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3RD 155MM GUN BATTERY (SP)  
11th Marine Regiment

#52-68/0 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 August to 31 August  
1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B  
(d) RegtO 5750.2E

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

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

*V. B. Lanham*  
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*3RD 155mm Gun Btry*

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

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

## COMMANDER

Capt. V. B. LANHAM  
1 August to 31 August 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS  
NoneATTACHED UNITS  
None

## 2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1968: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)  
Da Nang, Grid AT9208001-31 August 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa, under operational control  
of 4/11, Grid AT878472

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31 August 1968	Captain B. YOST
Fire Direction Officer	1-31 August 1968	Captain D. L. TERRY
Plt. Commander	1-31 August 1968	1stLt. J. M. CANARIO
Supply Officer	1-31 August 1968	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>
5	136	0	3	0	0

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During this reporting period the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment. The battery fired 746 H & I's, 568 unobserved missions in support of the 11th Marines, and 58 observed missions in support of Recon. A 21 round Prep Fire was fired in support of 3/11 on Operation Dodge Valley on 12 August 1968.

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	1314	1706	155mm Gun
Recon	58	204	155mm Gun
TOTAL	1372	1910	

<u>Type and Number of Missions:</u>	<u>Rounds:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed 58	147	21	36	
Unobserved 568	687	0	0	
H&I 746	1012	0	7	
TOTAL 1372	1846	21	43	

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

## a. Personnel and Administration

## (1) Losses

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Administration	1	10	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 POW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	30	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	0
(4) Net Gain	1	20	0	0

b. Intelligence: None

c. Organizational Operations: None

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

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## e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply:

a. Ordnance Equipment: Action for replacement of the two (2) 155MM Guns is proceeding normally via regular channels. No word has been received as to replacement of the one (1) gun turned into 1st FSR recently. Follow up action has been initiated as required.

b. Engineer Equipment: Recent status received on our two (2) EIMCO's indicates one (1) has an unknown completion date. Status received by message on the other is apparently in error as it refers to a TD-18 tractor. Follow-up has been initiated to determine actual status.

c. Red Ball: We are awaiting designation of the M-53 gun ordered to replace the one damaged in the July 14th accident and the M54A2C truck ordered to replace the one damaged in the mine explosion. Follow-up has been initiated.

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 August 1968 to  
312400 August 1968

d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001	Open Journal		
011450	Gun #84 Down Nitrogen pressure		
011910	Gun #84 Up		
020001	Routing Messages, H&I's and		
022400	C/R Drills this period		
030645	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	6 HE Exp.
	GZ540, GZ541, GZ542		3 WP "
032114	Fired ILL Mission for Recon	Obs	6 ILL "
	GZ543Z		
040015	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	5 HE "
	GZ540, GZ541, GZ542		
040410	Gun #66 Down can't elevate		
041700	Gun #66 Up		
042210	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	4 HE "
	GZ540, GZ541		
051310	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	7 HE "
	GZ540, Sniper in trees		neg. Surv.
061537	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	5 HE "
	GZ540, GZ541		
071805	Fired Precision Registration	Obs	12 HE "
	GZ544		valid Regis.
072030	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	2 HE "
	GZ540, GZ541		
080130	Fired ILL Mission for Recon	Obs	3 ILL "
	GZ545Z		
081650	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	4 HE "
	GZ546		
081715	Fired Spotter round for Recon	Obs	3 HE "
	GZ547		
091200	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs	20 HE "
	GZ548		
091740	Rec'd Tgt's from 11th Marines	Unobs	32 HE "
	GZ549, GZ550, GZ551, GZ552		
092030	Fired NDF for Recon	Obs	1 HE "
	GZ541		
092310	Gun #66 Down can't elevate		

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092315	Gun #46 Down won't traverse			
100950	Gun #66 and Gun #46 Up, maintenance,			
102400	H&I's and C/R Drills remainder of period			
110001	Maintenance, H&I's, and C/R Drills			
112400	this period			
120943	Fired Prep Fires in support of 3/11 for Operation Dodge Valley	Unob	21 HE	Exp.
122040	Fired ILL Mission for Recon GZ535Z, suspected movement	Obs	1 ILL	"
132125	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	1 HE	neg. Surv.
140001	Maintenance, H&I's and C/R Drills			
142400	this period			
151645	Fired NDF for Recon GZ560, GZ561, GZ562, GZ563	Obs	12 WP	"
160655	Fired Spotter round for Recon GZ561	Obs	1 HE	"
171000	Gun #84 Down Tube life			
171800	Gun #84 Up Tube replaced			
172310	Gun #84 Down Sight			
180840	Gun #84 Up			
181405	Gun #46 Downed scarred tube			
182030	Fired NDF for Recon GZ560, GZ561	Obs	2 HE	"
191225	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY 1124	Unob	4 HE	"
192020	Gun #66 Down split rings			
200800	Gun #66 to FSR for tube replacement, engine replacement and nitrogen system, Gun #46 Up			
210001	Maintenance, H&I's and C/R Drills			
222400	this period			
230303	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	2 HE	"
230557	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	1 HE	"
240001	Maintenance, H&I's and C/R Drills			
252400	this period			
260550	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	5 HE	"
261038	Fired Intelligence tgt. GZ569	Unob	10 HE	"
261915	Fired ILL Mission for Recon GZ535Z	Obs	11 ILL	"
270452	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	2 HE	"
281100	Fired Intelligence tgt. XY5800, XY5801, XY5802	Unob	18 HE	"

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281955	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	15	HE	"
282100	Rec'd TOT for 11th Marines XY1131	Unob	4	HE	"
282123	Rec'd TOT for 11th Marines XY1132	Unob	4	HE	"
282143	Rec'd TOT for 11th Marines XY1133	Unob	4	HE	"
282200	Rec'd TOT for 11th Marines XY1134	Unob	4	HE	"
292350	Rec'd TOT for 11th Marines XY1135	Unob	2	HE	"
300015	Rec'd TOT for 11th Marines XY1136	Unob	2	HE	"
301905	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	3	HE	"
310253	ROCKETS, ROCKETS	Unob	3	HE	"
312400	Closed Journal				

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