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2nd Battalion, 13th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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1 Jun 1968  
Ser: 0025-68

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein)  
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology, period of 1-31 May 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1968

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PART I  
Organizational Data

1. DesignationCommanders

2nd Battalion, 13th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

LtCol Rhys J. PHILLIPS  
056654 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Subordinate Units

Headquarters Battery

Capt Harris H. DINKINS  
088250 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Battery "D"

Capt Conrad L. KINSEY  
090182 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Battery "E"

Capt John J. READ  
083627 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Battery "F"

Capt Robert W. SAUM  
089672 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Mortar Battery

1stLt LeRoy E. BLESSING  
096187 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

2. Location

Headquarters Battery	1-31 May	Danang	AT 990714
Battery "D"	1-16 May	Danang	AT 988714
Battery "D"	17-31 May	Danang	AT 924538
Battery "E"	1-31 May	Danang	AT 012626
Battery "F"	1-31 May	Danang	AT 070656
Mortar Battery (Rear)	1-31 May	Danang	AT 990675

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj Walter F. DUNN  
060077 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt William A. HOLT  
096985 0130  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

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Personnel Officer

1stLt William A. HOLT  
096985 0130  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

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1stLt Jeffrey D. DAVIS  
094243 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

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Maj John A. HAMILTON  
061270 0802  
(1 May - 10 May 1968)

Maj Harold R. McSWEENEY  
073949 0802  
(11 May - 31 May 1968)

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Maj Wayne LEWIS  
063979 0802  
(1 May - 10 May 1968)

Capt William J. ODLE  
084962 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Liaison Officer

Maj Harold R. McSWEENEY  
073949 0802  
(1 May - 10 May 1968)

Maj Wayne LEWIS  
063979 0802  
(11 May - 31 May 1968)

Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt (JG) Wynne A. STEVENS  
691003 1100  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Medical Officer

Lt James A. NEIDHART  
719950 2105  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Motor Transport Officer

Warrant Officer John W. BURKE  
098452 3510  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

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Capt Billy L. WHITLEY  
067932 0802  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

Supply Officer

1stLt Ralph D. MEECE  
097398 3010  
(1 May - 31 May 1968)

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Ordnance Officer

Warrant Officer Edward C. SIMMONS  
 099345 2020  
 (1 May - 31 May 1968)

Communications Officer

1stLt John F. DWINELL  
 0101023 2502  
 (1 May - 31 May 1968)

Metro/Survey Officer

Warrant Officer Robert J. MOCNY  
 087113 0803  
 (1 May - 31 May 1968)

Sergeant Major

Sergeant Major Rollance A. VERKENNIS  
 277197 9999  
 (1 May - 31 May 1968)

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>
	<u>Officers</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
May	39              571

	<u>USN</u>
	<u>Officers</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
	4              10

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## PART II

Narrative Summary

The 2nd Bn, 13th Marines during this reporting period has continued to give artillery support to units in the Danang area. During much of this period, however, the Battalion has also supported units not in the immediate area. Delta X-Ray consisting of 2 105mm howitzers from Battery "D" 2/13 supported CIDG and Special Forces units located in the Ngok Tavak area until 10 May when the position was attacked by numerically superior VC/NVA forces causing the position to be ordered abandoned which necessitated rendering the howitzers inoperable. Mortar Battery 2/13 (-) became OPCON of 2/13 when it was chopped from 1st FAG after having supported units in the vicinity of Phu Bai and the Hai Van pass for approximately 1 1/2 months. On 27 May, 2 4.2 inch mortars became OPCON 1st Bn, 13th Marines. On 17 May Battery "D" displaced to the vicinity of Liberty Bridge to support units on Operation Allen Brook. Battery "E" 2/13 has also fired in support of Operation Allen Brook, firing from its present position.

During the month of May, the 2nd Bn, 13th Marines assumed OPCON of Battery "F" 2/11, Battery "C" 1/13 and "Whiskey Tango" 3/11 (4 155mm howitzers towed). Battery "C" 1/13 was displaced by helicopter from Hill 55 to its present position in the vicinity of An Hoa on 27 May.

