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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1968

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Designation

2nd Battalion, 13th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Commanders

LtCol Rhys J. PHILLIPS
056654 0802
(1 August - 6 August 1968)

Maj Walter F. DUNN
060077 0802
(7 August - 31 August 1968)

Subordinate Units

Headquarters Battery	Capt Roger K. PETERSON 090892 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Battery "D"	Capt Conrad L. KINSEY 090182 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Battery "E"	Capt John J. READ 083627 0802 (1 August - 5 August 1968)
	1stLt Theodore R. GERIES 096759 0802 (6 August - 31 August 1968)
Battery "F"	Capt Harris H. DINKINS 088250 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Mortar Battery	1stLt Leroy E. BLESSING 096187 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)

2. Location

Headquarters Battery	1-31 August	Danang AT 990714
Battery "D"	1-31 August	Danang AT 988714
Battery "E"	1-28 August 29-31 August	Danang BT 012626 Danang AT 960758
Battery "F"	1-26 August 27-31 August	Danang BT 070656 Danang AT 960758
Mortar Battery	1-31 August	Danang AT 990675

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj Walter F. DUNN 060077 0802 (1 August - 6 August 1968)
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt William A. HOLT 096985 0130 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Personnel Officer	1stLt William A. HOLT 096985 0130 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
S-2	1stLt Jeffrey D. DAVIS 094243 0802 (1 August 1968)
	2ndLt Merritt N. CHAFEY 0102709 0802 (7 August - 17 August 1968)
	Capt John B. WILKES 094071 0801 (18 August - 31 August 1968)
S-3	Maj Harold R. McSWEENEY 073949 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
S-3A	Capt William J. ODLE 084962 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Liaison Officer	Maj Wayne LEWIS 063979 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Naval Gunfire Officer	Lt Wynne A. STEVENS 691003 1100 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Medical Officer	Lt John L. CURRY 706807 2105 (12 August - 27 August 1968)
Motor Transport Officer	Warrant Officer John W. BURKE 098452 3510 (1 August - 31 August 1968)

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S-4	Capt Billy L. WHITLEY 067932 0802 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Supply Officer	1stLt Ralph D. MEECE 097398 3010 (1 August - 21 August 1968)
Communication Officer	1stLt John F. DWINELL 0101023 2502 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Metro/Survey Officer	Chief Warrant Officer Robert J. MOCNY 087113 0803 (1 August - 31 August 1968)
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major Rollance A. VERKENNIS 277197 9999 (1 August - 31 August 1968)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
39	517	4	11

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PART II

Narrative Summary

The Second Battalion, Thirteenth Marines continued artillery support of units in the DaNang area during this reporting period.. On 6 August Lt. Col. R. J. Phillips was relieved by Major W. F. Dunn as Commanding Officer. 13 August marked the beginning of a two week ARVN Section Chief training school. Two 155mm howitzers (towed) were chopped to 4/11 on 15 August.

During this period Battery E was attacked by mortars on 23 August; Battery F received 14 82mm mortar rounds outside its perimeter on 24 August; and Headquarters battery took 5 140mm rockets outside the perimeter on 26 August. The battalion fired counter rocket fires on 23, 26, 27, 30, and 31 August.

In preparation for the redeployment of RLT 27 and BLT 1/27, Battery F 2/13 was relieved by Battery A 1/11 on 26 August and Battery E 2/13 was relieved by Battery B 1/11 on 28 August. Battery D 2/13 and Mortar Battery 2/13 became OPCON to BLT 1/27 at 1200 on 28 August, and the Second Battalion, Thirteenth Marines (-) became OPCON to RLT 27 (-) upon its activation at 1200 28 August. At 1200 31 August 2/13 was releived by 1/11. During the reporting period the Battalion accounted for 232 enemy KIA.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

061500H Change of Command, LtCol R. J. PHILLIPS relieved as Bn CO by Maj W. F. DUNN
130800H Commenced ARVN Section Chief Training Course
151515H Chopped OPCON 2-155 How TD to 4/11
230200H Btry "E" rec'd 3-82mm Mortars outside of position, no damage or casualties
230308H OP Crows Nest came under mortar and ground attack, attack repelled. Bn suffered 1 WIA and loss of 1 BC Scope (Destroyed)
242147H Btry "F" rec'd 14-82mm Mortars outside of position, no damage or casualties
250800H ARVN Section Chief Training Course completed
260554H Hq Btry rec'd 5-140mm rockets outside of position, no damage or casualties
261300H Btry A/1/11 arrived Grid BT 070656 relieving F/2/13
261330H Btry F/2/13 displaced to 11th Marines CP, commenced preparation for redeployment
281200H RLT 27 activated, 2/13(-) OPCON to RLT 27 (-)
281200H BLT 1-27 reactivated, Btry "D" and Mortar Btry 2/13 OPCON to BLT 1-27
281300H Btry B/1/11 arrived Grid BT 012626 relieving E/2/13
281330H Btry E/2/13 displaced to 11th Marines CP, commenced preparation for redeployment
311210H 2nd Bn 13th Marines relieved by 1st Bn 11th Marines.
312359H During the reporting period, the Battalion had the following personnel changes:

