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(Unclassified upon removal of Encl (1)) 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO San Francisco, California 96602

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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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1 July to 31 July 1968

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PART I
Organizational Data

1. DesignationCommanders

2nd Battalion, 13th Marines 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco, California 96602	LtCol Rhys J. PHILLIPS 056654 0802 (1 July - 31 July 1968)
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Subordinate Units

Headquarters Battery	Capt Roger K. PETERSEN 090892 0802 (1 July - 31 July 1968)
Battery "D"	Capt Conrad L. KINSEY 090182 0802 (1 July - 31 July 1968)
Battery "E"	Capt John J. READ 083627 0802 (1 July - 31 July 1968)
Battery "F"	Capt Harris H. DINKINS 088250 0802 (1 July - 31 July 1968)
Mortar Battery	1stLt Leroy E. BLESSING 096187 0802 (1 July - 31 July 1968)

2. Location

Headquarters Battery	1-31 July	Danang AT 990714
Battery "D"	1-31 July	Danang AT 988714
Battery "E"	1-15 July	Danang AT 924538
Battery "E"	16-31 July	Danang BT 012626
Battery "F"	1-15 July	Danang BT 070656
Battery "F"	15-30 July	Danang AT 924538
Battery "F"	31 July	Danang BT 070656
Mortar Battery	1-15 July	Danang BT 012626
Mortar Battery	16-30 July	Danang BT 070656
Mortar Battery	31 July	Danang AT 990675

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2. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

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

S-1/Adjutant

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

Personnel Officer

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

S-2

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

S-3

Maj Harold R. McSWEENEY
073949 0802
(1 July - 31 July 1968)

S-3A

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

Liaison Officer

Maj Wayne LEWIS
063979 0802
(1 July - 31 July 1968)

Naval Gunfire Officer

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

Medical Officer

Lt Robert E. WORLEY
706847 2105
(1 July - 31 July 1968)

Motor Transport Officer

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

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

Supply Officer

2ndLt Merrit N. CHAPEY IV
0102709 0802
(1 July - 9 July 1968)

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Supply Officer

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

Ordnance Officer

Warrant Officer Edward C. SIMMONS
099345 2020
(1 July - 23 July 1968)

Communications Officer

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

Metro/Survey Officer

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

Sergeant Major

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

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
July	41	538	4	10

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Narrative Summary

During the reporting period, the Second Battalion, Thirteenth Marines continued supporting the 27th Marines, Combined Action Platoons, ARVN forces, and Operation Allenbrook. Instruction of ARVN cannoners was conducted until 22 July when the last class was graduated. Over 180 cannoners were trained in the six-week training program. On 4 July Colonel A. G. SCHWENK, Commanding Officer of the 27th Marines fired the battalion's 100,000th round since arriving in RVN. The 100,001st round was fired by Major General C. A. YOUNGDALE, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.

A total of five battery displacements were accomplished during the month of July without incident. Mining incidents destroyed two trucks and wounded four Marines during the period. On 13 July an M35A2C truck from "E" battery was destroyed resulting in 2 USMC WIA. On 19 July an M35A2C truck from Mortar battery was destroyed, also resulting in 2 USMC WIA. During this reporting period the Battalion accounted for 104 enemy KIA.

On 22 July, two 155mm howitzers (towed) from 4/11 were assigned OPCON to 2/13.

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Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 010900H Commenced ARVN cannoner training program, 4th class.
- 041017H Battalion fired 100,000th round. Lanyard pulled by Colonel A. G. SCHWENK, CO, 27th Marines. (Appendix 2 to Sect "C" of Part IV)
- 041018H Battalion fired 100,001st round. Lanyard pulled by Major General C. A. YOUNGDALE, CG, 1st Marine Division. (Appendix 2 to Sect "C" of Part IV)
- 042000H Battery "E" observed convoy ambushed outside of battery position and fired 218 rounds direct fire.
- 071400H 4th class of ARVN cannoners completed school.
- 080900H Commenced ARVN cannoner training program, 5th class.
- 091650H Displaced 2-105H from Btry "D" to grid BT 012626 laid on azimuth 3200 in support of operation Allenbrook.
- 131230H Btry "E" M35A2C destroyed by a mine.
- 141400H 5th class of ARVN cannoners completed.
- 150900H Commenced ARVN training program, 6th class.
- 160900H Btry "F" displaced from grid BT 070656 to grid AT 921538 (Appendix 1 to Sect "C" of Part IV).
- 160940H Mortar Btry displaced from grid BT 012626 to grid BT 070656 (Appendix 1 to Sect "C" of Part IV).
- 161259H Btry "E" displaced from grid AT 921538 to grid BT 012626 (Appendix 1 to Sect "C" of Part IV).
- 191125H Mortar Btry M35A2C destroyed by a mine.
- 210900H Completed ARVN cannoner training program, 6th class.
- 221400H Assumed OPCON, 2-155H TD from 4/11 at grid AT 921538.
- 222105H Mortar Btry, 2/13 received two rounds of unknown origin or caliber, also 200 rounds small arms fire (no casualties or damage reported)
- 310905H Mortar Btry displaced to grid AT 990675
- 311145H Btry "F", displaced to grid BT 070656
- 311145H Displaced 2-155H (TD) to grid BT 012626

