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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt J. A. KELLEHER

2. LocationFire Support Base ROSS, RVN at 0280534012,
Heip Duc sheet 6640 III, AMS3. Battery Officers

Commanding Officer

Capt J. A. KELLEHER

Executive Officer

1stLt J. A. HENRY

Assistant Executive Officer

2ndLt C. E. WITTIG

Fire Direction Officer

1stLt G. E. KLATT

Asst. FDO/LNO

2ndLt A. PARAPOT

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMC
141USN
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period from 1 August to 26 August, 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. From 26 August to 31 August the battery was in general support of the 7th Marines and allied forces south of the Quan Que Son Mts. During the month, the battery remained under the command less opcon, of 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. During the period 1 August to 26 August the battery was opcon to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Regiment specifically providing reinforcing fires for 3rd Battalion 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. The most significant observed fire was delivered for recon during the third week of the month. A total of 25 KIA's and PKIA's were obtained, firing on targets of up to 100 VC/NVA. Operation Durham Peak was terminated on or about 12 August and Kilo settled back into its general support status. "K" Battery was once again credited with more KIA's and PKIA's than any battery controlled by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines prior to 26 August 1969.

KIA's - - - - - 9
 PKIA's - - - - - 21
 Structures/Bunkers - - - 15

During the month of August An Hoa Combat Base was continually hit with rocket and mortar fire. Kilo fired the counter rocket plan at each separate incident. There were ten confirmed shellings of the base itself. Twice during the month the base came under ground attack, however, Kilo Battery was not penetrated and no casualties were suffered. The advance party at Fire Support Base ROSS recieved mortar fire on 3 separate occasions. On 21 August during a mortar attack the battery recieved four WIA's. All four were medevaced to Da Nang for further treatment and observation. As a result of activity during the month the battery has continued to stress defense and battery protection. The individual Marines responsibility in a defensive perimeter are stressed daily.

Two very significant events occurred during the month of August. The first was the change of command occurring on 16 August and the second was the move from An Hoa Combat Base to Fire Support Base ROSS on 25 and 26 August. On 16 August 1969 ~~Kilo Battery~~ Capt J. A. KELLEHER assumed command from Capt W. C. BARTELS at the morning formation. On the 17th the advance party left for Fire Support Base Ross with the rest of the battery following on the 25th and 26th of August. During the move the battery set up a temporary position on Hill 34 RVN on the 25th.

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The forward observer team which was sent to 11th Marines during June was again sent out for a two week period with 2ndLt A. PARAPOT in command.

During the month several promotion warrants were presented in the battery. One Sgt was promoted in addition to 4 Corporals, 5 LCpl's and 2 PFCs'. MSgt LEA was transferred to HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar and GySgt MOYA took over as Battery Gunnery Sergeant.

Personnel gains and losses during August were as follows:

Administrative Losses.	21
KIA.	0
WIA.	4
WIANE.	0
MIA.	0
NBC.	7
Replacements	17
Special Leave.	2

MISSIONS FIRED DURING AUGUST TO 2200H 31 AUGUST

<u>OBSERVED</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u>	<u>H & I's</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>
103	603	262	968

AMMUNITION EXPENDED DURING AUGUST TO 2200H 31 AUGUST

<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>SMOKE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9772	255	476	94	0	10597

ROUNDS OBSERVED	1972
ROUNDS UNOBSERVED . . .	6739
H&I's	1886
TOTAL	10,597

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2 August 1 Cpl and 5 LCpl recieved promotion warrants.

9 August 1 Sgt was promoted at the morning formation.

12 August An Hoa Combat Base recieved rockets 4 times during the day.

13 August An Hoa Combat Base recieved rocket and mortar fire.

16 August Capt J. A. KELLEHER assumed command from Capt W. C. BARTELS.

17 August The advance party left for Fire Support Base ROSS. An Hoa Combat Base recieved rocket and mortar fire followed by a ground attack. Kilo was not hit.

18 August Advance party recieved mortar fire.

19-21 August The advance party again recieved mortar fire sustaining 4 WIA's on 21 August.

22 August An Hoa Combat Base was hit with rocket fire. Kilo recieved 13 PKIA's firing for recon.

25 August Kilo Battery moved to hill 34 in route to Fire Support Base ROSS.

26 August Kilo moved to Fire Support Base ROSS and set up their present position.

30 August MSgt LEA was transfered to HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar.

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