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#### 1. Designation

Commander

1st Bettalion, 13th Marines

Major T. J. COYLE

#### Subordinate Units

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalien, Captain C. D. BLACK

15th Marines

5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

Captain B. B. PARKER

1 July - 14 July

Major R. M. Black

15 July - 31 July

Captain D. G. CADIZ

Battery "R" 4th Battalion, 12th

Marines

1st Flatoon, 5th 8" Newltzer Battery Captain A. J. SCHMIDT

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13th Marines .

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20 July - 31 July HVN

#### 3. Staff Officers

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1 July - 12 July

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13 July - 31 July

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