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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JANUARY 1970 TO 31 JANUARY 1970

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1st Battalion, 13th Marines (REIN)

COMMANDERLtCol. D. H. STRAIN
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970SUBORDINATE UNITSHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 19701stLt. J. L. HYDE
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Battery "A", 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Capt. J. J. MCNAMARA
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Battery "B", 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Capt. J. BOYER
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Battery "C", 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Capt. D. G. MILLER
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 19701stLt. J. E. DECKER
1 Jan. - 27 Jan. 1970
1stLt. R. F. ITNYRE
27 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLYMortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
11th Marines
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Capt. H. H. KASOLD
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 19702. LOCATIONHeadquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesNorthern Artillery Cantonment
Danang, RVN
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Battery "A", 1st Battalion,
13th MarinesFSB SIXSHOOTER
(AT 921737)
1 Jan. - 27 Jan. 1970
Hill 10
(AT 922692)
27 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970**SECRET**

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

FSB LOS BANOS
(AT 832999)
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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

Northern Artillery Cantonment
(AT 921795)
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

FSB LOS BANOS
(AT 833999)
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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

Hill 10
(AT 921692)
1 Jan. - 27 Jan. 1970
Hill 270
(AT 865681)
27 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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

Hai Van Pass
(AT 944918)
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. C. H. CIUBA
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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WO. J. E. WOODRUFF, Jr.
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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2dLt. J. C. L. GUYMON
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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Maj. P. C. ENGLISH
1 Jan. - 25 Jan. 1970
Capt. W. H. CLIMO
25 Jan. - 29 Jan. 1970
Capt. K. R. UPDEGROVE
29 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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Capt. W. H. CLIMO
1 Jan. - 25 Jan. 1970
1stLt. J. M. BEARD
25 Jan. - 30 Jan. 1970
Capt. W. R. OTTO
30 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970

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Artillery Liaison Officer

Capt. R. S. MCKELVEY
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 1970Maj. W. C. BARTELS
1 Jan. - 31 Jan. 19704. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Hq Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	14	173	5	5
Btry "A", 1st Bn, 13th Mar	7	106	0	2
Btry "B", 1st Bn, 13th Mar	8	108	0	3
Btry "C", 1st Bn, 13th Mar	8	105	0	1
Mort Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	4	80	0	2

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command of the First Battalion, 13th Marines remained with the 11th Marines for the entire month of January. Operational control of Mortar Battery, First Battalion, 11th Marines remained with the Battalion. The Battalion mission remained as direct support of the 26th Marines.

Support to the 26th Marines was provided throughout the expanse of the AO and took the form of several varied roles. In addition to fires provided to units in contact; grid saturations, prep fires, counter rocket fires, rice denials, support of CAP's, base camp saturation, and intelligence targets were rapidly and accurately shot.

The number of confirmed enemy kills totaled 14 for the month. Numerous enemy units were fired upon with success but a variety of reasons prevented an accurate surveillance of the Battalion's fires. On several occasions, blood trails were found as a result of the aforementioned fires. All indications point to much higher casualties among the enemy.

Distinguished visitors for the month included Lieutenant General BUSE; Commanding General, FMFPac; Lieutenant General NICKERSON; Commanding General, III MAF; and Major General WHEELER; Commanding General, 1st Marine Division on 7 January. The purpose of this visit was to present the Battalion with the Meritorious Unit Commendation. On 23 January, Brigadier General ROBERTSON, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division, and Brigadier General DOEHLER, prospective Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division, inspected the Northern Artillery Cantonment prior to Brigadier General ROBERTSON departing RVN. On 27 January Brigadier General ROBERTSON paid his final visit to the Northern Artillery Cantonment. On 31 January, Major General WHEELER visited the Northern Artillery Cantonment to inspect the Cantonment defensive measures.

On 27 January FSB SIXSHOOTER was closed, and Battery A displaced to a position on Hill 10. On the same day, the three tubes of Mortar Battery, First Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from Hill 10 to a new position on Hill 270. Both moves should add depth and versatility to supporting fires for the 26th Marines.

Logistic problems facing the Battalion in support of widely dispersed positions was held to a minimum. Motor transport assets were available in sufficient quantity to accomplish the necessary resupply mission. First Battalion, 13th Marines continues to enjoy one of the lowest deadline rates in the 11th Marines.

~~SECRET~~PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 01 January - Observed New Years cease fire until 1800H.
- 07 January - Northern Artillery Cantonment visited by Lieutenant General BUSE; Lieutenant General NICKERSON; and Major General WHEELER to present the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Battalion for service in 1968.
- 09 January - 2 Confirmed KIA by Battery "C".
- 11 January - 2 Confirmed KIA by Battery "C".
- 12 January - 10 Confirmed KIA by Battery "C".
- 19-21 January - The Battalion successfully stands annual CMMI's.
- 23 January - Northern Artillery Cantonment visited by Brigadier General ROBERTSON and Brigadier General DOEHLER.
- 25 January - Major ENGLISH relieved as S-3 by Captain CLIMO.
- 27 January - Northern Artillery Cantonment visited by Brigadier General ROBERTSON.
- 27 January - FSB SIXSHOOTER closed. Battery "A" displaces to Hill 10. Three tubes from Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines displaces from Hill 10 to Hill 270.
- 28 January - Initial Phase III redeployment personnel board ship for return to CONUS.
- 29 January - Captain CLIMO relieved as S-3 by Captain UPDEGROVE.
- 31 January - Northern Artillery Cantonment visited by Major General WHEELER.

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MISSIONSUNOBSERVED

7,009

TOTAL

7,525

AMMUNITION EXPENDED105mm

30,265

155mm

3,017

4.2"

7,295

TOTAL

40,577

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PICTURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER



Enclosure (2)