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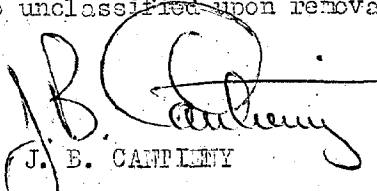
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Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

CommanderLtCol J. B. CAMPBELL
1Apr69 - 30Apr69Subordinate UnitsHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesCapt A. J. SWETT
1Apr69 - 30Apr69

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

Capt F. R. FRANZEN
1Apr69 - 29Apr69
1stLt M. J. SCHILLING
30Apr69 -Administrative Control OnlyBattery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines
1Apr69 - 30Apr69Capt W. C. BARTELS
1Apr69 - 30Apr69Operational Control OnlyBattery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
1Apr69 - 24Apr69Capt J. B. CREEL
1Apr69 - 24Apr69Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
1Apr69 - 4Apr691stLt M. KORSTANS
1Apr69 - 4Apr69Detachment, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
11th Marines
1Apr69 - 21Apr692ndLt S. C. DECOTEALL
1Apr69 - 21Apr69Battery "I", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
23Apr69 - 30Apr69Capt BREWIN
23Apr69 - 30Apr69Detachment, Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion,
11th Marines
21Apr69 - 30Apr69Lt HAGUE
21Apr69 - 30Apr69Detachment, Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion
11th Marines
10Apr69 - 30Apr691stLt LAZOTT
10Apr69 - 30Apr69

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2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Camp Perdue
DaNang, RVN
(1Apr69 - 30Apr69)

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

N. Arty Contonement
DaNang, RVN
(1Apr69 - 24Apr69)

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

An Hoa, RVN
(1Apr69 - 30Apr69)

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

Dai La (At 923737)
DaNang, RVN
(1Apr69 - 23Apr69)
N. Arty Contonement
(24Apr69 - 30Apr69)

Battery "I", 3rd Battalion, 13th Marines

Dai La (At 923737)
DaNang, RVN
(23Apr69 - 30Apr69)

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

Hill 41 (At 934665)
DaNang, RVN
(1Apr69 - 10Apr69)

Detachment, Mortar Battery
2nd Battalion, 11th Marines

Hill 41 (At 934665)
DaNang, RVN
(10Apr69 - 30Apr69)

Detachment, Mortar Battery
1st Battalion, 11th Marines

Hai Van Pass, DaNang, RVN
(1Apr69 - 21Apr69)

Detachment, Mortar Battery
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Hai Van Pass, DaNang, RVN
(21Apr69 - 30Apr69)

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer:

Maj C. L. MCCLINTY
(1Apr69 - 30Apr69)

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1stLt P. SMILEY
(1Apr69 - 30Apr69)

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1stLt G. PHILIP III
(1Apr69 - 30 APR 69)

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Maj J. M. UPDYKE
(1Apr69 - 30Apr69)

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Capt A. J. SWETT
(1Apr69 - 30Apr69)4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	14	143	3	3
Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	4	110	0	3
Btry "B", 1stBn, 13thMar	8	110	0	2

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-30 April 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued under the operational control of 11th Marines while command less opcon remained with CG 9th MAB. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued to be assigned the tactical mission of direct support of 26th Marines. Besides supporting 26th Marines, the battalion fired in support of 11th Marines Forward Observer schools, contributed to the 11th Marines counter-rocket program and was prepared to provide convoy support and support for the Northern Sector Defense Command.

The majority of rounds were fired on Harassing and Interdiction targets consisting of rocket suppression targets, intelligence targets, "rice cooker" targets and "trail runner" targets. Observed missions included illumination and HE missions in support of ambushes and subsequent sweeps, illumination and HE missions against enemy infiltration and rice gathering attempts and neutralization missions on observed enemy troop concentrations. On two missions against 26 VC in the open and 15-20 VC in the open on 4 and 5 April the battalion expended 391 and 116 rounds respectively resulting in 4 confirmed KIA's and 5 secondary explosions on the first mission and 2 probable KIA's and 5 bunkers destroyed on the second mission. 5 secondary explosions and 2 bloodstained shirts resulted from various missions throughout the remainder of the month.

In an effort to enable supported units to make more effective use of artillery support, the battalion conducted 2 FO schools for company grade officers and Staff NCOs of the 11th Motor Transport Battalion during April. Each school was 3 hours long and was followed by a service practice shoot from the OP. Similar schools for small units leaders of the supported infantry battalions are planned for next month.

