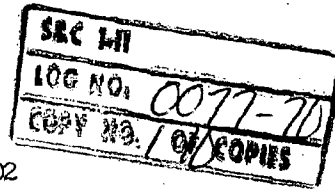


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1ST BATTALION, 11TH MARINES

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 11th Marines	1-31	Lt. Col. L. R. DORSA
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## SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1-31	Capt. R. F. KSHRES
Battery "A"	1-31	1st Lt. S. P. FREIHERR
Battery "B"	1-31	Capt. J. P. OCONNOR
Battery "C"	1-31	Capt. D. P. MARTIN
107mm Mortar Battery	1-31	Capt. E. H. KASOLD

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1970, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-31	Major H. E. DAVISON
S-1	1-31	Capt. L. R. THOMPSON
S-2	1-31	1st Lt. R. R. BARNETT
S-3	1-3	Major D. F. TRENSKI
	4-31	Capt. P. R. AADNESEN
S-4	1-21	1st Lt. J. M. BEARD
	22-31	Capt. W. H. FLYNN Jr.
S-5	1-31	1st Lt. D. S. ALTHAUS
Assistant S-3	1-3	Capt. P. R. AADNESEN
	4-31	1st Lt. C. R. BLAICH
Liaison Officer	1-3	Major T. W. ROGERS
	4-31	Major D. F. TRENSKI
Naval Gunfire Officer	1-31	Lt (jg) D. A. MILLER
	1-31	Lt (jg) R. A. JEFFERS
Communications Officer	1-31	1st Lt. T. F. HARPER
Ordnance Officer	1-31	1st Lt. J. M. BEARD
Motor Transport Officer	1-31	1st Lt. A. J. WALZ Jr.
Supply Officer	1-31	1st Lt. E. E. PRICHARD

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
50	556

USN

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	11

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## PART III

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

All elements of the First Battalion maintained their efforts during the month of May to ensure that the battalion's essential combat mission of providing direct artillery support to the First Marines was accomplished in a professional manner.

Extensive programs of pre-emptive fires required by the First Marines put a heavy workload on all segments of the battalion. The failure of the enemy to mount an offensive of any significance during the month indicates that the pre-emptive fires achieved the desired results.

Enemy activity within the battalion's fire capabilities consisted of sporadic indirect fire attacks utilizing rockets and mortars, and numerous sniper and mine/booby trap incidents. "B" Battery sustained negative damage from an 82mm mortar attack launched on 8 May. On 27 May the Northern Artillery Cantonment was subject to its first rocket attack (122mm) since its occupation by this battalion. NAC sustained negative damage as a result of the action. Vehicles and patrols operating in the vicinity of NAC experienced a sharp rise in attacks by snipers and mines/booby traps. The increase in these incidents of harassing attacks prompted the Battalion Commanding Officer to require all vehicles to travel in groups of at least two while utilizing roads near NAC. Wearing of flak gear also became a necessity on roads adjacent to NAC.

The High Threat OP's (Reno and Robin) were manned from 27 April until 4 May and were remanned during the Buddha Birthday Cease Fire (18-19 May).

In addition to providing direct fire support to the First Marines, and answering calls for fire from the First Battalion, Fifth Marines operating in the Southern Sector Defense Command and from units in the Northern Sector Defense Command, new procedures were developed to provide rapid fire support by D/S and G/S artillery units located in NAC, and the "WX" detachment for the 1/25th Vietnamese Regional Force Company Group. The system was put into effect on 19 May and immediately proved highly effective. (See Part II (f) for operational details)

Between 26-28 May the 1/25th Regional Force Company Group and a platoon from the First Marines conducted a sweep of the peninsula to the east of Hai Van Pass. "WX" and general support units opened the operation with an extensive preparation and then remained ready to answer calls for fire from a Marine FO Team which accompanied the command group. On the second day of the operation, as the RF's advanced to the limit of "WX's" fire capability, two 4.2" mortar tubes were displaced from "WX" to AT957927 by helicopter and designated "WZ". The FDC continued to operate from "WX's" position at Hai Van Pass. At the close of the operation "WZ" was extracted by means of the narrow gauge railroad which operates adjacent to the position. This extraction by rail was unique and, according to the best information available, a first. The operation verified that the enemy had not reestablished himself on the peninsula in the two years since the last sweep of the area was conducted.

