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1st Battalion, 13th Marines (-) (REIN)  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 SEPTEMBER 1969 THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 1969

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Enclosure (1)

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Commander

LtCol. D. E. GRAGAN  
 1 Sept. - 5 Sept. 1969  
 LtCol. D. H. STRAIN  
 5 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
 13th Marines  
 1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Capt. D. A. ARTHUR  
 1 Sept. - 11 Sept. 1969  
 Capt. D. J. LUX  
 11 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Capt. D. G. MILLER  
 1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLY

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines  
 1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Capt. J. A. KELLEHER  
 1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLY

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Capt. J. B. CREELE  
 20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

Capt. J. BOYER  
 1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

1stLt. J. L. HYDE  
 1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines  
 20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

1stLt. S. C. DECATEAU  
 20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
 13th Marines

Camp Perdue  
 Danang, RVN  
 1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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

FSB Sixshooter  
 (AT 921 737)  
 20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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

FSB Sixshooter  
(AT 921 737)

1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

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

Northern Artillery Cantonment  
Danang, RVN

1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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

Hill 10

(AT 922 692)

1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

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

Hai Van Pass  
(AT 944 918)

1 Sept. - 21 Sept. 1969

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

Hill 10

(AT 922 692)

20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,  
11th Marines

Hai Van Pass  
(AT 944 918)

20 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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

FSB Ross

(BT 027 343)

1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

### 3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj. P. C. ENGLISH

1 Sept. - 22 Sept. 1969

Maj. C. H. CIUBA

22 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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1stLt. R. E. MOE

1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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1stLt. R. S. MCKELVEY

1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

S-3

Maj. J. M. UPDYKE

1 Sept. - 6 Sept. 1969

Maj. J. C. ATKINS

6 Sept. - 22 Sept. 1969

Maj. P. C. ENGLISH

22 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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1stLt. B. R. HOLMES

1 Sept. - 11 Sept. 1969

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Capt. D. A. ARTHUR  
11 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

1stLt. R. S. MCKELVEY  
1 Sept. - 30 Sept. 1969

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued in direct support of the 26th Marines. Command less opcon was with the Commanding General, 9th MAB while operational control remained with the 11th Marines.

The month of September saw a large turnover of critical personnel within the Battalion. LtCol. D. H. Strain relieved LtCol. D. E. Gragan as Commanding Officer on 5 September. On 6 September Maj. J. C. Atkins relieved Maj. J. M. Updyke as the S-3. Subsequently on the 22nd of September Maj. F. C. English was shifted to the S-3 position when Maj. C. H. Giuba became the Battalion Executive Officer. Maj. Atkins went to the 26th Marines FSCC as the Artillery Liaison Officer.

Several changes of units operationally controlled by the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines were effected. On 21 September Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines relieved Battery "B", and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in place. Battery "B", and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines reembarked as part of SLF Bravo.

Artillery support provided by the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines during September included support of operations in the 26th Marines Area of Operations; counter rocket fire in support of the 11th Marines counter rocket program; defensive fires and fires on targets of opportunity for the Northern Sector Defense Command; and numerous other fires for demonstrations and schools. While the Battalion is credited with only one confirmed kill during the month, intelligence reports indicate that many other kills occurred, but are unconfirmed. Twenty-Sixth Marines spot reports also indicate numerous unconfirmed kills, blood trails, and drag marks resulting from 1st Battalion, 13th Marines artillery fire. On 10 September 1969, an A. O. reported 20 probable NVA KIA by Battery "B", during a mission fired on the night of 9-10 September 1969.

Artillery support provided by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines during September was as follows:

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u> <u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
400	3,458	3,858

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 5 Sept. - LtCol. D. H. Strain relieved LtCol. D. E. Gagan as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (-) (REIN).
- 7 Sept. - One confirmed NVA KIA credited to Battery "C".
- 20 Sept. - Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines chopped to 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.
- 21 Sept. - Battery "B" and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines chopped to 1st Marine Division for simultaneous chop to CTG 79.5.

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AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm

4.2"

TOTAL

18,585

2,901

21,486

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