

HEADQUARTERS

1st Battalion, 13th Marines (REIN)
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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- (1) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force
- (2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force
- (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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D. H. STRAIN

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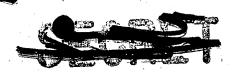
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 OCTOBER 1969 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 13th Marines (REIN)

SUBORD INATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 10ct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Battery "A", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 20 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Battery 'B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 20 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Mortan Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 20 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Commander

LtCol. D. H. STRAIN 1 Oct. = 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. D. J. LUX 11 Oct. - 13 Oct. 1969 1st Lt. B. J. MORTON 13 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. J. B. CREEL 20 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. J. BOYER 20 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. D. G. MILLER 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

1st Lt. J. L. HYDE 20 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLY

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines: 1 Oct. - 20 Oct. 1969

Capt. J. A. KELLEHER 1 Oct. - 15 Oct. 1969 Capt. D. J. LUX 15 Oct. - 20 Oct. 1969

OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLY

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

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. J. B. CREEL 1 Oct. - 20 Oct. 1969

1st Lt. S. C. DECATEAU 1: Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969





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2. LOCATION

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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

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

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

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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

Detachment, Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion 11th Marines

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

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

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Camp Perdue
Danang, RVN
1 Oct. - 30 Oct. 1969
Northern Artillery Cantonment
Danang, RVN
30 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

FSB, Sixshooter (AT 921737) 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Northern Artillery Cantonment Danang, RVN 20 Oct. - 21 Oct. 1969 FSB, Los Banos (AT 833999) 22 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Northern Artillery Cantonment Danang, RVN 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Northern Artillery Cantonment Danang, RVN 20 Oct. - 26 Oct. 1969 FSB, Los Banos (AT 833999) 27 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Hill 10 (AF 922692) 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Hai Van Pass (AT 944918) 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

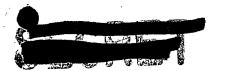
FSB, Ross (BT 027343) 1 Oct. - 20 Oct. 1969

Maj. C. H. CIUBA 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

1st Lt. R. E. MDE 1 Oct. - 5 Oct. 1969



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Artillery Liaison Officer:

4. Average Monthly Strength

1st Lt.	R. S.	MCKELVEY
1 Oct	· 29 00	ct. 1969
2nd Lt.	J_{\bullet} D_{\bullet}	GUYMON
29 Oct.	31 (Oct. 1969

Maj. P. C. ENGLISH 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. D. A. ARTHUR 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

1st Lt. R. S. MCKELVEY 1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

Capt. W. C. BARTELS
1 Oct. - 31 Oct. 1969

	<u>usmc</u>		<u>U:</u>	<u>usn</u>	
	OFF	ENL	off	ENL	
HqBtry,1stBn,13th Marines	115	187	4	5	
Btry"A",1stBn,13th Marines	9	1 41	0	2	
Btry"B",1stBn,13th Marines	8	140	0	2	
Btry"C", 1stBn,13th Marines	9	126	0	1.	
MortarBtry,1stBn,13th Marines	4:	100	0	1:	



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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first twenty days of October, command less opcon remained with the Commanding General, 9th MAB, while operational control was exercised by the 11th Marines. At 2300 on 20 October, 1969, 9th MAB passed command to the 1st Marine Division for simultaneous passage to the 11th Marines. At the same time command of the Battalion was being passed to the 1st Marine Division, SLF "A" and "B" chopped Batteries "A", "B", and Mortars, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines to the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

The Battalion's mission remained the same throughout October, that of direct support of the 26th Marines. Artillery support for both observed and unobserved missions increased with the addition of two batteries of artillery and one battalion of infantry and a corresponding increase in size of the 26th Marines TAOR. To better support the expanded TAOR, a provisional 155mm towed battery (4 guns) was formed with the personnel from Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Equipment was furnished by the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

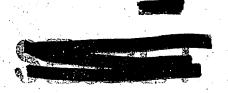
Enemy activity during October was minimal with heavy rain and subsequent flooding hampering all types of movement, friendly and enemy.

The Battalion is credited with only three confirmed kills, one on 1 October, and two on 30 October. All three kills resulted from unobserved fires and were found by patrols several days after their demise. Increased use of sensor devices, NOD's, and elevated observation posts increased the number of missions on personnel in the open; however, surveillence remains difficult to obtain. POW reports continue to stress the effectiveness of artillery and the fear the enemy has of artillery.

Logistics for the early part of the month remained normal; however, the occupation of FSB, Los Banos, by Battery "B" and Mortar Batter, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, presented the challenging problem of transporting ammunition and supplies over 21 miles of mountain roads. Only a partial solution has been found to date, i.e., centralized motor transport dispatching and maintenance with a 24 hour shop and increased emphasis placed on driver maintenance. Continued effort should correct this problem.

On 30 October the Battalion Command Post moved to the Northern Artillery Cantonment (NAC). Lt. Col. D. H. STRAIN, assumed the additional responsibilities as Cantonment Coordinator.

Much work remains to be done at NAC and Los Banos.





PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1	October.	

-Received 1 KIA approximately 2 days old.

13 October

-Lit. B. J. MORTON relieved Capt. D. J. LUX as Headquarters Battery Commander.

21 October

-Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines converted to a Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (towed).

22 October

-Battery 'B" occupied FSB, Los Banos.

27 October

-155mm Provisional Battery (Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines) occupied position on FSB, Los Banos.

29 October.

-2nd Lt. J. C. GUYNON relieved 1st Lt. R. S. MCKELVEY as: S - 2.

30 October

Received 2 KIA approximately 1 week old.

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
departed Camp Perdue and occupied the Northern
Artillery Cantonment.



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MISSIONS FIRED DURING OCTOBER:

OBSERVED	UNOB SERVED	TOTAL
388	4,391	4,779
	AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING OCTOBER	
105mm	4.2" 1:55mm	TOTAL
20,163	5,398 22	25,583

