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

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Cemmanding Officer

T 📭 Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

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(2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force

(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 DECEMBER 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battelion, 13th Marines (REIN)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalism, 13th Marines 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Battery "A", 1st Battalien, 13th Marines 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

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

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalien, 13th Marines 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLY

Mertar Battery, 1st Battalien, 11th Marines 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

2. Lecation

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalien, 13th Marines

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

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

Commander

LtCel. D. H. STRAIN 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

lstLt. J. L. HYDE 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Capt. J. J. MCNAMARA 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Capt. J. BOYER
1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

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

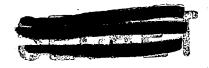
letLt. J. E. DECKER 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Capt. H. H. KASOLD 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Northern Artillery Cantenment
Danang, RVN
1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

FSB Sixshooter (AT 921737) 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

FSB Les Banes (AT 832999) 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969



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

Mertar Battery, 1st Battalien, 13th Marines

Detachment, Mertar Battery, 1st Battalien, 13th Marines

Mertar Battery, 1st Battalien, 11th Marines (-)

Detachment, Mertar Battery, 1st Battalien, 11th Marines

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

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S - 4

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Artillery Liaisen Officer

Northern Artillery Contemment (AT 921795) 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

FSB Les Banes (AT 833999) 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Hill 10 (AT 921692) 4 Dec. - 8 Dec. 1969

Hill 10 (AT 922692) 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Hai Van Pass (AT 944918) 1 Dec - 31 Dec • 1969

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

W-1 J. B. WOODRUFF Jr. 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

2dLt. J. C. L. GUYMON 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

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

Capt K. R. UPDEGROVE 1 Dec. - 19 Dec. 1969 Capt. W. H. CLIMO Jr. 19 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Capt. R. S. MCKELVEY
1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969

Maj. W. C. BARTEIS 1 Dec. - 31 Dec. 1969





4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqBtry, lstBn, 13thMar	21	191	5	6
Btry"A", 1stBn, 13thMar	9	123	0	. 2
Btry"B", lstBn, 13thMer	8	128	0	2
Btry'C", lstBn, 13thMar	9	108	0	1
MertarBtry, 1stBn, 13thWar	5	94	0	2



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MISSIONS

 OBSERVED
 UNOBSERVED
 TOTAL

 386
 6,421
 6,807

ALMUNITION EXPENDED

 105mm
 155mm
 4.2"
 TOTAL

 30,133
 1,793
 7,450
 39,376





PICTURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

The menth of December was considered by G-2 to be a period of extremely high threat of rocket attacks and attacks by fire and sappers. To assist the 26th Marines in countering this threat, rocket suppression fires and interdiction fires on primary infiltration routes were greatly increased. The very limited activity of the enemy during this period tends to indicate that our fire plans were successful.

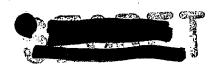
The number of confirmed KTA during December is eleven, an increase of 120% over the month of November. One interesting point is that five of these kills were decayed bedies found in the vicinity of AT 8582. This is the same area where intelligence indicated 124 NVA/VC were killed by artillery in early November.

During December, the 1st Battalien, 13th Marines entertained a number of distinguished guests. On 1 December, Colonel Ralph A. HEYWOOD fired the 600,000th round expended by the 1st Battalien, 13th Marines in support of the 26th Marines in Vietnam. On 6 December, the CG FMFPAC, Lieutenant General H. R. BUSE, visited the Northern Artillery Contemment. On 1% December, Brigadier General C. S. ROMERTSON visited the Northern Artillery Contemment and on 29 December we were privledged to act as host to Major General E. B. WHEELER, the new Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division.

There was one displacement during December. Two 155mm towed howitzers were moved by Mortar Battery, 1st Battalien, 13th Marines from Los Banes to Hill 10 for a period of 5 days to support a deep battalien (-) operation by 1st Battalien, 26th Marines. To support a similar operation of the 3d Battalien, 26th Marines, from 18 December to 24 December, Battery "K", 4th Battalien, 11th Marines was given a general support/reinforcing mission with priority of fires to 1st Battalien, 13th Marines.

The Integrated Observation Device (ICD) on Hill 190 (AT 897820) received two confirmed kills. It was determined that this device could be used for numerous artillery functions other than locating the enemy. Registrations are easily attainable with the ICD. Fire six rounds, average the vertical interval, the distance, and direction; enter the averages into FADAC and compute a grid, then proceed as in a normal mean point of impact registration. With a concurrent met the same procedure slightly refined can be used to calibrate. This was done with Battery "C" charge 5, excellent results were achieved.





All hewitzers in the 1st Battalien, 13th Marines were calibrated during December using either the IOD or fall of shot procedures. Hewitzers were then switched to give Battery "A" the long shooters, Battery "B" the short shooters and Battery "C" the intermediate shooters. Special corrections are being applied to improve battery sheafs.

Legistic support of FSB, LCS RANCS has ceased to be a problem. Added experience by motor transport mechanics has largely eliminated mechanical problems and the lat Battalien, 13th Marines new enjoys the lowest deadline rate in the 11th Marines.

	M	SSIONS	•
OBSERVED	UNOBSERVED		TOTAL
532	6,327		6,859
	AMMUN II	ION EXPENDED	
105mm	155mm	<u>4.2"</u>	TOPAL
30,823	2,213	7,563	40,599





- 18 December Battery "K", 4th Battalien, 11th Marines general support/ reinforcing with priority of fires to 1st Battalien, 13th Marines.
- 18-22 December Calibration of all 105mm howitzer batteries.
- 22 December 1 Confirmed KTA by IOD with 3d 8" Hewitzer Battery firing.
- 25 December Christmas cease fire.
- 25 December Released Battery "K", 4th Battalien, 11th Marines.
- 26 December 3 Decayed bedies killed by artillery found by "L", 3/26 at (AT 8582).
- 27 December 2 Decayed bedies killed by artillery found by "L", 3/26 at (AT 8582).
- 29 Becember Northern Artillery Contament visited by Major General E. B. WHEELER, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.





PART III

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION AND SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS

1. Persennel and Administration

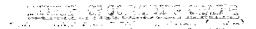
		USMC		USN	
a .	Lesses	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	Admin	2	89	0	Ö
	Battle KIA	0	0	0	. 0
	Battle WIA (Evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle WIA (Nen-Evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
	Battle DOW	0	0	0	. 0
	Nen-Battle DOW	. 0	1	0	0
b .	Replacements (Jeins)	5	17	0	0
c.	Net Lesses	0	73	0	0
d.	Net Gains	3	0	0	0

2. Sequential Listing of Events

- 01 December Celemel Ralph A. HEYWOOD fired the 600,000th round fired by 1st Battalien, 13th Marines in Vietnam, in support of 26th Marines.
- 04 December Mertar Battery, 1/13 displaced 2 155mm hewitzers to Hill 10.
- 06 December Northern Artillery Contemment visited by Lieutenant General H. R. BUSE, Jr., Commanding General, FMFPAC.
- 08 December Mertar Battery, 1/13 returned to LOS BANOS from Hill 10.
- 10 December 4 Confirmed KIA by Battery "B".
- 14 December 1 Confirmed KIA by IOD with Battery "C" firing.
- 17 December Northern Artillery Contonment visited by Brigadier General C. S. ROBERTSON.



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