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1st Battalion(Rein), 13th Marines
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October 1967 to 31 October 1967 (U)

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

T. J. COYLE

1st Bn/13th Mar

Command Chron

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Command Chronology

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines (-) (Rein)

Commander

Maj T. J. COYLE

Subordinate UnitsAdministrative ControlHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

1stLt R. W. DUNN Jr.

5th 155 Provisional Gun Battery (SP)

Maj R. M. BLACK

2nd Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

Capt E. E. PARKER

3rd Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

Capt K. O. W. STEEN

Operational ControlHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

1stLt R. W. DUNN Jr.

Battery "A"(Rein), 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Capt D. L. PARDEE

Battery "C"(Rein), 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Capt F. X. FARRINGTON

Detachment Mortar Battery, 1st
Battalion, 13th Marines1stLt J. O. FOX
10Oct67 - 7Oct67
1stLt E. E. GABRYS
8Oct67 - 31Oct67Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion,
12th Marines

Capt D. O. GALLAGHER

2. LocationHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN

Battery "A" (Rein), 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN

Battery "C" (Rein), 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN

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Detachment Mortar Battery, 1st
Battalion, 13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN

Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion,
12th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN

5th 155 Provisional Gun Battery (SP)

Neac Muc, RVN

2nd Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

Cam Lo, RVN

3rd Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

Danang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj R. W. CAMPBELL

S-1

1stLt H. F. CURTIS

S-2

1stLt J. M. RAPP

S-3

Capt L. R. SALMON

S-4

2ndLt J. W. HUGHES

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Hq Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	17	154	1	3
Btry "A" (+), 1st Bn, 13th Mar	7	102	0	2
Btry "C" (+), 1st Bn, 13th Mar	7	108	0	1
Det Mtr Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	1	33	0	1
Btry "I" (-), 3rd Bn, 12th Mar	2	26	0	0
5th 155 Prov Gun Btry (SP)	6	128	0	2
2nd Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)	2	41	0	1
3rd Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)	2	39	0	1

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PART IICOMMANDERS NARRATIVE

During the month of October 1967, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued participation in Operation Ardmore in support of Regimental Landing Team - 26. Emphasis was placed on providing more timely and accurate fires for supported units and on a more rapid response against mortar/rocket attacks. Planning and implementing defensive fires continued, improving the artillery defense of Khe Sanh Combat Base and Outposts, Lang Vei Special Forces Camp and the Huong Hoa District Headquarters at Khe Sanh.

On 6 October, the defense plan for hill 950 was approved. Due to the severity of this terrain feature, batteries located at Khe Sanh Combat Base and hills 881 and 861 were coordinated to provide the necessary fire support. High burst registrations were conducted on 6 and 7 October to provide current firing data for the execution of this defense plan.

A Gun Direction Computer provided by III MAF arrived 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Fire Direction Center on the 3rd of October. By 4 October, the computer was operational and a five day training program commenced with instruction presented by a III MAF representative. Four qualified operators were trained during the five day period. The training program has been continued by this command and, at the end of the month, ten qualified operators have been trained. On 9 October the computer was operational to provide firing data for all 105mm and 155mm weapons at Khe Sanh. Throughout the month high burst registrations were conducted to determine the accurate muzzle velocities for all batteries and all charges. Several net check points were located by survey to determine the capability of the Battalion to mass fires. With the improved firing data, the Battalion massed fires on numerous occasions with exceptional accuracy. Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines installed new firing tubes on three howitzers. The Battery sheaf was observed and corrections applied.

A study was undertaken to determine tactical measures which could be employed to reduce response time in executing the counter-mortar/rocket plan. Artillery weapons were redeployed in a radial concept involving predetermined firing data, prepared ammunition on position and complete integration with the computer system. Reaction time was substantially reduced both in delivering of the initial volley of saturation fire and in determination of the firing data to mass the Battalion.

A training program for infantry personnel in artillery principles was started. During the ten day course, 31 personnel were trained in fundamental artillery principles, weapon functioning, ammunition

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fuzes, duties of cannoneers, sights, and maintenance. A third class is in progress and a continuation of this program is expected.

Perimeter surveys were completed for hills 881, 861, 950 and the U. S. Army Special Forces Camp at Lang Voi. Thus, restrictive fire areas were more accurately located.

A successful artillery box encircling a surrounded recon team was fired during the night of 22-23 October. The team was extracted the following morning without casualty.

The Airborne Personnel Detector, commonly called the "People Sniffer" located many significant targets on 18, 29 and 30 October. The Battalion massed fires on these targets through use of the Gun Direction Computer.

The improvement of the Battalion area continued with the construction of several new bunkers. Drainage was improved in preparation for the heavy monsoon rains. Gun pits were reinforced with heavy trail logs and ammunition bunkers were enlarged and water-proofed.