The program of weekly classes for forward observers, observation post per-

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sonnel, and infantry small unit leaders which was begun in April was continued through May. The observation and adjustment of artillery fires, clearance procedures, rules of engagement, guest lectures on NVA rocket gunnery and crater analysis were presented to those attending. A visual reconnaissance of the First Marines TAOR by helicopter was scheduled at the conclusion of each class.

The improvement of all the battalion's fixed positions was continued. Various construction projects were completed or in various stages of completion as the month ended. At NAC the helicopter LZ and the internal road system were improved to better handle the increasing traffic load.

To ensure that all of the battalion's personnel were maintaining personal equipment in a high state of readiness, that living quarters were sufficient, and that standards of personal appearance were being adhered to, the Battalion Commanding Officer personally inspected each battery. All batteries were required to correct any discrepancies as soon as possible, with the result that by the end of the month all batteries were rated as SATISFACTORY.

The month of May concluded with the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines being eminently qualified to continue its mission of providing direct artillery support to the 1st Marine Regiment.

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## Summary of surveillance for the Month of May, 1970

Casualties

VC/NVA KIA- 19  
VC/NVA WIA- 1

Damage Assessments

Secondary explosions- 20

Summary of Missions and Ammunition Expenditures

<u>Type of Mission</u>	<u>No. of Missions Fired &amp; Ammunition Expended</u>		
	105mm	4.2"	155mm
Confirmed	79/2331	2/34	
Acquired	112/3273	15/244	
Counter-battery	5/328		
Preparation	52/2303	10/229	
Interdiction	2691/35629	430/2711	47/264
Special	131/1818	52/291	
Other	7/46	10/242	
Total Missions	3643		
Total Rounds	49743		

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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
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Losses

Administrative	3	35	0	2
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIAE	0	0	0	0
Battle WIANE	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle POW	0	0	0	0
NBC	0	3	0	0

(2) Replacements	3	17	0	0
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(3) Net Loss	0	21	0	0
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(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	0
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(5) Awards:

Presented: None

Recommendations  
forwarded to higher  
Headquarters

Legion of Merit: 1  
Bronze Star: 1  
Navy Commendation Medal: 5  
Navy Achievement Medal: 3



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Enemy activity remained generally light, continuing the enemy's trend of avoiding contact with allied units. Indirect fire attacks, mines and booby traps, as well as sniper activity and small ambushes continued to comprise the bulk of the enemy's offensive actions.

A rocket site with 8-140mm rockets was discovered by the units of the 3rd Battalion, First Marines near AT862826 on 6 May. On 8 May Phase II of the expected enemy offensive opened with a rocket attack on DaNang. The 2nd Battalion, First Marines had units assault the launch site at BT052681 and captured 11-122mm rockets. "B" Battery and 2nd Bn., 1st Marines Cn P. received 82mm mortar fire on the 8th, but sustained no damage. On 27 May NAC and FLC were attacked by 122mm rockets, but the FO team from "I" 3/1 directed artillery fire on AT846800 and reported 4 secondary explosions, NAC sustained no damage.

There was a noticeable increase in mining and sniper incidents around NAC, vehicles and patrols from the Cantonment being the principal targets.

The resettlement hamlet of Tu Cau was attacked on the 28th. Several houses were destroyed by fire.

The High Threat OP's (Reno and Robin) were manned from 27 April until 4 May and during the Buddha Birthday cease fire (18-19 May).

c. Maintenance, Equipment and Supply

Effort continued on the major position improvement projects. The helicopter landing zone was enlarged by 10,000 square feet, and the soil around it is presently being stabilized. The soil stabilization and the acquisition of required lighting and equipment will be completed during June.

The road network within the cantonment has been graded and oiled. Some upgrading of secondary roads and additional oiling will take place in June. Two additional huts were erected for living quarters, and work continues on rescreening and rebuilding the cantonment living, messing and head spaces.

The Motor Transport section continued to maintain an average deadline rate of only 2% for the month of May. Increased emphasis was placed on driving safety instruction, with a number of classes presented by the Motor Transport Officer.

Battalion Supply continues to reconcile its records in all commodity areas. Additional input data for the Combined Allowance List was submitted to Division as a result of the Division directed redistribution of excesses. Most of the Battalion excesses were disposed of, with the remainder scheduled for invoicing in June. Battalion Supply initiated a project to upgrade the condition of its embarkation boxes. The project will be completed in June.

All engineer equipment remains in an operational status.