Several changes in units opcon and command less opcon to the battalion occurred during April. On 1 April, command less opcon of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was passed to BLT 1/26 for SLF duty. Opcon of Battery "A" was passed on 24 April when the battery departed to embark aboard ARG shipping. On 4 April opcon of Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines was passed to 1st Marine Division in preparation for the battery to return to its parent unit, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. However, the battery actually did not leave until 10 April. With the departure of Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, the battalion assumed opcon of Detachment, Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines as a relief unit for Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. Detachment Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines likewise was scheduled to go afloat with BLT 1/26 and consequently was relieved at Hai Van by Detachment Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines on 21 April.

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In Headquarters Battery and the Battalion Headquarters, the month of April consisted primarily of the performance of routine duties. Defense and local security measures within the battalions section of the Camp Purdue perimeter continued to be improved. Except for 4 instances when the Danang area received enemy rocket fire, the battalion remained on 25% alert at night with 50% of battalion personnel in fighting holes or bunkers. An inspection of Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in all areas by the battalion staff was conducted during 28-30 April.

Artillery support provided by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines during April is as follows:

<u>MISSIONS</u>		
<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
322	5045	5367

<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDED</u>		
<u>105 mm</u>	<u>4.2"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
26,284	5701	31,985

RESULTS

Friendly casualties: None

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

KIA (C)
5

KIA (P)
3

Secondary Explosions: 10

Bunkers Destroyed: 6

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 April 1969 Passed command less opcon of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines to BLT 1/26 for SLP duty as of 010001Z. Opcon remains with 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

Assumed command less opcon of Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines as of 010001Z as BLT 2/26 was dissolved.
- 2 April 1969 Received surveillance of 1 secondary explosion on mission fired at grid 907677 by Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.
- 3 April 1969 Received surveillance of 1 bunker destroyed on mission fired at grid 901 694 by Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.
- 4 April 1969 Brigadier General JESKILKA, ADC 1st Marine Division, visited OP Robin and Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Fired demonstration mission with shell Fire-cracker.

Received surveillance of 4 confirmed KIAs and 5 secondary explosions on mission fired at grids 883702 and 877705 by Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

Passed opcon of Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines to 1st Marine Division effective 041600H.
- 5 April 1969 Received surveillance of 2 probable KIAs and 5 bunkers destroyed from mission fired at grid 870 707 by Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 7 April 1969 Brigadier General WILLIAMS, CG 9th MAB, visited Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Briefed by LtCol J. B. CANTILENY and observed demonstration mission with a "Beehive" round.
- 10 April 1969 Assumed opcon of Detachment, Battery "W", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines effective 101300H.

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- 11 April 1969 Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 12th Marines departed on return to 3rd Marine Division. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines provided wrecker and trailer to assist in move.
- 13 April 1969 Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines fired 400,000th round to be fired by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines since arrival in RVN.
- 1st Battalion, 13th Marines received credit for 1 KIA from previous mission.
- 14 April 1969 Received surveillance of 1 probable KIA from mission fired by Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 15 April 1969 Received surveillance of 1 secondary explosion from mission fired at grid 884701 by Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 16 April 1969 Fired counter-rocket fires twice.
- 17 April 1969 Received surveillance of 1 secondary explosion from mission fired at grid 899 709 by Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 19 April 1969 Fired counter-rocket fires twice.
- 20 April 1969 Fired counter-rocket fires.
- 21 April 1969 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed opcon of Detachment, Battery "W", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines effective 211100H.
- Detachment, Battery "W", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines relieved Detachment, Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at Hai Van Pass at 211200 H.
- 1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed opcon of Detachment, Battery "W", 1st Battalion, 11th Marines to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines effective 211500H.
- Conducted FO school for 22 personnel of 11th Motor Transport Battalion.

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23 April 1969 1st Battalion, 13th Marines assumed opcon of Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines effective 230700H.

Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines relieved Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines at Dai La at 231430H.

24 April 1969 Received surveillance of 2 secondary explosions from mission fired at grid 882693 by Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

1st Battalion, 13th Marines passed opcon of Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines to BLF 1/26 effective 240900H.

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines relieved Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines at the Northern Artillery Contonement at 240930H.

30 April 1969 Conducted FC school for 18 personnel from 11th Motor Transport Battalion.

ASR established at 75% of normal ASR as result of destruction of ASP #1 on 27 April.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Command Chronology for April 1969 for Battery "K", 4th Battalion,
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