M. AIRCRAFT IN AREA.
21 NOV. 0750-0825	B	V.C. IN OPEN UZ 299	8 HE/Q VT	THREE CONFIRMED K.I.A.
22 NOV. 0850-0940	B	15 V.C.	3 HE/Q	NO SURVEILLANCE.
1115	B	FIRE CAP	N/A	LAYED ON AZ 1500.
1410	B	FIRE CAP	N/A	LAYED AZ 3800.
24 NOV. 1500-1550	C	REGISTRATION	1 WP/Q 10 HE/Q	EXCELLENT REGISTRATION BUT UNABLE TO GET CONCURRENT METRO DATA.
2200-0400	B	H&I'S	24 HE/Q	(2) CONCENTRATIONS.
2300-0600	A	H&I'S	16 HE/Q	(2) CONCENTRATIONS.
2300-0600	C	H&I	5 HE/Q	(1) CONCENTRATION.

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3RD 155 GUN BTRY.
0600 29 NOV. 66
TO:1645 30 NOV. 66

DATE TIME	UNIT	TARGET	RDS/TYPE	NARRATIVE
29 NOV. 1250-1440	B	REGEEMENTAL T.O.T.	10 HE/Q	E.O.M. EXCELLENT EFFECT.
1900-0600	B	H&I'S	30 HE/Q	E.O.M.
1930	B	N/A	N/A	RELAY AZ 4100, WAIT FURTHER NOTICE.
30 NOV. 0200-0217	A	NONE	3 HE/Q	EXCELLENT EFFECT. NIGHT DEF. FIRE.
1505-1645	A	4 V.C. WITH RIFLES	4 HE/Q	NO SURVEILLANCE.

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