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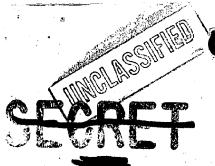
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

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

Subordinate Units

Administrative Control

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

5th 155 Gum Battery (SP)(-)(Rein)

1st Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

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

Operational Control

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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

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

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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Commander

LtCol T. J. COYLE 1Dec67 - 9Dec67 LtCol J. A. HENNELLY 9Dec67 - 31Dec67

1stLt R. W. DUNN Jr.

Maj R. M. BLACK 1Dec67 - 15Dec67 Maj E. E. BEALL 16Dec67 - 31Dec67

1stLt M. C. KALIN

Capt K. O. W. STEEN 1Dec67 - 10Dec67 2ndLt R. E. WASSON 11Dec67 - 31Dec67

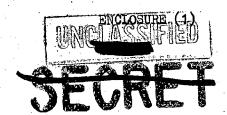
1stLt R. W. DUNN Jr.

Capt D. L. PARDEE

Capt W. J. O'CONNOR

Capt E. M. ASANOVICH

Khe Sanh, RVN





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

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

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)(-)(Rein)

1st Platoon, 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP)

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

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

S-1

S-2

S-3

5-4

Khe Sanh, RVN

Khe Sanh, RVN

Khe Sanh, RVN

17 Miles South of Chu Lai

Cam Lo (Dong Ha AO)

Da Nang, RVN

Maj R. W. CAMPBELL

2ndLt D. W. KELLY

1stLt J. M. RAPP 1Dec67 - 20Dec67 1stLt W. K. JONES 21Dec67 - 31Dec67

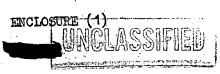
Capt L. R. SALMON

1stLt H. P. KLUNK

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC				<u>usn</u>	
$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{$	*	OFF	ENL	: 1	OFF	ENL
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar		16	150		1 3	3
Btry "A"(Rein), 1stBn, 13thMar		8	107		0	1
Btry "C"(Rein), 1stBn, 13thMar	v in the	8 3	116 63		0	1
Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 13thMar 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)(-)(Rein)		7	131		Ö	1.
1st Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)		1	39		0	2:
2nd Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)		1	36		0	11

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PART II

COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE

During the month of December 1967, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued participation in Operation Scotland in support of Regimental Landing Team - 26.

On 9 December 1967, Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Hennelly releaved Lieutenant Colonel T. J. COYLE as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Change of Command cermonies were conducted at Khe Sanh, RVN.

By 13 December 1967, 87 pallets of supplies for 1st Battalion, 13th Marines which remained at Dong Ha were heli-lifted to Khe Sanh. These supplies completed the movement of material and equipment to Khe Sanh.

Two 155mm towed howitzers of 1st Provisional Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines were heli-lifted to Khe Sanh on 14 December 1967. OPCON was assumed by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, however, ADCON remained with 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. One weapon was positioned with Battery "A", the other with Battery "C". With the addition of these weapons, each battery contained three 155mm towed howitzers.

A six day school commenced on 12 December 1967 to train personnel of the 26th Marines and attached units in artillery forward observer fundamentals and procedures. The school consisted of formal classroom instruction followed by a practical application period where students adjusted artillery fire. By 20 December 1967, 87 personnel had been trained.

On 20 December 1967, a preventative six - month maintenace program on the 105mm howitzers of the Battalion commenced. As of 31 December 1967, four howitzers were completed. The program will continue in January.

Three 155mm towed howitzers from Battery "C" were displaced on 21 December 1967 to a position on the western side of the Khe Sanh Combat Base (XD84054184) to provide increased range in support of operations conducted by 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. During the four day operation, several preparation fires and the majority of the defensive fires were adjusted from this position. On 24 December 1967, the three weapons returned to Battery "C" firing position.

A two day school commenced on 21 December 1967 to train 3rd Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Battalion in fundamentals and procedures for indirect fire. Classes on the aiming circle and laying the tank were followed by periods of application. Fire direction techniques

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were studied and drills conducted. Instruction and application periods are to continue to enable the Tank Battalion to provide increased long range artillery support in conjunction with the artillery battalion.

Ammunition expended for the month of December is as follows:

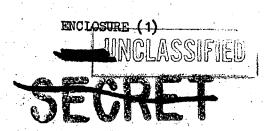
MISSIONS		*	AMMUNITION			
OBS*	UNOB	H&I	<u>105</u>	155	4.211	TOTAL
185	24	3415	4262	56 9	140	4971

*observed missions include orientation and marking rounds, preparation and defensive fires, and targets of opportunity.

Friendly casualities during the month were:

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PART III

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 4 December 1967 63 pallets of supplies remaining at Dong Ha were heli-lifted to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, Khe Sanh, RVN.
- 9 December 1967 LtCol J. A. HENNELLY relieved LtCol T. J. COYLE as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
 Change of command ceremonies conducted at Khe Sanh, RVN.
- 12 December 1967 A 6 day forward observer school was conducted for personnel of 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, Company "B", 3rd Recon Battalion, Company "A", 3rd AT Battalion, and Combined Action Company "O".
- 13 December 1967 24 pallets of supplies remaining at Dong Ha were heli-lifted to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, Khe Sanh, RVN.
- 14 December 1967 Two 155mm howitzers towed were heli-lifted from the 1st Provisional Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. One howitzer emplaced with Battery "A", and one with Battery "C".
- 20 December 1967 The 6 day forward observer school was completed with 87 personnel trained. Divison float gun arrived at Khe Sanh as replacement for howitzer requiring maintenance.
- 21 December 1967 Three 155 howitzers of Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines displaced to XD84054184 on the western perimeter of the Khe Sanh Combat Base to provide support for operations conducted by 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. First 105 howitzer to Phu Bai for 6 month maintenance.
- 23 December 1967 Return of 105 howitzer from Phu Bai with second 105 howitzer going to Phu Bai for maintenance.
- 24 December 1967 Cease Fire effective 241800H December 1967.
- 25 December 1967 Cease Fire ended 251800H December 1967.
- 27 December 1967 Return of 105 howitzer from Phu Bai with third 105 howitzer going to Phu Bai for maintenance.
- 29 December 1967 Return of 105 howitzer from Phu Bai with fourth 105 howitzer going to Phu Bai for maintenance.

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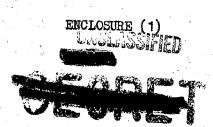




31 December 1967 Cease Fire effective 311800H December 1967.

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