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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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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 December to 31 December 1968

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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 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

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**PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA**

1. DESIGNATION**COMMANDER**

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

Maj. W. H. COOPER
1 December to 31 December 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-31 December 1968: Command Post, and Firing Battery (minus)
Da Nang, Grid AT920800

1-09 December 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa, under operational control
of 2/11, Grid AT878472

10-31 December 1968: "A" Plt., An Hoa, Under operational control
of 1st FAG, Grid AT878472

3. STAFF OFFICERS**Executive Officers**

1-03 December 1968 Captain B. YOST

4-31 December 1968 1stLt. M. GREGORY

Fire Direction Officers

1-08 December 1968 1stLt. M. GREGORY

9-31 December 1968 1stLt. J. W. CARTER

Asst. Fire Direction Officer

1-31 December 1968 2ndLt. D. M. RIGSBEE

Plt. Commander

1-31 December 1968 1stLt. J. M. CANARIO

Supply Officer

1-31 December 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

1. During the reporting period 1-31 December 1968, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) fired 461 missions for a total of 1,391 rounds.

This battery was OPCON and ADCON to the 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Da Nang, RVN. "A" Plt., of this battery, was OPCON to 1st FAG, 1st Marine Division, An Hoa, RVN.

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	393	977	155mm Gun
Recon	61	284	155mm Gun
Registrations	<u>7</u>	<u>130</u>	155mm Gun
TOTAL	461	1,391	

<u>TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS:</u>	<u>ROUNDS:</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
Observed	68	155	63	201
Unobserved	86	302	0	0
H&I's	<u>307</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	461	1,127	63	201

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics**a. Personnel and Administration****(1) Losses**

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Administration	1	12	0	1
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	0	0	0
(2) Replacements	1	10	0	1
(3) Net Loss	0	2	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 December 1968.**

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e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply:

1. Engineer Equipment

a. We are still awaiting word on the status of our EIMCO tractor, serial # 322982. This tractor was evacuated for repair in May 1968. The requests for status and expedited maintenance action have been sent.

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

2. Motor Transport

a. This unit is still T/E deficient one (1) Truck, Cargo, M54A2C. A replacement was requisitioned on 8252 (Document # 8252/0963). Latest status from MCSA, Philadelphia, indicates the item is being procured for direct shipment to us.

3. Supply

a. This unit is still having a serious problem obtaining lightweight jungle clothing, most notably jackets.

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs: Handled as cantonment 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 December 1968 to

312400 December 1968

d. STAFF JOURNAL

010001	Open Journal			
012142	Fired Illumination Mission for 11th Marines XY394Z	Obs	10 Ill	Exp.
021020	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid GZ682	Obs	3 WP 17 HE	" "
031705	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid	Obs	1 WP 6 HE	" "
031800	Gun # 84 Returned to CP from FBR			
041145	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ684	Obs	1 HE	"
041520	Received Gun # 12 from FLC			
042240	Gun # 46 Down, Breech			
050904	Fired Recon Demonstration for 11th Marines GZ683	Obs	2 HE	"
052230	Received Incoming Small Arms Fire			
061842	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	9 Ill	"
062120	Gun # 83 Down, EFC's			
070900	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Invalid GZ691	Obs	14 HE 2 WP	" "
071900	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	3 Ill	"
080001	Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills			
082400	this Period			
092300	Fired TOT for 11th Marines	Unobs	4 HE	"
100835	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ694	Obs	14 HE	"
101100	"A" Plt. Went OPCON to 1st FAG this Date			
111745	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid GZ697	Obs	9 HE 1 WP	" "
120830	Fired Recon Demonstration for 11th Marines	Obs	2 HE	"

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130345 Fired TOT for 11th Marines GZ703	Unobs	4 HE	Exp.
130400 Fired TOT for 11th Marines GZ704	Unobs	4 HE	"
140040 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1233	Unobs	2 HE	"
140145 Fired TOT for 11th Marines XY1234	Unobs	6 HE	"
141845 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ698	Obs	6 WP	"
141900 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	1 Il1	"
142100 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	2 Il1	"
150015 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	1 Il1	"
150300 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	2 Il1	"
152100 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	3 Il1	"
160300 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	3 Il1	"
161050 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ699	Obs	1 HE	"
162000 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	4 Il1	"
170945 Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid GZ701	Obs	5 WP 14 HE	" "
172000 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	5 Il1	"
172305 Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	2 HE	"
180100 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	4 Il1	"
181125 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ723	Obs	1 WP	"
181535 Fired Night Defensive Fire for Recon GZ716	Obs	5 WP	"
181545 Fired Night Defensive Fire for Recon GZ717	Obs	4 WP	"

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181550	Fired Night Defensive Fire for Recon GZ718	Obs	4 WP	Exp.
181750	Fired TOT for 11th Marines VZ8743	Unobs	4 HE	"
182000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	4 Ill	"
190100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	6 Ill	"
190900	Fired Recon Demonstration for 11th Marines GZ724	Obs	2 WP	"
191525	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ725	Obs	6 HE	"
192000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	6 Ill	"
200100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	6 Ill	"
201050	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ727	Obs	1 WP	"
201540	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ728	Obs	1 WP	"
201550	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ729	Obs	1 WP	"
202000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	3 Ill	"
202015	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ730Z	Obs	5 Ill	"
210100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	7 Ill	"
210930	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Invalid GZ731	Obs	3 WP	"
210950	Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid	Obs	3 WP 16 HE	" "
211510	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ733	Obs	1 WP	"
211755	Fired Fire Mission for DL-67 GZ738	Obs	1 WP 19 HE	" "
212000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	4 Ill	"

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212100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon KXD497Z	Obs	1	ILL	Exp.
220100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	5	ILL	"
222000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	8	ILL	"
230100	Gun #62 Down Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	11	ILL	"
230350	Rockets! Rockets!	Unobs	3	HE	"
231025	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ734	Obs	7	HE	"
232000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	9	ILL	"
240100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	12	ILL	"
242000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	7	ILL	"
250100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	6	ILL	"
251950	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ752Z	Obs	3	ILL	"
252000	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	5	ILL	"
260100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	5	ILL	"
260900	Fired Recon Demonstration for 11th Marines GZ754	Obs	2	HE	"
261300	Fired Recon Demonstration for 11th Marines GZ756	Obs	4	HE	"
261620	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ758	Obs	1	WP	"
261625	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ757	Obs	1	WP	"
261728	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ759	Obs	1	WP	"
262000	Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ716	Obs	5	WP	"
262015	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	8	ILL	"
270100	Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	13	ILL	"

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270230 Fired Fire Mission for Recon GZ718	Obs	6 HE	Exp.
271800 Fired Precision Registration for 155mm Guns, Valid	Obs	2 WP	"
		10 HE	"
272000 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	9 Ill	"
280100 Fired Illumination Mission for Recon GZ670Z	Obs	13 Ill	"
290001 Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills 292400 this period			
300001 Routine Messages, H&I's, and C/R Drills 302400 this period			
311720 Fired Fire Mission for Recon	Obs	2 WP	"
312400 Close Journal			

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