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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JULY 1969 THROUGH 31 JULY 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

LtCol D. E. GRAGAN
1 July - 31 July 1969SUBORDINATE UNITSHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion
1 July-31 July 1969Capt. J. A. KELLEHER
1 July-31 July 1969Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
1 July-31 July 1969Capt. M. POPELKA
1 July-31 July 1969ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLYBattery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines
1 July-31 July 1969Capt. W. C. BARTELS
1 July-31 July 1969OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLYDetachment, Mortar Battery
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1 July-31 July 19691stLt. HAGUE
1 July-31 July 19692. LocationHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion
13th MarinesCamp Perdue
DaNang, RVN
1 July - 31 July 1969

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

An Hoa, RVN
1 July - 31 July 1969

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

Northern Artillery Contonment
DaNang, RVNDetachment Battery "C", 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesAT 854-850
DaNang, RVN
18 July - 27 July 1969FSB OUTLAW
AT 809-858
27 July - 31 July 1969

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Detachment, Mortar Battery
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Hai Van Pass (AT 944 918)
DaNang, RVN
1 July - 31 July 1969

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj. C. L. MCELHENY
(1 July - 10 July 1969)

S-1

1stLt R.E. MOE
(1 July - 31 July 1969)

S-2

1stLt R. McKELVEY
(1 July - 31 July 1969)

S-3

Maj. J. M. UPDYKE
(1 July - 31 July 1969)

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Capt. J. A. KELLEHER
(1 July - 31 July 1969)

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4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	15	202	3	3
Btry "C", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	154	0	1
Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	5	133	0	3

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 July 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued under the operational control of 11th Marines while command less opcon remained with Commanding General, 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 FO schools and supported the 11th Marines Counter-rocket program, the convoy defense program and the Northern Sector Defense Command.

Organization and composition of the battalion remained the same as it had been at the end of June. Throughout the month the battalion controlled only Battery "C" and Detachment, Mortar Battery/3/11.

Artillery support on observed missions remained at a very low level. Nearly all rounds fired during the month were in harrassing, interdiction, intelligence and rocket suppression targets.

The most significant activity consisted of the development and occupation of Fire Support Base OUTLAW. This Fire Support Base, located at grid AT 809 858, was developed to provide support for Operation CAMPBELL STREAMER, an operation conducted by elements of the 101st Airborne Division on the southern slopes of Hai Van Ridge, and for possible future use in support of operations in the Elephant Valley area.

On 18 July, a detachment of Battery "C" consisting of three guns displaced by LVT up the Cu De River to grid AT 854 850 to provide support during the construction of the Fire Support Base. On 27 July, construction was completed and the detachment displaced by helicopter to the Fire Support Base. Security was provided by two platoons from 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. Initial support from the Fire Support Base has been limited and no observed missions were fired through the end of the month.

On 7 July, Brigadier General Carney, the new Commanding General of 9th MAB, visited the battalion headquarters and Battery "C" where he was briefed on operations by the battalion.

Administrative and logistic functions remained normal with no unusual problems occurring.

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

MISSIONS

OBSERVED
211

UNOBSERVED
1693

TOTAL
1904

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm
14,795

4.2"
2,196

TOTAL
16,991

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RESULTS

None Reported

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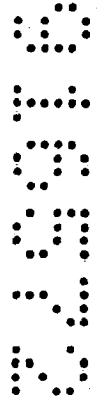
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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 7 July - Brigadier General CARNEY, CG 9th MAB, visited the battalion and was briefed on battalion organization and operations
- 11 July - Col. WALKER, CO 11th Marines, visited the battalion and was briefed on battalion organization and operations
- 18 July - Detachment Battery "C"/1/13 (3 guns) displaced to AT 854 850 to support construction of FSB OUTLAW
- 27 July - Detachment Battery "C"/1/13 (3 guns) displaced to FSB OUTLAW (AT 809 858) to support Operation CAMPBELL STREAMER.



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PART IVCHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDSAND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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✓ 5.2 175 mm gun Btry July 69

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