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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY)

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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

Commander

Major B. A. MUTCH JR.
1-31 August 1968

2. Location

1-31 August 1968, Phu Bai, RVN (YD 89391285)

3. Battery Officers

Executive Officer	Capt M.H. LONG 1-31 Aug 1968
Assistant Executive Officer	1stLt J.D. MCROY 1-28 Aug 1968
	1stLt J.J. CALLAHAN 29-31 Aug 1968
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt J.J. CALLAHAN 1-28 Aug 1968
	1stLt M.L. JOHNSON 29-31 Aug 1968
Assistant Fire Direction Officer	1stLt M.L. JOHNSON 1-28 Aug 1968
	2dLt P.M. STROOBAND 29-31 Aug 1968
Liason Officer	2dLt G.D. SIMPSON 20-31 Aug 1968
Supply Officer	1stLt G. H. HAUGEN 1-31 Aug 1968
Battery Officer	1stLt J.D. MCROY 29-31 Aug 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Other	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
7	128	0	3	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During August the Battery continued to improve its position areas. An extensive rebuilding program was continued on ammunition bunkers, personnel bunkers, fighting holes and the FDC bunker. Also the "A" position (YD 92530708) continued to improve its position by widening the gun pit areas, and improving and rebuilding the ready-pit bunkers. Three ammunition bunkers were built and an FDC bunker is nearly completed at the "A" position.

As of 31 August 1968, the Battery had 83% of its authorized strength. The Battery has a shortage of MOS 0811 which is at 73% of authorized strength. The Battery has 47% of its authorized Staff NCOs, eight of a required 17.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of August:

	X-Ray	1stFAG	1stForRec	3dCAG	Army	ARVN	Total
155G	135	2417	280	20	2	65	2919

The following missions were fired during the month of August:

	Obs	UnObs	HaIs	Total
155G	73	157	839	1069

The consolidated surveillance received for missions fired during the month of August is as follows:

KIA	STRUCTURES DAMAGED/DESTROYED	BUNKERS DAMAGED/DESTROYED	SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS
0	0	0	0

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel/Administration

(1) Gains/Losses

(a)	Administrative	17
(b)	Battle KIA	0
(c)	Battle WIA (Evac)	0
(d)	Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0
(e)	Battle MIA	0
(f)	Battle DOW	0
(g)	Non-Battle	0
(h)	Replacements	19
(i)	Net Gains	2

b. Intelligence. The Battery mans Tower E of the Thu Bai perimeter OP towers and aids in rocket/mortar target acquisition. Other intelligence and target acquisition data is obtained from the S-2, 1st FAG.

c. Organization and Operation. The Battery participated in Operation Houston during the month of August 1968.

d. Training. During the period 1-31 August 1968 the Battery scheduled and held eight hours of formal classes in general military subjects. Average attendance at these classes was 40%. In addition each section in the Battery held an additional fifteen hours of training.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. At the end of the reporting period five guns were up. M53, USMC #213242 has been out of action since 10 August 1968 for oil-cooler fan assembly and cannon assembly. Trouble is experienced with broken sight mounts with no readily explainable reason for the breakage. Several cases of blow-back from the breech was experienced during the month. It is believed that this is due to faulty gas-check pads. An Unsatisfactory Equipment Report is being prepared on this item. Other areas of logistics remain satisfactory.

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Major items of equipment on loan to other units are:

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT
1. Sight, M34A2	1	3d CAP Hdqtrs
2. Compass, Lensatic, M1	15	3d CAP Hdqtrs
3. Tent, General Purpose	3	Co B, 9[redacted]

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f. Civic Actions/Civil Affairs. The Battery is responsible for the Civic Action Program in the village of LOC BON (YD926104) The Battery Civic Action NCO visited the village once a week during the month of August. The Battery conducted three MedCaps and 485 persons were treated. No new projects were started in the village because of VC activity. Also a tenative movement of buildings away from the bridge hindered any further plans for building.

2. Entries

172200H Battery went on Condition II.
210230H Communication bunker reported two sniper rounds in vicinity of post.
270530H Battery went on Condition III.
310001H Post #3 received several small arm sniper rounds. 1st FAG was notified.

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