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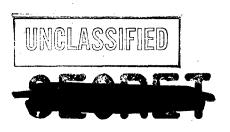
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Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Commander'

LtCol J. B. CANTIENY (1-31 March)

Subordinate Units

Headquarters Battery, 1st Bettalien 13th Marines

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

Capt J. B. CREEL, JR (1Mar-20Mar) Capt A. J. SWEET (21Mar-31Mar)

Capt A. J. SWETT (1Mar-20Mar) Capt J. B. CREEL, JR (21Mar-31Mar)

Administrative Control Only

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

Capt R. K. PETERSON (1Mar-5Mar) Capt W. C. BARTELS (6Mar-31Mar)

Operational Control Only

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (1-8Mar, 28-31March)

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (1-8Mar, 28-31March)

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion 11th Marines (1-31Mar)

Capt F. R. FRANCENE (1-31 March)

lstLt R. A. SAUNDERS (1-11 March) 1stLt M. KORSTANS (12-31 March)

2ndLt S. C. DECOTEAU (1-31 March)

2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (1-31Mar)

Battery $^{n}A^{n}$, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (1-31Mar)

Danang, RVN

N. Cantonement Area, Danang, RVN





Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines (1-31Mar)

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines (1-31Mar)

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (1-8 Mar)

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines (1-8Mar)

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

S-1.

S-2

S-3

S-4

An Hoa, RVN

Hai Van Pass, Danang, RVM

Namo Bridge, Danang, RVN

Hill 60, Danang, RVN

Maj C. L. MCHLHENY (5Mar-31Mar)

Capt B. D. NICHOLAS (1Mar) 1stLt P. SMILEY (2-31Mar)

1stLt T. HOLLENSHEAD (1-21Mar) 1stLt G. PHILIP III (22-31Mar)

Maj G. R. HOUCHIN (1-24Mar) Maj J. M. UPDYKE (25-31Mar)

Capt A. R. GASSER (1-24Mar) Capt A. J. SWETT (25-31Mar)

4. Average Monthly Strength

HqBtry, 1stBn, 13th Marines
Dtry "A", 1stBn, 13th Morinos
Btry "K", 4thBn, 13th Morines
Detachment, Morter Btry, 1/11

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MARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-51 March 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued under the operational control of 11th Marines while command less opeon remained with Commanding General, 9th MAB. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued to be assigned the tactical mission of direct support of the 26th Marines. In addition, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired in support of 11th Marines Forward Observer School and provided fires in support of 11th Marines, counter-rocket program. The majority of rounds were fired on Marrassing and Interdiction missions consisting of rocket suppression targets, intelligence targets, "rice cooker" targets, "trail runner" targets and various interdiction targets. Observed missions included illumination and HE missions in support of ambushes and subsequent sweeps, illumination and HE missions against enemy infiltration attempts and rice gathering acts, and emergency illumination in support of Namo Bridge.

At 011500H March 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed open of "B" Battary, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (-) and Mortar Battary, 1st Battalion, 12 Marines (-). "B" Btry, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines occupied position in the vicinity of Mano Bridge and Mortar Battary, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines occupied position on Hill 60. Open of "B" Battary, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was passed to 11th Marines at 081900H March as both batteries proceeded to Liberty Bridge.

On 27 March "B" Battery, 1st Battelion, 13th Marines and Morter Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines returned to this position for a short rehab prior to occupying position in support of BLT 2/26. Open of the two batteries was passed to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines at 281200H. On 29 March "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines occupied position west of Dai La Pass at AT 92238 73753. On 30 March Morter Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines occupied position on Hill 41 at AT 93367 66309.

Throughout the first three weeks of March, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines remained on 100% alert during the hours of darkness with all personnel occupying bunkers or fighting holes and manning the assigned sector of the Camp Perdue perimeter defense. To increase defensive security, several strips of concertina wire and tangle-foot were installed plus trip-flares and claymores. A lighting system was installed clong the entire 1st Battalion, 13th Marines perimeter.



Artillery support provided by 1st Battalian, 13th Marines during March is as follows:

MISSIONS

MANUNITION EXPENDED

OBSERVED 356

UNOBSERVED 4,042

<u>TOTAL</u>

105mm

4.211

TOTAL 16,372

Friendly casualties for March: Mone

Enemy casualties credited to 1st Battalian, 13th Marines:

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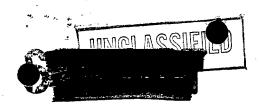


PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 March Assumed open of "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Nortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.
- 2 March 1stLt P. SMILEY assumed duties as Battalion S-1.
- 5 Merch Maj C. L. MCHIMENY assumed duties as Battalien Executive Officer. 1st Battalien, 13th Marines was credited with 9 probable KIA's from mission fired by Mortar Battery, 1st Battalien, 12th Marines.
- 6 March Capt BARTHLS assumed command of "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines. 1st Battalien, 13th Marines was credited with 3 probable KIA's from mission fixed by "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 8 March "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines departed to occupy positions at Liberty Bridge. Passed open to 11th Marines at 081900H.
- 17 March Commanding Officer and S-3 Officer conducted briefing for 9th MAD Chief of Staff, Colonel J. LOWMAN.
 - 21 March 1st Battalion, 26th Marines sweep recovered 4 enemy KIA's, 3 RPG's and numerous grenades under illumination provided by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
 - 22 March Maj J. M. UPDYKE assumed duties as Battalion S-3
 - 27 March "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines arrived this position.
 - 28 Merch Assumed opcon "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Morter Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines at 281200H.
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 - 30 March Morter Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines occupied position at Hill 41 (grid AT 93367 66309).





PART IV

CHROHOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Command Chronology for Merch for "K" Battomy, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines.



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