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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1-31 May 1969

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# PART 1 ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

#### 1. DESIGNATION

#### COMMANDER

lst Battalion (.), 11th Marines 1-31

LtCol F. ANDRILLIUNAS

#### SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1-31	lstLt J. M. FUIGINIT
Battery A, 1/11	1 <b> 11</b> 12 <b>.</b> -31	lstLt A. B. MORRIS
Battery B, 1/11	1-16	latit A. H. ELLIOT Capt R. B. WILLIAMS
Battery C, 1/11	17 <b>-</b> 31 1 <b>-</b> 31	Capt D. N. NOBLE Capt R. A. QUEEN

#### 2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1969: DaNang, RVN

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer S-1	1~31 1~31	Maj N. P. MILLER 1stLt J. T. HART
S-2		Lt (jg) W. F. THREIKELD
<b>S-3</b>	1-31	Maj J. D. KEILEY
S-4	1-31	Capt R. K. FEATHERSTON
<b>S-</b> 5	1-31	Lt (jg) W. F. THRELKELD
Assistant S-3	1-31	Capt K. M. GREEN
Liaison Officer	1-31	Maj E. E. JOHNSON
Naval Gunfire Officer	17	Lt W. R. MANSELL
	8-31	Lt B. L. FULLER
Survey/Metro Officer	1-10	GySgt C. A. LOCKHART
	11-31	lstLt D. W. HAUGHEY
Communications Officer	1-31	1stLt R. A. FIEURY
Ordnance Officer	1-31	lstlt C. P. WALDINGER
Battalion Surgeon	1 1 31 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	letit J. A. Yauch letit J. J. Newhan
Motor Transport Officer	1-31	lstit J. J. NEWMAN
Supply Officer	1-31	resolstit W. W. STEVENS







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#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY-

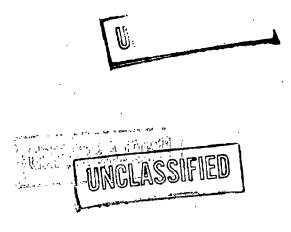
lst Battalion (-), 11th Marines began the month of May with its howitzer batteries located south of BaNang. At the start of the month Mortar Battery was OPCON to BHT 1-26. "B" Battery was OPCON to 3/11.

The month was marked by enemy attacks on all three howitzer batteries, rocket attacks in the DaNang area, and preparation for Operation Pipestone Canyon.

On 12 May, "B" and "C" Batteries were attacked by sapper units which were repulsed without any friendly casualties. Total losses to the enemy were 7 KIA and numerous explosive devices captured.
"A" and "C" Batteries sustained one mortar attack each without any casualties.

Rockets were fired into the DaNang area on the nights of 13-14 and 19-20. The result of counter-rocket fire could not be obtained.

1/11's forward CP became operational on 30 May in support of Operation Pipestone Canyon. On 29 May, B/1/11 moved to ET013626 and C/1/11 to ET012625. On 29 May, 1/11 assumed operational control of W/1/11. On 31 May, 1/11 assumed operational control of A/1/13 and D/2/11. On 31 May, 1/1/11 was assigned the mission of Reinforcing 1/11 while the 3rd platoon of the 3rd BH Howitzer Battery was assigned the mission of GS/Reinforcing 1/11. All of the above was in support of phases II and III of Operation Pipestone Canyon which began 26 May 1969.







#### Surveillance for the month of May:

Casualties	•	Damage Assesments
NVA/VC KIA 73 NVA/VC WIA O		11 secondary explosions 2 bunkers destroyed 1 bunker damaged 6 structures destroyed

#### Summary of Missions and Rounds Follows:

Type Mission	Missions	Fired 4.2	Ammunition 105	Fired 4.2
Observed Unobserved H & I	309 119 900	1 0 0	6509 4670 7553	10 0 0
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#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

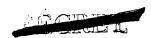
#### 1. Topics

#### a. Personnel and Administration

(1) Administration	USMC Off	USMC Enl	USN Off	USN Enl
Losses Administration KIA WIAE WIAVE MIA POW NBC	1 0 1 0 0 0	112 0 2 10 0 0 7	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 1 0 0 0
(2) Replacements	2	68	0	0 -
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	1
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#### b. Intelligence

During the first part of the month reports from captured documents and Chieu Hois indicated that the NVA/VC were planning to launch another offensive in the very near future with DaNang City and surrounding military installations as prime targets. Within the 1st Marines TACR enemy contact the first week of May was light and located primarily along the main routes of infiltration. These contacts consisted primarily of small reconnaisance elements and local VC secretarios.