LOSSES:	USMC Off	USMC Enl	USN Off	USN Enl
Administrative	5	98	3	2
Battle WIA (Evac)		1		
GAINS:				
Replacements	2	42	1	
Net Loss	3	56	2	2

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S-1 JOURNAL

S-1 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 010001H August 1968
To 312400H August 1968

Date Time Group	Incident
010000H	Transferred 3 USMC enlisted to CONUS
020000H	Reassigned 1 USMC officer and transferred 8 USMC enlisted to CONUS
040000H	Transferred 1 USMC enlisted to CONUS
050000H	Reassigned 1 USMC officer
060000H	Joined 5 USMC enlisted; Reassigned 1 USMC officer and 3 USMC enlisted
070000H	Transferred 2 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
080000H	Transferred 3 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD/Reassignment
090000H	Joined 2 USMC enlisted
100000H	Joined 6 USMC enlisted
110000H	Transferred 3 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD/Reassignment
120000H	Joined 1 USN officer and 1 USMC enlisted
130000H	Joined 2 USMC enlisted and transferred 3 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
140000H	Transferred 2 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
150000H	Transferred 4 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD/Reassignment
160000H	Joined 2 USMC officers; joined 2 USMC enlisted; Transferred 1 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
170000H	Transferred 3 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
180000H	Joined 1 USMC enlisted; Transferred 5 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
190000H	Joined 2 USMC enlisted
200000H	Joined 9 USMC enlisted
210000H	Joined 4 USMC enlisted
220000H	Joined 4 USMC enlisted; Transferred 1 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
230000H	Transferred 1 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD. Sustained 1 USMC enlisted WIA as result of enemy action.
240000H	Transferred 2 USMC enlisted to CONUS for RELAD
250000H	Joined 4 USMC enlisted
270000H	Reassigned 2 USMC enlisted
280000H	Reassigned 2 USMC officers, 3 USN officers, 53 USMC enlisted and 1 USN enlisted
290000H	Reassigned 1 USN enlisted

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S-2 JOURNAL

S-2, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 010001H August 1968
To 312400H August 1968

Date Time Group	Incidents
010850H	Fire Mission, 01445984, 3 structures damaged and 1 destroyed
021850H	Fire Mission, 032671, 1 secondary
030800H	No incidents reported - No contact
040106H	Fire Mission, 959690, 1 AK-47 Found
050800H	No incidents reported - No contact
061012H	Fire Mission, 968604, 2 structures destroyed
070800H	No incidents reported - No contact
080020H	Fire Mission, 022610, 1 secondary
092014H	Fire Mission, 027614, 5 KIA
092030H	Fire Mission, 030609, 2 KIA
092120H	Fire Mission, 026617, 3 KIA
092220H	Fire Mission, 021607, 1 structure damaged and 3destroyed
100800H	No incidents reported - No contact
110800H	No incidents reported - No contact
121225H	Fire Mission, 022602, 2 KIA
132026H	Fire Mission, 993626, 3 KIA
141930H	Fire Mission, 984619, 2 secondaries
150800H	No incidents reported - No contact
160815H	Fire Mission, 975611, 1 KIA
171915H	Fire Mission, 083684, 2 KIA, 5 WIAPW
172145H	Fire Mission, 98056890, 3 structures destroyed
181215H	Fire Mission, 001605, 1 structure destroyed
190800H	No incidents reported - No contact
200800H	No incidents reported - No contact
210800H	No incidents reported - No contact
221920H	Fire Mission, 035685, 11 secondaries
222143H	Fire Mission, 984690, 20 KIA
222320H	Fire Mission, 003682, secondaries
230300H	Fire Mission, 97116471, 9 KIA
230308H	OP Crowsnest received 3 B40 rockets, 1 man was medevaced
230500H	Fire Mission, 965638, 3 KIA
230630H	Fire Mission, 993651, 20 KIA
230812H	Fire Mission, 968655, 5 KIA
230945H	Fire Mission, 011701, 1 secondary
231330H	Fire Mission, 006604, 1 structure destroyed
231700H	Fire Mission, 09256738, 1 secondary
240200H	Echo Btry received 3 rounds of 82mm mortar fire outside of their wire
240545H	Fire Mission, 976701, 1 secondary
241245H	Fire Mission, 999662, 73 KIA
242147H	Foxtrot Btry received 14 rounds of 82mm mortar fire outside of their wire
251948H	Fire Mission, 026667, 50 KIA, 15-20 secondaries, 11 structures destroyed

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S-2 JOURNAL

S-2 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 010001H August 1968
To 312400H August 1968

