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1st Field Artillery Group
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 1st Field Artillery Group

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 30 June 1968

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1. Designation Commander
 1st 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Major B. A. MUTCH Jr.
1-30 June 1968
2. Location
 1-30 June 1968, PHU BAI, RVN (YD 89391285)
3. Battery Officers
- | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Executive Officer | Capt T. P. HOWE Jr. | 1-6 June 1968 |
| Assistant Executive Officer | 1stLt J. B. GRAVES | 1-30 June 1968 |
| Fire Direction Officer | 1stLt J. D. MCROY | 1-30 June 1968 |
| Assistant Fire Direction Officer | 2dLt M. L. JOHNSON | 1-30 June 1968 |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt A. P. EDELMANN | 1-30 June 1968 |
4. Average Monthly Strength
- | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | | <u>Other</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During June the Battery continued to improve the position area emphasis placed upon perimeter defense. Modifications were made to existing bunkers and new fighting holes were constructed. Listening posts continued to be utilized to provide security for the Battery.

On 3 June 1968, Company "B", 9th Engineer Battalion completed the construction of four ammunition bunkers for the Battery in PHU BAI.

On 15 June 1968, a platoon of 105mm Howitzers from Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, located at this position displaced to the position area of 2nd Plt, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP).

On 28 June 1968, the platoon of 105mm Howitzers from Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines returned to this position. The platoon is laid on azimuth 3200 mils.

The following ammunition was expended during the month of June:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>105H</u>	<u>155G</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1st FAG	3365	5457	882
5th Mar	0	10	10
RECON	0	330	330
ARVN	0	106	106
TOTAL	3365	5903	9268

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The following mission were fired during the month of June:

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
155G	32	911	250	1193
105H	11	361	349	721

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

<u>KIA</u>	<u>STRUCTURES DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>BUNKERS DAMAGED/DESTROYED</u>	<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS</u>
2	0	5	2



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(a) Administrative	9
(b) Battle KIA	0
(c) Battle WIA (Evac)	1
(d) Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0
(e) Battle MIA	0
(f) Battle DOW	0
(g) Non-Battle	1
(h) Replacements	2
(i) Net Loss	9

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b. Intelligence. The Battery mans Tower E of the Phu 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 Operations. The Battery participated in Operation Houston during the month of June 1968.

d. Training. During the period 1-30 June 1968, the Battery scheduled and held six hours of formal classes in general military subjects. Average attendance at the formal classes was 35%. In addition a minimum of twelve hours of training was accomplished by each section in the Battery. Two hours of gun drill and two hours of FDC chart drill was conducted daily.

e. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply. On 21 June the Battery received the FL5G-A float M53, USMC #213172, for M53 USMC #213211, which was deadlined for a defective recoil system. On 27 June M53, USMC# 213252 was turned into FL5G-A for engine and equilibration repairs and FL5G-A float M53, USMC #213211 was obtained as a permanent replacement. On 30 June four guns, USMC #s 213172, 213211, 213242 and 213243, were all deadlined as a result of broken keys/studs in the upper sight mount. At the end of the reporting period two guns were up. A problem area exists in the replacement of M100 sights through the DX program. Future breakdown of M100 sights would result in the guns being deadlined for the lack of sights. Other areas of logistics remain satisfactory.

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Major items of equipment on loan to other units are:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1. Telescope, panoramic	2	1st 8" How Btry (SP)
2. Sight, M34A2	1	3d CAZ Hdqtrs
3. Compass, Magnetic	15	3d CAZ Hdqtrs

f. Civic Action/Civil Affairs. The Battery is responsible for the Civic Action Program in the village of LOC BON (YD926104). The Battery Civic Action Officer and members of the Battery visited the village twice weekly during the month of June. During the month, three well covers were constructed and renovation of the Market Place, which had begun in January, was completed. Repair work on the school roof continued. Two MedCaps were conducted in PHU LUONG (YD84251735) on the 17th and the 23rd of June 1968, and the number of personnel treated were 142 and 116 respectively.

Other Civic Action Programs underway are requests submitted to Task Force X-Ray, G-5 for equipment for the village of LOC BON. The equipment on order is as follows: water pump (1), metal working kit (1), school kit (1), gardening kit (1), and seamstress kit (1).

g. Psychological Operations. 12,000 leaflets on various subjects, received from the 1st Field Artillery Group, were distributed in the vicinity of LOC BON during June.

h. Combined Action Program. During the month of June, the Battery provided one meal weekly to the Combined Action Platoon assigned to the village of LOC BON (YD926104). This meal was taken to the unit every Sunday during the month.

2. Btries.

251238H Platoon, B/1/11 departed Battery area for 3d 8" How Btry (SP), 2d Platoon.

281832H Platoon, B/1/11 occupied firing pads. Laid on azimuth 3200 mils.

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