Attacks on 2/13 units occurred on 5, 6, 8 and 22 May. Battery "E" received 15 82mm mortar rounds on 5 May resulting in 3 WIA; 30-35 rounds 81 or 82mm mortar resulting in 1 KIA on 6 May; and 7 122mm rockets on 22 May resulting in 1 KIA and 5 WIA. Headquarters and Battery "D" received approximately 25 122mm rockets on 8 May resulting in 2 WIA, 2 generators destroyed, and minor structural damage.

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## PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

050251H 2/27 & Btry "E" received 15 82mm mortars resulting in 3 WIA

060427H Btry "E" received 30 - 35 rounds 81 or 82 mm mortars resulting in 1 USMC KIA

080107H Hq Btry & "D" Btry received 25 - 30 122mm rockets, results: 1 structure slight damage, 2 USMC WIA, generator took direct hit, destroyed

091340H Rocket survey team, 2/13 observed 2 enemy 997664, fired small arms, resulted 1 VC KIA & 1 .45 cal pistol captured

100330H "D" Btry located at NGOK TAYAK under mortar, B-40 rocket and ground attack. "D" Btry ordered to abandon position. Rendered their two 105mm howitzers inoperable. "D" Btry suffered 13 KIA and 20 WIA. 22 VC/NVA KIA: Ref: Appendix 1 to Part IV to S-1 Journal (Meritorious Unit Commendation, recommendation for)

131145H "E" Btry relayed on azimuth 3400 in support of Operation Allen Brook

141700H Delta's two 105's rendered inoperable at NGOK TAYAK have been replaced

170900H "D" Btry displaced to grid AT 924538 in support of Operation Allen Brook

171200H Assumed OPCON/ADCON of Mortar Btry (-) 2/13 from 1st FAG

171200H Assumed OPCON of F/2/11

220215H Btry "E" received 7 122mm rockets, resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 5 USMC WIA

241355H Btry "D" had fire in gun pit not as a result of hostile firing, no casualties, 1 gun damaged

270730H Chop 2 M-30 mortars from Mortar Btry 2/13 to OPCON 1st Bn, 13th Marines

270800H Assumed OPCON of C/1/13  
Ref: Appendix 1 to Part IV to S-3 Journal (Op Order 2-68)

270900H Assumed OPCON of four 155 How TD from 3/11

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During the reporting period, the Battalion had the following personnel changes:

## LOSSES:

Administrative	3 Off 8 Enl
Battle KIA	15 USMC Enl
Battle WIA (Evac)	18 USMC Enl, 1 USMC Officer
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	13 USMC Enl, 2 USMC Officer
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	1 USN Enl
Non-Battle WIA (Evac)	1 USMC Enl
Non-Battle KIA	1 USMC Enl

## GAINS:

	USMC		NAVY	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Replacements	1	4	1	0
Net Loss	3	39		
Net Gain			1	0

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## PART IV

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From 0001 1 May 68 to  
2400 31 May 68Date Time GroupIncident

