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Command Chronology

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines (Rein)

Commander

LtCol J. A. HENNELLY

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

1stLt J. W. HUGHES, Jr.

5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) (Rein)

Maj E. B. BEALL

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

Capt P. M. BURTON

Operational ControlHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

1stLt J. W. HUGHES, Jr.

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt V. B. SNIDER

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
1April to 28April 1968

Capt J. C. UECKER

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt W. J. O'CONNOR

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
1April to 28April 1968

Capt M. T. PIERSON

1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery,
3rd Battalion, 12th Marines
1April to 28April 1968Capt S. J. HAYES
1Apr68 - 15Apr68
Capt W. K. LAW
16Apr68 - 28Apr68Detachment 238th Field Artillery (Radar),
1st Battalion, 40th Artillery
1April to 25April 1968

SP5 C. OGDEN

2. LocationHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesKhe Sanh, RVN
1Apr68 - 28Apr68
Quang Tri, RVN
29Apr68 - 30Apr68

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Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN
1Apr68 - 25Apr68
Hard Core, RVN
26Apr68 - 30Apr68

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN
1Apr68 - 28Apr68

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN
1Apr68 - 25Apr68
LZ Sharon, Quang Tri
City, RVN
26Apr68 - 30Apr68

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Khe Sanh, RVN
1Apr68 - 28Apr681st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery (Rein),
3rd Battalion, 12th MarinesKhe Sanh, RVN
1Apr68 - 28Apr68

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

LZ Sharon, Quang Tri
City, RVN

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

LZ Sharon, Quang Tri
City, RVN
1Apr68 - 21Apr68
Cam Lo (C-3)
22Apr68 - 30Apr68

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

LZ Evans, RVN
1Apr68 - 22Apr68
LZ Sharon, Quang Tri
City, RVN
23Apr68 - 30Apr68

8th Platoon

LZ Sharon, Quang Tri
City, RVN
1Apr68 - 15Apr68
Ca Lu, RVN
16Apr68 - 30Apr68

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

Camp Carroll, RVN

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

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Maj R. W. CAMPBELL

1stLt D. W. KELLY

1Apr68 - 4Apr68

1stLt B. D. NICHOLAS

5Apr68 - 30Apr68

S-2

1stLt L. M. PALM

S-3

Maj G. R. HOUGHIN

S-4

Capt T. J. HICKS

1Apr68 - 4Apr68

Capt J. P. ROGERS

5Apr68 - 30Apr68

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN		USA	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	16	132	2	3	0	0
Btry "A", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	123	0	2	0	0
Btry "B", 1stBn, 13thMar	6	105	0	2	0	0
Btry "C", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	120	0	2	0	0
Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 13thMar	4	78	0	2	0	0
5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)(-)(Rein)	10	190	0	5	0	0
1st Prov 155 How Btry (Rein)	4	90	0	3	0	0
Btry "K", 4thBn, 12thMar	5	131	0	2	0	0
Det 238th Arty (Radar)	0	0	0	0	0	7
1stBn, 40thArty						

PART II

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COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE

During the period 1 April to 15 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued participation in Operation Pegasus in support of the 26th Marines.

On 4 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 1076 artillery rounds in support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines attack on hill 471. These fires consisted of "preparation", "on-call", and "will adjust" missions and resulted in 29 enemy KIA credited to the artillery.

On 5 April 1968, the NVA launched a counter-attack against 1st Battalion, 9th Marines defensive position on hill 471. The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines expended 991 rounds in support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines and provided assistance in repulsing the enemy attack. A total of 51 enemy KIA were credited to the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines for the fire support provided during this action.

On 6 and 7 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 1337 rounds in support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines as they moved west of the Khe Sanh Combat Base towards hill 689.

On 8 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines were credited with 35 enemy KIA while firing in support of an ARVN Task Force that was engaged with NVA elements southwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. A total of 457 rounds were fired during this action.

On 9 and 10 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 1195 rounds in support of elements of the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines as they conducted operations to the northwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.

On 11 and 12 April 1968, 2252 rounds were fired by the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in support of the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines as they operated in the vicinity of hill 881S.

On 12 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 294 rounds in support of an ARVN Task Force who were engaged with NVA elements to the southwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. Artillery support provided by the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was credited with 60 enemy KIA during this engagement.

On 14 April 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines expended 2336 rounds in support of the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines as they conducted offensive operations in the vicinity of hill 881N.

Operation Scotland commenced 150801H April 1968. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued to support the 26th Marines

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OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was passed to Task Force Glick at 180801H April 1968.