BAS personnel conducted a vigorous program of sanitation inspections, which has resulted in a greatly improved cantonment sanitation status.

Efforts were initiated to reduce the number of excess food stores in the NAC mess hall.

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First Battalion, Eleventh Marines remains in a C-1 Readiness Category in both equipment and supplies on hand, and in operational readiness.

d. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

The completion of the third month of the First Battalion Civic Action Sections efforts in the three hamlets of the village of Hoa Vinh saw several important steps taken.

A total of 145 Vietnamese patients were treated during the month with the assistance of the ARVN 10th Political Warfare Team. The team also assisted with Psychological Operations by showing movies, broadcasting Chieu Hoi tapes, and by distributing pamphlets.

In the hamlet of Huong Phuoc, 25 desks have been constructed for the hamlet school from ammo. boxes donated by the First Battalion. The school is now 90% finished. The roof on the school building in the hamlet of Van Duong was also completed.

Ten "General Walt" Scholarships were awarded in the sum of \$500 VN to promising primary students in the Hoa Vinh Village.

Finally, liaison was made with G-5 concerning the purchase of 200 bags of cement for the St. Joseph Orphanage. The cement will be paid for by the Orphanage and used in the construction of a children's dormitory.

e. Training

Classes on artillery procedures for forward observers, OP personnel and small unit leaders were increased during the month of May.

The firing range near NAC was completed with the assistance of the 7th Engineers, who constructed a road from Route 545 to the range with a clearing on either side to prevent ambushes. A newly constructed berm now permits the firing of .50 caliber machineguns and M-79 grenade launchers. Tenant units at NAC have begun incorporating the use of this range into their training programs.

In keeping with the increase emphasis on drug abuse education, including the President's Proclamation of Drug Abuse Week, the Battalion Surgeon conducted 4 classes, each lasting 30 minutes, on the subject.

f. Operations

While maintaining its rapid responsiveness to observed fire missions, the Battalion, in keeping with the wishes of the CG 1st Marine Division, increased its already extensive pre-emptive target program.

Erie Glade, a XXIV Corps high threat pre-emptive operation, was terminated on 2 May with the First Battalion having fired 540 rounds on 9 targets.

The High Threat OP's at Reno and Robin remained manned from the beginning of the month up to 4 May. The OP's were again manned during, and for several days after, the Buddha Birthday cease fire which was observed from 18 to 19 May.

A system was developed wherein both the 1/25th R.F. Co. Group and the U.S. Army 40mm

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"duster" section, co-located on Hai Van Pass, could be readily supported by fires from the X-Ray mortar detachment reinforced, if necessary, by D/S and G/S artillery units located in the Northern Artillery Cantonment. The postulated system was put into effect on the evening of 19 May 70 on a trial basis, and immediately proved highly effective.

A joint COC/FSCC was established, co-located with the 1/25th C.P., and manned by one U.S. Army advisor, one R.F. interpreter, a two-man liaison team from X-Ray mortars, a representative from the "duster" section, and a three-man liaison team from the interested company of the 3d Bn., 1st Marines. An R.F. Lieutenant was placed in charge as the direct representative of the C.O., 1/25th R.F. Co. Group (Captain TAP). In return for the Marine Artillery liaison team and regularly scheduled forward observer training for key R.F. personnel, Captain TAP augmented X-Ray mortars' local security forces with six R.F.'s.

Requests for artillery support originating from any of the units represented are received in the 1/25th COC/FSCC, interpreted if necessary, then sent to the X-Ray FDC over land line for computation of initial firing data. Political clearance is understood in that the mission/request has already cleared the 1/25th R.F. Co. Group COC/FSCC and, if the fires of the X-Ray mortar detachment are adequate for the nature of the target, nighttime military clearance is obtained directly from the 3d Bn., 1st Marines' FSCC. This latter provision deletes the previous requirement for clearing such fires with the 1st Marines' FSCC thereby improving the rapidity of response and adhering to the established doctrine that "fire support coordination should be effected at the lowest level possible." If reinforcing fires are required and/or missions are requested during daylight hours (0600-1900), the X-Ray FDC relays the request to the FDC of the 1st Bn., 11th Marines who coordinates such requests with the 1st Marines' FSCC for clearance and SAV-A-PLANE as required. Requests for reinforcing fires beyond the control of 1st Bn., 11th Marines are passed to the 11th Marines' FDC.

