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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 February 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 January to  
31 January 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B  
(d) RegtO 5750.2D

Encl: ✓ (1) 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP), Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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H. H. HUTTER JR.

3rd 155mm Gun Battery  
Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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**SECRET**PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Capt., D. F. SORTINO  
1-22 January 1968  
Major H. H. HUTTER JR.  
23-31 January 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

3. LOCATION

1-31 January 1968: Da Nang, RVN

3. BATTERY OFFICERS BILLET

Executive Officer	1-22 Jan. 1968	Captain T.H. GRIFFITH JR.
Executive Officer	23-31 Jan. 1968	Captain D. F. SORTINO
Ass't Executive Officer	23-31 Jan. 1968	Captain T. H. GRIFFITH JR.
Fire Direction Officer	1-31 Jan. 1968	1stLt., J. M. CANARIO
Platoon Commander	2-31 Jan. 1968	1stLt., J. W. STEPHENSON JR.
Platoon Commander	1-27 Jan. 1968	Captain J. M. LISARTE
Platoon Commander	1-31 Jan. 1968	1stLt., P. J. O'NEIL
Supply Officer	1-31 Jan. 1968	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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**SECRET**PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the 3rd 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	(187)	693	60	303
Unobserved	(911)	1033		
H2I	(284)	744		
Registrations				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>303</b>

SURVEILLANCE INCLUDED:

5 KIA

~~1 WIA~~

1 SamPan Destroyed

2 Buildings Destroyed

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration: During the period 1-31 January 1968 the Battery transferred 6 enlisted due to normal rotation. Also during this period the Battery joined 16 enlisted men from Commands out of WESTPAC. The Battery is presently operating at 94.4% of T. O. strength.

b. Enemy, weather and terrain: None

c. Organization and Operations: None

d. Plans: None

e. Training: This Battery has accomplished the normal General Military Subjects training and extensive MOS training during the month of January 1968.

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f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply: Presently, this command has three major Class II, Type I, T/E deficiencies. The Truck, Utility, M38A1, Doc# M21248-7314-0002, had been passed to MRL. However, status returned from MRL indicated that there was no record of the requisition. On 26 January 1968, an attempt was made to place the M38A1 on "RED BALL", however it was rejected by division supply due to the fact that FMFPac has cancelled all "RED BALL" designations for the M38A1.

The Welding Machine, Arc, Doc# M21248-7319-0004, was designated "RED BALL" on 29 January 1968.

The High Pressure Steam Cleaning Unit, Doc #M21248-7331-0016, was designated "RED BALL" on 30 January 1968.

- g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action: None
- h. Psychological Operations: None
- i. Communications: Nothing significant to report

2. Entries: None

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Appendix A (List of references) to 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
Command Chronology 1 January to 31 January 1968

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  
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FDC

3D 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
010001 January 1968 to  
312400 January 1968

010001 Journal Opened  
 020350 Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines, GRID AT 830 750 continuous fire from 0630 to 0635 UNOBS  
 030220 An Hoa Complex rec'd 4 HE incoming rds. 8" A 100% alert until 0300  
 030905 Gun 213207 has displaced from GRID AT 919 801 to 957 756  
 030943 Gun 213207 has arrived at GRID AT 957 756  
 031400 Gun 213207 has displaced from GRID AT 957 756 to 919801  
 031435 Gun 213207 has arrived at GRID AT 919 801  
 061235 Rec'd on calls for Recon  
 070100 Rec'd fire mission from Recon GRID ZC 206 705 ILLUM 84 ILLUM expended. Obs  
 072210 This compound At GRID AT 919 801 rec'd incoming rockets. Fired direct fire with LVT-H 6s. No Surveillance  
 081630 Rec'd on calls for Recon  
 121645 Rec'd fire mission for Recon, Registration night Defensive fires and on calls. GRID ZC 203 705, 207 703 206 705  
 130403 Rec'd fire mission from 11th Marines. I.V.C. Sampan S.O.M. Sampan destroyed.  
 131100 Rec'd fire mission from Recon GRID AT 757 800. Registration night defensive fires.  
 131840 Rec'd fire mission from Recon GRID ZC 206 705. Night defensive fires  
 141630 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. GRID ZC 204 705 Suspected V. C. movement  
 151835 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. ILLUM, GRID ZC 206 705 205 705  
 152120 Rec'd fire mission from 11th Marines. V.C. Sampan. GRID AT 915 828  
 152125 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. GRID AT 8414 8275 ILLUM  
 162045 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. Night defensive fires GRID ZC 203 705  
 170300 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. GRID ZC 203 705 ILLUM 49 ILLUM Obs  
 172004 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. ILLUM Grid AT 783 701  
 181215 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. Registration night defensive fires GRID ZC 205 705  
 181315 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. Registration night defensive fires. GRIDS ZC 202 706, 206 705, 208 702  
 181510 Rec'd on calls for Recon

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181550 Gun 213207 has returned to this position GRID AT 919 801  
 181830 Rec'd fire mission from Recon GRID ZC 205 705, 207 703  
     ILLUM  
 191630 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. Registration night de-  
     fensive fires. GRIDS AT 708 500, 710 390, 707 280,  
     704 230  
 191920 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. ILLUM GRID ZC 204 705  
 192100 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. ILLUM GRID AT 7839 7013  
 200620 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. ILLUM GRID ZC 204 705  
 202015 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. GRID ZC 204 705 ILLUM  
 210900 Gun 213174 has displaced from GRID AT 919 801  
 211910 Rec'd on calls for Recon  
 220225 Rec'd fire mission from Recon GRID ZC 204 705  
 222135 Rec'd fire mission from Recon ILLUM GRID ZC 203  
 222247 Rec'd fire mission from recon ILLUM GRID ZC 203 705  
 260037 Rec'd fire mission from recon. ILLUM GRID ZC 204 705  
 260135 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. Rocket site. GRID  
     ZC 208 705. Danger close. 15 HE, 2 secondary ex-  
     plosions  
 262218 Rec'd fire mission from Recon, suspected V.C. movement  
     GRID AT 792 697  
 270127 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. V. C. movement  
     GRID ZC 206707  
 271730 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. GRID AT 793 703. Concent. Registration.  
     GRID AT 793 703  
 272115 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. GRID AT 793 703. V. C.  
     movement  
 281315 Rec'd on calls for Recon.  
 291130 Rec'd fire mission from 2/7 FSCC 12 HE-Q. B-Z INT  
     GRID ZC 187 817. Zone fire  
 300155 This position AT GRID AT 919 801 Rec'd incoming Rockets.  
     None of which came into our imediate area. Return  
     fire 74 H.E.  
 300430 Rec'd fire mission from 3/11, ILLUM, 6ILLUM  
 301900 Rec'd fire mission from 11th Marines V.C. Platoon setting  
     up rockets. 3 secondary explosions.  
 310945 Gun 213246 displaced from GRID 919 801 to get tube re-  
     placed.  
 311615 Rec'd fire mission from Recon GRID AT 7927 6948, 3 V.C.  
     15 HE

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