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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 NOVEMBER 1969 THROUGH 30 NOVEMBER 1969

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1st Battalion, 13th Marines (REIN)

LtCol. D. H. STRAIN  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969SUBORDINATE UNITSHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 19691stLt. B. J. MORTON  
1 Nov. - 17 Nov. 1969  
1stLt. J. L. HYDE  
17 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Battery "A", 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Capt. J. B. CRIEL  
1 Nov. - 26 Nov. 1969  
Capt. J. J. MCNAMARA  
26 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Battery "B", 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Capt. J. BOYER  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Battery "C", 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Capt. D. G. MILLER  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 19691stLt. J. L. HYDE  
1 Nov. - 13 Nov. 1969  
1stLt. J. E. DECKER III  
13 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLYMortar Battery, 1st Battalion  
11th Marines  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 19691stLt. S. C. DECATEAU  
1 Nov. - 1 Nov. 1969  
Capt. H. H. KASOLD  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 19692. LocationHeadquarters, Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th MarinesNorthern Artillery Cantonment  
Danang, RVN  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969Battery "A", 1st Battalion,  
13th MarinesFSB Sixshooter  
(AT 921737)  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969~~SECRET~~

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

FSB Los Banos  
(AT 831999)  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

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

Northern Artillery Contonment  
(AT 921795)  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,  
13th Marines

FSB Los Banos  
(AT 831999)  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

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

Hill 10  
(AT 922692)  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

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

Hai Van Pass  
(AT 944918)  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

### 3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj. C. H. CIUBA  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

S - 1

W-1 J. E. WOODRUFF Jr.  
5 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

S - 2

2dLt. J. D. GUYTON  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

S - 3

Maj. F. C. ENGLISH  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

S - 4

Capt. D. A. ARTHUR  
1 Nov. - 27 Nov. 1969  
Capt. K. R. UPDEGROVE  
27 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

S - 5

1stLt. R. S. MEKELVEY  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

Artillery Liaison Officer

Capt. W. E. BARTELS  
1 Nov. - 30 Nov. 1969

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4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	17	182	5	7
Btry"A", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	140	0	4
Btry"B", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	129	0	3
Btry"C", 1stBn, 13thMar	8	112	0	2
MortarBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	4	101	0	2

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Command of the First Battalion, 13th Marines remained with the 11th Marines for the entire month of November. The Battalion mission remained in direct support of the 26th Marines.

The total number of missions fired by the Battalion was greatly increased over recent months. The primary reason for this is, that November is the first month since May 1968 that 1st Battalion, 13th Marines has had command of all four of its organic firing batteries. In addition to the organic batteries, the Battalion has operational control of Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. Fire control for Battery A and Battery C is centralized in the Battalion FDC. Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines operates its own FDC. Battery B and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines operate a joint FDC on FSB, LOS BANOS. Even though the supported units TAOR covers a 58 mile front all battery positions within the TAOR are mutually supported by other units of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, except FSB, LOS BANOS, which receives its fire support from the U. S. Army's FSB, TOMAHAWK.

Enemy activity during November was minimal. The Battalion is credited with five confirmed enemy KIA and four probables. Numerous blood trails and drag marks indicate a much higher kill ratio. One intelligence report indicated that 124 NVA/VC were killed during a single artillery prep in the vicinity of AT8582.

On 30 November 1969 Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines was privileged to act as host to Major General Ormond R. SIMPSON, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. Major General SIMPSON, fired the 2,000,000th round fired by the 11th Marines during his command. Other distinguished guests during November included Brigadier General C. S. ROBERTSON and Colonel D. D. EZELL.

On 19 November, one of the Marine Corps newest innovations for battle-field surveillance, an Integrated Observation Device (IOD), was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. This IOD is presently located on hill 190 AT897820. Since emplacement of the IOD the weather has severely hampered observation.

Logistic support of FSB, LOS BANOS has greatly improved with experience. The 52 mile round trip from supply depots in DA NANG does, however, place severe strain on organic trucks. This; along with a shortage of motor transport spare parts, brake shoes and starters; has caused an appreciable increase in the motor transport deadline rate.

The rehabilitation of the Northern Artillery Cantonment and FSB, LOS BANOS is progressing quite well. Much work remains to be done.

  
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PART III1. Personnel and Administration

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
a. Losses				
Admin	3	47	0	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle DOW	0	1	0	0
b. Replacements (Joins)	7	62	0	3
c. Net Losses	0	0	0	0
d. Net Gain	4	14	0	3

2. Sequential Listing of Events

05 November - 3 Confirmed KIA and 2 probable KIA.

06 November - Northern Artillery Cantonment visited by Brigadier General C. S. ROBERTSON.

08 November - 2 Probable KIA

10 November - Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Guest of Honor, Brigadier General C. S. ROBERTSON.

19 November - ICD placed on Hill 190.

20 November - 1 Confirmed KIA.

23 November - Northern Artillery Cantonment visited by Brigadier General C. S. ROBERTSON.

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26 November - 1 Confirmed KIA.

30 November - Major General Ormond R. SIMPSON, Commanding General,  
1st Marine Division, fired the 2,000,000th round fired  
by the 11th Marines under his command.

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