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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 AUGUST 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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CommanderLtCol. D. E. GRAGAN  
1 August - 31 AugustSUBORDINATE UNITSHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 August - 31 AugustCapt. J. A. KELLEHER  
1 August - 11 August  
Capt. D. A. ARTHUR  
12 August - 31 AugustBattery C, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 August - 31 AugustCapt. M. POPELKA  
1 August - 8 August  
Capt. D. G. MILLER  
9 August - 31 AugustADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLYBattery K, 4th Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 August - 31 AugustCapt. W. C. BARTELS  
1 August - 16 August  
Capt. J. A. KELLEHER  
17 August - 31 AugustOPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLYDetachment, Mortar Battery,  
3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
1 August - 10 August1stLt. HAGUE  
1 August - 10 AugustBattery H, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines  
10 August - 15 AugustCapt. A. B. BREWIN  
10 August - 15 AugustBattery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
10 August - 31 AugustCapt. J. BOYER  
10 August - 31 AugustMortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
10 August - 31 August1stLt J. L. HYDE  
10 August - 31 August2. LOCATIONHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th MarinesCamp Perdue  
Danang, RVN  
1 August - 31 August

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Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Hill 10 (AT 924 690)  
Danang, RVN  
10 August - 14 AugustFSB SIXSHOOTER (AT 921 737)  
Danang, RVN  
15 August - 31 August

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Northern Artillery Contonment  
Danang, RVN  
1 August - 31 AugustDetachment, Battery C, 1st Battalion,  
13th MarinesFSB OUTLAW (AT 809858)  
Danang, RVN  
1 August - 13 AugustMortar Battery (--), 1st Battalion,  
13th MarinesNorthern Artillery Contonment  
Danang, RVN  
10 August - 14 AugustHill 10 (AT 924 690)  
Danang, RVN  
15 August - 31 AugustDetachment, Mortar Battery,  
1st Battalion, 13th MarinesHai Van Pass (AT 944 918)  
Danang, RVN  
10 August - 31 August

Battery H, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

FSB SIXSHOOTER (AT 921 737)  
Danang, RVN  
10 August - 15 AugustDetachment, Mortar Battery,  
3d Battalion, 11th MarinesHai Van Pass (AT 944 918)  
Danang, RVN  
1 August - 10 August

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

An Hoa, RVN  
1 August - 24 AugustLZ ROSS  
25 August - 31 August3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj. J. M. UPDYKE  
(1 August - 28 August)  
Maj. P. C. ENGLISH  
(29 August - 31 August)

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1stLt R. E. MOE  
(1 August - 31 August)

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1stLt R. MCKELVEY  
(1 August - 31 August)

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Maj J. M. UPDYKE  
(1 August - 31 August)

S-4

Capt J. A. KELLEHER  
(1 August - 11 August)  
1stLt B. R. HOLMES  
(12 August - 31 August)

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u>
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13th Mar	17	200	3	3
Btry C, 1stBn, 13th Mar	9	140	0	1
Btry K, 4thBn, 13th Mar	5	130	0	3

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 August 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued under the operational control of 11th Marines while command less opcon remained with the 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 of the battalion remained the same as July relative to adcon units. However, with the landing of BLT 2/26 and their assumption of responsibility for the 2/7 AO, opcon units under the battalion increased with the landing of Battery "B" and Mortar Battery. Both of these batteries landed on 10 August. Initially, Bravo occupied a position at Hill 10 until H/3/11 displaced from FSB SIXSHOOTER, just west of Dai La Pass. On 15 August, H/3/11 departed and Bravo Battery displaced to SIXSHOOTER. Likewise, Mortar Battery initially occupied a position in the Northern Artillery Cantonment until a detachment of three tubes could be sent to Hai Van Pass to relieve Detachment, Mortar/3/11. This relief took place on 11 August and Detachment, Mortar/3/11 returned to its parent battalion. On 13 August the remainder of Mortar/1/13 displaced to Hill 10 and on 15 August occupied three gun positions vacated by Bravo Battery. On 13 August, support of Operation Campbell Streamer terminated and Detachment, C/1/13, that had been positioned at FSB OUTLAW, displaced back to the Northern Artillery Cantonment and FSB OUTLAW was closed down. No other moves were made during the remainder of the month.

