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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Commander

Capt WM. C. BARTELS

2. LocationAn Hoa, RVN at 86787.89 47257.71, Dai Loc  
Sheet 6640 IV, Serial L7014 AMS3. Battery OfficersCommanding Officer  
Executive Officer  
Assistant Executive Officer  
Fire Direction Officer  
Asst. FDO/LNOCapt WM. C. BARTELS  
1stLt J. A. HENRY  
2ndLt C. E. WITTIG  
1stLt G. E. KLATT  
2ndLt A. PARAPOT4. Average Monthly Strength

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June, Battery "K", 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 remained under the operational control of 2ndBn, 11th Marines.

The Battery fired all types of fire missions including observed targets, intelligence targets, prep fires, grid saturations, H & I's, and TOT's. During periods of incoming the Battery also participated in the An Hoa counter rocket/mortar plan. Several significant missions were fired during the month, both observed and unobserved. The most significant observed fire was delivered for recon on 2 July and 3 July. Kilo Battery recieved in excess of 60 probable and confirmed enemy KIA's during the two day period. On 9 July Kilo recieved 3 confirmed and 23 probable KIA's, again firing for recon. The last two weeks of July were spent supporting operation DURHAM PEAK, which started on 20 July. On 20 July Kilo fired 800 rounds consisting mainly of prep fires in support of the operation. Kilo continued to fire prep fires and grid saturation missions for the last two weeks of the month. As a direct result of supporting operation Durham Peak, Kilo exceeded the 10,000 round mark this month. "K" Battery was credited with more KIA's and PKIA's than any Battery controlled by 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines.

KIA..... 12  
 PKIA..... 153  
 STRUCTURES/BUNKERS DESTROYED..... 6

On July 2nd, 5th, 7th, and 9th, An Hoa Combat Base was hit by enemy rocket and mortar fire. Kilo Battery was not hit during the month and fired counter rocket and mortar grids during the periods of incoming.

Lt. J. A. HENRY took over duties as the Battery Executive Officer and Lt. J. E. DECHER took over as Fire Direction Officer on 5 July. On 15 July Lt J. E. DECHER left the Battery to join Hq Btry, 1stBn, 13th Marines, Lt G. E. KLATT took over as Fire Direction Officer. 2nd Lt Alan PARAPOT joined the Battery on 16 July and assumed the duties of AFDO and Liaison Officer.

Personnel gains and losses during July were as follows:

Administrative losses.....10  
 KIA.....00  
 WIANE.....00  
 MIA.....00  
 NBC.....62  
 Replacements.....27

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117UNOBSERVED  
526H & I's  
364TOTAL MISSIONS  
1007AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING JULY TO 2200H 31 JULYHE  
9546WP  
188ILL  
540FC  
38SMOKE  
0TOTAL  
10,312

ROUNDS OBSERVED	2549
ROUNDS UNOBSERVED	5983
H & I's	<u>1780</u>
	10,312

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 JULY An Hoa Combat Base was hit by enemy mortar fire. Counter mortar fire was delivered.
- 5 JULY An Hoa Combat Base was hit by enemy rocket fire. Kilo fired the counter rocket plan. Lt J. A. HENRY took over as X.O. and Lt J. E. DECHER took over as F.D.O.
- 7 JULY & 9 JULY An Hoa Combat Base was hit by enemy rocket fire. Kilo fired the counter rocket plan.
- 15 JULY 1stLt J. E. DECHER left to join Hq Btry, 1stBn, 13th Marines
- 16 JULY 2ndLt A. PARAPOT joined the Battery and assumed the duties of AFDO/LNO
- 20 JULY Operation DURHAM PEAK began. Kilo fired 800 Rds in support.
- 21 JULY\* Kilo continued to fire in support of Operation DURHAM PEAK.
- 31 JULY

\* Meaning through.

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