To further expedite these procedures, all fire requests originating with the 1/25th R.F. Co. Group are referred to as "TANGO" missions throughout all clearance and communications channels. The system has worked exceptionally well thus far.

On 13 May the Division CG, Major General WIDDECKE, fired the six millionth round to be expended by the 11th Marines since entering Vietnam. The round was fired by Mortar Battery's "WY" detachment on Hill 270 AT865 681.

During the period 26-28 May the "WX" detachment of Mortar Battery, with reinforcing fire from "L" Battery 4/11 and "A" platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, supported a sweep of the peninsula to the east of Hai Van Pass by the 1/25th Vietnamese Regional Force Company Group. On the second day of the operation 2 "WX" mortars were displaced by helicopter to AT957927 and designated "WZ". "WZ" was located to provide direct support over the entire operation's planned route. The operation terminated on 28 May, after "WZ" had expended 407 rounds. Inserted by helicopter, "WZ" was extracted by local narrow gauge railroad, a displacement unique in the Battalion's history. The operation failed to uncover anything of significance, but it did verify

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that the enemy had not reestablished himself on the peninsula.

Technical operations continued to receive considerable emphasis. Precision registration points were established for "C" Battery in the vicinity of Nam O Bridge. The IOD team on Hill 270 was used to establish registration points for "A" Battery and "W". All 105mm batteries were calibrated with the M-36 Chronograph. This calibration allowed the correct pairing of equal shooters, and in "B" Battery's case, where registration clearances are extremely rare, the determined Muzzle Velocity Variation (MVV) proved invaluable in determining the Velocity Error (VE) necessary in the computation of current GFT settings. FADAC was non-operational during the entire month due to repair delays at FIC.

Live fire FO schools were conducted for the 11th Marines and the 3rd Bn., 1st Marines.

The First Battalion continued the support of numerous squad and platoon size patrols and ambushes throughout the First Marines TAOR during the month of May, and maintained its quick-fire channels to "L" Battery 4/11 and "F" Battery 2/11.

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## 2. Entries

01 May 2214H, C 1/11 while firing illumination on 03 VC/NVA on grid AT902824 for 3/1 61 assisted with 01 VC/NVA KIA credited to the infantry.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 1)

02 May 2338H, WY 1/11 while firing on dufflebag fire mission of 09 April on grids AT89057065 AT89157065 AT89267063 for Air Hose 24, is credited with 08 VC/NVA KIA.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 2)  
(Tab B, Item 2)

06 May 1715H, C 1/11 while firing on 05 VC/NVA on grid AT862826 for 3/1 61, is credited with 1 VC/NVA KIA and 8 140mm rockets captured and destroyed.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 7)  
(Tab B, Item 3)

07 May 2205H, B 1/11 while firing on 20 VC/NVA and one suspected mortar tube at grid BT097663 for 2/1 61, is credited with one secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 8)  
(Tab B, Item 4)

08 May 0240H, B 1/11 while firing contact illumination on grid BT 051697 for 2/1 62A, assisted the infantry in capturing 11 122mm rockets.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 10)  
(Tab B, Item 5)

2020H, B 1/11 while firing contact illumination on grid BT079663 for 2/1 61, assisted the infantry in capturing 01 AK47 rifle, documents, and finding blood trails.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 11)  
(Tab B, Item 6)

09 May 1815H, A 1/11 while firing on 03 VC/NVA on grid AT877696 for OP Seaside, is credited with 01 VC/NVA KIA.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 12)  
(Tab B, Item 7)

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2018H, C 1/11 while firing on suspected enemy infiltration route on grid AT896859 for 3/1 63A, is credited with 03 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 8)

11 May 1820H, C 1/11 while firing on 02 VC/NVA on grid AT858759 for OP Seaside, is credited with 01 VC/NVA KIA.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 13)  
(Tab B, Item 9)

14 May 2103H, B 1/11 while firing on a prep-fire on grid BT050685 for 2/1 63 is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 10)

15 May 2233H, C 1/11 while firing on 05 VC/NVA on grid 916834 for 3/1 63, is credited with 03 VC/NVA KIA.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 11)

16 May 0329H, C 1/11 while firing on 06-07 VC/NVA on grid AT923839 for 3/1 63, is credited with 02 VC/NVA KIA.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 15)  
(Tab B, Item 12)

1957H, B 1/11 while firing on suspected enemy position on grid BT099664 for 2/1 61, is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 13)