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312359H During the reporting period, the Battalion had the following personnel changes:

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	<u>USMC</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
LOSSES:		
Administrative	5	59
Battle KIA (DOW)		1
Battle WIA (Evac)		8
GAINS:		
Replacements	1	36
Net Loss	4	32

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

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- ✓ 2 (100,000th Round on the Way) to Sect C of Part IV [pic]



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S-1 JOURNAL

3-1, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
 From 010000H Jul to 312400H
 Jul 1968

Date time

<u>group</u>	<u>Incident</u>
010000H	Drop 3 USMC Enl to CONUS
021445H	1 USMC WIA
020000H	Joined 3 USMC Enl from CONUS
030000H	Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS
040000H	Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS
050000H	Drop 1 USMC Enl to CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Enl to USNH Guam
050950H	1 USMC Enl WIA
070000H	Joined 2 USMC Off from CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Off to HqBtry 11thMar
080000H	Joined 1 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS. Drop 4 USMC Enl to 1/11
090000H	Drop 1 USMC Enl to Camp Butler
100000H	Joined 1 USMC Enl from CONUS. Joined 1 USMC Off from Hospital. Drop 2 USMC enl to CONUS
110000H	Joined 2 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS
121230H	1 USMC Enl WIA
130000H	Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS
131020H	2 USMC Enl WIA
140000H	Joined 1 USMC Enl from Hospital. Drop 4 USMC Enl to CONUS
150000H	Drop 1 USMC Enl to 249th Gen Hospital
160000H	Joined 2 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Enl to USNH Guam
170000H	Joined 4 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 4 USMC Enl to CONUS
180810H	1 USMC Enl DOW. Drop 5 USMC enl to CONUS
190000H	Joined 5 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 2 USMC enl to CONUS
191145H	2 USMC Enl WIA
200000H	Joined 3 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Enl to CONUS
210000H	Joined 1 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Enl to 11thMar. Drop 1 USMC Off to HqBn. Drop 4 USMC enl to CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Enl to USNH Yokosuka
220000H	1 USMC Off to NSA - sick
230000H	Joined 2 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Enl to CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Off to 11thMar
240000H	Joined 1 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 1 USMC Off to 11thMar.
250000H	Joined 3 USMC Enl from CONUS
260000H	Joined 5 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 4 USMC Enl to HqBn
270000H	Joined 1 USMC Enl from CONUS. Drop 2 USMC Enl to CONUS

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S-1 JOURNAL

S-1, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 010000H J to 312400H
Jul 1968

Date time

group
272000H
280000H
282330H
310000H

Incident

1 USMC Enl WIANE
Drop 1 USMC Enl to CONUS
1 USMC Enl WIANE
Joined 1 USMC Enl from 249th Gen Hospital

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S-2 JOURNAL

S-2, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 01000 July 1968 to
312400 July 1968Date Time
GroupIncident

