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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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(b) FMFPACO 5750.2B  
(c) DivO 5750.2B  
(d) RegtO 5750.2B

Enclo: ✓ (1) 3rd 155mm GUN BATTERY (SP), Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d),  
enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
W. H. COOPER

3RD 155mm GUN BATTERY  
Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1968 to 30 November 1968

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 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

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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" Plt., 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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PART II  
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:

UNIT SUPPORTED	NUMBER OF MISSIONS	NUMBER OF ROUNDS	CALIBER
11th Marines	522	1428	155mm Gun
Recon	25	103	155mm Gun
Registrations	2	29	155mm Gun
TOTAL	549	1560	

Type and Number of Missions:	Rounds:	HE	WP	ILLUM
Observed	28	69	7	58
Unobserved	174	634	0	0
H&I's	247	792	0	0
TOTAL	549	1495	7	58

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

## a. Personnel and Administration

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
(1) Losses				
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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## e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply:

1. Ordnance Equipment

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 contonment project.

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 DOCUMENTS**

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3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
010001 November 1968 to  
302400 November 1968

**d. 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 Obs 3 WP Exp.  
GZ655 6 HE "  
032145 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon Obs 3 Ill "  
GZ656  
041645 Received Warning Notice that Two Guns  
Would be Going to An Hoa  
041908 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 #3 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 #64 Caught Fire and  
Gun #34 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 PER, Gun #34  
at Hill 37, Grid AT916581  
081056 Gun #46 Up  
081130 Gun #34 Left Hill 37, Grid AT916581  
for C.P.  
081700 Gun #64 Arrived C.P.  
081855 Gun #34 is Up and Layed on 4500  
081920 Gun #46 Up and Layed on 5600

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## PART IV (CONTINUED)

091600	Received Gun #62 from PSR 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	"
122100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ5704	Obs	17 HE	"
		Obs	28 Ill	"

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## PART IV (CONTINUED)

122215 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ668	Obs	2 WP	Exp.
		8 HE	"
150001 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 #44 Sent to PDR			
162210 Fired TOT for 11th Marines TZ0001	Unobs	4 HE	"
162315 Fired TOT for 11th Marines TZ0001	Unobs	4 HE	"
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 GZ679	Obs	2 WP	"
		9 HE	"
210726 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	7 HE	"
210750 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	12 HE	"
211105 Fired Fire Mission for Recon XI5038	Obs	1 WP	"
		6 HE	"
212205 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XI1178	Unobs	4 HE	"
220317 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XI1179	Unobs	1 HE	"
220402 Fired TOT for 11th Marines KID250	Unobs	4 HE	"
220450 Fired TOT for 11th Marines KID257	Unobs	4 HE	"
222050 Fired Illumination for Recon GZ6704	Obs	1 Ill	"
222150 Fired Illumination for Recon GZ6702	Obs	9 Ill	"
222505 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ6700	Obs	1 HE	"
230100 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ671	Obs	12 HE	"
230400 Fired Illumination for Recon GZ6704	Obs	2 Ill	"
230510 Fired Illumination for Recon GZ6702	Obs	3 Ill	"

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## PART IV. (CONTINUED)

230900 Fired Fire Mission for Recon G6672	Obs	2 WP	Exp.
242328 Rockets! Rockets!		3 HE	"
250116 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
250725 Fired Fire Mission for Recon G6673	Unobs	7 HE	"
261506 Gun #46 Up	Obs	17 HE	"
262105 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
271530 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0306	Unobs	6 HE	"
272145 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0308	Unobs	4 HE	"
272300 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0309	Unobs	4 HE	"
272400 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0310	Unobs	4 HE	"
280200 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0311	Unobs	4 HE	"
280409 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0312	Unobs	4 HE	"
292300 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY0313	Unobs	3 HE	"
300050 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	1 HE	"
300330 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	4 HE	"
302400 Close Journal			

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