2128H, B 1/11 while firing on suspected enemy infiltration route on grid BT100670 for 2/1 61, is credited with one secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 14)

19 May 2127H, B 1/11 while firing on an intelligence target on grid BT040660 for 2/1 63, is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 15)

21 May 0034H, B 1/11 while firing on a suspected enemy escape route on grid BT060643 for 3/7 61, is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 16)

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1956H, B 1/11 while firing on a prep-fire on grid BT096661 for 2/1 61, is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 17)

2102H, B 1/11 while firing on a suspected enemy infiltration route on grid BT089658 for 2/1 61, is credited with 2 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 18)

24 May

2055H, B 1/11 while firing contact illumination on grid BT024684 for the 59th ARVN, assisted the infantry in 02 VC/NVA KIA, 01 female POW, and capturing 1 AK47 rifle and miscellaneous gear.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 19)

25 May

1430H, A 1/11 while firing on 02 VC/NVA on grid AT868628 for OP Seaside, is credited with 01 VC/NVA KIA.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 17)  
(Tab B, Item 20)

27 May

2110H, C 1/11 while firing on a counter-rocket target on grid AT850803 for 3/1 61, is credited with 4 secondary explosions at grid AT846800.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 21)  
(Tab B, Item 21)

2210H, B 1/11 while firing on a suspected enemy staging area on grid BT084668 for 2/1 62, is credited with 3 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 22)

29 May

1244H, A 1/11 while firing on 10 VC/NVA and one large moving object on grid AT86127532 for OP Seaside, is credited with 02 VC/NVA KIA and 01 VC/NVA WIA.

Ref: (Tab A, Item 26)  
(Tab B, Item 23)

30 May

2027H, B 1/11 while firing on a prep-fire on grid BT103661 for 2/1 62, is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B, Item 24)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- ✓Tab B Worksheet Summaries
- ✓Tab C Message Traffic Summary

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SECRETS-3 Journal Entries

<u>No.</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>ENTRY</u>
1	010001H	First Battalion, Eleventh Marines begins the month of May with operational control of three 105mm Howitzer Batteries, one 4.2" Mortar Battery, and one 155mm Howitzer (towed) located around DaNang, Republic of Vietnam. The Command Post is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795); Battery "A" is located at Hill 10 (AT924692); Battery "B" is located at Sea Anchor (BT083703); Battery "C" is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT923793); Mortar Battery detachment "X" is located at Hai Van Pass (AT943914); Mortar Battery detachment "Y" is located at Hill 270 (AT865681) and Rover is located at Hill 270 (AT865681). First Battalion remains in direct support of First Marine Regiment.
2	022338H	Spot Rep: a. WY 1/11 b. 02/2338H c. AT89057065, AT89157065, AT89267063 d. On 09 April WY 1/11 received dufflebag fire mission from Air Hose 24 on above grids and fired 18 HE/Q rounds between 1820H & 1822H. e. On 02 May WY 1/11 was informed by AH24 that C 1/1 had found 08 VC/NVA bodies, at above grids, dead approximately 3 weeks, WY 1/11 was credited with the kills by both AH24 and 1/1 Bailey. f-h. Negative i. 08 KIA j-m. Negative
3	052020H	Spot Rep: a. 1/11 b. 05/2020H c. AT930795 d. M37 vehicle ambushed by 02-03 Vietnamese. Received heavy fire from range 10-15 meters either side of vehicle which was hit at least 5 times by small caliber bullets - light damage, no USMC casualties. e. Passed to 1st Mar & 11th Mar with request to 11th Marines to initiate investigation by RVN National Police. Driver was able to identify one of the Vietnamese involved.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>ENTRY</u>
		f-m. Negative
4	052030H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <p>a. 1/11</p> <p>b. 05/2030H</p> <p>c. AT930795</p> <p>d. M151 from L 4/11 received small arms fire and one detonation with fragmentation effects. Driver &amp; passenger both WIA and taken to NAC BAS for emergency treatment.</p> <p>e. Medevac requested from 1st Mar FSCC</p> <p>f. Negative</p> <p>g. 2 USMC WIA</p> <p>h-m. Negative</p>
5	052100H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <p>a. 1/11</p> <p>b. 05/2100H</p> <p>c. AT930795</p> <p>d. Further investigation reveals two explosions took place. First one was large and destroyed vehicle; second was smaller and had fragmentation effect. Vehicle cannot be towed.</p> <p>e. Passed to 1st Mar with info. to 11th Mar.</p> <p>f-l. Negative</p> <p>m. 01 M151 destroyed</p>
6	061445H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <p>a. 1/11</p> <p>b. 06/1445H</p> <p>c. AT938790</p> <p>d. Admin. vehicle fired upon from previous ambush site. One RPG round landed behind vehicle on right side of road.</p> <p>e. Vehicle continued on.</p> <p>f-m. Negative</p>
7	061722H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <p>a. 3/1 61</p> <p>b. 06/1722H</p> <p>c. AT862826</p> <p>d. 3/1 61 spotted 05 VC/NVA at above grid. Called in fire mission.</p> <p>e. 6 1/11 fired 48 HE rounds on above target. Sweep of area resulted in finding 01 KIA &amp; 8 140mm rockets.</p> <p>f-h. Negative</p> <p>i. 01 KIA</p> <p>j-k. Negative</p>