On the morning of the 12th, unknown size forces launched attacks against "B" and "C" Battery positions. The batteries received RPG'S, small arms fire and a CS type gas agent was used against Battery "B"'s position about the middle of the attacks. Both batteries defended their positions successfully and captured numerous bangalore torpedos, ChiCom grenades and enemy equipment. These two attacks were part of a larger offensive against DaNang City which was successfully repulsed.

The remainder of the month was quiet with only a slight increase in the number of SFD's within the TAOR. Extensive planning was begun in connection with supporting the 1st Marines in an upcoming operation in the "Dodge City" "Gowloi Island" area.

#### c. Maintenance, Equipment and Supply

The overall/logistical situation in the battalion is quite satisfactory. Through normal usage, some items of T/E equipment have become unserviceable but are being replaced, in some cases, by direct exchange and, in other cases, by requisition through normal channels. There is no critical shortage of equipment or supplies at present. A more aggressive pursuit of existing supply procedures has proved to alleviate many minor problem areas. The maintenance situation in the battalion is also quite satisfactory. Only a few pieces of major 971-items, such as trucks, bulldozers, and communications equipment are on deadline. The deadline time for this equipment is anticipated to be less than 30 days. Most of the parts required to remove these thems from second echelon are either on hand or on order. The deadlir; time for items of this nature is minimal compared to their operating time. The overall first and second echelon maintenance program is continuing to improve under the aggressive maintenance program pursued in this battalion.

#### d. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

The new administration in the Tuy Loan Village has initiated ... several new construction project in the vicinity of the marketplace. These efforts have been extended to improving existing stalls and market facilities and to keeping the central area cleaner. Construction has begun on a new office extension to the present offices of the local officials. The Tuy Loan Clinic has had extensive repairs made to it and it has been repainted. All of this has been accomplished in spite of the increased enemy activity during the first part of the month.

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The Medical and Dental Civic Action Programs are being conducted in the marketplace and they are treating large numbers of the local people. The doctor and dentist have gained the confidence of the local people and the response of the villagers has been excellent. Several truckloads of dunnage was delivered to the Dieu Dien Orphange during the month and the families of the men of the battalion donated numerous boxes of clothes for the children. The most significant progress during the month has been the increased initiative of the newly elected local officials. Their self-improvement program is expected to continue and emphasis will be placed on improving the agricultural projects in the near future.

#### e. Training

Training is oriented toward combat operations. Special emphasis, however, continues to be placed upon GMST subjects and initial indoctrination of new troops. Career planning, medical lectures, weapons safety and preparing the Marine for his return to CONUS receive special considerations in the battalion training schedules.

#### f. Organization and Operations

In the beginning of the month W/1/11 was OPCON to BLT 1-26 and B/1/11 to 3/11. Enemy activity failed to prevent 1/11 from achieving its mission of supporting the 1st Marine Regiment and Republic of VietNam forces. 1/11 obtained its best "Kills" in support of the 39th Rangers.

2. Entries

1 May 1969

010000H 1/11 enters the month of May with howitzer batteries south of DaNang. Mission DS of 1st Marine Regiment. Mortar Battery is under the operational control of BIT 1-26.

B/1/11 is OPCON to 3/11.

Ref: (Tab A Item 1)

011040H A/1/11 firing on RX0004 (BT105655) resulted in 2 secondaries.

Ref: (Tab B Item 1)

3 May 1969

1234H A/1/11 firing on RX0002 (BT071639) resulted in 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 2)

5 May 1969

2122H A/1/11 firing on RX0012 (BT071639) resulted in 2 KIA.

Ref: (Tab B Item 3)

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2047H A/1/11 firing on RXO005 (BT106657) resulted in 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 4)

2 may 1969

1400H B/1/11 displaced to grid BT07036578 and came back under the operational control of 1/11.

Ref: (Tab A Item 3)
(Tab C Item 1)

11 Hay 1969

2245H B/1/11 firing on RX0011 (BT090656) resulted in 1 secondary.

Rof: (Tab B Item 5)

12 May 1969

0055H "B" and "C" 1/11 were attacked by VC sapper units. Both attacks were repulsed without suffering friendly casualties. Several enemy weapons were captured.

