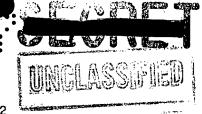
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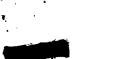
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#### COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

#### 1 AUGUST 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1969

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

#### 1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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#### Commander

LtCol. D. E. GRAGAN
1 August - 31 August

#### SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 1 August - 31 August

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 1 August - 31 August

#### Capt. J. A. KELLEHER 1 August - 11 August Capt. D. A. ARTHUR 12 August - 31 August

Capt. M. POPELKA 1 August - 8 August Capt. D. G. MILLER 9 August - 31 August

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLY

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines 1 August - 31 August

# Capt. W. C. BARTELS 1 August - 16 August Capt. J. A. KELLEHER 17 August - 31 August

#### OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLY

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 3d Battalien, 11th Marines 1 August - 10 August

Battery H, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

10 August - 15 August

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 10 August - 31 August

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 10 August - 31 August

#### 2. LCCATION

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

lstLt. HAGUE 1 August - 10 August

Capt. A. B. BREWIN 10 August - 15 August

Capt. J. BOYER 10 August - 31 August

1stLt J. L. HYEE 10 August - 31 August

Camp Perdue Danang, RVN 1 August - 31 August







Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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

Mortar Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Battery H, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

#### 3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

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Hill 10 (AT 924 690)
Danang, RVN
10 August - 14 August

FSB SIXSHOOTER (AT 921 737)
Ranang, RVN
15 August - 31 August

Northern Artillery Contonment Danang, RVN 1 August - 31 August

FSB OUTLAW (AT 809858) Danang, RVN 1 August - 13 August

Northern Artillery Contonment Danang, RVN 10 August - 14 August

Hill 10 (AT 924 690) Danang, RVN 15 August - 31 August

Hai Van Pass (AT 944 918) Danang, RVN 10 August - 31 August

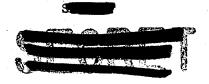
FSB SIXSHOOTER (AT 921 737)
Danang, RMN
10 August - 15 August

Hai Van Pass (AT 944 918) Danang, RVN 1 August - 10 August

An Hoa, RVN 1 August - 24 August

LZ ROSS 25 August - 31 August

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



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

lstLt R. MCKELVEY (1 August - 31 August)

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

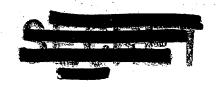
Capt J. A. KELLEHER (1 August - 11 August) 1stLt B. R. HOLMES (12 August - 31 August)

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#### Average Monthly Strength

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#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 August 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued under the operational control of 11th Marines while command less open 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 it's 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 harrassing, interdiction, intelligence and rocket suppression targets. Very few missions were fired in support of operation CAMBELL 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 Mortor 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:

MISSIONS

OBSERVED

UNOBSERVED 2302

TOTAL 2702

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm 20,710

4.2" 3,764

TOTAL 24,474

Results:

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

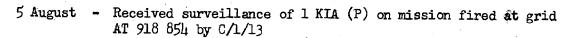
Other: None





#### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVE



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.

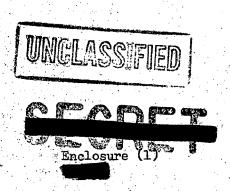
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- 17 August Capt. J. A. KELLEHER refreved Capt. W. C. BARTELS as CO, K/4/13
- 28 August Capt. W. C. BARTELS assumed duties as Arty In Off/FSC at 26th Marines vice Maj. P. C. ENGLISH.
- 29 August Maj. P. C. ENGLISH assumed duties as XO 1st Bn, 13th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





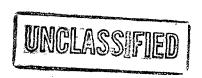


#### PART IV

#### CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

#### AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Command Chronology for August 1969 for Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines. f/w  $\frac{4}{13}$ 



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