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		l. 8 140mm rockets m. all rockets exploded in place
8	072150H	Spot Rep: a. E 2/1 b. 07/2150H c. BT088673 d. At grid BT090680 a squad from "E" Co. & RF's had contact with approximately 20 VC/NVA carrying a suspected mortar. Enemy broke contact and was pursued. e. B 1/11 fired 47 illumination rounds and 211 HE rounds resulting in 1 secondary explosion. The squad swept area with negative results. f-m. Negative
9	080105H	Spot Rep: a. B 1/11 b. 08/0105H c. B 1/11 d. Approximately 15 82mm mortar rounds impacted at edge and North of B 1/11. Fire was returned by 106 recoilless rifle on OP Crowsnest; negative counter-mortar fire by B 1/11. e. Back azimuth to mortars found to be 3600 - no firing stakes found. f-m. Negative
10	080300H	Spot Rep: a. G 2/1 b. 08/0300H c. BT052683 d. G-24 in ambush position observed rocket being fired. They immediately took enemy under fire and found 11 122mm rockets while sweeping area. B 1/11 assisted sweep with illumination. e. Rockets were removed from area f-l. Negative m. Captured 11 122mm rockets
11	082030H	Spot Rep: a. E-3/2 b. 08/2030H c. BT077664 d. E-3/2 in ambush position spotted 05 VC/NVA, took enemy under fire, and pursued. Recovered food & clothing to provide for 10-15 personnel. Found 01 AK47 rifle, 01 set of black pajamas,

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and documents (4 notebooks). Also located several bunkers, tunnels, and spider holes, leading to heavy foliage.

- e. B 1/11 fired 104 illumination rounds.
- f-k. Negative
- l. 01 AK47
- m. Captured documents, food, and clothing

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091815H

Spot Rep:

- a. Seaside
- b. 09/1815H
- c. AT877696
- d. Seaside spotted 03 well-camouflaged VC/NVA in static position at above grid. Enemy appeared to be waiting for fellow troops or darkness.
- e. Seaside called in fire mission. A 1/11 fired 18 HE/VT rounds resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.
- f-h. Negative
- i. 01 KIA
- j-m. Negative

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111820H

Spot Rep:

- a. Seaside
- b. 11/1820H
- c. AT858759
- d. Seaside observed 02 VC/NVA dressed in dark utilities moving into tree line. Enemy appeared to be carrying some type of unidentifiable equipment.
- e. Seaside called in fire mission. C 1/11 fired 18 HE/Q rounds resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.
- f-h. Negative
- i. 01 KIA
- l-m. Negative

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141610H

Spot Rep:

- a. C 1/11
- b. 14/1610H
- c. AT934792
- d. M151 vehicle, proceeding east on Rt 545, triggered small explosive device, blowing a 4" X 1 1/2" hole in vehicle.
- e. Vehicle continued on, observed no enemy personnel.
- f-m. Negative