010635H	Fire Mission, 000518, 4 KIA
010715H	Fire Mission, 998519, 3 KIA
011050H	Fire Mission, 999516, 4 KIA
011804H	Fire Mission, 005522, 1 KIA
011915H	Fire Mission, 014533, many sec exp
021605H	Fire Mission, 006510, 1 KIA, 2 WIA (PW)
031735H	Fire Mission, 016534, 2 KIA
040930H	Fire Mission, 035601, 4 KIA
041147H	Fire Mission, 994518, 2 KIA
050350H	Fire Mission, 001607, 9 sec exp
051215H	Fire Mission, 985515, 5 KIA
060800H	No incidents reported - no contact
071105H	Fire Mission, 959526, 1 WIA (PW)
071515H	Fire Mission, 968638, 2 KIA
080800H	No incidents reported - no contact
090800H	No incidents reported - no contact
101400H	Fire Mission, 983559, 2 KIA
101416H	Fire Mission, 983559, 2 KIA
102000H	Fire Mission, 972549, 1 WIA (PW)
111345H	Fire Mission, 998519, 5 KIA
111650H	Fire Mission, 998519, 7 KIA
120001H	Fire Mission, 983559, 16 KIA
120855H	Fire Mission, 003582, 2 KIA
130800H	No incidents reported - no contact
140800H	No incidents reported - no contact
150950H	Fire Mission, 029535, 1 KIA
151905H	Fire Mission, 026614, 1 KIA
152150H	Fire Mission, 003525, 7 sec exp
160800H	No incidents reported - no contact
170730H	Fire Mission, 030604, 7 KIA
171815H	Fire Mission, 003528, 2 KIA
180800H	No incidents reported - no contact
191835H	Fire Mission, 017526, 2 KIA
200800H	No incidents reported - no contact
210800H	No incidents reported - no contact
222025H	Fire Mission, 025532, 5 KIA
222105H	Mortar Btry received 2 rds of unknown origin and 200 rds small arms
231840H	Fire Mission, 987527, 3 KIA
232033H	Fire Mission, 024602, 1 KIA
240800H	No incidents reported - no contact
250800H	No incidents reported - no contact
262150H	Hq and "D" Btry received between 200 & 300 rounds small arms fire; returned fire
270105H	Fire Mission, 022703, 3 KIA
281409H	Fire Mission, 015601, 4 KIA
281718H	Fire Mission, 01426003, 4 KIA
291410H	Fire Mission, 015601, 2 KIA
291530H	Fire Mission, 024602, 4 KIA
291730H	Fire Mission, 024602, 1 KIA
300800H	No incidents reported - no contact
312112H	Fire Mission, 987537, 1 KIA

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S-3 JOURNAL

S-3, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 010001 July 1968 to
312400 July 1968

<u>Date Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Surveillance</u>
010635H		F/M, 000518, E, trps in open, 62 HE	4 KIA
010715H		F/M, 998519, E, prep fire, 19 HE, 1 WP	3 KIA
010900H		Commenced ARVN cannoneer training program, 4th class	
011050H		F/M, 999516, E, prep fire, 24 HE, 4 WP	4 KIA
011804H		F/M, 005522, E, trps in open, 50 HE, 4 WP	1 KIA
011915H		F/M, 014533, E, counter mortar, 92 HE	8 sec exp
021605H		F/M, 006510, E, enemy supply rt, 30 HE	1 KIA, 1 WIA
031735H		F/M, 016534, E, plt in open, 115 HE, 13 WP	2 KIA
040930H		F/M, 035601, W, mortar position, 100 HE	4 KIA
041017H		Bn fired round 100,000, Lanyard pulled by Colonel SCHWENK, CO, 27th Marines	
041018H		Bn fired round 100,001, Lanyard pulled by Major General YOUNGDALE, CG, 1stMarDiv	
041147H		F/M, 994518, E, trps in open, 15 HE, 1 WP	2 KIA
042000H		Btry "E" observed a motor convoy ambushed outside Btry position, fired 218 rounds direct fire in support of convoy	1 KIA
050350H		F/M, 001607, D, F and W, TOT, 72 HE	9 sec exp
051215H		F/M, 985515, E, trps in open, 24 HE	5 KIA
071105H		F/M, 959526, E, trps in treeline, 70 HE	1 WIA (FW)
071400H		4th class of ARVN cannoneers completed	
071515H		F/M, 968638, D, trps in open, 24 HE	2 KIA
080900H		Commenced ARVN cannoneer training program, 5th class	
091650H		Displaced 2-105H from Btry "D" to grid 012626	
101400H		F/M, 983559, E, trps in open, 24 HE	2 KIA
101416H		F/M, 983559, E, trps in open, 12 FC	2 KIA
102000H		F/M, 972549, E, trps in open, 51 HE	1 WIA (FW)
111345H		F/M, 998519, E, trps in open, 52 HE, 9 FC	5 KIA
111650H		F/M, 998519, E, trps in open, 55 HE	7 KIA
120001H		F/M, 983559, E, trp movement, 36 HE	16 KIA
120855H		F/M, 008582, W, trps in treeline, 12 HE, 1 WP	2 KIA
131230H		Btry "E" had one (1) M35A2C destroyed by a mine	
141400H		5th class of ARVN cannoneers completed	
150900H		Commenced ARVN cannoneer training program, 6th class	
150950H		F/M, 029535, E, B-40 rkts, 84 HE, 4 WP	1 KIA
151905H		F/M, 026614, F, counter mortar, 70 HE, 1 WP	1 KIA
152150H		F/M, 003525, E, voices, 72 HE	7 sec exp
160900H		Btry "F" displaced to grid 924538	
160940H		Mortar Btry displaced to grid 070656	
161259H		Btry "E" displaced to grid 012626	
170730H		F/M, 030602, E, contact, 60 HE, 12 HC	7 KIA
171815H		F/M, 003518, F, trps in open, 18 HE	2 KIA
191125H		Mortar Btry M35A2C destroyed by a mine	
191835H		F/M, 017526, F, trps in open, 48 HE, 12 FC	2 KIA
210900H		Completed ARVN cannoneer training program, 6th class	
221400H		Assumed OPCON, 2-155 How TD from 4/11 to grid 921538	
222025H		F/M, 025532, F, contact, 1 WP, 24 HE	4 KIA