Ammunition expended for the month of October is as follows:

<u>OBS*</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>		<u>105</u>	<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>UNOB</u>	<u>H&I</u>		<u>155</u>	<u>4.2"</u>	
245	16	6024	8166	126	66	8358

*observed missions include orientation and marking rounds and targets of opportunity.

Noteworthy fire missions during October are:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>SURVEILLANCE</u>
18Oct67	Airborne Personnel Detector	Excellent coverage of target area
21Oct67	Air Observer	Automatic Weapons position neutralized.
29 - 30 Oct67	Airborne Personnel Detector	Excellent coverage of target area

Friendly casualties during the month were:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>
0	0

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PART III

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1 October 1967 5th 155 Provisional Gun Battery switchboard call-sign changed from "Oregon" to "Americal".
- 1 October 1967 A cross training program of infantry personnel in artillery principles and procedures was initiated by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 3 October 1967 Computer, Gun Direction (FADAC), arrived 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Fire Direction Center.
- 4 October 1967 Computers Operators course was established and conducted by III MAF representatives.
- 6 October 1967 Registrations were conducted with Battery "A", "C", and "I" charge 7 to determine muzzle velocity for use with the computer.
- 7 October 1967 A registration was conducted with Battery "A" charge 4 to determine muzzle velocity for use with the computer.
- 9 October 1967 Computer Operators course was completed providing four trained operators within 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 9 October 1967 Computer operational for all 105mm and 155mm howitzers at Khe Sanh.
- 10 October 1967 First training program for infantry personnel in artillery principles and procedures completed. Sixteen personnel were trained.
- 11 October 1967 One 155mm howitzer towed was heli-lifted to Phu Bai for repair of recoil system, recuperator and firing jack.
- 11 October 1967 Registrations were conducted with Battery "A", "C", and "I" charge 7 to determine muzzle velocity for use with the computer.
- 13 October 1967 Second training program for infantry personnel in artillery principles commenced.
- 18 October 1967 Registrations were conducted with Battery "A" charge 5 and 7, and Battery "C" charge 4, 5, and 7 to determine muzzle velocity for the computer.

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- 18 October 1967 1st Battalion, 13th Marines massed fires on grids XD 814493, and XD 704502. These targets were located by the airborne personnel detector commonly called the "people sniffer".
- 20 October 1967 Civic Affairs Officer established liaison with the leader of the local Mountgard people, Village Chiefs and Hamlet Chiefs in Battalion area of responsibility. (TAB "L" to Enclosure (1)).
- 20 October 1967 Improved counter-mortar/rocket plan initiated.
- 20 October 1967 All batteries relaid on direction 5200 to coincide with the counter-mortar/rocket plan placed in effect.
- 20 October 1967 LtCol RAMN, Executive Officer, 26th Marines was briefed on the operation and employment of the Gun Direction Computer.
- 21 October 1967 Mission fired at grid XD 805470 against an automatic weapons position.
- 22 October 1967 Second training program for infantry personnel in artillery principles and procedures was completed. Fifteen personnel were trained.
- 24 October 1967 Personal Response classes conducted for 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 24 October 1967 Med Cap conducted. Treated 73 persons in the hamlet of Clông Sarch. (TAB "B" to enclosure (1)).
- 25 October 1967 Registrations were conducted with "A" and "E" charge 4 to determine muzzle velocity for use with the computer.
- 25 October 1967 Third training program for infantry personnel in artillery principles and procedures commenced.
- 25 October 1967 One 105mm howitzer towed out of action when the right trail buckled during firing of charge 6. Cause was metal fatigue.
- 26 October 1967 Med Cap conducted. Treated 65 persons in the hamlet of Clông Sarch. (TAB "B" to Enclosure (1)).
- 27 October 1967 Submitted Logistic Summary Report to 9th MAB. Ref: CO 1/13 msg 271030Z Oct67 (U). (TAB "C" to Enclosure (1)).

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- 28 October 1967 Registrations were conducted with Battery "I" charge 7, Battery "A" charge 1 & 3, and Battery "C" charge 1 & 3 to determine muzzle velocity for use with the computer.
- 29 October 1967 Personal Response classes conducted for 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 29 October 1967 Registrations were conducted with Battery "A" and "C" charge 6 to determine muzzle velocity for use with the computer.
- 29 October 1967 The airborne personnel detector located significant targets at grids XD 801459, XD 802453, XD 802457, XD 801461, XD 801463, XD 799459, XD 758469, XD 798452, XD 736504, XD 758492, XD 804459 and XD 866464. The Battalion massed fires on the above targets.
- 30 October 1967 Med Cap conducted. Treated 70 persons in the hamlet of RACHAC, portion known as HOC THOUNG. Treated 86 persons in the hamlet of CHOH.
- 30 October 1967 The airborne personnel detector located significant targets at grids XD 859285, XD 834295, XD 949413, XD 863355 and XD 803335. The Battalion massed fires on the above targets.
- 31 October 1967 A 105mm howitzer arrived replacing the Battery "C" weapon heli-lifted to Phu Bai.
- 31 October 1967 Operation Ardmore ended this date.

