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Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June 1968 to 30 June 1968 (U)

Ref: (a) MGO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.3

Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology

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

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Command Chronology

1 June 1968 to 30 June 1968

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Commander

Lt. Col A. NOVAK

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  
1June68-14June68  
Capt. H. D. SULLIVAN  
15June68-30June68Operational ControlHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines

1stLt J. W. HUGHES, Jr.

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
1June68 to 5June68  
16June68 to 30June68Capt. V. B. SNIDER  
1June68-14June68  
Capt. A. J. SWETT  
15June68-30June68Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
19June68 to 30June68

Capt. M. R. SHASKI

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
19June68 to 30June68Capt. J. D. DEMPSEY  
19June68-27June68  
1stLt R. L. SAUNDERS, II  
28June68-30June68Detachment, Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1June68 to 17June68

1stLt T. BERRY

Battery "C", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
3June68 to 15June68

Capt. R. DEITZ

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2 155mm How TD, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines  
1 June 68 to 5 June 68

2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines

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

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

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion,  
13th Marines

Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

2 Guns, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

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

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

"g" Platoon

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

1st Lt ABBY

Hill 10, Danang, RVN  
1 June 68 to 14 June 68  
Hill 55, Danang, RVN  
15 June 68 to 30 June 68

Hill 10, Danang, RVN  
1 June 68 to 14 June 68  
Thuong Duc, RVN  
15 June 68 to 30 June 68

Happy Valley, RVN  
19 June 68 to 30 June 68

Thuong Duc, RVN  
19 June 68 to 30 June 68

Danang, RVN  
1 June 68 to 17 June 68

Thuong Duc, RVN  
1 June 68 to 15 June 68

Hill 41, Danang, RVN  
1 June 68 to 5 June 68

LZ Sharon, Quang Tri, RVN

Cam Lo (C-3)

Khe Sanh  
1 June 68  
Ca Lu  
2 June 68 to 30 June 68  
Camp Carroll, RVN

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj J. B. CANTIENY  
12June68-30June68

S-1

Capt B. D. NICHOLAS

S-2

1stLt R. E. WASSON, Jr  
24June68-30June68

S-3

Maj G. R. HOUCHIN

S-4

Capt J. P. ROGERS  
1June68-20June68  
Capt P. M. BURTON  
21June68-30June684. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Hq Btry, 1st Battalion, 13th Mar	16	151	4	3
Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Mar	8	105	0	2
Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Mar	9	120	0	2
Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Mar	4	70	0	2
Detachment, Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines	1	24	0	1
Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 11th Mar	8	100	0	2
2 155mm How (TOWED), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines	0	14	0	0
5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) (-) (REIN)	8	185	0	6
Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 12th Mar	5	127	0	2

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## PART II

## COMMANDERS NARRATIVE

During the period 1-30 June 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines participated in Operation Mameluke Thrust in direct support of the 26th Marines.

At 031200H, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed OPCON of Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

At 051500H 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines chopped OPCON of Battery "A" to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines; 2 155mm Howitzers, (TOWED), to the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

On 7 June 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 120 rounds in support of the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines as they operated in the vicinity of Hill 1235. These rounds were fired at NVA elements that were attempting to withdraw from the 1235 hill complex and were responsible for 8 enemy KIA.

On 10 June 1968, 3 NVA KIA were credited to the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines as 128 rounds were fired in support of a 3d Battalion, 26th Marines unit that was in contact near Hill 1235.

At 161500H, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines chopped OPCON of Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines and assumed OPCON of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

At 171600H, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines chopped OPCON of Detachment, Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines to 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines.

At 190600H, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed OPCON of Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

On 20 June 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines arranged for reinforcing fires from the 11th Marines in preparation for a 3d Battalion, 26th Marines operation in Happy Valley. A subsequent search of the area revealed 9 enemy KIA which were credited to the artillery.

On 27 June 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired in support of a Reconnaissance Unit in the vicinity of Happy Valley. Surveillance by supported unit indicated that fire support was responsible for the destruction of trench lines, 3 bunkers, and some living quarters.

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On 28 June 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired numerous Prep Fires in support of 3d Battalion, 26th Marines as they conducted operations in Happy Valley. A subsequent search of the area revealed 11 enemy KIA, 5 of which were credited to the artillery.

Ammunition expended for the month of June is as follows:

<u>MISSIONS</u>				<u>AMMUNITION</u>			
<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
203	1182	1020	2475	10,474	276	2527	13,277

Friendly casualties during the month were:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA (serious)</u>
0	3

Enemy casualties during the month credited to artillery:

<u>KIA (C)</u>
46

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## PART III

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

3 June 1968 Assumed OPCON of Battery "G", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

5 June 1968 Chopped OPCON of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

Chopped OPCON of 2 155mm How TD to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

7 June 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired in support of 3d Battalion, 26th Marines in vicinity of Hill 1235 and were credited with 8 enemy KIA

10 June 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines credited with 3 NVA KIA as fire was provided to support a 3d Battalion, 26th Marines operation in vicinity of Hill 1235

16 June 1968 OPCON of Battery "C", 3d Battalion, 11th Marines chopped to 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

Assumed OPCON of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

17 June 1968 OPCON of Detachment, Mortar Battery, chopped to 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines

19 June 1968 Assumed OPCON of Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Assumed OPCON of Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

20 June 1968 Fired in support of Recon Insert in vicinity of Happy Valley

28 June 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired numerous rounds into Happy Valley in support of a 3d Battalion, 26th Marines operation

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, 26th Marines *← HAS SEEN this*

Subj: Operation Rice After Action Report

Encl: ✓(1) Artillery Support during Operation Rice

1. Paragraph 5a (Artillery Support) to the 26th Marines After Action Report for Operation Rice is forwarded herewith as enclosure (1).

2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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25 APR - 17 MAY 1968

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## 5A. Artillery Support

(1) Units Providing

- (a) Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
28 April to 17 May 1968
- (b) Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
25 April to 17 May 1968
- (c) Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
5 May to 17 May 1968
- (d) Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
25 April to 17 May 1968
- (e) Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery, USA  
3 May to 5 May 1968
- (f) Detachment, 238th Field Artillery (Radar), 1st Battalion,  
40th Artillery  
3 May to 17 May 1968
- (g) Reinforcing fires were received from the 5th 155 Gun  
Battery (SP) (Rein). A total of 227 rounds were fired  
by this unit during Operation Rice.

(2) Missions Fired

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved/Intelligence</u>	<u>Total</u>
116	1304	1420

(3) Ammunition Expended

<u>105</u>	<u>Total</u>
9,354	9,354

(4) Highlights of Missions Fired

- (a) On 10 May 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 193 artillery rounds on a suspect NVA battalion. A subsequent sweep of the area revealed 14 enemy KIA which were credited to the artillery.

(5) Summary of Artillery Support

- (a) The artillery support provided by the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines during Operation Rice consisted mainly of unobserved fires on suspect NVA troops and installations and H&I fires on intelligence targets.

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(b) Listed below is the surveillance provided to the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines as a result of artillery support rendered during Operation Rice.

(1) Enemy Personnel Losses:

KIA(C)  
15

(2) Enemy Equipment Losses:

Bunkers destroyed - 2  
Bunkers damaged - 2

(3) Secondaries - 3

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