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3d 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  
(Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology (Report Symbol 1stMarDiv 5750-6)

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. The command chronology for this Battery is submitted in compliance with reference (a) for the period 1 October to 31 October 1966.

*Jack D. McNamara*  
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*3rd 155 mm Gun Battery (SP)*

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data:

- a. Designation: 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
- b. Location: Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
- c. Period Covered: 1 October to 31 October 1966
- d. Command and Special Staff:

<u>Billat</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rank/Name</u>
Commanding Officer	1-31 October	Captain J. D. MCNAMARA
Executive Officer	1-31 October	Captain J. A. H. RESSMEYER
Asst. Executive Officer	1-31 October	1stLt T. D. MAHONEY
Fire Direction Officer	1-31 October	1stLt J. W. RHODES
Platoon Commander/AsstFDO	1-31 October	1stLt M. W. HOWE
Platoon Commander/LiaisonO	1-31 October	Captain T. L. JOHNSON
Supply Officer	1-28 October	WO L. D. RAUB
Supply Officer	28-31 October	2ndLt B. L. ELLIS

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

During the reporting period, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) was under OPCON of 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and under ADCON of the 11th Marine Regiment.

Support provided by this battery during September included the following missions:

<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
OBSERVED	7	48	11	0
UNOBSERVED	2	12	1	0
H&I	19	90	0	0
REGISTRATION	<u>3</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	21	203	12	0

Total Rounds fired in the above missions were 215

Total Surveillance for missions fired in October included:

3 VC KIA (Conf)

1 Structure destroyed  
1 Structure damaged  
Extensive damage to VC Tunnels.

Late entry from September: Surveillance for V2157 fired by Platoon "B" on 24Sep66, received 27 VC KIA (Conf)

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3. Detailed Description of Significant Events

a. Personnel: During October, this Battery lost 9 enlisted through normal rotation and 3 enlisted due to transfers. It has gained 1 officer and 21 enlisted for the same period.

b. Administration: No significant events in this area.

c. Intelligence: No significant events in this area.

d. Training: During October this battery conducted a 10 day drivers training school for wheeled vehicles. Each section within the battery was required to send at least one person - fourteen people attended.

Weekly training was conducted on the battery level in the following subjects:

Rifle grenades, .50 Caliber machine guns, Claymore mines, M60 machine guns, land mines and booby traps, and moral guidance.

Staff and Officers School was held twice during October on Supply Procedures.

e. Special Operations: On 6Oct66, Platoon "B" fired missions in support of a Recon Operation from position BT541944.

Platoon "B" fired prep fires on BS459855 in support of 7th Marines on 10Oct66.

On 11Oct66, Platoon "B" fired 4 missions in support of County Fair 63.

From 11Oct66 to 16Oct66, Platoon "B" fired in support of Operation Kent.

f. Command and Control: As of 31Oct66, the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) CP is located at BT438098, with gun #2 laid on azimuth 5000. Platoon "A" is located at BT395145 with gun #1 on azimuth 4900, and gun #2 on azimuth 4000. Platoon "B" is located at BS541944 with both guns laid on azimuth 3800.

g. Close Combat: On 28Oct66, this battery set an ambush at BT 437102 with negative results

h. Fire Support: This Battery has maintained technical fire direction facilities with 4th Battalion 11th Marines, and 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery during the month of October.

i. Air Defense: Not Applicable

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- j. Combat Air Support: Not Applicable
- k. Civic Action: Nothing significant to report in this area.
- l. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or Special Warfare: Not Applicable.

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Appendix B (Documentation) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command  
Chronology of 1 October to 31 October 1966.

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Appendix A (List of References) to 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP)  
Command Chronology of 1 October 1966 to 31 October 1966.

References

Attached

- a. Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L701, Sheet 6757 III (Not attached)
- b. Documentation

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UNIT OR STAFF SECTION 3RD 155 GUN BATTERY (SP)	
ORGANIZATION 3RD 155 GUN BATTERY (SP)	
OPENED (DTG, Month, year) 210700 OCT 66	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year) 310700 OCT 66

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0807		1	3 OCT 66	RECEIVED WORD FROM BATTERY "L" , 4BN 11TH MARINES THAT GUN #213241 IS OUT OF ACTION FOR APPROX. FIVE (5) DAYS FOR D SERVICE. MOVING GUN TO PLATOON C AREA.		NOTIFIED 11TH MAR FDS
1215		2	"	GUN #213241 DISPLACED FROM BATTERY "L" POSITION COORD. 395145 MOVED TO PLATOON B POSITION, COORD 438097.		NOTIFIED 11TH MAR FDS
2000		3	"	NOTIFIED 11TH MARINES FDS GUN #213241 IS LAYED ON AZ. 5000 COORD 438097.		NOTIFIED 11TH MAR FDS
1300		4	5 OCT 66	RECEIVED WORD FROM 11TH MARINES THAT ON FIRE MISSION UZ 167 FIRE BY PLATOON B, THERE WERE 27 K.I.A. (CONFIRMED) DATE FIRED 24 SEPT 66.		FILED
0810		5	6 OCT 66	RECEIVED WORD FROM 11TH MARINES THAT PLATOON B WILL HAVE TO SUPPORT RECON TEAM. NOTIFIED PLATOON B.		NOTIFIED PTL B
0110		6	8 OCT 66	FROM 11TH MARINES PLATOON B TO BE RELAYED ON AZ 4700, BY 0600.		NOTIFIED PLT B
1350		7	8 OCT 66	FROM 11TH MARINES RELAY PLATOON B ON AZ 3800,		NOTIFIED PLT B
1732		8	16 OCT 66	FROM BATTERY M 4BN 11TH MARINES BOTH GUNS IN PLATOON B,		FILED
1430		9	20 OCT 66	FROM PLATOON B GUN # 40 LAYED. GUN # 48 IN PLATOON C LAYED.		FILED
0045		10	23 OCT 66	RECEIVED FROM 11TH MARINES E.O.M. ON SAV-A-PLANE H, SURVEILLANCE 3 V.G. K.I.A. (CONFIRMED).		NOTIFIED 11TH MAR FDS
2055		11	24 OCT 66	REQUEST NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRE SX 456 BY 155 GUNS-6. APPROVED BY 4/11.		SENT TO 4/11
2100		12	24 OCT 66	EXCELLENT EFFECT ON SX 456.		SENT TO 4/11

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