041400H	Commenced helio lift from Kham Duc of Delta X-Ray to Ngok Tavak.
041700H	Helio lift secured. Lifted in two 105mm How, one M-37, five days MCI, Comm equipment, Class V and 22 personnel, (Total 78000 Pounds).
060300H	Btry E sustained damage to one M35A2C and two MRC-109's due to 82mm mortars. The M35A2C was evacuated to 3rd echelon maintenance. One MRC-109 repaired in place and one evacuated to Bn for 2nd echelon maintenance.
080105H	HQ Btry and Btry D received nine 122mm rocket rounds. Two PU482 engine generators destroyed due to rocket hit and resulting fuel fire. One generator belonged to 7th Comm. Bn. Both generators will be evacuated to 3rd echelon maintenance.
080430H	S-4 contacted MCB Duty Officer requesting a generator on temporary loan and emergency assistance to rewire generator bank.
100240H	Delta X-Ray position under heavy attack from four directions.
100900H	All equipment located at Delta X-Ray destroyed.
101130H	Ngok Tavak evacuated. Thirteen members of Delta X-Ray are walking out as helo evacuation cannot be made.
101200H	Air strike on Delta X-Ray position at Ngok Tavak to ensure all equipment destroyed.
130800H	Two 105mm Howitzers requisitioned to replace two destroyed at Ngok Tavak.
141300H	Received two 105mm Howitzers to replace two destroyed.
241355H	Btry D reported a fire in their ammo pit.
241404H	Btry D out of action due to exploding ammo
241640H	Btry D back in action with five tubes up. One How. condition coded beyond 4th echelon repair.
260900H	Requisitioned one 105mm How to replace one damaged as result of Btry D ammo fire.
270800H	Received one 105mm How to replace one damaged at Btry D.
270800H	C-1-13 (opcon) commenced helicopter lift to An Hoa.
271330H	One 105mm How dropped from 5000 feet when sling broke during helicopter lift of C-1-13.

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From 0001 1 May 68 to  
2400 31 May 68

Date Time Group

271800H  
281600H

105mm How recovered by Bn Embark Officer.  
Damaged 105mm How conditioned coded "H" and  
replaced. Rebuilt 105mm How delivered to hill  
55 for C-1-13

290930H  
292230H

C-1-13 helicopeter lift completed.  
Helicopter crashed in Whiskey Forward position.  
Unknown damage at this time.

301000H

Limited information from Whiskey Forward  
indicates following damage: three M16 rifles,  
one RC292, one FDC chest and personal equip.  
Two 4.2" M30 Mortars' condition unknown due  
to fires and area being closed.

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Enclosure (1) [REDACTED]

## APPENDIX 1 (Meritorious Unit Commendation), to S-1 JOURNAL

## HEADQUARTERS

2nd Battalion, 13th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

1/VAH/wah  
1650  
25 May 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DL)  
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 11th Marines  
(2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
(3) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(4) Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
(5) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
(6) Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Subj: Meritorious Unit Commendation; recommendation for

Ref: (a) FMFPacO P1650.1B

Encl: (1) Copy of CG, 1stMarDiv Msg 140635Z/May68  
(2) Proposed Citation  
(3) Roster of personnel participating in the defense of NGOK TAVAK

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), it is recommended that the Detachment (Reinforced) of Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, consisting of one officer and forty-three enlisted men, be awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for valorous achievement against Communist insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 May 1968.

2. The following pertinent background and facts form the basis for recommending and justifying the presentation of a Meritorious Unit Commendation for those personnel assigned to the Detachment (Rein) of Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines, 1st Marine Division who were assigned the mission of providing direct support artillery for the U. S. Army 5th Special Forces Camp located at NGOK TAVAK (YC 964009).

a. On 16 April 1968, this command received an alerting order to be prepared to move two 105mm howitzers, with sufficient personnel, ammunition and supplies to provide artillery support for the U. S. Army 5th Special Forces Camp located at NGOK TAVAK.

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1/NAH/wah  
1650  
25 May 1968

b. On 4 May 1968, the Detachment (Reinforced) completed the displacement and were in position and prepared to fire supporting fires.

c. During the early morning hours on 10 May 1968 enemy forces attacked the NGOK TAVAK Camp with B-40 rockets, mortars, grenades and small arms fire, breaching the wire at 0330. During the course of the ensuing action, the cannoneers assisted in the defense utilizing direct 105mm howitzer fire, crew served weapons and small arms fire. Although attacked by numerically superior VC/NVA forces, the detachment inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy forces. At 0800 a medical evacuation was made under cover of direct artillery fire. After all available howitzer ammunition was expended, the cannoneers spiked the howitzers with thermite grenades to ensure that the enemy could not make use of them. When orders were received to evacuate the camp, the surviving artillerymen (a total of 13 enlisted, 3 of which were later treated for wounds), accompanied by other forces, successfully escaped and evaded toward KHAM DUC (ZC 000075) until extracted by helicopter from an emergency landing zone. Enclosure (1) contains additional comments and facts which were received from the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

d. The detachment sustained the following losses during the course of the battle:

- (1) Killed in action: 13
- (2) Wounded in action (Evacuated): 18
- (3) Wounded in action (Not evacuated): 2

e. Exact enemy losses are not known; however, they are believed to be high. Actual enemy body count in proximity to the position totaled 22.

