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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines Capt W. C. BARTELS

2. Location
An Hoa, RVN at 86787.89 47257.71, Dai Loc
Sheet 6640 IV, serial L7014 AMS

3. Battery Officers
Commanding Officer Capt W. C. BARNELS
Executive Officer 1stLt J. E. DECHER
Assistant Executive Officer 2ndLt C. E. WITTIG
Fire Direction Officer 1stLt J. A. HENRY

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN	OTHER
119	03	00

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines was in general support of the 5th Marines and in direct support of recon inserts in the An Hoa basin. During the month, the battery remained under the command, less opcon, of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. The battery remains under the operational control of 2d Bn, 11th Mar.

Fire missions for the period consisted of observed, intelligence targets, prep fires, H & I's, TOT's and reinforcing type missions. The battery participated in the An Hoa counter rocket/mortar plan during periods of incoming. During this month, 1st Force Recon Company was pulled out of An Hoa and Battalion Recon assumed their mission. "K" Battery has contributed an FC team to 2nd Bn, 11th Marines to occupy an OP in the Arizona Area. A significant mission was fired for recon on 19 May, expending 235 rounds, with 25 KIA's and 10 PKIA's. This month "K" Battery was credited with more KIA's and PKIA's than any battery under 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

KIA.....	78
PKIA.....	67
Structures/Bunkers Destroyed.....	40
Secondary Explosions.....	10

The Battery continues to improve its defensive structure and build personnel bunkers. This month the battery participated in Cannoneer classes conducted by 2d Bn, 11th Marines.

Personnel gains and losses during May were as follows:

Administrative losses.....	11
KIA.....	00
WIA.....	00
IIA.....	00
NBC.....	00
Replacements.....	12

On 5 May the inspecting team from Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines made its inspection in preparation for the CG Inspection which was held on 25 May. The battery was given a satisfactory with discrepancies.

On 12 May at about 0100 the An Hoa Combat Base was hit by a ground attack. It was a coordinated mortar and ground assault aimed at the West end of the combat base. "K" Battery was not involved in the attack and did not sustain any damages. The battery fired counter rocket/mortar missions.

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Throughout the month of May, the An Hoa Combat Base received seven enemy rocket and mortar attacks. The battery did not sustain any damages. During the periods of incoming, the battery fired counter rocket/mortar missions.

MISSIONS FIRED DURING MAY TO 2200 H 31MAY

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H & I's</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>
169	374	196	739

AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING MAY TO 2200H 31MAY

<u>HE</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>SHOE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
7278	299	570	163	9	8319

ROUNDS OBSERVED	3227
ROUNDS UNOBSERVED	3654
H&I's	1438
	8319

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PAGE IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 MAY Battery inspected by Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines in preparation for the CG Inspection.

12 MAY An Hoa Combat Base was hit by enemy ground attack. 2nLt C. E. MITTIC joined the battery.

22 MAY Received a new TD-15. The float gun was returned. All guns are now in position.

24 MAY Twenty Corporal, four Lance Corporal and one Master Sergeant promotion warrants were presented by Capt BARTELS.

25 MAY The CG Inspection was conducted and the results were satisfactory with discrepancies.

30 MAY A cease fire was observed in recognition of Buddahs Birthday.

1-20MAY The An Hoa Combat Base received enemy rocket/mortar attacks seven different times. The battery did not sustain any damages. Counter rocket/mortar fire was returned

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