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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1969 - 31 March 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.

2d Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol R.D. JAMESON

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battery	1-27 Mar 28-31 Mar	1stLt M.A.G. NELSON 1stLt F.A. LAZOTT
Battery D	1-7 Mar 8-31 Mar	1stLt F.A. MAURO JR. Capt W.A. BABB
Battery E	1-31 Mar	Capt J.M. CAVANAUGH
Battery F	1-7 Mar 8-10 Mar 11-31 Mar	Capt W.A. BABB 1stLt J.R. DEROBERTS Capt G.B. ERWIN
Battery W	1-16 Mar 17-31 Mar	1stLt F.A. LAZOTT Capt J.D. PHILLIPS

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1 April 19692. LOCATIONS

2dBn, 11th Marines	1-31 Mar	An Hoa	AT 866472
Hq Btry	1-31 Mar	An Hoa	AT 866472
Battery D	1-31 Mar	Liberty Bridge	AT 925526
Battery E	1-31 Mar	An Hoa	AT 876472
Battery F	1-5 Mar 24-31 Mar	Op Con 1st BAC An Hoa	AT 876470 AT 864471
Battery W	8-12 Mar 24-31 Mar		
Battery W (-) 1Plt	1-8 Mar 12-24 Mar	An Hoa An Hoa An Hoa	AT 864471 AT 864471 AT 864471
Det Battery W (1Plt)	1-8 Mar 12-24 Mar	Liberty Bridge An Hoa	AT 925526 AT 879465

UNITS ATTACHED FOR COMMAND COGNIZANCE. The following units reported through and were supplied by 2/11, although never Op Con.

Battery B 1/13	8-26 Mar	Liberty Bridge	AT 926533
Battery C 1/13	1-23 Mar	An Hoa	AT 865471
Battery W 1/13	1-12 Mar 12-23 Mar	Arizona Area An Hoa	AT 829529 AT 877476
Battery W 1/12	8-26 Mar	Liberty Bridge	AT 928532

OPCON UNITS

Battery W 3/31	7-7 Mar	An Hoa	AT 872465
Battery E 4/13	8-31 Mar	An Hoa	AT 868473
Plt "A", 3rd 8" Guns(SP)	8-31 Mar	An Hoa	AT 877476
Plt "A", 3rd 155 Guns(SP)	8-31 Mar	An Hoa	AT 877476
Battery B, 4thBn 8th Arty (USA)	8-10 Mar	An Hoa	AT 868469
Plt "A", 1st 175 Guns (SP)	10-31 Mar	* An Hoa	AT 868469

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3. STAFF OFFICERS.

BnExecO	1-17 Mar 18-31 Mar	Maj L.K. MICHAEL Maj K.P. HARRISON
BnSgtMaj	1-31 Mar	SgtMaj N.A. LENDEN
S-1	1-31 Mar	1stLt W.D. POE
S-2/S-5	1-7 Mar 8-31 Mar	1stLt G.W. ONEILL 1stLt P.S. JONES
S-3	1-31 Mar	Maj L.K. MICHAEL
S-4	1-7 Mar 8-31 Mar	1stLt P.S. JONES 1stLt F.A. MAURO JR.
CommO	1-7 Mar 7-31 Mar	1stLt J.F. DWINELL 1stLt R.C. ROUNDS JR.
MtO	1-31 Mar	1stLt L.L. STRAUCH
SupplyO	1-31 Mar	1stLt H.O. HARNESS
OrdO	1-31 Mar	CWO2 H.W. CUTLER
Surv/MetroO	1-31 Mar	1stLt J.H. RHEINHART
InO	1-31 Mar	Maj D.J. BLAUL

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
41	613	4	12	0	0

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AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES.