2. Enclosure (2) is submitted as a proposed citation for the Meritorious Unit Commendation to be awarded to those members of Detachment (Reinforced), Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, listed in enclosure (3).

R. J. PHILLIPS

R 140635Z MAY 68  
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 TO ELEVENTH MARINES  
 INFO FIRST MARDIV ADCON/OPCON  
 BT  
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1. THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DETACHMENT OF BATTERY D, 2D BN, 13TH MARINES WHO INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR VC/NVA FORCES ATTACKING NGOK TAVAK ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL MARINE UNITS IN VIETNAM.

2. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 10 MAY ENEMY FORCES ATTACKED THE NGOK TAVAK CAMP WITH B-40 ROCKETS, MORTARS, GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS BREACHING THE OUTER WIRE AT 0330. THE CANNONEERS ASSISTED IN THE DEFENSE WITH DIRECT 105MM HOWITZER, CSW, AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. A MEDEVAC WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT 0800 UNDER COVER OF DIRECT 105MM HOWITZER FIRE. AFTER ALL 105MM AMMUNITION WAS EXPENDED THE TWO HOWITZERS WERE SPIKED WITH THERMITE GRENADES. WHEN THE CAMP WAS ABANDONED THE SURVIVING ARTILLERYMEN, ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER FORCES, SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED AND EVADED TOWARD KHAN DUC UNTIL EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER FROM EMERGENCY LZ.

3. MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN OF BTRY D, 2D BN, 13TH MAR WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION. THEIR INDOMITABLE SPIRIT, MILITARY SKILL AND THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE UNDER EXTREMELY ADVERSE CONDITIONS ARE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS. MAJ GEN ROBERTSON SENDS.

BT

TOR: 150941Z/TT/TM/K DTG: 140635Z MAY 68

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Unit Commendation to

Detachment (Rein), Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines

For services as set forth in the following

PROPOSED CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against enemy Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces during the defense of NGOK TAVAK on 10 May 1968. A detachment (Reinforced) of Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, consisting of one officer and forty-three enlisted men was tasked with the mission of providing artillery support to the CIDG camp known as NGOK TAVAK. While providing this support to a mixed force of U. S. Army Special Forces and Vietnamese irregulars, the Detachment's defensive position came under attack by numerically superior enemy forces at 0330 on 10 May 1968. Employing an intense mortar barrage, grenades, and heavy small arms fire, the enemy breached the outer wire in two places. The main assault was directed against the two howitzers within the Detachment's defensive area. Although seriously depleted by heavy casualties including the detachment commander and the platoon sergeant, the gallant men of the detachment employed grenades, crew served weapons, and small arms fire in preventing the enemy from destroying or capturing the howitzers. Time and again the enemy attacked the small defensive perimeter which the members of Battery "D" had formed around their guns. Each time they were contained with several of the enemy being killed within the position itself. Manning the 4.2" mortar, 81mm mortar and .30 caliber machine gun belonging to the Special Forces Detachment, they inflicted devastating damage on the infiltrating forces, resulting in twenty-two confirmed enemy dead. At 0800 on 10 May 1968, the wounded were evacuated by helicopter under cover of direct fire by the Detachment's howitzers. In the process of attempting to evacuate the dead and wounded two helicopters were shot down by the enemy who were still in very close proximity to the defensive perimeter. After expending all artillery ammunition, the howitzers were rendered inoperative with thermite grenades. When ordered to abandon their position, the survivors of the Detachment successfully evacuated the position under direct observation and fire by the enemy. Accompanied by other forces they marched for six hours through dense, enemy-infested jungle until successfully extracted by helicopter. During the helicopter evacuation, members of the Detachment voluntarily remained on the ground to provide security until the rest of the survivors had been extracted and the last helicopter was ready to depart.

