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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, 2dBn, 13thMar ltr 3/TRM/jbj over
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From: Commanding General, 5th Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D), Headquarters
U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C. 20380
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, FPO
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2/13th Marines

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ltr 3/TRM/sbj, 5750 of ~~4~~ January 1969

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Camp Pendleton, California 92055
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By direction

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HEADQUARTERS

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27 Jan 1969

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92055
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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2A
(d) RegtO P1500.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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


W. H. STEWART Jr.
Acting

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Battalion (-), 13th Marines (-)
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Camp Pendleton, California 92055

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September - 31 December 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

2nd Battalion (-), 13th Marines (-)
5th Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

Commander

Major Walter F. Dunn
060077 0802
(1 Sept - 9 Sept 68)

Major Harold R. McSweeney
073949 0802
(10 Sept - 19 Sept 68)

LtCol Mark P. Fennessy
052406 0802
(20 Sept - 31 Dec 68)

Subordinate Limits

Headquarters Battery

Capt Roger K. Peterson
090892 0802
(1 Sept - 6 Sept 68)

Lt Robert J. Mott
099770 0802
(6 Sept - 31 Dec 68)

Battery "E"

Lt Theodore R. Geris
096759 0802
(1 Sept - 9 Oct 68)

Capt J. G. Collins

(10 Oct - 31 Dec 68)

Battery "F"

Capt H. H. Dinkins
088250 0802
(1 Sept - 12 Nov 68)

Lt Theodore R. Geris
096759 0802
(13 Nov - 31 Dec 68)

2. Location

1 Sept - 12 Sept

Da Nang RVN

13 Sept - 15 Sept

Camp Hansen, Okinawa

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16 Sept	Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif- ornia
17 Sept - 31 Dec	Camp Pendleton, Calif- ornia
3. <u>Staff Officers</u>	
Executive Officer	Major H. R. McSweeney 073949 0802 (1 Sept - 9 Sept; 20 Sept - 18 Dec 68)
	Major W. H. Stewart Jr. 055285 0802 (19 Dec - 31 Dec 68)
S-1 Adjutant	Lt W. A. Holt 098529 0130 (1 Sept - 12 Sept 68)
	CWO J. D. Cosper 098529 0130 (21 Sept - 31 Dec 68)
S-2	Lt(Jg) J. F. Moravec 699796 1105 (20 Sept - 31 Dec 68)
S-3	Capt F. C. McQuigg 091544 0802 (18 Sept - 18 Dec 68)
	Major T. R. McElroy 067932 0802 (19 Dec - 31 Dec 68)
S-3A	Capt F. C. McQuigg 091544 0802 (19 Dec - 31 Dec 68)
S-4	Capt B. L. Whitley 067932 2002 (1 Sept - 12 Nov 68)
	Capt H. H. Dinkins 088250 0802 (13 Nov - 31 Dec 68)

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Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt Wynne A. Stevens
691003 1100
(1 Sept - 9 Sept 68)

Lt(Jg) J. F. Moravec
699796 1105
(20 Sept - 31 Dec 68)

Medical Officer

Lt T. W. Loewen
723907 2105
(17 Oct - 31 Dec 68)

Motor Transport Officer

WO J. W. Burke
098452 3510
(1 Sept - 31 Dec 68)

Supply Officer

Lt R. D. Meece
097398 3010
(1 Sept 68)

Lt N. E. West
0100145 3002
(4 Oct - 31 Dec 68)

Ordnance Officer

WO E. C. Simmons
099354 2020
(1 Sept - 31 Dec 68)

Communications Officer

Lt J. F. Dwinell
0101023 2502
(1 Sept - 9 Sept 68)

Capt T. A. Mitcheltree
083532 2502
(9 Dec - 31 Dec 68)

Metro Survey Officer

CWO R. J. Moony
087113 0803
(1 Sept - 10 Oct 68)

Sergeant Major

SgtMaj Rollance Verkennis
277197 9999
(1 Sept - 10 Sept 68)

SgtMaj M. A. Paden
250908 9999
(9 Oct - 31 Dec 68)

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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Sept 12	89	1	5
Oct 15	141	3	4
Nov 17	280	3	4
Dec 22	378	5	3

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PART II

Narrative Summary

During the period of this chronology the most significant event was the redeployment of the Battalion (minus) from the Republic of Viet Nam as a Component of RLT 27 to Camp Pendleton, California and the recovery process engendered thereby.