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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- TAB *✓*"A" - 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Civic Action Report of 23 October 1967
- TAB *✓*"B" - 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Civic Action Report of 30 October 1967
- TAB *✓*"C" - 1st Battalion, 13th Marines message 271030Z October 1967
- TAB *✓*"D" - 5th 155mm Gun Battery (SP) Command Chronology for period 1 - 31 October 1967 **FILED SEP**

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5080
23 Oct 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team 26 (Forward)

Subj: Civic Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 5080.2A

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. The Battalion Civic Affairs Officer made a liaison visit with the Civic Affairs Officer of RLT-26 to CAP-3 on 20 October 1967. Liaison was established with Mr Anya, leader of the local Mountgard people, for the purpose of obtaining approval to visit the hamlets in the Battalion area of responsibility. Mr Anya approved the request and indicated the desire that the arrangements for programs be through the hamlet or village chief.

b. The village chief of A Rieng accompanied the Battalion Civic Affairs Officer during a tour of the various hamlets. The various hamlet chiefs were interviewed for their impressions concerning the establishment of MEDCAPS. The hamlet chiefs were favorable to the proposed MEDCAPS with the exception of the hamlet chief of Chôah, Caut.

c. During the course of the liaison visit the Battalion Corpsman treated two children for minor abrasions.

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By direction

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30 Oct 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Attn: G-5)
Via: Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team 26 (Fwd)

Subj: Civic Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 5080.2A

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. This Battalion conducted two MEDCAPs during the period 23 - 28 October 1967.

b. MEDCAPs were conducted in the village of CLONG SAREH treating a total of 138 persons.

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By direction

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TAB "B" to Enclosure (1)

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FM FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES

TO CG NINTH MAB

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

RLT TWO SIX (REAR)

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(FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES ORIGINATES)

A. TELCON THIRD MARDIV G-4 AND RLT-TWO SIX (FWD) S-4 OF 25 OCT 67

B. DIVO 4000.6A

C. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 191545Z OCT 67 (NOTAL)

1. LAW THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF A THE FOLLOWING LOGISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS SUBMITTED AS REQUIRED BY REF B AND C. THIS REPORT IS FOR HQ BTRY ONLY.

- ENCL (1) STATUS OF COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
 (2) STATUS OF ENGINEER EQUIPMENT AND ENGINE GENERATORS
 (3) STATUS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
 (4) STATUS OF ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT

1. SUPPLY SITUATION. PRIMARY SUPPLY ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST

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REPORTING PERIOD CONSISTED OF RECEIVING AND ISSUING MONSOON SUPPLIES. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THIS UNIT HAS RECEIVED 15 SPACE HEATERS, 70 PR KNEE BOOTS, 390 PR SHOWER SHOES AND 450 PONCHO LINERS. THERE ARE STILL EIGHT DIFFERENT ITEMS ON MONSOON EQUIPMENT TO BE RECEIVED.

2. N/A

3. CLASS II AND IV

A. THE CLASS II TYPE I, CLASS II TYPE II AND CLASS IV LEVELS ARE SATISFACTORY.

B. N/A

C. CRITICAL ITEMS

ITEM	FSN	STATUS
HANDSET H-138	5965-892-0972	NON-CRITICAL
BATTERY BB451/U	6140-889-1027	NON-CRITICAL
BATTERY 6TN	6140-057-2554	SHORT SUPPLY
WIRE WD 1/TT (DR8)	6145-226-8812	NON-CRITICAL
WIRE WD 1/TT (RL159)	6145-243-8466	NON-CRITICAL
WIRE WD 1/TT (MX306)	6140-160-7795	NON-CRITICAL
ELECTROLYTE ACID	6810-249-9354	SHORT SUPPLY
G P TENT	8340-543-7787	NON-CRITICAL