Ref: (Tab A Items 125)

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0600H A/1/11 firing on RX0031 (AT980570) resulted in 19 KIA.

Ref: (Tab A Item 6) (Tab B Item 6)

13 May 1969

0925H A&C 1/11 firing on RX0033 resulted in 2 structures destroyed and 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 7)

14 May 1969

0235H Rockets sounded over the Southern Sector Defense Net.

Ref: (Tab A Item 7)

2245H C/1/11 reports incoming mortar rounds. No casualties.

Ref: (Tab A Item 8)

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0935H A/1/11 firing on RX0005 (AT981612) resulted in 2 secondaries.

Ref: Tab 3 Item 8)

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1430H B/1/11 reports finding several explosive devices in their wire.

Ref: (Tab A Item 9)

20 May 1969

0012H B/1/11 reported rockets firing east of their position.

Ref: (Tab A Item 10)

OLOOH C/1/11 firing RXOO17 (AT995573) resulted in 50 KIA.

Ref: (Tab A Items 13&15) (Tab B Items 9&10)

0600H Rockets sounded over the Southern Sector Defense Het.

Ref: (Tab A Item 11)

0742H A/1/11 firing on RX0024 (AT993611) resulted in 1 KIA.

Ref: (Tab A Item 14)
(Tab B Item 11)

0830H A/1/11 reported 5-6 82mm mortar rounds impacted in their position. No casualties.

Ref: (Tab A Item 12)

26 May 1969

2240H B/1/11 firing on RX0003 (BT006632) resulted in 1 KIA.

Ref: (Tab B Item 12)

2325H B/1/11 firing on RXOOO4 (BT098670) resulted in 1 secondary.

Raf: (Tab B Item 13)

27 Hay 1969

0930H B/1/11 displaced to grid BT013626.

Ref: (Tab A Item 16)

1000H 1/11 forward CP (BT012623) was established.

Ref: (Tab A Item !!)

1253H A & B 1/11 firing on RX0011 (BT008568) resulted in 2 bunkers and 4 structures destroyed and 2 bunkers damaged.

Ref (Tab B Item 14)

1305H C/1/11 displaced to grid BT012625.

Ref: (Tab A Item IC)

1335H W/1/11 came under operational control of 1/11 and arrived at grid BT991675.

Ref: (Tab A Item 19) (Tab C Item 1)

31 May 1969

0530H 1/11 assumed operational control of D/2/11 and A/1/13,3rd platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer battery. GS/Reinforcing 1/11 and L/4/11 reinforcing 1/11.

Ref: (Tab C Item 2)

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#### PART IV

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Tab B worksheet summaries
Tab C message traffic summaries

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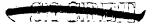
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#### Place: Dallang, RVN

From 01000HHay69 To: 312400Hiny69

No	DTG	ENTRY ACTION TAKEN_
í.	O10000H	1/11 enters the month of May with howitzer batteries south of DaNang. Missich DS of 1st Marine Regiment. Mortar Battery is under the operational control of BLT 1-26. B/1/11 is OPCON to 3/11.
Ĉr .	0 <b>60915</b> H	2 KIA's on RXOO12 grid RT081647, A Battery.
3.	0911400	Pos Rep to 11th Marines  A. B/1/11, B. 07036578, 2 guns up. FIRECAP  A. B/1/11, B. 07036578, C. 5400, D. 091320H
<u>!</u> .•	12050 <b>0</b> H	C/1/11 position attacked by an estimated force of 20 VC at 120055H. Enemy fired 2 RPG's and approximately 30 mixed 60rm and 81mm mortar rounds. Small arms and sappers attacked with satch charges. Attack repulsed by small arms fire. N26 grenades, and 105mm bechive rounds. No friendly casualties. 5 enemy KIA.
5e*	J.20800H	Spot report from B/1/11. B/1/11 was attacked at approximately 120100 by enemy forces using mortar, RPG, and small arms five. Fire was returned by preplanned 60mm mortar fire, 105mm direct fire and small arms fire. 105mm fire resulted in two secondaries. Contact was broken at 0230. Sweep of the area resulted in two enemy KIA, 1 AK47, 3 B-40 rockets, 4 baskets of ChiCom grenades, 1 shaped charge, 2 bangalore torpedoes, 3 cartridge belts, 1 roll of VC comm wire.
ū;	131015H	lst Marines FSCC reports A/1/11 firing on RX0031 (Bt98305690) at 1610H for 39th ARVN resulted in 19 KIA.
· .	140235H	Rockets sounded over Southern Sector Defense Net.
- - -	1)122/15H	C/1/11 reports incoming mortar rounds. No casualties.
9.	191430Н	B/1/11 reported finding the following items in their defensive wire; 1 bangalore torpedo, 1 20-30 lb. shaped charge, 1 basket of ChiCom grenedés, 1 126, plus other paraphenalia.

