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Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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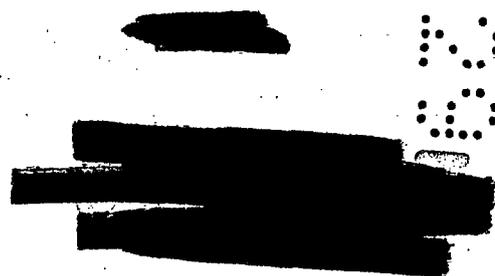
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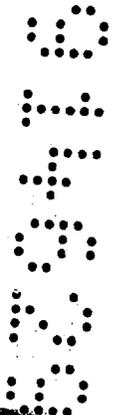
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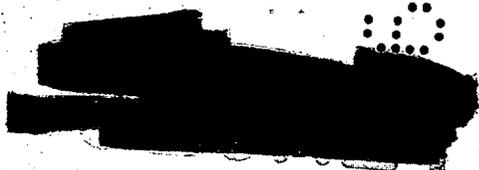
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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

1st Battalion, 13th Marines

LtCol J. B. CANTIENY  
 1 June-27 June 1969  
 LtCol D. E. GRAGAN  
 28 June-30 June 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion  
 13th Marines  
 1 June -30 June 1969

Capt. A. J. SWETT  
 1 June-15 June 1969  
 Capt. J. A. KELLEHER  
 16 June -30 June 1969

Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 10 June -30 June 1969

Capt. M. POPELKA  
 10 June - 30 June 1969

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ONLY

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines  
 1 June - 30 June 1969

Capt. W. C. BARTELS  
 1 June - 30 June 1969

OPERATIONAL CONTROL ONLY

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines  
 1 June - 12 June 1969

Capt J. BOYER  
 1 June - 12 June 1969

Detachment, Mortar Battery  
 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines  
 1 June - 30 June 1969

1stLt. HAGUE  
 1 June - 30 June 1969

2. Location

Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion,  
 13th Marines

Camp Perdue  
 DaNang, RVN  
 1 June - 30 June 1969

Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

An Hoa, RVN  
 1 June - 30 June 1969



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Battery "C", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Northern Artillery Contonement  
DaNang, RVN  
10 June - 30 June 1969

Battery "B", 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

Northern Artillery Contonement  
DaNang, RVN  
1 June - 12 June 1969

Detachment, Mortar Battery  
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Hai Van Pass (AT 944 918)  
DaNang, RVN  
1 June - 30 June 1969

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj. C. L. MCELHENY  
(1 June - 30 June 1969)

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Capt. P. SMILEY  
(1 June - 30 June 1969)

S-2

1stLt. R. McKELVEY  
(1 June - 30 June 1969)

S-3

Maj. J. M. UPDYKE  
(1 June - 30 June 1969)

S-4

Capt. J. A. KELLEHER  
(1 June - 30 June 1969)

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	15	192	2	3
Btry "C", 1stBn, 13thMar	10	145	0	2
Btry "K", 4thBn, 13thMar	5	130	0	3



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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-30 June 1969, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued under the operational control of 11th Marines while command less opcon remained with Commanding General, 9th MAB. 1st Battalion, 13th Marines continued to be assigned the tactical mission of direct support of 26th Marines. Besides supporting 26th Marines, the battalion fired in support of 11th Marines FO schools and supported the 11th Marines counter-rocket program, the convoy defense program and the Northern Sector Defense Command.

Organization and composition of the battalion remained essentially the same as it had been at the end of May. The only significant change occurred when Battery "C", 1/13 relieved Battery "B", 1/13. This was due to the rotation of the float BLTs composing SLF Bravo when BLT 2/26 relieved BLT 3/26 and consequently the supporting batteries were changed. Mortar Battery, 1/13 remained afloat and was simply attached to BLT 2/26 vice BLT 3/26. This occurred during the period 10-12 June. Detachment, Mortar Battery, 3/11 remained under the operational control of 1/13 and provided artillery support in the Hai Van Pass area.