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By their effective teamwork, aggressive fighting spirit and individual acts of heroism and daring, the artillerymen of Delta Detachment achieved an illustrious record of courage and skill in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The bronze letter "V" is authorized.

Secretary of the Navy

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Roster of members of Detachment (Rein), Battery "D", 2nd Battalion,  
13th Marines participating in defense of NGOK TAVAK

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICENO/MOS</u>	<u>COMP</u>
ADAMS, Robert L.	1stLt	093841/0802	USMC
SCHRIVER, Thomas C.	SSgt	1955673/0811	USMC(Deceased)
FADE, Harry L.	Sgt	2080350/0811	USMC
MATYE, Roger T.	Sgt	2108297/0811	USMC
REESE, Gary W.	Sgt	2113248/0848	USMC
DULUDE, Phillip L. Jr.	Cpl	2220839/0811	USMC
KING, Gerald E.	Cpl	2261038/0811	USMC(Deceased)
MARSCHANG, Johnny L.	Cpl	2284493/0811	USMC
SCHUNCK, Henry M.	Cpl	2248186/0811	USMC
SCUGLIK, Raymond	Cpl	2162137/3371	USMC
BREWSTER, Richard E.	LCpl	2220547/0811	USMC
BROWN, William T.	LCpl	2246464/0844	USMC
CONKLIN, Richard F.	LCpl	2251197/0811	USMC
COOK, Joseph F.	LCpl	2328155/0811	USMC(Deceased)
FRITSCH, Thomas W.	LCpl	2239438/2531	USMC(Deceased)
FUENTES, David P.	LCpl	2276267/0811	USMC
GARLITZ, James E. II	LCpl	2391074/0811	USMC
HEYNE, Raymond T.	LCpl	2260312/0811	USMC(Deceased)
MITCHELL, Donald W.	LCpl	2226132/2531	USMC(Deceased)
SARGENT, James R.	LCpl	2230116/0811	USMC(Deceased)
SCOTT, Dell R.	LCpl	2233859/0844	USMC
SKIDMORE, Verle J.	LCpl	2222495/0811	USMC(Deceased)
SNOWDEN, Benjamin W.	LCpl	2311804/3531	USMC
VASQUEZ, George A.	LCpl	2238414/0811	USMC
BARR, Garland G.	PFC	2389873/0844	USMC
BLACKMAN, Thomas J.	PFC	2398632/0844	USMC(Deceased)
BRODEUR, Claude E.	PFC	2391318/0844	USMC
CZERWONKA, Paul S.	PFC	2266484/0811	USMC(Deceased)
DELOSSANTOS, Daniel	PFC	2415685/2531	USMC
HEMPER, Barry L.	PFC	2388150/0844	USMC(Deceased)
HOLT, William H.	PFC	2264521/0811	USMC
LOMAN, William H. Jr.	PFC	2131053/0811	USMC
LOPEZ, Robert C.	PFC	2404410/0811	USMC(Deceased)
MCGONIGLE, William D.	PFC	2361390/0811	USMC(Deceased)
MOORE, Michael D.	PFC	2351981/0811	USMC
PARRETT, Roger D.	PFC	2382202/0811	USMC
POWER, James L.	PFC	2207373/2131	USMC
REEDER, Charles C.	PFC	2386778/0846	USMC
SMITH, Michael D.	PFC	2388094/0844	USMC
SWENARSKI, Paul J.	PFC	2382132/2511	USMC
WHISMAN, Gene S.	PFC	2291099/0811	USMC
ROGERS, Robert M.	Pvt	2308686/2531	USMC
ROSE, Kenneth G.	Pvt	2361139/0811	USMC
THOMAS, Scott W.	HM3	B100077/8404	USN

## APPENDIX I (Operation Order 2-68) to S-3 JOURNAL

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 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines  
 DANANG, VIETNAM  
 262300 May 1968

## Operation Order 2-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014, Sheets 6640 I, 6640 II, 6640 III, 6640 IV, 6540 I, 6540 II

Time Zone: Hotel

## 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces - See current intelligence summaries.
- b. Friendly Forces - USMC and ARVN units located in the vicinity of An Hoa.
- c. Attachments and Detachments - none.

