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 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART 1
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines 1-31

COMMANDER

LtCol F. ANDRILLIUNAS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1-31	1stLt J. M. FUGINITI
Battery A, 1/11	1-11	1stLt A. B. MORRIS
	12-31	1stLt A. H. ELLIOT
Battery B, 1/11	1-16	Capt R. B. WILLIAMS
	17-31	Capt D. N. NOBLE
Battery C, 1/11	1-31	Capt R. A. QUEEN

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1969: DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31	Maj N. P. MILLER
S-1	1-31	1stLt J. T. HART
S-2	1-31	Lt (jg) W. F. THREKELD
S-3	1-31	Maj J. D. KELLEY
S-4	1-31	Capt R. K. FEATHERSTON
S-5	1-31	Lt (jg) W. F. THREKELD
Assistant S-3	1-31	Capt K. M. GREEN
Liaison Officer	1-31	Maj E. E. JOHNSON
Naval Gunfire Officer	1-7	Lt W. R. MANSELL
	8-31	Lt B. L. FULLER
Survey/Metro Officer	1-10	GySgt C. A. LOCKHART
	11-31	1stLt D. W. HAUGHEY
Communications Officer	1-31	1stLt R. A. FLEURY
Ordnance Officer	1-31	1stLt C. P. WALDINGER
Battalion Surgeon	1-31	Lt J. A. YAUCH
Motor Transport Officer	1-31	1stLt J. J. NEWMAN
Supply Officer	1-31	1stLt W. W. STEVENS

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USMC	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
41	530

USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	10

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY-

1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines began the month of May with its howitzer batteries located south of DaNang. At the start of the month Mortar Battery was OPCON to BIF 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 BT013626 and C/1/11 to BT012625. 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, 1/4/11 was assigned the mission of Reinforcing 1/11 while the 3rd platoon of the 3rd 8" 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.

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Surveillance for the month of May:

Casualties

NVA/VC KIA 73
 NVA/VC WIA 0

Damage Assessments

11 secondary explosions
 2 bunkers destroyed
 1 bunker damaged
 6 structures destroyed

Summary of Missions and Rounds Follows:

<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Missions Fired</u>		<u>Ammunition Fired</u>	
	105	4.2	105	4.2
Observed	309	1	6509	10
Unobserved	119	0	4670	0
H & I	900	0	7553	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>1328</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>18732</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Obs Missions	310		Total Obs Rounds	6519
Total Unobs Missions	119		Total Unobs Rounds	4670
Total H & I Missions	900		Total H & I Rounds	7553
Total Missions	1329		Total Rounds	18742

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) Administration	USMC Off	USMC Enl	USN Off	USN Enl
Losses				
Administration	1	42	0	1
KIA	0	0	0	0
WIAE	1	2	0	0
WIAHE	0	10	0	1
MIA	0	0	0	0
POW	0	0	0	0
NBC	0	7	0	0
(2) Replacements	2	68	0	0
(3) Net Loss	0	0	0	1
(4) Net Gain	0	24	0	0
(5) Awards	Purple Heart			10
	Naval Commendation Medal			3
	Bronze Star			4
	Naval Achievement Medal			2

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SECRET**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 TAOR enemy contact the first week of May was light and located primarily along the main routes of infiltration. These contacts consisted primarily of small reconnaissance elements and local VC guerrillas.

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 torpedoes, 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" "Go Noi 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 end-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 items from second echelon are either on hand or on order. The deadline 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 Orphanage 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.

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SECRET**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 B1T 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)

6 May 1969

2047H A/1/11 firing on RX0005 (BT106657) resulted in 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 4)

9 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 May 1969

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

Ref: (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 4&5)

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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)

18 May 1969

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

Ref: Tab B Item 8)

19 May 1969

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)

0400H C/1/11 firing RX0017 (AT995573) resulted
in 50 KIA.

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

0600H Rockets sounded over the Southern Sector
Defense Net.

