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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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4 October 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Regiment

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 September to
30 September 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.3
(c) DivO 5750.28

Encl: / (1) 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b)
and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 30 September 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
11th Marine Regiment

Major, R. P. HOLT
1-30 September 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-30 September 1967: Da Nang, RVN

3. BATTERY OFFICERS

BILLET

Executive Officer	1- 7 Sept 1967	Captain R. W. TOPPING
Executive Officer	8-30 Sept 1967	Captain D. F. SORTINO
Asst Executive Officer	4- 7 Sept 1967	Captain D. F. SORTINO
Asst Execo/Fire Direction Officer	1-30 Sept 1967	Captain T. D. MAHONEY
Asst Fire Direction Officer	1-30 Sept 1967	1stLt J.W. STEPHENSON JR.
Asst Fire Direction Officer	15-30 Sept 1967	2ndLt. T. J. LARSON
Platoon Commander	1-30 Sept 1967	1stLt. S. J. MACK
Platoon Commander	1-30 Sept 1967	1stLt. T.H. GRIFFITH JR.
Supply Officer	1-30 Sept 1967	1stLt. R.F. JACOBSEN

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>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON of the 11th Marine Regiment.

Support provided by this battery included:

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed (67)		159	16	138
Unobserved (53)		117	22	0
H & I (303)		1656	0	0
Registrations (0)		0	0	0
TOTAL 423		1932	38	138

SURVEILLANCE INCLUDED:

No Surveillance

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration: During the Period 1-30 September 1967 this battery transferred 1 Officer and 15 Enlisted, of which 7 Enlisted transferred due to normal rotation and 8 transferred by SRB while sick. The battery is currently operating at 87.5% of T/O strength.

Evacuated Casualties were:

7 due to enemy action
2 not due to enemy action

Killed in action

4

b. Enemy, weather and terrain: At the 3d 8" Howitzer Battery's Command Post on 2 September 1967 at 0045 hours, a barrage of 12 Rockets was received, and a Marine from this Battery was wounded. At 1635 hours on 04 September 1967 one M543 Wrecker towing one M37 truck and M101 trailer hit a command detonated land mine approximately 1500 meters North East of Dien Ban, resulting in 4 KIA's and 6 WIA's from this Battery. Combat Action was not effected by weather and terrain.

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c. Organization and Operations: Since the displacement of the Battery to the 11th Marine Command Post Area, the Battery is now operating with 3 Guns at GRID AT 921 799, and 2 Guns at GRID AT 876 473. On 1 September 1967 Gun 713207 continued to support operation YAZOO.

OPERATION

DATES

YAZOO

1-5 September 1967

d. Plans: The Battery plans to occupy a firing position at GRID AT 891 773 during the first two weeks of October.

e. Training: Due to the dispersion of the Battery, the preparation for displacing and displacing, the Battery has concentrated primarily on field fortifications and preparation of the new position.

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply: This command presently has two major Class II, type I, T/E deficiencies. The M53 Gun (SP), Doc. #M21248-7250-0008, was followed-up for the second time on 7270 with no results to date. The High Pressure Steam Cleaning Unit was requisitioned on 7261 with follow-up action scheduled on 7277.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: The Battery has been participating in a Medcap program with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, this program was, however, discontinued upon displacement to the Command Post.

h. Psychological Operations: None

i. Communications: Nothing significant to report.

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
Command Chronology 1 September to 30 September 1967

References

ATTACHED

- a. Army Map Service, Serial L7014 1:50,000 Not Attached
Sheets: 6640 I, II, III, IV
6641 I, II, III, IV
6540 I, II, III, IV
6541 I, II, III
- ✓ b. 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal Appendix B

Appendix A to
Enclosure (1)

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3D 155 Gun Battery (SP)
010001 Sept 1967 to
302400 Sept 1967

010001 Journal Opened
020045 8" Howitzer Btry received 12 Rockets one man from 3rd
155mm Gun Btry WIA.
020120 WIA Med evacuated
021305 Received 4 H & I's from 3/11. Not cleared
021835 Fired 1 round each on H & I's GRID ZC 161 671, ZC 166 675.
041635 Wrecker towing M37 and trailer hit a command detonated
land mine approx. 1500 meters North East of Dien Ban.
4 KIA, 6 WIA.
041715 Rec'd mission from 2/11 GRIDS AT 790 357, AT 799 359, 18HE
041355 Rec'd mission from 11th Marines GRID ZC 113417, 6 HE.
041950 Rec'd mission from 2/11 GRID AT 785 334, 3 HE.
042020 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID AT 825 366, 2 ILLUM.
051015 Rec'd TGT from 2/5 GRID AT 794 330, 6 HE.
051815 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 830 304, AT 831 309,
AT 837 303, 18 HE.
052230 Rec'd G-2 TGT from 2/5 GRID AT 794 330, 6 HE.
060210 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID BT 032 397
060900 Gun # 48 displaced from GRID AT 890 738 to GRID AT 921 799.
060915 Gun # 46 displaced from GRID AT 921 799 to GRID AT 890 738.
071840 Rec'd mission from 11th Marines GRID ZC 174 426, 9 HE.
072000 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID AT 799 323, 5 WP, 1 HE.
080233 Gun # 48 Down Tube Life Expended.
091205 Gun # 07 & 46 displaced from GRID AT 890 738 to GRID
AT 921 799.
100830 Commenced displacement of C.P. to 4/11 present.
110215 Rec'd 2 incoming Rockets 140MM rounds landed in Lima 4/11
Area.
110845 Rec'd mission from 2/5 GRID AT 785 315, 6 HE, 6 WP.
1310800 Completed move to present position.
151000 Gun # 66 Down Tube Life Expended.
200916 Gun # 46 Down Tube Life Expended.
231900 Rec'd mission from Recon GRID AT 989 479, 21 ILLUM.
261400 Gun # 46 & 48 Back in Action, New Tubes.
302400 Journal Closed.

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