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COMPAS MAGNETIC	6005-846-7618	NON-CRITICAL
LAMP INCANDESCENT	6240-635-9800	NON-CRITICAL
BODY ARMOR UPPER TORSO(XL)	8470-576-4193	NON-CRITICAL
BODY ARMOR UPPER TORSO(M)	8470-576-4194	NON-CRITICAL
BODY ARMOR UPPER TORSO(L)	8470-576-4195	NON-CRITICAL
GREEN TOWEL	7210-227-1524	NON-CRITICAL
GREEN UNDERCLOTHING	ALL SIZES	SHORT SUPPLY
ACETYLENE	6830-264-6755	NON-CRITICAL
OXYGEN	6830-169-0800	SHORT SUPPLY
LIGHTWEIGHT UTILITIES	ALL SIZES	NON-CRITICAL
TIRES AND TUBES 1100 X 20	2610-540-4724	NON-CRITICAL
TIRES AND TUBES 900 X 20	2610-204-4008	NON-CRITICAL
TIRES AND TUBES 750 X 10	2610-569-0815	NOT RATED
VALVE CORE FOR AUTOMOTIVE		
INNERTUBES	(NO FSN)	NON-CRITICAL
SOCKS, BLACK CUSHION SOLE	ALL SIZES	NON-CRITICAL
IDENTIFICATION TAGS	8466-242-4804	NON-CRITICAL
SAND BAGS	8105-965-2509	NON-CRITICAL
FLUOR TETRAC	5960-902-0468	NOT RATED
NAVMO 10627-SD	(NO FSN)	NON-CRITICAL

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OFFICE SUPPLIES	(NO FSN)	NON-CRITICAL
COMM CENTER SUPPLIES	(NO FSN)	NON-CRITICAL

(1) DISCUSSION OF CRITICAL/SHORT SUPPLY ITEMS. ALL ITEMS LISTED AS SHORT SUPPLY HAVE BEEN REQUISITIONED ON AN 02 PRIORITY. EXCEPT ONE ITEM WHICH WAS A NCRS REQUISITION. ALL ITEMS REQUISITIONED THROUGH FLSC-A PHU BAI.

D. ITEM	ON HAND	SERVICEABLE	UNSERVICEABLE	IN USE
G F TENT (MEDIUM)	31	30	1	31
CONTEX CONTAINERS	NONE			

4. N/A

5. N/A

6. MAINTENANCE SITUATION. NO MAJOR MAINTENANCE DIFFICULTIES EXIST WITHIN THE UNIT AT THE PRESENT TIME. TWO MRC-83 RADIO JEEPS ARE DEADLINED FOR ANTENNA LEAD-IN. DOCUMENT NO 7283-002 WAS SUBMITTED FOR REPAIR PARTS. ONE OF THE VEHICLES HAS A BROKEN FLYWHEEL. DOCUMENT NO 7296-0027 WAS SUBMITTED FOR REPAIR PARTS.

7. N/A

8. OTHER MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. SEE ENCLOSURES (1) THROUGH (4).

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9. SERVICES SITUATION.

A. THIS UNIT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ITS OWN ELECTRIC POWER.
ALSO FURNISH ELECTRICITY TO FIVE NEIGHBORING UNITS.

10. SERVICES. SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM AREAS.

A. THE LAUNDRY UNIT AT KHE SANH HAS BEEN INSTALLED, BUT TO
DATE IT IS INOPERATIVE.

11. N/A

12. N/A

13. TRANSPORTATION. THERE ARE NO INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION
PROBLEMS WITHIN THIS UNIT. HOWEVER A MOTOR TRANSPORT PLT
ASSIGNED TO KHE SANH WOULD RELIEVE THIS UNIT OF SOME OF THE
HEAVY MOTOR TRANSPORT COMMITMENTS LAID ON BY OTHER UNITS.

14. N/A

15. MISCELLANEOUS

A. LOGISTIC PERSONNEL

BILLET	NAME/RANK	RTD
S-4	2/LT J. W. HUGHES, JR.	JUNE 68
SUPPLY C	1/LT S. J. FRIDY	MAR 68
MTC	1/LT T. J. HICKS	APR 68
LOG CHIEF	SSGT R. A. ALLEN	MAY 68

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SUPPLY CHIEF	GYSGT C. R. MILLS	MAR 68
MT CHIEF	GYSGT F. D. DRAKE	FEB 68

MT CHIEF	GYSGT F. D. DRAKE	FEB 68
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B. STATISTICAL DATA ON PRIORITY 02 REQUISITIONS.

- (1) 61
- (2) 69
- (3) 129
- (4) 7
- (5) 122

C. LUMBER AND PLYWOOD HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THIS UNIT TO BE
USED FOR ENCLOSING THE BN MESSEHALL. DOCUMENT NO. 7242-0005
AND 7242-0001 WERE SUBMITTED ON 30 AUG 67, AND ON 4 OCT 67
A MILSERIP FOLLOW-UP WAS SUBMITTED BY PRIORITY MESSAGE (DTG
040920Z OCT 67). TO DATE THE LUMBER AND PLYWOOD HAVE NOT
BEEN RECEIVED. NOR HAS ANY WORD BEEN RECEIVED ON THE INITIAL
DOCUMENTS OR FOLLOW-UP MESSAGE.

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