## 2. MISSION

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in direct support of 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

## 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation - At 270800H Battery "C" 1/13 chops to 2/13 and will helilift from present position to vicinity of AT 374474 An Hoa artillery complex. Once in position, provide direct support artillery fires to 1/26 and reinforcing fires as directed.
- b. Coordinating Instructions
  - (1) Helilift to commence at 270800H from LSA Hill 55.
  - (2) Firing Chart:
    - (a) 1:25,000 Grid Sheets
    - (b) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014, Sheets 6640 I, 6640 II, 6640 III, 6640 IV, 6540 I, 6540 II
  - (3) Registration: Unrestricted except as limited by fire mission clearance restriction. No registration points are designated.
  - (4) Meteorological Data: Will be furnished as available by 2/13.
  - (5) Target number allocation and designation: Target designation FC, for number allocation see Annex E to this order.
  - (6) Fire Mission Clearance:
    - (a) Positive clearance will be obtained from 1/26 FSOC prior to firing any mission within assigned Area of Operations.

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- (b) Clearance to fire missions within 500 meters of unit boundaries will be granted by 27th Marines Regimental FSCC.
- (7) Sav-a-Plane: Sav-a-Plane data will be submitted to 1/26 FSCC for passage to 27th Marines Regimental FSCC to obtain designator. Contact missions may be fired without Sav-a-Plane designator when air sentries are posted.
- (8) Firecracker: Firecracker missions will be reported to this headquarters (FIC) prior to firing. All firecracker missions must be observed and an Artillery Supplementary Data Collection Worksheet with Computer Record submitted on each mission fired.
- (9) Firing Reports will be submitted on each mission fired upon completion of mission.
- (10) Make liaison with adjacent artillery units for information on additional required reports.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Administration - As required by parent unit.
- b. Logistics:
  - (1) Two days MCI will be carried.
  - (2) A Rations to be furnished by units presently in position An Hoa Complex.
  - (3) ASR: To be published.
  - (4) Resupply through An Hoa LSA.
  - (5) Class V: Small arms ammunition as required.

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

##### (a) Command Post:

2/13	vic 990714
D 2/13	vic 924538
E 2/13	vic 012626
F 2/13	vic 070656
W 2/13	vic 990675
F 2/14	vic 963609
C 1/13	vic 874474

- (b) Communications and Electronics - See Annex A to this order.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL PHILLIPS

*H. R. McSweeney*

H. R. MCSWEENEY

Major, U. S. Marine Corps

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ANNEXES:

- ✓A - Communications
- ✓B - SOP for Target Designations

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Annex A (Communication) to Operation Order 2-68

Time Zone: Hotel

# 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces - See current intelligence summaries.
- b. Friendly Forces - USMC and ARVN units located in the vicinity of An Hoa.
- c. Attachments and Detachments - None.

# 2. MISSION

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in direct support of 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

# 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation - At 270800H Battery "C", 1/13 chops to 2/13 and will be helilifted from present position to vicinity of AT 674474, An Hoa artillery complex. Once in position, provide direct support artillery fires to 1/26 and reinforcing fires as directed.
- b. Coordinating Instructions
  - (1) At 270800H establish communications with this Bn on M-469.
  - (2) At AT 674474 set up two nets
    - (a) Bn Command Net on M-469
    - (b) "C", 1/13 Conduct of Fire Net on M-762
  - (3) Establish contact with this headquarters on Command Net by relaying through "D", 2/13 or "F", 2/11 if necessary.
  - (4) Establish communications with 1/26 FO's on "C", 1/13 Conduct of Fire Net M-762.
  - (5) Establish wire communications with Division by laying lines to An Hoa switchboard immediately.
  - (6) Administrative traffic will be passed over M-469 and relayed through Rummage Delta or Foxtrot 2/11 if necessary.