Artillery support for observed missions increased during the month with the additional infantry battalion, 2/26, and an increased AO to support. Although there were more observed missions, mission surveillance was almost non-existent and few casualties credited to the battalion. Increased use of sensor devices, the Night Observation Device (NOD) and the Danang Barrier brought more missions on personnel targets, but surveillance remains difficult to obtain. The major expenditure of rounds continued to be on harassing, interdiction, intelligence and rocket suppression targets. Very few missions were fired in support of operation CAMPBELL STREAMER and what few were fired were blocking or prep fires.

Activity at Camp Perdue remained fairly quiet throughout the month, except the night of 12 August. At that time a minor sapper attack was sustained by 11th Marines and 1st Mortar Transport Battalion on the east side of the perimeter. No friendly casualties were sustained. Several rockets landed in the vicinity of the 1/13 portion of the perimeter with negative damage.

Administrative and logistic functions remained normal throughout the month.

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

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OBSERVED  
400

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2302

TOTAL  
2702

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm  
20,710

4.2"  
3,764

TOTAL  
24,474

Results:

Enemy casualties: 3 KIA (C)  
1 KIA (P)

Other: None

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## PART III

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 5 August - Received surveillance of 1 KIA (P) on mission fired at grid AT 918 854 by C/1/13
- 9 August - B/1/13 occupied position at Hill 10 to provide support for BLT 2/26 when they assumed 2/7's AO
- Mortar/1/13 occupied a temporary position at Northern Artillery Cantonment.  
Capt. D.G. MILLER relieved Capt. M. POPELKA as CO, C/1/13.
- 10 August - Assumed opcon of H/3/11 effective 100700H.
- Assumed opcon of B/1/13 and Mortar/1/13 effective 101200H.
- 11 August - At 111300H, Detachment, Mortar/1/13 occupied position at Hai Van Pass in relief of Detachment, Mortar/3/11. Detachment, Mortar/3/11 commenced displacement to Hill 55 and opcon passed to 3/11 at 111300H.
- 12 August - Fired seven counter-rocket missions for 11th Marines. Two rocket firing positions were found the next day with artillery shell craters located 10 and 25 meters away. 1/13 units were the first to fire at each location.
- Capt. D. A. ARTHUR relieved Capt. J. A. KELLEHER as battalion S-4.
- 13 August - Detachment, C/1/13 conducted displacement from FSB OUTLAW to Northern Artillery Cantonment. FSB OUTLAW completely closed down.
- Mortar/1/13(-) displaced from Northern Artillery Cantonment to Hill 10.
- Received surveillance of 1 KIA (C) at grid AT 901 746.
- 14 August - Received surveillance of 2 KIA (C) at grid AT 903 848. Bodies 1-2 weeks old.
- 15 August - B/1/13 displaced from Hill 10 to FSB SIXSHOOTER. Mortar/1/13(-) occupied Bravo's old position at Hill 10. H/3/11 displaced from FSB SIXSHOOTER enroute to LZ ROSS.
- 17 August - Assumed responsibility for counter-rocket OP LOU located at Hill 41.

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- 17 August - Capt. J. A. KELLEHER relieved Capt. W. C. BARTELS as CO, K/4/13
- 28 August - Capt. W. C. BARTELS assumed duties as Arty In Off/FSC at 26th Marines vice Maj. P. C. ENGLISH.
- 29 August - Maj. P. C. ENGLISH assumed duties as XO 1st Bn, 13th Marines

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

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1. Command Chronology for August 1969 for Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines. *f/w 4/13*

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