In early September, the Battalion disengaged from its direct support mission and returned to the 11th Marines CP area in Da Nang, in preparation for its return to CONUS. Material and equipment were staged for ship board embarkation, and personnel departed by aircraft to return to the United States via Okinawa. Upon arrival at Lindberg Field, San Diego, the Officers and men of the Battalion were billeted overnight at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, to be honored the next day by a downtown parade in honor of RLT 27.

Following the parade, the Battalion's personnel finished processing and went on 20 days transfer leave.

RLT 27 was deactivated on 17 September and the Battalion reverted to OPCON/ADCON of 13th Marines (-). On 13 October the previously staged ordnance, motor transport and other supplies arrived in San Diego via surface shipping.

The remainder of October was spent in organization of the Battalion area and inspection and inventory of the material returned from Viet-Nam. In addition, the Battalion's personnel strength, attenuated by recent transfers, began to increase.

November and December were devoted to renovating the Battalion in both material and personnel area. Likewise, SOP's and procedures were changed and written to reflect the redeployment to CONUS conditions. Average monthly strength increased from 107 in September to 408 in December. A total of 2155 Priority O2 requisitions were submitted to reestablish TE, OP Stocks and Mount Out. By 31 December 70% of these requisitions were filled and status advisory had been received on 97% of them. Total dollar obligations for the Battalion's renovation were \$184,740.77 as of 31 December 1968.

The last week of December was devoted to intensified training for forthcoming field exercises and on Inspector General's Inspection. Although only 3 of the Battalion's 12 howitzers were operational, every effort was being made to be prepared for future Battalion operations.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1-12 September 68	Staging of vehicles and equipment at Da Nang in preparation for embarkation
13 September 68	Personnel embark via GovAir for Okinawa, RI
14 September 68	Personnel processing for departure to CONUS, Camp Hansen Okinawa
15 September 68	Personnel depart from Okinawa and arrive at Lindburgh Field, San Diego
16 September 68	Processing at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego
17 September 68	Parade for RLT 27 in downtown San Diego. RLT 27 deactivated effective 172300Z, 2/13 OPCON/ADCON 13th Marines (-) (CG 5th MarDiv msg 172253Z)
18 September 68	20 days leave period for returning personnel commences.
19 September 68	LtCol M. P. Fennessy 052406/0802 assumes command
13 October 68	Equipment and supplies arrive at USNS San Diego via surface shipping. Unloading commences.
18 October 68	Off loading complete.
18-23 October 68	Communications LTI
23-24 October 68	Motor Transport LTI
24 October 68	Ordnance LTI
29 October 68	Food Services LTI
9 November 68	Battalion Staff participate in combined Marine Corps Base and 5th Marine Division Marine Corps Birthday Pageant.
27 November 68	Battery "E" and "F" FIREX in support of

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2 December 68	13th Marines Counter Mortar Radar Section Battery "E" FIREX in support of 13th Mar- ines Counter Mortar Radar Section.
3 December 68	-do-
17 December 68	-do-

Battalion Awards

Navy Cross	Corporal H. M. Schunk
Silver Star	Corporal M. W. Jackson
Legion of Merit	Captain J. G. Collins
Bronze Star	Captain F. C. McQuigg
Navy Achievement Medal	Sergeant G. R. Bulmon
Navy Achievement Medal	Sergeant Major M. A. Paden
Purple Heart	Lance Corporal R. L. Orndoff
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	Captain J. G. Collins

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

Extract of: CG 5th MarDiv msg 172253Z announcing deactivation of RLT 27

ZNY EEEEE
 P 172253Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIFTH MARDIV
 RUWJNKA/CG FORTRPS FMFPAC
 INFO RUEBHOA/CMC
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUHHFMA/FIRST MARBRIG
 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC
 RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT
 RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUWJMSA/COMPHEBPAC

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UNCLAS E F T O

DEACTIVATION RLT 27 (-)

1. EFFECTIVE 172300Z SEP 68 RLT 27 IS DEACTIVATED.

2. FOLLOWING UNITS REVERT TO OPCON/ADCON EFFECTIVE 172300Z SEP 68 AS INDICATED BELOW:

UNIT

27TH MAR (-)

2ND BN (-) (REIN), 13TH MAR

OPCON/ADCON

CG 5TH MARDIV (-) (REIN)

13TH MAR (-)

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