(Tab A)



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10.	200013H	B/1/11 reported rockets firing east of their position at 202400H.
17.	200 600H	Rockets sounded over the Southern Sector Defense
12.	200830H	A/1/11 reported 5-6 82mm mortar rounds impacted in their position. No casualties.
13.	200900H	C/1/11 accounted for 20 KIA's on taget RX0017 and RX8709.
11.	20 <b>1</b> 94 <b>5</b> H	1/1 62 reported that A/1/11 accounted for 1 KIA on target RXO024 (AT990608).
7.5.	21115OH	1st Marines FSCC reported 30 more KTA's on RX0017 fired for the 39th Bengaras
16.	2909 <b>3</b> 0H	B/1/11 displaced to grid BTG13626.
-1.3	201.055H	1/11 forward OP (BF012623) was established 291000.
$\mathbb{M}_{\mathfrak{a}}$	291305H	C/1/11 displaced to grid BT013626.
- r &	201335H	W/1/11 came under operational convers of 1/11 and displaced to grid 27991675.
20,	HOCOLCE	1/11 forward CP (BT012623) became operational,



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- 1. RX0004, A/1/11, (BT105655) assembly area, 2/1, 012040H, 2 secondaries.
- 2. RX0002, A/1/11, (BT071639) enemy assembly, 2/1 63A, 031234H, 1 secondary.
- 3. RXOO12, A/1/11, (BTO8164?), VC in the open, 2/1 63, 052122H, 2 KIA.
- 4. RXCCC5, A/1/11, (BT106657) prep fire, 2/1 63, 062047H, 1 secondary.
- 5. RX0011, B/1/11, (BT090656), suspected enemy position, 2/1 62A, 112245H, 1 secondary.
- 6. RICO31, A/1/11, (AT980570), platoon VC, 39th ARVN, 120510, 19 KIA.
- 7: RYCO33, A&C 1/11, (BT008681) VC in treeline, 3/1 61, 130925H, 2 "h. Dehes" destroyed and 1 secondary.
- 8 RM0005, A/1/11, (AT981612) prep fire, 1/1 62, 180935H, 2 secondaries.
- On RY0017, C/1/11, (AT995573), contact, 39th Rengers, 200400H, 30 KTA.
- 10. RX8709, C/1/11, (AT995578), contact, 39th Rangers, 200540H, 20 KIA.
- 11. RXOO24, A/1/11, (AT993611) prep fire, 1/1 62 200742H, 1 KIA.

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- 12. RX0003, B/1/11, (BT006632), contact, 3/1 62, 262240H, 1 KIA.
- 13. RX0004, B/1/11, (BT098670), VC movement, 3/1 67, 262325H, 1 secondary.
- Ih. RXOOll, AMB 1/11, (BTOO8563), VC troops, Air Force Air Controller, 291253H, destroyed 30 meters of trench, 2 bunkers, h structures, damaged 2 bunkers.

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(Tab B)



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#### MESSAGE TRAFFIC SUITARY

11th Marines Wessage 090120Z May 69

1. 3/11 displace 3/1/11 to ATO72657 on 9 May 1969 and chop to 1/11 on arrival. 1/11 assume operational control of B/1/11 on arrival at ATO72657.

11th Marines Message 29020Z May 69

2. 2/11 chop D/2/11 to 1/11 eff 310530H May 69

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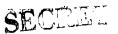
Thop L/1/13 to 1/11 aff 310530 May 69. L/11 charge mission L/L/11 from G/S to Rain. I/11 eff 310530H May 69.

and 8" How Btry change mission 3rd plt from 68 to 62 Rein. (4/10) "1 310530H May 69.

1/11:

Learne OPCON W/1/11 on our 1st Mar OP on 29 Hay 69. - warme OPCON D/2/11 ort A/1/13 eff 310530H May 69.





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