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

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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Commander

LtCol J. B. CANTIENY

Subordinate UnitsAdministrative ControlHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesCapt M. E. POPELKA
1Dec68 - 3Dec68
Capt W. G. KEMPLE
4Dec68 - 16Dec68
Capt J. B. CREEL Jr.
17Dec68 - 31Dec68

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

Capt A.J. SWETT

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
1Dec68 to 22Dec681stLt A. L. HARDING
1Dec68 - 3Dec68
Capt M. E. POPELKA
4Dec68 - 22Dec68Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
1Dec68 to 22Dec681stLt R. P. CIPRIANI
1Dec68 - 3Dec68
1stLt M. C. BUNTON
4Dec68 - 22Dec68

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt R. K. PETERSON

Operational ControlHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesCapt M. E. POPELKA
1Dec68 - 3Dec68
Capt W. G. KEMPLE
4Dec68 - 16Dec68
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1stLt M. C. BUNTON
4Dec68 - 22Dec68

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2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Danang, RVN

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

N. Cantonment Area,
Danang, RVN

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

Dai La Pass, RVN
1Dec68 - 22Dec68

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Dai La Pass, RVN
1Dec68 - 22Dec68

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Danang, RVN
1Dec68 - 2Dec68
An Hoa, RVN
2Dec68 - 31Dec68

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

None

S-1

Capt B. D. NICHOLAS

S-2

1stLt J. R. RYAN
1Dec68 - 3Dec68
1stLt T. E. HOLLINGSHEAD
4Dec68 - 31Dec68

S-3

Maj G. R. HOUGHIN

S-4

1stLt M. C. BUNTON
1Dec68 - 3Dec68
Capt A. R. GASSER Jr.
4Dec68 - 31Dec68

4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	15	145	2	5
Btry "A", 1stBn, 13thMar	5	118	0	2
Btry "C", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	125	0	2
Mortar Btry, 1stBn, 13thMar	4	84	0	1
Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	4	119	0	3

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Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 December 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, under the operational control of the 11th Marines, provided direct support to the 26th Marines.

On 1 December 1968, Command less OPCON of the 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) was passed from the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines to 9th MAB.

On 6 December 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 54 rounds into a suspected enemy position; one large secondary explosion resulted from these fires.

On 9 December 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired in support of a Combined Action Platoon and received credit for one enemy KIA.

On 18 December 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 26 rounds in support of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and received a surveillance of 6 enemy KIA, probable, for these fires.

On 20 December 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 25 rounds on 5 enemy in the open reported by the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. 5 enemy KIA, probable, were reported as a result of these fires.

At 220800H December 1968, Battery "C" and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines were formally chopped to BLT 3/26. Technical control of the fires of these two batteries was maintained by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines because they remained in the same firing positions.

On 21 December 1968, the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 27 rounds, 25 which were Firecracker, in support of a contact in the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines AO. 5 enemy KIA, probable, were credited to the artillery for these fires.

On 25 December 1968, Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 11 rounds in support of a 1st Battalion, 26th Marines contact; 3 enemy KIA were reported as a result of these fires.

At 261200H December 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed OPCON of 3 M-30 Mortars from 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

On 26 December 1968, 3 M-30 Mortars of Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines displaced from their Hai Van Pass position and returned to the Mortar Battery (-) position in the Dai La Pass area.

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On 27 December 1968, Battery "C" and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines displaced from their position in the Dai La Pass area and moved into a staging area prior to embarkation with BLT 3/26.

On 28 December 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 155 rounds on numerous enemy in the open in the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines AO. A surveillance of numerous drag marks, 3 enemy KIA and 2 POW's was provided with the artillery being credited with 2 of the KIA.

Ammunition expended during the month of December is as follows:

<u>MISSIONS</u>			<u>AMMUNITION</u>		
<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
212	8104	8316	17,805	2906	20,711

Friendly casualties during the month:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>WLANE</u>
0	0	0

Enemy losses during the month credited to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines:

<u>KIA(C)</u>	<u>KIA(P)</u>
6	16

Secondary Explosions: 1

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Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines passes Command less OPCON of the 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) to 9th MAB.
- 6 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines receives a surveillance of one large secondary explosion as 54 rounds are fired into a suspect enemy location.
- 9 December 1968 1 enemy KIA was credited to the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines for fires delivered in support of a GAP unit.
- 15 December 1968 Battery "C" and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines were reported to Battalion Landing Team 3/26 for operations.
- 18 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired numerous rounds on three separate fire missions for the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and receives a surveillance of 6 enemy KIA, probable.
- 20 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines received a surveillance of 5 enemy KIA, probable, as fires were delivered into the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines AO.
- 21 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines received a surveillance of 5 enemy KIA, probable, as 27 rounds of firecracker were fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 22 December 1968 Battery "C" and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines formally chopped to BLT 3/26 for operations.
- 25 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines received credit for 3 enemy KIA as 11 rounds were fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.
- 26 December 1968 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assume OPCON of 3 M-30 Mortars from the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

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Part IV

Supporting Documents

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1. ✓ Command Chronology for Battery K/4/13 for period 1-31 Dec 1968.
 2. ✓ Command Chronology for 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) (Rein) for period 1-31 Dec 1968.