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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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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division
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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 RegimentCapt. V. B. LANHAM
1 October to 31 October 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED 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

<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>
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:

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

<u>Type and Number of Missions:</u>	<u>Rounds:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
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

(1)	Losses	USMC		USN	
		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	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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PART III (continued)

- f. Civic Action/Cival 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 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 Maui Peak 133/B61X, 137/B62X, 141/B62X	Unobs	12 HE	Exp.
060739	Fired Flak Suppressive Fire for 3/11	Unobs	8 HE	"
071445	Fired TOT for 11th Marines BX266	Unobs	18 HE	"
081050	Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1133	Unobs	8 HE	"
081800	Fired Precision Registration for 155 Guns GZ800	Obs	16 HE	"
091720	Fired Precision Registration for 155 Guns GZ801	Obs	8 HE	"
091820	Gun #46 Down blown power pack			
100900	Fired Direct Fire for 155 Guns GZ802	Obs	6 HE	"

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PART IV (CONTINUED)

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 Obs. 3 Ill Exp.
GZ646Z

172110 Fired Illumination for Recon Obs. 2 Ill "
GZ646Z

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 Obs. 1 WP "
155 Guns 6 HE "
GZ647

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 18 HE	" "
280001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and			
282400	C/R Drills this period			
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 12 HE	" "
312400	Close Journal			

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