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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1968 TO 30 April 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
11th Marine RegimentMajor H. H. HUTTER, JR.
1 April - 30 April 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1968: Command Post, Da Nang Grid AT 956 756
 1-30 April 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa Grid AT 878 472
 1-30 April 1968: "B" Plt., Da Nang Grid AT 920 800

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-18Apr68	Captain D.F. SORTINO
Executive Officer	19-30Apr68	Captain V."B" LANHAM JR.
Fire Direction Officer	1-14Apr68	1stLt., P.J. O'NEIL
Fire Direction Officer	15-30Apr68	1stLt., J.M. CANARIO
Ass't Fire Direction Officer	15-30Apr68	2ndLt., C.A. BRAHNESTADT
Platoon Commander	1-30Apr68	1stLt., J.W. STEPHENSON JR.
Platoon Commander	1-14Apr68	1stLt., P.J. O'NEIL
Platoon Commander	15-30Apr68	1stLt., J.M. CANARIO
Supply Officer	1-26Apr68	1stLt., R.F. JACOBSEN
Supply Officer	27-30Apr68	2ndLt., M.L. BARRETTI

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

1. During the reporting period the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment. The battery fired 741 HEI's, 2 unobserved missions in support of the 11th Marines, and 400 observed missions in support of Recon. 213 rounds were fired on a 2000 round rocket cache. The battery received a surveillance of 37 MIA's.

2. MISSIONS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF:

<u>Unit Supported</u>	<u>Number of Missions</u>	<u>Number of Rounds</u>	<u>Caliber</u>
11th Marines	743	2288	155mm Gun
Recon	400	778	155mm Gun
TOTAL	1143	3066	

<u>Type and Number of Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>Illum</u>
Observed (101)		446	65	74
Unobserved (301)		422	14	
HEI (741)		2045		
Registrations				
TOTAL	1143	2913	79	74

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics.

a. Personnel and Administration

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
(1) Losses	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administration	2	7	0	1
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	13	0	1
(3) Net Loss	1	7	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	6	0	0

b. Intelligence: Nonec. Organization and Operations: NoneSurveillance:

CIA 37
 Structures (Destroyed) 0
 Structures (Damaged) 0
 Bunkers (Destroyed) 0
 Bunkers (Damaged) 0
 Secondary Explosives 0

d. Training: This battery has accomplished the normal General Military Subjects and MOS training and MOS training during the month of April 1968.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply:

A recent inventory has revealed that this command has three (3) Major T/E deficiencies of Class II, Type 1 Items.

Of the two M-53 Guns deficient, one (1), Document number 121248/72500008 was expected in country on April 20,

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e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply: (cont)
this year. The other M-53 Gun was and is still due to be invoiced to us from 1st 155mm Gun Btry upon receipt of their outstanding "Red Ball" Requisition. However, recent events and communication between this section, Division Supply, and Division Ordnance lead to the possibility of our Battery receiving two (2) M-53 Guns, w/equipment, in the near future. To date, no further communication has taken place to positively determine the veracity of this possibility. This office will advise. Should we receive both Guns, we will keep Document number M21248/7250/0008 on requisition and use it to fill Maintenance Float requirements, as directed.

A Requisition is outstanding for the M38A1, Truck utility. The requisition for the M35, Truck Cargo, has been cancelled due to the receipt of five (5) M35A2C Trucks. All M35 Gas vehicles remaining will be turned in for disposal.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs: None

g. Psychological Operations: None

h. Combined Action Company Program: None

i. None

2. Entries: None

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(con)g. References.Attached

(1) 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

✓(2) 3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FDC Journal Appendix

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Appendix A to
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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTING COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

FDC

3d 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
 010001 April 1968 to
 302400 April 1968

d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001 Journal Opened
 151300 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 20 V.C. Grid AT 804
 838 Obs. 6 WP expended.
 161250 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 6 V.C. Grid AT 866
 866 Obs. 7 WP expended.
 6 HE expended.
 161325 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 1 V.C. Grid AT 866
 866 Obs. 10 HE expended.
 161655 Rec'd mission from Recon. 15V.C. 1 KIA.
 6 WP expended.
 31 HE expended.
 201100 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 5 V.C. Grid AT 827
 862 Obs. 8 HE expended.
 201204 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 3 V.C. Grid AT 815
 854 Obs. 1 confirmed KIA. 8 HE expended.
 201630 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 5 V.C. Grid AT 814
 856 Obs. 12 HE expended.
 201639 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 5 V.C. Grid AT 814
 856 Obs. 1 WP expended.
 201740 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 2 V.C. Grid AT 822
 856 Obs. 1 WP expended.
 4 HE expended.
 201838 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 60 V.C. Grid AT 823
 855 Obs. 1 WP expended.
 37 HE expended.
 202039 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. V.C. Convoy. Grid
 AT 825 866 Obs. 16 HE expended.
 202130 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 60 V.C. Grid AT 815
 863 Obs. 18 HE expended.
 202200 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. 60 V.C. Grid AT 815
 862 Obs. 6 HE expended.
 202238 Rec'd EOT from 11th Marines. Troop concn. Grid AT
 848 778 Unobs. 30 HE expended.
 221010 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. V.C. Sniper. Grid
 AT 818 775 Obs. 2 HE expended.
 221020 Rec'd fire mission from Recon. V.C. Sniper. Grid
 AT 814 773 Obs. 12 HE expended.
 241720 Rec'd mission from 11th Marines on 2000 rocket
 cache, continuous fire for 24 hours.
 213 HE expended.
 281600 Rec'd mission from Recon. 20 V.C. 5 KIA.
 1 WP expended.
 13 HE expended.
 291815 Rec'd mission from Recon. 50 V.C. 31 KIA.
 65 HE expended.

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