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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

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

Commander

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

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

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

1stLt R. W. DUNN Jr.

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

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

1stLt M. C. KALIN

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

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

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 W. J. O'CONNOR

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines

Capt E. M. ASANOVICH

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

Khe Sanh, RVN

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

Khe Sanh, RVN

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

Khe Sanh, RVN

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN

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

17 Miles South of Chu Lai

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

Cam Lo (Dong Ha AO)

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

Da Nang, RVN

### 3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj R. W. CAMPBELL

S-1

2ndLt D. W. KELLY

S-2

1stLt J. M. RAPP

1Dec67 - 20Dec67

1stLt W. K. JONES

21Dec67 - 31Dec67

S-3

Capt L. R. SALMON

S-4

1stLt H. P. KLUNK

### 4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	16	150	1	3
Btry "A"(Rein), 1stBn, 13thMar	8	107	0	1
Btry "C"(Rein), 1stBn, 13thMar	8	116	0	2
Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 13thMar	3	63	0	1
5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)(-)(Rein)	7	131	0	1
1st Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)	1	39	0	2
2nd Plt, 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)	1	36	0	1

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PART IICOMMANDER'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 relieved Lieutenant Colonel T. J. COYIE as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Change of Command ceremonies 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 maintenance 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:

<u>MISSIONS</u>				<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED</u>		
<u>OBS*</u>	<u>UNOB</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>4.2"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
185	24	3415	4262	569	140	4971

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

Friendly casualties during the month were:

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

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PART IIISEQUENCE 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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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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