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15	160230H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. L-3 3/1</li> <li>b. 16/0230H</li> <li>c. AT923840</li> <li>d. L-3 observed 05-07 VC/NVA in treeline through night observation device.</li> <li>e. Called in 60mm mortar and 105mm arty. missions with 81mm mortar furnishing illumination resulting in 06 VC/NVA KIA. C 1/11 fired 2 WP and 60 HE rounds and is credited with 02 VC/NVA KIA.</li> <li>f-h. Negative</li> <li>i. 06 KIA</li> <li>j-m. Negative</li> </ul>
16	251200H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1/11 S-5</li> <li>b. 25/1200H</li> <li>c. AT920782</li> <li>d. Suspected male VC in dark green utilities, spotted by 1/11 patrol, began to take evasive action. Patrol unable to fire due to 4 VN girls approximately 10 years old, in area.</li> <li>e. Two of the VN girls apprehended and turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.</li> <li>f-j. Negative</li> <li>k. 02 VN female detainees</li> <li>l-m. Negative</li> </ul>
17	251428H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Seaside</li> <li>b. 25/1428H</li> <li>c. AT868628</li> <li>d. Seaside observed 02 VC/NVA watching valley. Enemy were in a static position at above grid. No weapons or packs were observed.</li> <li>e. Seaside called in fire mission, A 1/11 fired 20 HE rounds resulting 01 VC/NVA KIA.</li> <li>f-h. Negative</li> <li>i. 01 KIA</li> <li>j-m. Negative</li> </ul>
18	270930H	<p>Fire Cap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. WX 1/11</li> <li>b. 1</li> <li>c. 4200</li> <li>d. AT94279159</li> </ul>

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19	271000H	Move Rep: a. WZ 1/11 b. 2 c. 27/1000H d. AT957927
20	271215H	Fire Cap: a. WZ b. 2 c. 6400 d. AT95759252 e. 27/1115H
21	272110H	Spot Rep: a. 1/11 FDC b. 27/2110H c. NAC d. 02 122mm rockets impacted outside western perimeter of NAC at grids AT916799, AT918805 e. 3/1 61 observed rocket flashes at grid AT850803 and called fire mission. C 1/11 fired 2 WP and 168 HE rounds and was adjusted by 3/1 61 to grid AT846800 where four secondary explosions were observed. f-l. Negative m. 4 secondary explosions
22	281210H	Move Rep: a. WZ 1/11 b. 2 c. WX 1/11 d. 1200
23	281425H	Spot Rep: a. 1/11 b. 28/1425H c. AT917797 d. 1/11 patrol spotted spring-loaded booby-trap and destroyed it. Patrol received 4-5 sniper rounds, one Marine received nose injury when struck by small fragments. Patrol then received 3-4 additional sniper rounds. e. Marine was taken to NAC BAS and treated f. Negative g. 01 USMC WIA h-m. Negative

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24	281511H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1/11</li> <li>b. 28/1511H</li> <li>c. AT914803</li> <li>d. Batman Tower spotted 2 males moving North, carrying weapons, enter hootch at above grid. Believed to be part of ambush on 1/11 patrol.</li> <li>e. None</li> <li>f-m. Negative</li> </ul>
25	281700H	<p>Fire Cap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. WX 1/11</li> <li>b. 3</li> <li>c. 4200</li> <li>d. AT94279159</li> <li>e. 1645</li> </ul>
26	291245H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Seaside</li> <li>b. 29/1245H</li> <li>c. AT86127532</li> <li>d. 04 VC/NVA and one unidentifiable moving object were observed at above grid moving in a westerly direction. Enemy were dressed in various utilities, black pajamas; two were wearing white straw hats and two were riding animals. The object seemed to be moving under its own power and part of it was of a lighter color than other parts. 07 VC/NVA were also observed in column moving in the same direction at fast pace. Movement was believed caused by air strike 500-1000 meters North of target. Enemy were carrying what appeared to be rocket rounds or mortar tubes.</li> <li>e. Seaside called in fire mission 4 1/11 fired 54HE rounds resulting in 02 VC/NVA KIA and 01 VC/NVA WIA.</li> <li>f-h. Negative</li> <li>i. 02 WIA</li> <li>j. Negative</li> <li>k. 01 WIA</li> <li>m. Negative</li> </ul>
27	311500H	<p>Spot Rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A 1/11</li> <li>b. 31/1500H</li> <li>c. AT914734</li> </ul>

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d. Vehicle took one sniper round at above grid;  
round impacted in upper left hand corner of wind-  
shield.

e. Vehicle continued on, observed no enemy personnel  
or position

f-m. Negative

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312400H

First Battalion, Eleventh Marines ends the month of May with operational control of three 105mm Howitzer Batteries, one 4.2" Mortar Battery, and one 155mm Howitzer (towed) located around DaNang, Republic of Vietnam. The Command Post is located at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925795); Battery "A" is located at Hill 10 (AT924692); Battery "B" is located at Sea Anchor (BT083703); Battery "C" is at the Northern Artillery Cantonment (AT925793); Mortar Battery detachment "X" is located at Hai Van Pass (AT943914); Mortar Battery detachment "Y" is located at Hill 270 (AT865681); and Rover is located at Hill 270 (AT865-681). First Battalion remains in direct support of the First Marine Regiment.



