

## BATTERY K

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

Commander

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt WM. C. BARTELS

2. LocationAn Hoa, RVN at 86787.89 47257.71, Dai Loc  
Sheet 6640 IV, serial L7014 AMS3. Battery Officers

Commanding Officer

Capt WM.C. BARTELS

Executive Officer

1stLt L. E. CRAIG

Assistant Executive Officer

1stLt J. E. DECHER

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt J. A. HENRY

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN	OTHER
113	3	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April, K Battery, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines was in general support of the 5th Marines and in direct <sup>sup</sup> of recon inserts operating in the An Hoa area. During the month, the battery remained under the command, less opcon, of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. The battery remains under the operational control of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. During this reporting period the battery participated in operation "Muskogee Meadows".

Fire missions for the period were unobserved for the most part. The battery participated in the An Hoa counter rocket/mortar plan during periods of incoming. Other missions included observed, harrassing and interdiction, intelligence targets and prep fires. A significant mission was fired for recon resulting in 21 KIA's and 5 PKIA's.

KIA.....	42
PKIA.....	63
Mortar/AA Sites.....	9
Structures/Bunkers Destroyed.....	32
Secondary Explosions.....	8

Throughout the month the battery continued to improve its position. More emphasis has been placed on training and regular training sessions are now being held in each section along with battery size classes.

Personnel gains and losses during April were as follows:

Administrative losses .....	15
KIA.....	0
WIAE.....	0
MIA.....	0
NBC.....	0
Replacements.....	22

On 7 April operation "Muskogee Meadows" was commenced. The operation was held in conjunction with the local rice harvest. The operation ended 20 April without any significant action.

On 15 April Gun # 4, 374656, was exchanged with a float gun due to a faulty equilibrator system. This month the battery started the quarterly maintenance of guns.

Throughout the month of April the An Hoa Combat Base was subjected to 9 enemy rocket and mortar attacks. The battery did not sustain any damages. During the periods of incoming the battery returned counter rocket/mortar fire.

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The battery continues to rebuild its position after last month's rocket attack. The equipment status of the battery has improved as several items have come off deadline. As of the end of this month the battery is preparing for next month's inspections.

The battery doesn't participate in any civic action programs directly but contributes items to 5th Marines' S-5.

MISSIONS FIRED DURING APRIL to 2200H, 30APRIL

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H&amp;I's</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>
118	246	117	481

AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING APRIL to 2200H, 30APRIL

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLI</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4602	167	510	98	5377

ROUNDS OBSERVED	2482
ROUNDS UNOBSERVED	2027
H&I's	868
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5377</b>

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 April Quarterly maintenance was begun on the guns

7 April Operation Muskogee Meadows was initiated

8 April 1stLt DECHER, J.E. joined the battery as the Assistant Executive Officer

15 April Gun # 4, 374656 was exchanged with a float gun due to a faulty equilibrator

20 April Operation Muskogee Meadows ended without any significant action

21 April 9 Promotion warrents were presented by Capt WM. C. BARTELS

1-28 April The An Hoa Combat Base received enemy rocket/mortar attacks. The battery did not sustain any damages. Counter rocket/mortar fire was returned.