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)

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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 RX0004 (BT098670) resulted in 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 13)

27 May 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 17)

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 18)

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

- ✓ Tab A S-3 journal entries
- ✓ Tab B worksheet summaries
- ✓ Tab C message traffic summaries

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Units 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

Place: DaNang, RVN

From 010000H May 69 To: 312400H May 69

No	DTG	ENTRY	ACTION TAKEN
1.	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 BLT 1-26. B/1/11 is OPCON to 3/11.	
2.	060915H	2 KIA's on RX0012 grid RT081647, A Battery.	
3.	091400	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	
4.	120500H	C/1/11 position attacked by an estimated force of 20 VC at 120055H. Enemy fired 2 RPG's and approximately 30 mixed 60mm and 81mm mortar rounds. Small arms and sappers attacked with satchel charges. Attack repulsed by small arms fire, M26 grenades, and 105mm beehive rounds. No friendly casualties. 5 enemy KIA.	
5.	120800H	Spot report from B/1/11. B/1/11 was attacked at approximately 120100 by enemy forces using mortar, RPG, and small arms fire. 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.	
6.	131015H	1st Marines FSCC reports A/1/11 firing on RX0031 (Dt98305690) at 1610H for 39th ARVN resulted in 19 KIA.	
7.	140235H	Rockets sounded over Southern Sector Defense Net.	
8.	142245H	C/1/11 reports incoming mortar rounds. No casualties.	
9.	191430H	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 grenades, 1 M26, plus other paraphernalia.	

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10. 200012H B/1/11 reported rockets firing east of their position at 202400H.
 11. 200600H Rockets sounded over the Southern Sector Defense Net.
 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 target RX0017 and RX8709.
 14. 201945H 1/1 62 reported that A/1/11 accounted for 1 KIA on target RX0024 (AT990608).
 15. 211150H 1st Marines FSCC reported 30 more KIA's on RX0017 fired for the 39th Rangers.
 16. 290930H B/1/11 displaced to grid BT013626.
 17. 291055H 1/11 forward CP (BT012623) was established 291000.
 18. 291305H C/1/11 displaced to grid BT013626.
 19. 291335H W/1/11 came under operational control of 1/11 and displaced to grid BT991675.
 20. 301000H 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. RX0012, A/1/11, (BT081647), VC in the open, 2/1 63, 052122H, 2 KIA.
4. RX0005, 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. RX0031, A/1/11, (AT980570), platoon VC, 39th ARVN, 120510, 19 KIA.
7. RX0033, A&C 1/11, (BT008681) VC in treeline, 3/1 61, 130925H, 2 "bunkers" destroyed and 1 secondary.
8. RX0005, A/1/11, (AT981612) prep fire, 1/1 62, 180935H, 2 secondaries.
9. RX0017, C/1/11, (AT995573), contact, 39th Rangers, 200400H, 30 KIA.
10. RX8709, C/1/11, (AT995578), contact, 39th Rangers, 200540H, 20 KIA.
11. RX0024, A/1/11, (AT993611) prep fire, 1/1 62 200742H, 1 KIA.
242400
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.
14. RX0011, M&B 1/11, (BT008563), VC troops, Air Force Air Controller, 291253H, destroyed 30 meters of trench, 2 bunkers, 4 structures, damaged 2 bunkers.

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11th Marines Message 090120Z May 69

1. 3/11 displace B/1/11 to AT072657 on 9 May 1969 and chop to 1/11 on arrival. 1/11 assume operational control of B/1/11 on arrival at AT072657.

11th Marines Message 29020Z May 69

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

1/11:

Displace W/1/11 to 1st Mar CP on 29 May 69; chop to 1/11 on arrival.

Chop A/1/13 to 1/11 eff 310530 May 69. 4/11 change mission L/4/11 from G/S to Rein. 1/11 eff 310530H May 69.

3rd 8" How Btry change mission 3rd plt from G/S to G/S Rein. 1/11 eff 310530H May 69.

1/11:

Assume OPCON W/1/11 on 29 May 69.
Assume OPCON D/2/11 and A/1/13 eff 310530H May 69.

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