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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 November to 30 November 1968

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.2B
(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 November 1968 to 30 November 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA**SECRET**

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Maj. V. B. LANHAM
1 November to 11 November 1968
Maj. W. H. COOPER
12 November to 30 November 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-30 November 1968: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)
Da Nang, Grid AT920800
1-30 November 1968: "A" Eit., An Hoa, under operational control
of 2/11, Grid AT878472

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-30 November 1968 Captain B. YOST
Fire Direction Officer	1-30 November 1968 1stLt. M GREGORY
Asst. Fire Direction Officer	1-30 November 1968 2ndLt. D. M. RIGSBEE
Plt. Commander	1-30 November 1968 1stLt. J. M. CANARIO
Supply Officer	1-30 November 1968 1stLt. 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>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY**SECRET**

1. During the reporting period 1-30 November 1968, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment. The battery fired 347 H&I's, 174 unobserved missions in support of the 11th Marines and 25 observed missions in support of Recon.

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	522	1428	155mm Gun
Recon	25	103	155mm Gun
Registrations	2	29	155mm Gun
TOTAL	549	1560	

<u>Type and Number of Missions:</u>	<u>Rounds:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed 28		69	7	58
Unobserved 174		634	0	0
H&I's 347		792	0	0
TOTAL 549		1495	7	58

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) Losses

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administration	1	7	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	1	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	3	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	7	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 November 1968.

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a. Currently one (1) main engine for an M53 Gun (SP) is at 3rd FSR for rebuild.

2. Engineer Equipment

a. One (1) of our two (2) EIMCO tractors has been returned from 3rd FSR. The status on our other EIMCO, also at 3rd FSR for repair, has still not been received. Appropriate action has been taken to determine the status.

b. Our Arc Welder is deadlined for lack of a generator. This generator was turned into the Engineer D.I. shop at 1st FSR and no replacements were available. Status is still lacking.

3. Motor Transport

a. This unit still lacks one (1) Truck, Cargo M54A26, to replace one (1) damaged and coded out because of mine damage. Although a requisition was submitted with the highest priority allowed, this unit was informed that it would have to wait until our document was placed above all others for the same item. Lack of this vehicle impairs the movement capability of this unit.

4. Supply

a. We are still having a major problem with jungle clothing. Twelve documents for jungle clothing were just reinstated by this unit after FLC claimed no record of these documents.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs: Handled as contention project.

g. Psychological Operations: None

h. Combined Action Company Program: None

i. None

2. Entries: None**SECRET****SECRET**

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PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF REPORTING COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTFDC
3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
010001 November 1968 to
302400 November 1968d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001 Open Journal
Routine messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills

012400 this period

020001 Routine messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills

022400 this period

031705 Fired Fire Mission for Recon
GZ655 Obs 3 WP Exp.
6 HE "

032145 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon
GZ6568 Obs 3 Ill "

041645 Received Warning Notice that Two Guns
Would be Going to An Hoa

041900 Received Small Arms Fire Which Resulted
in one Man Being Wounded. C/R Drill
was not Fired

042000 Unit Back to Normal Tactical Status

042020 Spot Report Sent to 11th Marines

050800 Gun #14 and Gun #64 Departed for
An Hoa

051835 Gun #83 Down Site Mount

052000 Received Word that Gun #14 and Gun #64
Arrived An Hoa at 1615, Grid AT878472

061630 Gun #46 Down Accumulator and Hydraulic
Line

061635 Informed that Gun #84 Caught Fire and
Gun #84 and Gun #62 Will Be Left at
Hill 37, Grid AT916581

071310 Received Word that Gun #62 Left Hill
37, Grid AT916581, for C.P.

071450 Informed that Gun #62 at PSR, Gun #84
at Hill 37, Grid AT916581

081056 Gun #46 Up

081130 Gun # 84 Left Hill 37, Grid AT916581
for C.P.

081700 Gun #84 Arrived C.P.

081855 Gun #83 is Up and Layed on 4500

081920 Gun #46 Up and Layed on 5600

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091600	Received Gun #62 from FSR and Layed 5200			
091845	Fired TOT for 11th Marines GZ650	Unobs	2 HE	Exp.
100002	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX0219	Unobs	2 HE	"
101725	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ657	Obs	4 HE	"
101825	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ659	Obs	2 HE	"
101910	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ660	Obs	1 HE	"
101927	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ661	Obs	1 HE	"
101953	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ662	Obs	2 HE	"
110900	Fired Registration for 155 Guns, Invalid GZ663	Obs	3 WP 8 HE	"
112015	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1638	Unobs	4 HE	"
112100	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1639	Unobs	4 HE	"
112145	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1640	Unobs	4 HE	"
112315	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1641	Unobs	4 HE	"
120012	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1642	Unobs	4 HE	"
120032	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1643	Unobs	4 HE	"
120211	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1644	Unobs	4 HE	"
120230	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1645	Unobs	4 HE	"
120336	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1646	Unobs	4 HE	"
120355	Fired TOT for 11th Marines KX1647	Unobs	4 HE	"
121000	Maj. W. D. Cooper assumed command from Maj. V. B. Lanham			
121420	Fired Registration Shell for 11th Marines GZ669	Obs	1 WP 17 HE	"
122100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ5704	Obs	28 ILL	"

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122215	Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	2 WP	Exp.
	GZ668		8 HE	"
130001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills			
132400	this Period			
132330	Gun #62 Down, Equilibration System			
141321	Gun #62 Up			
141801	Gun #46 Down, Site			
150001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills			
152400	this Period			
161505	Gun #84 Sent to FSR			
162210	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	TZ0001			
162315	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	TZ0001			
170120	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	5 HE	"
170500	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	1 HE	"
171225	Gun #46 Up			
180001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills			
182400	this Period			
192300	Rockets! Rockets!	Obs	29 HE	"
200010	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
201020	Fired Precision Registration for 155 Guns	Obs	2 WP	"
	GZ670		9 HE	"
210726	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	7 HE	"
210750	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	12 HE	"
211105	Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	1 WP	"
	XY5038		6 HE	"
212203	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	XY1178			
220317	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	1 HE	"
	XY1179			
220402	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	KX0258			
220450	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	KX0257			
222050	Fired Illumination for Recon	Obs	1 Ill	"
	GZ6704			
222150	Fired Illumination for Recon	Obs	9 Ill	"
	GZ6702			
222305	Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	1 HE	"
	GZ670			
230100	Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	12 HE	"
	GZ671			
230400	Fired Illumination for Recon	Obs	2 Ill	"
	GZ6704			
230510	Fired Illumination for Recon	Obs	3 Ill	"
	GZ6702			

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230900	Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	2 WP	Exp.
	G4672		3 HE	"
242328	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
250116	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	7 HE	"
250725	Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	17 HE	"
	G4673			
261500	Gun #46 Up			
262105	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
271530	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	6 HE	"
	KX0306			
272145	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	XY0308			
272300	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	XY0309			
272400	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	XY0310			
280200	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	XY0311			
280409	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
	XY0312			
292300	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	3 HE	"
	KX0313			
300050	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	1 HE	"
300330	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	4 HE	"
302400	Close Journal			

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