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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.

*V. B. Lanham*  
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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>
OFF 6	ENL 153	OFF 0
		ENL 3
		OFF 0
		ENL 0

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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	114	155mm Gun	
TOTAL	455	966		
Type and Number of Missions:	Rounds:	HE	WP	ILLUM
Observed	27	64	35	10
Unobserved	243	347	4	14
H & I	185	488	4	0
TOTAL	455	899	43	24

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. 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 DOCUMENTFDC  
3rd 155mm Gun Btry (SP)  
010001 Sep 1968 to  
302400 Sep 1968STAFF 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	Obs.	10 ILL	"
191948	Rec'd ILL Fire Mission from Paddleboat GZ628Z	Unobs.	2 HE	"
			2 WP	"
200715	Rec'd TOT from 11th Marines			
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 Suspected VC Rocket Sight	Unobs.	4 HE	"
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 Suspected VC Base Camp	Unobs.	2 HE	"
241140	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 GZ628	Obs.	4 ILL	"
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 Suspected VC Ambush Sight	Obs.	4 HE	"
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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