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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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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division
(Rein) FMF (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 September to 30 September
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.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1968 to 30 September 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 September to 30 September
1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-30 September 1968: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)
Da Nang, Grid AT920800
1-24 September 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa, under operational control
of 4/11, Grid AT878472
25-30 September 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa, under operational control
of 2/11, Grid AT878472
30 September 1968: "B" Plt., Hill 37, Grid AT91475834

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-30 September 1968 Captain R. C. YOST
Fire Direction Officer	1-9 September 1968 Captain D. L. TERRY
Fire Direction Officer	10-30 September 1968 1stLt. M. E. GREGORY
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1-30 September 1968 2ndLt. D. M. RIGSBEE
Plt. Commander ("A" Plt.)	1-30 September 1968 1stLt. J. M. CANARIO
Supply Officer	1-30 September 1968 1stLt. M. L. BARRETT

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 this reporting period the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON ~~and~~ ADDON to the 11th Marine Regiment. The battery fired 185 H&I's, 243 unobserved missions in support of the 11th Marines, and 27 observed missions in support of Recon. A 9 round Prep Fire was fired for Operation Talledga. Two (2) M-53 Guns were calibrated by Army Calibration Team on 15 September 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	428	852	155mm Gun
Recon	27	<u>114</u>	155mm Gun
TOTAL	<u>455</u>	<u>966</u>	

<u>Type and Number of Missions:</u>		<u>Rounds:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed	27		64	35	10
Unobserved	243		347	4	14
H & I	185		488	4	0
TOTAL	<u>455</u>		<u>899</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>24</u>

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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	17	0	0
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	2	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	12	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	5	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	0

b. Intelligence: None

c. Organization Operations: None

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

e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

1. Ordnance Equipment: At present we have one (1) M-53 Gun on order to replace the one (1) damaged in the July 14th accident. One (1) M-53 Gun will be replaced via the R & E program. We have also been informed that the damaged gun will be replaced via the R & E program.

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2. Engineer Equipment: No word has been received yet regarding our message inquiry into the status of EIMCO #322982. EIMCO #322995 has an unknown work completion date, according to the latest status received.

3. Motor Transport Equipment: The battery has received the new Utility 1/4 Ton M-151 series jeep and is in the process of turning in all M-38A1 jeeps.

4. Red Ball: There are no items on supply Red Ball. In 1 day (October 8), our requisition for one (1) M-54A2C will be eligible for Red Ball. This vehicle will replace a vehicle damaged by a mine explosion.

5. Monsoon Clothing. This unit has sufficient amounts of monsoon equipment. Rain suits continue to pose problems, but we have a sufficient amount of ponchos.

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 Sep 1968 to
302400 Sep 1968

STAFF JOURNAL

010001 Open Journal		
010155 Rec'd H&I's	Unobs.	2 HE Exp.
011915 Rec'd ILL Fire Mission from Recon Grid ZC205707		
020130 Rockets, Rockets	Unobs.	2 HE "
020415 Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon	Obs.	4 ILL "
021050 Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon Conc. # GZ591 (2 VC) Negative Surv.	Obs.	4 HE "
040345 Rockets, Rockets		
040350 Rec'd H&I's, Counter Rockets		
052400 Drills This Period		
062125 Rec'd on Call NDF from Recon Conc. # GZ570Z, GZ571	Obs.	8 HE " 4 ILL "
080817 Fired Registration		
091115 Rec'd G-2 Targets		
091240 Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon GZ602, (10 VC) Negative Surv.	Obs.	9 HE "
091715 Rec'd H&I Targets From Recon		
100530 Rec'd NDF From Recon GZ570, GZ571	Obs.	4 WP " 3 ILL "
100830 Rec'd G-2 Targets		
111950 Rec'd G-2 Targets		
120725 Rec'd G-2 Targets XY5869 - 5870		
131525 Rec'd TOT Missions From Beachboy Rec'd Reinforcing Fires From Beachboy		
132010 Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	4 HE "
132250 Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	2 HE "
140025 Rec'd TOT's from 11th Marines	Unobs.	18 HE "
150600 Fired Calibration		
152054 Rockets, Rockets		
162345 Rec'd H&I's From 11th Marines		
170812 Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	2 HE "
170925 Rec'd H&I's from 11th Marines		
171620 Rec'd TOT Grid AT823797		

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180520	Rockets, Rockets		
180610	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	6 HE "
180935	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
181505	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
181910	Rec'd Ill Mission from Paddleboat	Obs.	14 ILL "
190945	Rec'd TOT Mission from 11th Marines		
191948	Rec'd Ill Fire Mission from Paddleboat	Obs.	10 ILL "
	GZ628Z		
200715	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	2 HE "
			2 WP "
202050	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines		
210935	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
221610	Rec'd Fire Mission from Offspring 68		
	Rec'd NDF from 11th Marines		
231335	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
231615	Rec'd Fire Mission from Offspring 68		
231840	Rec'd Fire Mission from 11th Marines	Unobs.	4 HE "
	Suspected VC Rocket Sight		
232030	Rec'd TOT Fire Mission from 11th Marines		4 HE "
240055	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
240450	Rec'd Ill Fire Mission from Wedding Ring		
240825	Rec'd TOT Fire Mission		
241026	Rec'd H&I Targets		
241105	Rec'd H&I Targets		
241132	Rec'd TOT Fire Mission	Unobs.	2 HE "
	Suspected VC Base Camp		
241410	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	2 HE "
241835	Rockets, Rockets		
242110	Rockets, Rockets		
250745	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines	Unobs.	2 WP "
250945	Rec'd on Calls from Desk Work		
251545	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
252157	Rec'd H&I Targets		
260110	Rec'd Fire Mission from Paddleboat	Obs.	4 ILL "
	GZ628		
261230	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
271445	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
271800	Rec'd on Calls from Grim Reaper		
280710	Rec'd Fire Mission from Recon	Obs.	4 HE "
	Suspected VC Ambush Sight		
281245	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
282015	Rec'd G-2 Targets		
290447	Rockets, Rockets		
300350	Rec'd Fire Mission from Date Palm	Obs.	1 HE "

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300800 Rec'd Prep Fires in support of "Operation Talledga" Uobs. 10 HE Exp.
301330 Rec'd Warning Order from 11th Marines
to be prepared to displace Two (2)
Guns to Hill 37
301530 Departed Grid AT920800 for Hill 37
301815 Arrived Hill 37 Grid AT91475834
302000 Sent Firecap to 11th Marines AZ Fire 4600
302400 Closed Journal

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