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1. Designation

Commander

1st Battalion, 13th Marines Major T. J. COYLE

Subordinate Units

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Captain G. D. BLACK

5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) Captain E. B. PARKER
1 July - 14 July
Major R. M. BLACK
15 July - 31 July

Battery "P" 4th Battalion, 12th Marines Captain D. G. CADIZ

1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) Captain A. J. SCHEIDT

2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines 1 July - 18 July Okinawa
19 July - 22 July Enroute RVN
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5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) 1 July - 15 July Okinawa
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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer Captain L. R. SALMON
081206 USMC
1 July - 12 July
Major R. W. CAMPBELL
062099 USMC
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S-1 1stLt. H. F. CURTIS
085634 USMC
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095005 USMC
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13 July - 31 July

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085449 USMC

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4. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
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5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)	7	147	0	3
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Embarkation commenced on 14 July 1967 with the 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) and the 1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) embarking aboard the USS Gatagoat (LSD-17) for transportation to RVN. This ship departed Okinawa 15 July 1967. On 18 July 1967 embarkation was completed by the Headquarters Battery aboard the USS Washtenaw County (LST-1166) and departed Okinawa.

During transit to RVN the 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) and the 1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) were task organized by Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade message 0170545Z July 67. The task organizing consisted of the formation of a Provisional Battery containing the Headquarters Section of the Gun Battery, two 155 Gun Sections and the 1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery. This Provisional Battery was deployed in the Chu Lai area. Two additional platoons were formed from the remaining four 155 Gun Sections. One platoon deployed to the Cam Le area and the other to the Da Nang area.

On 19 and 23 July respectively the USS Gatagoat and the USS Washtenaw County arrived in Da Nang, RVN. The 3rd Marine Amphibious Force arranged transportation which conveyed the various elements of the Battalion to their ultimate destinations. Upon arrival at the final destinations work commenced to provide operational artillery support to various ground elements of the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions.

Headquarters 1st Battalion, 13th Marines disembarked at the Cua Viet River, moved to Dong Ha by LCU and on 29 July completed the overland movement to Khe Sanh. On 27 July 1st Battalion, 13th Marines came under OPCON Regimental Landing Team 26, and on the same date the Battalion assumed OPCON of Battery "A", Battery "C", and Mortar Battery 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

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- 14 July 1967 Headquarters 1st Battalion, 13th Marines began staging at Naha, Okinawa.
- 15 July 1967 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) and 1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) departed for RVN.
- 16 July 1967 Headquarters 1st Battalion, 13th Marines embarked aboard USNS Washtenaw County (LST-1166).
- 17 July 1967 Received 9th MAB message 170545Z July 67 directing the following task organization. A Provisional Artillery Battery consisting of two 155 Gms (SP) and the 1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer Battery (SP). Two separate reinforced Gun platoons consisting of two 155 Gms (SP) each. One platoon to be OPCON of 3rd MABDIV and the other OPCON of 1st MABDIV.
- 18 July 1967 Received CG 9th MAB message 140603Z July 67 placing "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines OPCON to CTF 79.2 and ADCON Regimental Landing Team 26 (Rear).
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