On 21 April 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired in support of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines and 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines as they conducted operations in the vicinity of hill 689. A total of 34 enemy KIA were credited to the artillery during this action.

1st Marines assumed OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines at 231400H April 1968.

OPCON of the Detachment, 238th Field Artillery (Radar), 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery was passed to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at 250800H April 1968.

On 25 April 1968, Batteries "A" and "C", plus a forward echelon of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines departed Khe Sanh and arrived in present battery locations on 26 April 1968.

Two 155mm Howitzers (Towed) were chopped to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at 281300H April 1968.

On 28 April 1968, Headquarters Battery (-), Battery "B", and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines departed Khe Sanh. All except Headquarters Battery (-) took up positions at Ca Lu on 28 April 1968; Headquarters Battery (-) arrived in present location on 29 April 1968.

At 281301H April 1968, OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was passed from 1st Marines to Task Force Glick. At 281302H April 1968, 12th Marines assumed OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. OPCON units consisted of Headquarters Battery, Battery "A" and Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Battery "A" had 5 of 6 105mm Howitzers operable and Battery "C" had 4 of 6. At 281302H April 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines commenced Operation Rice with a mission of direct support of the 26th Marines.

1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed OPCON of Battery "B" and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, to the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines effective 281300H April 1968. At this time, Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines had 2 of 6 105mm Howitzers operable, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines had 4 of 5 Mortars and 2 of 2 Howitzers operable, and the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery had 1 of 4 155mm Howitzers operable.

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Ammunition expended for the month of April is as follows:

OBS	MISSIONS		INTELLIGENCE (H&I)	105	AMMUNITION EXPENDED		TOTAL
	UNOBS				155	4.2"	
718	1882	2555	34,622	6803	4661	46,086	

Friendly casualties during the month were:

KIA	WIA (Serious)	WIA (Non-serious)
2	8	10

Enemy casualties and damage during the month credited to artillery:

KIA (C)	KIA (P)	WIA
220	12	4

Secondary explosions - 24
 Bunkers destroyed - 4
 Mortars - 11
 Rockets - 15
 Trucks - 1

Incoming rounds received during the month:

	Artillery	Rocket	Mortar
Headquarters Battery	1	1	0
"A" Battery	4	0	0
"B" Battery/"C" Battery	3	0	1
1st Provisional 155	4	5	1
Howitzer Battery			
Mortar Battery	2	0	1

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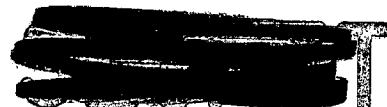


PART III

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 4 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported 1st Battalion, 9th Marines as they conducted an attack on hill 471.
- 5 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines by firing numerous defensive fires in the vicinity of hill 471 to assist in repulsing an NVA counter-attack.
- 6/7 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported 1st Battalion, 9th Marines as they conducted operations in the vicinity of hill 689.
- 8 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported an ARVN Task Force as they conducted operations southwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.
- 9/10 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported elements of the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines as they conducted operations to the northwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.
- 11/12 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines as they conducted operations in the vicinity of hill 881S.
- 12 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported an ARVN Task Force as they conducted operations to the southwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.
- 14 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines as they conducted offensive operations in the vicinity of hill 881N.
- 15 April 1968 Operation Pegasus terminated 150800H and Operation Scotland II commenced 150801H April 1968. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued to support the 26th Marines
- 18 April 1968 OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed to Task Force Glick.
- 19 April 1968 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery(Rein), received one round of artillery that severely damaged one howitzer.

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- 21 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines supported the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines and the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines as they conducted operations in the vicinity of hill 689.
- 22 April 1968 Ordnance inspection of all 105mm Howitzers resulted in 6 being called out of actions due to numerous mechanical deficiencies. All six required extensive 3rd echelon repair.
- 23 April 1968 OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed to 1st Marines at 231400H.
- 25 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed OPCON of the Detachment 238th Field Artillery (Radar) 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at 250800H. Batteries "A" and "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines departed Khe Sanh and went into position in the vicinity of Quang Tri on 26 April 1968.
- 28 April 1968 The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines chopped two 155 Howitzers to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at 281300H.
- Headquarters Battery, Battery "B", Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines departed Khe Sanh.
- The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed OPCON of Battery "B", Mortar Battery, and the 1st Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery to the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at 281800H. OPCON of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was passed from 1st Marines to Task Force Glick at 281301H.
- OPCON of the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was passed from Task Force Glick to the 12th Marines at 281302H. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines commenced Operation Rice at 281302H in support of the 26th Marines.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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