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3RD 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marine Regiment  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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5750  
9 August 1968

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division  
(Rein) FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July to 31 July 1968

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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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COMMAND CHONOLOGY

1 July 1968 to 31 July 1968

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

## COMMANDER

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

Capt. V. B. LANHAM  
1 July - 31 July 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS  
None

ATTACHED UNITS  
None

## 2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1968: Command Post, Da Nang, Grid AT 956 756  
1-31 July 1968: Firing Battery, minus, Da Nang, Grid AT 920 800  
1-31 July 1968: "A" Plt, An Hoa, Grid AT 878 472

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-20 July 1968	Capt. T. E. HOWE
Executive Officer	20-31 July 1968	Capt. R. YOST
Fire Direction Officer	1-31 July 1968	1st LT. W. JONES
Plt. Commander	1-31 July 1968	1st Lt. J. M. CANARIO
Supply Officer	1-31 July 1968	1st Lt. 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>
5	134	0	3	0	0

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this reporting period the 3rd 155 Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment. The battery fired 758 H & I's, 602 unobserved missions in support of 11th Marines, and 54 observed missions in support of Recon.

## 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	1360	1946	155mm Gun
Recon	54	279	155mm Gun
TOTAL	<u>1414</u>	<u>2225</u>	

<u>Type and Number of Missions:</u>		<u>Rounds: HE WP ILLUM</u>		
Observed	54	58	34	187
Unobserved	602	830	0	0
H&I	758	1116	0	0
TOTAL	<u>1414</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>187</u>

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics.

## a. Personnel and Administration

## (1) Losses

Administration	1	11	0	0
Battle KIA	0	2	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	1	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	1	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0

(2) Replacements 1 19 0 0

(3) Net Loss 0 0 0 0

(4) Net Gain 0 4 0 0

b. Intelligence: None

c. Organization and Operations: None

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

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e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply:

a. Ordnance Equipment: With the accident of July 14, this battery is now short one (1) gun, SP, M-53. However, this is not considered a T/E deficiency and will be replaced via R&E program. Until this replacement is made we have been directed by the Regimental S-4 to place on order an M-53 gun. This was accomplished on 25 July. The gun is now in the process of being designated "Red Ball".

b. Engineer Equipment:: Our two (2) EIMCO Tractors have been ~~deadlined~~ since the latter part of May, this year. These have been designated "Maintenance Red Ball". There are currently no float EIMCO's in-country to replace these vehicles, therefore our only recourse is to wait for the return of our original vehicles or until a float is made available.

c. Red Ball: Currently, we have only one supply item on "Red Ball". This is a Throw-out Spring for an M-53 gun attached to Tango Battery at An Hoa. We are still awaiting receipt.

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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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTING COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

FDC  
 3rd 155mm Gun Btry (SP)  
 010001 July 1968 to  
 312400 July 1968

d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001	Journal Opened	
012000	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 300	Unobs. 4 HE Exp.
022110	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon GZ 473	Obs. 8 Ill Exp.
022147	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 302 Z	Obs. 25 Ill Exp.
031919	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 302 Z	Obs. 11 Ill Exp.
031920	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon UT 118	Obs. 2 HE Exp.
040010	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 3 HE Exp.
040250	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 303	Obs. 2 WP Exp.
042040	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 304 Z	Obs. 5 Ill Exp.
042130	Rec'd NDF from Recon UT 118	Obs. 2 HE Exp.
042245	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 302 Z	Obs. 11 Ill Exp.
050015	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 304 Z	Obs. 19 Ill Exp.
050130	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon UT 118	Obs. 5 HE Exp.
050335	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 304 Z	Obs. 9 Ill Exp.
060030	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 304 Z	Obs. 12 Ill Exp.
060220	Rec'd Fire Mission From Recon FZ 304 Z	Obs. 20 Ill Exp.
061353	Rec'd Fire Mission From Recon FZ 306	Obs. 8 HE Exp.
070310	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 304 Z	Obs. 19 Ill Exp. 2 WP
080430	Rec'd Prep Fires in Support of Mamaluke Thrust FZ 316	Obs. 92 HE Exp.
090001		
092400	Maintenance, H&I's CIR Drills	
101100	Fired Test Round	Obs. 1 HE Exp.
101315	Rec'd NDF from Recon GZ 490, GZ 491, GZ 492, GZ 493	Obs. 3 HE Exp. 5 WP
101530	Rec'd NDF from Recon GZ 494, GZ 495	Obs. 4 WP Exp.

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## PART IV (CONTINUED)

101900	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon FZ 317	Obs. 2 HE Exp.
102020	Rec'd NDF from Recon GZ 492	Obs. 5 WP Exp.
110430	Rec'd OH Calls for Hireling FZ 318	Unobs. 8 HE Exp.
111720	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon GZ 507	Obs. 1 HE Exp. 3 WP
120900	Rec'd Fire Mission From Jacksonville FZ 319	Obs. 13 HE Exp. 4 WP
131150	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon XY 765	Obs. 2 WP Exp.
131630	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon XY 765	Obs. 1 WP Exp.
140905	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon GZ 509	Obs. 2 WP Exp.
141041	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon	Obs. 2 WP Exp.
141730	GZ 510 Gun No. 63 blew up Check Fire all Guns for 3d 155 Guns from 11th Marines Until further Notice.	Friendly 2 KIA Serious 1 WIA Not Serious 1 WIA
161800	Cancel C/F on 3d 155 Guns	
162400	Fired H&I's and C/R Drills This Period	
170001	Maintenance, H&I's, and	
172400	C/R Drills	
181232	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon GZ 514	Obs. 2 WP Exp.
181611	Rec'd NDF from Recon GZ 515, GZ 516, GZ 517	Obs. 3 HE Exp.
191100	Rec'd on Calls from Recon GZ 519, GZ 520, GZ 521, GZ 522	Obs. 9 HE Exp.
191900	Fired Spotter Rd. for Recon GZ 526	Obs. 2 HE Exp.
192045	Rec'd NDF from Recon GZ 524	Obs. 2 HE Exp.
200001	Maintenance, H&I's and	
212400	C/R Drills This Period	
220005	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 1 HE Exp.
230105	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 25 HE Exp.
230609	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 1 HE Exp.
241923	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 2 HE Exp.
241958	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines Grid 852 804	Unobs. 6 HE Exp.
242258	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines Grid 852 804	Unobs. 6 HE Exp.

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242317	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 2 HE Exp.
250036	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon GZ 535 Z	Obs. 5 Ill Exp.
250120	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon GZ 538 Z	Obs. 2 Ill Exp.
250322	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon GZ 539 Z	Obs. 14 Ill Exp.
262303	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 1 HE Exp.
270025	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon GZ 541 Z	Obs. 5 Ill Exp.
271814	Rec'd NDF from Recon GZ 542	Obs. 4 HE Exp.
280001	Maintenance, H&I's and	
292400	C/R Drills This Period	
302358	Rockets, Rockets	Unobs. 2 HE Exp.
312010	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon UM 406 Z, UM 410 Z	Obs. 3 Ill Exp.
312400	Closed Journal	

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