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**4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

- a. Initial supply of batteries is 2 cases of BA-386's and 2 cases of BA-30's.
- b. Resupply of batteries will be through the An Hoa LSA.

**5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS**

**a. Command Posts**

2/13	vic 990714
D, 2/13	vic 924538
E, 2/13	vic 012626
F, 2/13	vic 070656
F, 2/11	vic 963609
W, 2/13	vic 990675
C, 1/13	vic 874474

**b. Communications and Electronics - See appendix 1.**

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**APPENDICES:**

- ✓ 1 - Radio Plan and Collisions

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan and Callsigns) to Annex A to Op Order 2-68

	"C" COF M-762	"D" 2/13* COF M-854	BN CMD M-469	BN FD M-162	FSCC COMMON M-689	"F" 2/13 COF M-413	"E" 2/13 COF M-600
2/13		X	C	C	X	X	X
"C" 1/13	C		X				
"D" 2/13		C	X	X			
FO's 1/26 FSCC	X FO's FSCC				X FSCC		
27th FSCC					C		
"F" 2/11			X	X			
"E" 2/13			X	X			C
"F" 2/13				X		C	

X - Guard

C - Net Control Station

\* - Frequency "D", 2/13 is using as Conduct of Fire.

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UNIT  
2/13

CALLSIGN  
Rummage

NET

FREQ.

FREQ. DESIGNATOR

Gmd/fd	(p)	36.85	M-162
	(s)	61.65	M-469
"D" COF		35.95	M-216
"E" COF		68.55	M-600
"F" COF		66.75	M-413
"W" COF		39.65	M-689
FSCC COMMON		55.25	M-854

OP CON UNITS

CALLSIGN

"F", 2/11  
"C", 1/13

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## APPENDIX 2 (Civic Action Achievement) to S-3 JOURNAL

## Leathernecks Help Local Villagers

By Cpl. Jeff Ault

DA NANG—Marines in Vietnam face a complicated proposition in their civic action work. The Vietnamese have their pride, and the Leathernecks have their duty to perform. The object is to help the people to help themselves.

For Loan, a hamlet with a population of 7,000, is a fine example of the "people to people" program. In many instances the Marines have provided building materials and advisors, while the villagers have done the actual construction work by themselves.

In Hoa Hung Village, a 20-bed medical dispensary was constantly being hit at night by the Viet Cong. The enemy soldiers would fire their grenade launchers from a treeline and the high explosive rounds would crash through the roof onto the unsuspecting patients.

The village chieftain asked the men of the 2/13, for assistance in constructing a sand-bagged roof. The 1st Division Leathernecks responded immediately with a supply for

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building materials. The patients are now secure in the knowledge that grenades will no longer rain in on them at night.

"As far as the actual construction work goes," said Lt. James A. Neidhart, MC, USN, (Newton Falls, Ohio), "all we can do is provide materials and show how the work should be done. However, our medical program is another story."

Recently, Neidhart's staff inoculated 700 villagers for typhoid, cholera and plague. The villagers' response was overwhelming. They have requested another visit by the doctor.

The medical staff of the 2nd Bn. holds a regularly scheduled program of medical assistance. Twice a week, the doctor and his hospital corpsmen visit the villagers and treat more than 60 people per trip.

A set of blacksmith's tools were provided by the Leathernecks as a gift to the villagers. The Vietnamese are now able to repair their plows, and other farming implements in their own village.

A scholarship program has been initiated for the Vietnamese children. It is now possible for a child to attend grammar and high school, when previously the financial situation might have prohibited educational opportunity.

The villagers appreciate the assistance their Marine friends are giving them, as evidenced by the fact that increasingly more intelligence information is being relayed to friendly forces.