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Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 13th Marines (REIN)

COMMANDER

LtCol. D. H. STRAIN
1 Feb. - 19 Feb. 1970
LtCol. H. SCHOFIELD
20 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

1stLt. J. L. HYDE
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Battery A, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Capt. J. J. MCNAMARA
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Battery B, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Feb. - 15 Feb. 1970

Capt. J. BOYER
1 Feb. - 15 Feb. 1970

Battery C, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Capt. D. G. MILLER
1 Feb. - 5 Feb. 1970
1stLt C. J. HEANEY
6 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

1stLt. ITNYRE
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLY

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
11th Marines
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Capt. H. H. KASOLD
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLY

Battery B, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines
16 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Capt. J. BOYER
16 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

2. LOCATION

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Northern Artillery Cantonment
Danang, RVN
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Battery A, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Hill 10
(AT 923691)
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Battery B, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

FSB Los Banos
(AT 832999)
1 Feb. - 14 Feb. 1970
Northern Artillery Cantonment
Danang, RVN
15 Feb. 1970
Hill 65
(AT 880579)
16 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Battery C, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

Northern Artillery Cantonment
(AT 921795)
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion,
13th Marines

FSB Los Banos
(AT 833999)
1 Feb. - 14 Feb. 1970
Northern Artillery Cantonment
Danang, RVN
15 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

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

Hill 270
(AT 865681)
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

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

Hai Van Pass
(AT 944918)
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. C. H. CIUBA
1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

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WO. J. E. WOODRUFF, JR.
1 Feb. - 11 Feb. 1970
WO. R. A. CASTERLINE
12 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

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2dLt. J. C. L. GUYMON

1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

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Capt. K. R. UPDEGROVE

1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

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Capt. W. R. OTTO

1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

Artillery Liaison Officer

Maj. W. C. BARTELS

1 Feb. - 28 Feb. 1970

4. 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	16	157	3	5
Btry A, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	6	98	0	2
Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	7	100	0	2
Btry C, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	7	103	0	2
Mort Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	4	77	0	2

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command of the First Battalion, 13th Marines remained with the 11th Marines for the month of February. Operational control of Mortar Battery, First Battalion, 11th Marines remained with the Battalion. Operational control of Battery B was passed to Second Battalion, 11th Marines on 16 February and remained with that Battalion through the end of the month. The Battalion mission remained as direct support of the 26th Marines.

Imaginative support was provided to the 26th Marines throughout the expanse of their AO, the largest in the 1st Marine Division. On several occasions, both 105mm and 155mm howitzers displaced to forward positions to execute swift assaults by fire on enemy positions difficult to attack from the Battalion's built up fire bases and cantonments. These assaults were of a few hours duration. In addition to fires provided for units in contact; grid saturations, prep fires, counter rocket fires, rice denials, support of CAP's, base camp saturations, and intelligence targets were also in the Battalion's scheme of support.

The number of confirmed enemy kills totaled 53 for the month, the largest number in several months. In addition, 3 enemy bodies approximately one month old were found on 10 February. Wounds on the 3 indicated their demise was attributable to artillery. This elevated total can be traced to the success of the Integrated Observation Device strategically placed in the AO and manned by vigilant artillerymen. This total does not include the numerous occasions when a variety of reasons prevented accurate surveillance on targets just attacked by artillery. Numerous blood trails and drag marks indicate a higher mortality among the enemy.

On 15 February FSB Los Banos reverted to U. S. Army control. Battery B and Mortar Battery, First Battalion, 13th Marines (155mm Towed) displaced to the Northern Artillery Cantonment for further missions. Battery B displaced to Hill 65 the following day to assist in an operation in that vicinity. These displacements strengthened the artillery capability in the immediate Danang Vital Area.

On 18 February Colonel D. D. EZELL, Commanding Officer, 11th Marines visited the Northern Artillery Cantonment to fire the 700,000th round in support of the 26th Marines. On 20 February, Major General WHEELER, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited the Northern Artillery Cantonment to participate in ceremonies to observe the change of command of the Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel D. H. STRAIN was relieved by Lieutenant Colonel H. SCHOFIELD.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 05 February - Observed Tet cease fire from 051800H until 061800H.
- 14 February - 13 Confirmed KIA by Battery A and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 15 February - Battery B and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (155mm Towed) displaced from FSB Los Banos to Northern Artillery Cantonment. FSB Los Banos reverted to OPCON 101st Division (ABN).
- 16 February - Battery B displaced to Hill 65 with OPCON passed to 2d Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 16 February - 12 Confirmed KIA by Battery A and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 18 February - Fired 700,000th round in support of 26th Marines. Colonel D. D. EZELL, Commanding Officer, 11th Marines visited Northern Artillery Cantonment for ceremonies.
- 20 February - Lieutenant Colonel STRAIN relieved as Battalion Commander by Lieutenant Colonel SCHOFIELD. Major General WHEELER, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited Northern Artillery Cantonment for ceremonies.
- 21 February - 2 Confirmed KIA by Battery A and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 25 February - 5 Confirmed KIA by Battery A and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 27 February - 21 Confirmed KIA by Battery A and Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

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Logistic problems facing the Battalion were reduced by the closing of FSB Los Banos, thus alleviating the necessity of long resupply runs over the treacherous Hai Van Pass. This Battalion continues to enjoy one of the lowest deadline rates of all combat essential items in the 11th Marines.

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6,625

TOTAL

6,943

AMMUNITION EXPENDED105mm

29,022

155mm

2,693

4.2"

6,970

TOTAL

38,685

PICTURE OF COMMANDING OFFICER



Enclosure (2)