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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

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

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B  
(d) Regto 5750.2B

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 October 1968 to 31 October 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 October to 31 October 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS  
NoneATTACHED UNITS  
None

## 2. LOCATION

1-31 October 1968: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)  
Da Nang, Grid AT920800  
1-2 October 1968: "B" Plt., Grid AT916581  
2-24 October 1968: "B" Plt., Grid AT890580  
24 October 1968: "B" Plt., Return to CP, Grid AT920800  
1-31 October 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa, under operational control  
of 2/11, Grid AT878472

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31 October 1968 Captain B. YOST
Fire Direction Officer	1-31 October 1968 1stLt. M. GREGORY
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1-31 October 1968 2ndLt. D. M. RIGSBEE
Plt. Commander	1-31 October 1968 1stLt. J. M. CANARIO
Supply Officer	1-31 October 1968 1stLt. M. L. BARRETT

## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
6	152	0	3	0	0

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period 1-31 October 1968, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment. The battery fired 686 H&I's, 112 unobserved missions in support of the 11th Marines and 10 observed missions in support of Recon.

This battery fired 298 rounds in support of the 3/11 from 6 October to 19 October on Operation Maui Peak.

## 2. MISSIONS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF:

UNIT SUPPORTED	NUMBER OF MISSIONS	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	CALIBER
11th Marines	798	1532	155mm Gun
Recon	10	95	155mm Gun
Registrations	5	76	155mm Gun
TOTAL	813	1703	

Type and Number of Missions:	Rounds:	HE	WP	ILLUM
Observed	15	117	10	44
Unobserved	112	310	0	0
H&I	686	1222	0	0
TOTAL	813	1649	10	44

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**PART III**  
**SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

1. Topics

## a. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
(1) Losses				
Administration	0	7	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	2	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle	0	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	0	4	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	3	0	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	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 October 1968.

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## e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply:

1. Ordnance Equipment

- a. Our M51VTR is deadlined for lack of on-vehicle internal fire bottles. We have been informed that these bottles cannot be filled in-country or replaced at the present time. Expedited maintenance action has been requested.
- b. Currently one engine for gun M53 has been sent to 3d FSR for rebuild. One other engine has been repaired at 1st FSR and has been returned to this unit, but still needs minor repair parts to allow it to perform properly.

2. Engineer Equipment

- a. Status received from 3rd FSR indicates that maintenance work on one (1) of our Tractors, Full Tracked, M64 EIMCO has been completed and is in the process of being returned to us. Status on our other EIMCO, also at 3rd FSR for repair, has still not been received. Appropriate action has been taken to determine such status.
- b. Our Arc Welder is deadlined for lack of a generator. This generator was turned into the Engineer DX Shop at 1st FSR and no replacements were available. Status is still lacking. Action is being initiated to determine status.

3. Motor Transport

- a. This unit still lacks one (1) Truck, Cargo M54A2C, to replace one Coded out due to mine damage. Although a requisition was submitted with the highest priority allowed, this unit was informed that we would have to wait until our document was placed above all others for the same item. Lack of this vehicle somewhat impairs the movement capability of this unit.

4. Supply

- a. We are having a major problem with jungle clothing. No jungle clothing has been made available to this unit since last month when we received 100 pairs of Medium Regular Camouflage trousers. This was the first shipment of jungle clothing in approximately 4 months, although we have many outstanding requisitions. If this problem continues it will become extremely serious in the very near future.

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- 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**

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

**d. STAFF JOURNAL**

010001	Open Journal	
	Routine messages, H&I's, and	
012400	C/R Drills this period	
021300	Displaced from Hill 37, Grid 9156 5814, to Hill 65, Grid 8897 5795.	
021410	Arrived Hill 65, Grid 8897 5795 Sent fire capability and new position to 11th Marines	
030001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and	
032400	C/R Drills this period	
040001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and	
042400	C/R Drills this period	
051800	Mission of Spoonbill Bravo changed to General Support, Reinforcing 3/11	
060600	Fired Prep. Fires for Operation	Unobs 12 HE Exp.
	Maui Peak	
	133/B61X, 137/B62X, 141/B62X	
060739	Fired Flak Suppressive Fire	Unobs 8 HE "
	for 3/11	
071445	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs 18 HE "
	BX266	
081050	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs 8 HE "
	XY1133	
081800	Fired Precision Registration for 155 Guns	Obs 16 HE "
	GZ800	
091720	Fired Precision Registration for 155 Guns	Obs 8 HE "
	GZ801	
091820	Gun #46 Down blown power pack	
100900	Fired Direct Fire for 155 Guns	Obs 6 HE "
	GZ802	

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111600	Received Gun #14 and Gun #61 from FSR	
	Gun #66 dropped from accounts and transferred to FSR	
111915	Gun #14 Up 5200, Gun #61 Up 4200	
120001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
122400	Drills this period	
130001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
132400	Drills this period	
140001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
142400	Drills this period	
150001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
152400	Drills this period	
160001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
162400	Drills this period	
170245	Fired Illumination for Recon GZ646Z	Obs. 3 Ill Exp.
172110	Fired Illumination for Recon GZ646Z	Obs. 2 Ill "
180001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
182400	Drills this period	
192100	Informed by 3/11 that Operation Maui Peak was completed	
201430	Received new call signs, frequencies and Mike numbers	
210001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
212400	Drills this period	
220001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
222400	Drills this period	
231810	Fired Precision Registration for 155 Guns GZ647	Obs. 1 WP " 6 HE "
240800	Received CSMO	
241040	Gun #62 Down scarred tube (A Plt.)	
241430	Departed Hill 65, Grid 8897 5795	
241830	Arrived 3rd 155mm Gun CP, Grid 9280	
250001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
251500	Drills this period	
251500	Gun # 46 back Up	
260001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R	
262400	Drills this period	

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270045	Fired fire Mission for 11th Marines GZ648	Unobs	8 HE	Exp.
270515	Fired Intelligence Target for 11th Marines GZ649	Unobs	8 HE	Exp.
272135	Fired Illumination Mission for GZ650	Obs	2 ILL	"
272315	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ651	Obs	1 WP	"
280001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and 282400 C/R Drills this period		18 HE	"
290001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and 292400 C/R Drills this period			
301425	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ652	Obs	2 HE	"
301500	Fired Spotter Round for Recon GZ653	Obs	1 HE	"
311620	Fired spotter round for Recon GZ654	Obs	1 WP	"
311745	Fired Registration for 155 Guns GZ655	Obs	2 WP	"
312400	Close Journal		12 HE	"

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