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S-3, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
 From 010001 July 1968 to
 312400 July 1968

<u>Date Time</u> <u>Group</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Surveillance</u>
222105H	Mortar Btry, 2/13 received two (2) rounds of unk origin or cal, also 200 rounds small arms fire	
231845H	F/M, 987527, E, trps in open, 18 HE	3 KIA
232033H	F/M, 024600, E, trps in treeline, 1 WP, 90 HE	1 KIA
262150H	Hq and "D" Btry received between 200 & 300 rounds small arms fire; returned fire	
270105H	F/M, 022708, D, trps in open, 40 HE, 1 WP	3 KIA
281409H	F/M, 015601, E, trps in open, 164 HE, 1 WP	4 KIA
281718H	F/M, 01426003, E, trps in open, 90 HE, 1 WP	4 KIA
291410H	F/M, 015601, E, trps in vill, 24 HE, 1 WP	2 KIA
291530H	F/M, 024602, E, trps in treeline, 24 HE	4 KIA
291730H	F/M, 025602, E, trps in open, 24 HE	1 KIA
310905H	Mortar Btry displaced to grid 990675	
311145H	Btry "F" displaced to grid 070656	
311145H	Displaced 24355How (TD) to grid 012626	
312112H	F/M, 967637, E, trps in treeline, 36 HE	1 KIA

TOTAL KIA's 104



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S-4 JOURNAL

S-4, 3rd Bn 3rd Marines
From 010001 July 1968 to
012400 July 1968Date Time
GroupIncident

131106H	Btry "D" M35A2C involved in accident at NCB #1 checkpoint #2
131230H	Btry "E" M35A2C destroyed by a mine
191125H	Mortar Btry M35A2C destroyed by a mine
221400H	One platoon of 150 How (TD) 4/11 became OPCON this Bn.
221500H	Requisitioned replacement for Btry "E" M35A2C destroyed by a mine
2908COH	Requisitioned replacement for Mortar Btry M35A2C destroyed by a mine

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NAVAL MESSAGE

OPNAV FORM 2110-28A (REV. 3-61)
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		ACTION						
		INFO						

FROM: 3 COND BN, THIRD MTH MARINES
TO: "E" BATTERY
"P" BATTERY
MORTAR BATTERY

INFO: ELEVENTH MARINES

FRAG ORDER 3-68

1. BTRY "E" ON ORDER, DISPLACES TO AT 012626, DIRECTION OF FIRE 3200. FIRE CONTROL REVERTS TO BATTALION CONTROL.
2. BTRY "P" ON ORDER, DISPLACES TO AT 924538, DIRECTION OF FIRE 1600. CONDUCT OWN FIRE DIRECTION.
3. MORTAR BTRY, ON ORDER, DISPLACES TO AT 070656, DIRECTION OF FIRE 5600.

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