SECRETWORKSHEET SUMMARY

01 May

1. 2214H, RD0119Z, C 1/11, AT902324 03 VC/NVA, 3/1 61 obs., 1 VC/NVA KIA credited to infantry, assisted by artillery illumination.

02 May

2. 2338H, RS2913, 2914, and 2915, WY 1/11, AT89057065, AT89157065, AT89267063, dufflebag, unobs., 08 VC/NVA KIA

06 May

3. 1715H, RD0607, C 1/11, AT862826, 05 VC/NVA, 3/1 61 obs., 1 VC/NVA KIA and 8 140mm rockets destroyed.

07 May

4. 2205H, RD0714, B 1/11, BT097663, 20 VC/NVA and 1 mortar tube, 2/1 61 obs. 1 secondary explosion.

08 May

5. 0240H, RD0807Z, B 1/11, BT051697 contact, 2/1 62A obs., 11 122mm rockets captured by infantry, assisted by artillery illumination.

6. 2020H, RD0834Z, B 1/11, BT079663, contact, 2/1 61 obs., blood trails found, 1 AK47 and documents captured by the infantry, assisted by artillery illumination.

09 May

7. 1815H, RD0914, A 1/11, AT877696, 03 VC/NVA, Seaside obs., 1 VC/NVA KIA.

8. 2018H, RD0918, C 1/11, AT896859, suspected enemy infiltration route, 3/1 63A obs., 03 secondary explosions.

11 May

9. 1820H, RD1125, C 1/11, AT858759, 02 VC/NVA, Seaside obs., 01 VC/NVA KIA

14 May

10. 2103H, RD1411, B 1/11, BT050685, prep-fire, 2/1 63 obs. 1 secondary explosion.

15 May

11. 2233H, RD1533, C 1/11, AT916834, 05 VC/NVA, 3/1 63 obs., 03 VC/NVA KIA

16 May

12. 0329H, RD1601, C 1/11, AT923839, 06-07 VC/NVA, 3/1 63 obs., 02 VC/NVA KIA.

13. 1957H, RD1612, B 1/11, BT099664, suspected enemy position, 2/1 61 obs. 1 secondary explosion.

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14. 2128H, RD1617, B 1/11, BT100670, suspected enemy infiltration route, 2/1 61 obs., 1 secondary explosion.

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15. 2127H, RD1924, B 1/11, BT040660, intelligence target, 2/1 63 obs., 1 secondary explosion.

21 May

16. 0034H, RD2103, B 1/11, BT060643, suspected enemy escape route, 3/7 61 obs., 1 secondary explosion

17. 1956H, RD2115, B 1/11, BT096661, prep-fire, 2/1 61 obs., 1 secondary explosion.

18. 2102H, RD2118, B 1/11, BT089658, suspected enemy infiltration route, 2/1 61 obs., 2 secondary explosions.

24 May

19. 2055H, RD2412Z, B 1/11, BT024684, contact, 59th ARVN obs., 02 VC/NVA KIA, 01 female POW, 1 AK47 and miscellaneous gear captured by infantry, assisted by artillery illumination

25 May

20. 1430H, RD2511, A 1/11, AT868628, 02 VC/NVA, Seaside obs, 01VC/NVA KIA

27 May

21. 2110H, RD2720, C 1/11, AT850803, counter-rocket, 3/1 61 obs., 4 secondary explosions at grid AT846800.

22. 2210H, RD2722, B 1/11, BT084668, suspected enemy staging area, 2/1 62 obs. 3 secondary explosions.

29 May

23. 1244H, RD2912, A 1/11, AT86127532, 10VC/NVA and one large moving object, Seaside obs. 02 VC/NVA KIA and 01 VC/NVA WIA.

30 May

24. 2027H, RD3022, B 1/11, BT103661, prep-fire 2/1 62 obs. 1 secondary explosion.

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MESSAGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

No messages of significance originated from the First Battalion, 11th Marines during the month of May.

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