Date Time Group	Incidents
252235H	Fire Mission, 00416682, 34 KIA
260553H	Fire Mission, 899701, 2 secondaries
260630H	Hq Btry received 4 140mm rockets 50 to 100 meters outside of their wire
270355H	Fire Mission, 994605, 8 secondaries
271120H	Fire Mission, 968656, 1 structure damaged
280800H	No incidents reported - No contact
290800H	No incidents reported - No contact
300800H	No incidents reported - No contact
310800H	No incidents reported - No contact

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S-3 JOURNAL

S-3,2nd Bn, 13th Marines
From 010001H August 1968
To 312400H August 1968

Date Time Group	Incident	Surveillance
061500H	Change of Command, LtCol R. J. PHILLIPS relieved by Maj W. F. DUNN as Bn CO	
092014H	F/M, 027614, AW wpns, E, 1WP, 36HE	5 KIA
092030H	F/M, 030609, AW wpns, E, 1WP, 36HE	2 KIA
092120H	F/M, 026614, VC removing cas, E, 3WP, 54HE	3 KIA
121225H	F/M, 022602, Counter Mortar, E, 1WP, 71HE	2 KIA
130800H	Commenced ARVN Section Chief Training Course	
132026H	F/M, 993626, 10 VC, W, 10WP, 56HE	3 KIA
160815H	F/M, 975611, SA fire, E, 2WP, 60HE	1 KIA
171915H	F/M, 083684, VC harbor site, E & F, 99HE	2 KIA, 5 WIAPW
221915H	F/M, 035685, VC harbor site, E, F, W, 187HE	25-30 Secondaries
222145H	F/M, 984690, VC Co, D & W, 115HE	20 KIA
230200H	Btry "E" rec'd 3-82mm Mortars outside of position	
230304H	Rockets being fired at FLC & DaNang, fired counter rocket fire	
230308H	OP Lion, Hawk and Crows Nest under mortar and ground attack	
230308H	HOA CAM under mortar and ground attack	
230500H	F/M, 965638, VC in open, D, 20HE	3 KIA
230630H	F/M, 993655, heavy contact, E, 2WP, 72HE	20 KIA
230812H	F/M, 968655, VC Co, E, 96HE	5 KIA
241230H	F/M, 999662, 2 VC Co, D & E, 1WP, 202HE	73 KIA
242147H	Btry "F" rec'd 14-82mm Mortars outside of position	
250800H	ARVN Section Chief Training Course completed	
251948H	F/M, 026667, 300 VC, D & E, 120FC, 360HE	50 KIA
252230H	F/M, 004668, VC dug in, D, E, F, 71HE	34 KIA
260554H	Rockets, Hq Btry rec'd 5-140mm outside of position, fired counter rocket fire	
261330H	Btry F 2/13 relieved by A 1/11, displaced to 11th Marinnes CP	
270455H	Rockets being fired at DaNang, fired counter rocket fire	
281200H	RLT 27 and BLT 1/27 reactivated	
281200H	Btry "D" and Mortar Btry Chopped OPCON to BLT 1/27	
281330H	Btry E 2/13 relieved by B 1/11, displaced to 11th Marines CP	
301900H	Rockets, fired counter rocket fire	
310253H	Rockets, fired counter rocket fire	
311210H	2nd Bn 13th Marines relieved by 1st Bn 11th Marines Grid 990714	

Total Rounds fired in country by 2nd Bn 13th Marines as of 311210H

DELTA	38,224
ECHO	60,451
FOXTROT	40,654
WHISKEY	16,862
	156,191

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S-4, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines
010000H to 312400 Aug 1968

S-4 JOURNAL

Date Time Group	Incident
041300H	S-4 Officer attended embarkation conference at RLT-27 Headquarters.
050930H	Submitted three copies of LTI's to RLT-27
051400H	Received MEDS Decks from Division Embarkation (incomplete)
060800H	Submitted Embarkation data on BLT and RLT (sq.ft., cu.ft., & wt.) to RLT-27.
111600H	S-4 Officer attended conference at RLT-27
111730H	S-4 Officer held conference in S-4 officer with Headquarters Btry, Btry "D", S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4 chief, Comm, and Motor Transport. Requested cubic feet and weight of cargo to go by air in advance of other cargo. Information submitted to RLT-27.
141430H	Attended embarkation conference at RLT-27. Submitted Consolidated Vehicle Table.
142030H	Submitted total weight and cubic feet for items requiring conex containers.
160830H	Submitted list of ordnance equipment to RLT-27.
181630H	Submitted letter to all batteries. (Secret).
201000H	Attended embarkation conference at RLT-27.
201500H	S-4 Officer held embarkation conference with all Btry Commanders and Staff Section Officers.
231430H	Helio lift of Class V to Whiskey Btry.
251500H	Attended conference at RLT-27 Headquarters

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