Activity in the form of artillery support remained at a very low level throughout the month with few observed missions being conducted. Only three significant observed missions were fired. On the night of 14 June, the battalion was credited with 35 probable KIAs as a result of fire on intelligence targets conducted during the night. On 15 June, the battalion fired 400 rounds at 33 enemy soldiers detected on night observation devices in the vicinity of grid AT 902 845. A sweep the next morning revealed only several items of miscellaneous gear. On 17 June, C/1/13 fired 80 rounds of VT at 20 VC in the open resulting in one enemy KIA and numerous blood trails. Otherwise, the majority of rounds were fired on harrasing, interdiction, intelligence and rocket suppression targets.

On June 6 personnel from the Naval Gunfire Team at Subic Bay, RPI reported aboard following deactivation of Team. Personnel were assigned to the Regimental Liaison Section and used to complete the NGF Team assigned to BLT 2/26.

On 16 June, Colonel Haywood, newly assigned Commanding Officer of 26th Marines, visited the battalion and was briefed on the status of the battalion, unit locations and method of operation.

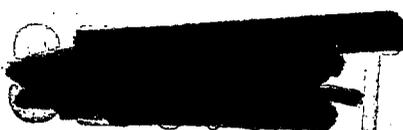
On 28 June, LtCol D. E. GRAGAN relieved LtCol J. B. CANNIENY as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines at a Change of Command Ceremony conducted at the 26th Marines helopad.

Administration and operation of the battalion remained normal throughout the month. The personnel situation improved considerably with an influx of personnel of several MOS' in which the battalion was short.

Artillery support provided by 1st Battalion, 13th Marines during June is as follows:

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- 1 June - Passed command less opcon of B/1/13 to BLT 2/26 effective 010800H.
- 6 June - Fired 5 counter-rocket missions in support of 11th Mar. Counter-rocket fires. Rockets impacted at FLC, Marble Mtn., Danang Harbor and MAG-16.  
NGF personnel reported to 1/13 from Subic Bay.
- 10 June - Assumed Command of C/1/13 effective 101100H.  
  
Detached NGF Team from C/1/13 and attached to B/1/13 effective 101100H. Team consisted of 1 officer and 10 enlisted.
- 11 June - One member C/1/13 WIA from enemy rocket impacting in Northern Artillery Contonement at approximately 1830.
- 12 June - passed Opcon of B/1/13 to BLT 2/26 effective 121100H.  
  
Received surveillance of one enemy KIA from mission fired at Grid AT 898 827 on 10 June.
- 13 June - Received surveillance of two probable enemy KIAs from mission fired at grid AT 917 883.
- 15 June - Received surveillance of 2 Chi Coms and 1 ponche recovered following mission fired on estimated 33 VC at grid AT 902 845.
- 16 June - Colonel HAYWOOD, CO 26th Marines, visited and briefed at 1/13.
- 17 June - Received surveillance of one enemy KIA, numerous bleed trails, several bags of rice and miscellaneous gear following mission fired at grid 905 825 by C/1/13.
- 18 June - Presented one-hour class on FADAC at 26th Marines Staff and Officer School.
- 20 June - Received agent report of 35 enemy KIAs (probable) from missions fired at grids AT 860 863 and AT 858 858 night of 14 June.
- 28 June - Lieutenant Colonel D. E. GRAGAN relieved Lieutenant Colonel J. B. CANTIENY as CO, 1/13.  
  
Received surveillance of one enemy KIA(Confirmed)from mission fired at grid AT 910 822.



MISSIONS

OBSERVED

UNOBSERVED

TOTAL

179

1385

1564

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

105mm

4.2"

TOTAL

16,214

2,323

18,537

RESULTS

Friendly Casualties: One; WIA; C/1/13; incoming rocket round  
One; WIA; C/1/13; RPG

Enemy Casualties: KIA (Confirmed): 3  
KIA (Probable): 37

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. ✓ Command Chronology for June 1969 for Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines. → f/w 4/13

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