<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>5th Marines</u>	<u>26th Marines</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>RECON</u>	<u>ARMY</u>
105mm Howitzer	26416	15034	50	1060	0
4.2" Mortar	4792	2457	40	0	0
155mm Howitzer	6071	543	9	1231	0
155mm Guns	363	0	0	34	7
8" Howitzers	618	124	0	94	0
175mm Guns	388	0	0	73	0

Total Rounds 59374MISSIONS FIREDOBSERVED

1702

UNOBSERVED

1199

HARASSING AND INTERDICTIONMISSIONS

5529

ROUNDS

16415

Total Rounds 10654Total Missions 6430CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCES

During March, 1969, 2/11 was credited with 113 confirmed KIAs, 128 probable KIAs, 146 bunkers destroyed, 79 dwellings damaged or destroyed, and 2 AA sites neutralized.

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PART II

During March, 1969 the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines provided fire support for the 5th Marine Regiment, and BLT 2/26 and 3/26. For much of the month the Battalion had Operational Control of approximately one third of the Division artillery resources.

Operation Taylor Common was concluded during the 1st week in March, during which time 2/11 was under the Operational Control of the First Field Artillery Group. Prior to the termination of the operation, Battery F moved from Fire Base Tomahawk to a position in An Hoa. Battery W (Forward) rejoined Battery W 2/11 from their position at Liberty Bridge, and Battery W 3/11 left the AO after providing outstanding support in a primarily counter-mortar role during Taylor Common.

On 8 March, 1st Field Artillery Group Headquarters passed OpCon of K 4/13, A Plt 3d 8th How, A Plt 3d 155 Guns and Battery B 4th Bn 8th Arty (175G) (USA) to 2/11. The general support capability for the An Hoa Vital area was increased and the Battalion continued to provide support for the 5th Marines and BLT 3/26 in the 5th Marines AO.

On 10 March B 1/13 and W 1/13 came under 2/11 in a special command relationship designed to provide for their support and allow them a reporting channel while leaving BLT 2/26, operating in the Go Noi area, intact.

For most of March, C 1/13 and W 1/12 were attached to 2/11 under the same command relationship and supported BLT 3/26 with 2/11 reinforcing as necessary.

During most of the month the An Hoa combat base experienced a series of mortar and rocket attacks which began on 28 February. The majority of the incoming was concentrated in the areas occupied by Hq Btry 2/11, F 2/11, C 1/13 and A Plt 1st 175G. Initial attacks enabled the Battalion to sharpen counter-mortar and rocket techniques. By late March the attacks consisted of only one volley of rockets followed by a hasty withdrawal to avoid speedy and accurate counter-rocket fires from 2/11.

On the morning of 19 March Battery D, located at Liberty Bridge, came under a heavy ground attack by a Battalion-size unit of enemy equipped with automatic weapons, satchel charges and flame throwers. The enemy managed to breach the wire and enter the position, doing damage to several bunkers and putting two howitzers out of action temporarily with flat tires, damaged wheels and a damaged breechblock.

The Battery was able to repulse the enemy killing 79 of them, while suffering moderate casualties (12 KIA, 32 WIA). Battery E provided fire support during the attack, firing within 25 meters of Delta Battery's position.

By 29 March, B, C, and W 1/13 and W 1/12 had left the AO as BLTs 2/26 and 3/26 withdrew, leaving 2/11, reinforced by general support previously mentioned, supporting the 5th Marines.

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PART III

TOPICa. Personnel and Administration

1. <u>Losses</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Administration	4	45	0	0
Battle KIA	0	11	0	1
Battle WIA (Evac)	9	14	0	0
Battle WIA (Non-Evac)	2	37	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Non-Battle (Evac)	0	6	0	0
Non-Battle (Death)	0	0	0	0
2. <u>Replacements</u>	3	66	0	1
3. <u>Net Loss</u>	4	76	0	0
4. <u>Net Gain</u>	3	66	0	1
5. <u>Promotions</u>	0	28	0	0
6. <u>Awards</u>				
Purple Heart Medals	1	8	0	0
Navy Achievement Medal	0	2	0	0
7. <u>Average Strength</u>	41	613	4	12

b. Intelligence.

During March 1969 S-2 2/11 was able to gain much valuable experience due to the series of mortar and rocket attacks which occurred throughout the month. To improve surveillance, observation personnel from the tower at Strong Point "A" on the edge of the An Hoa perimeter were moved to a centrally located tower in the 5th Marines CP.

The counter mortar plan was modified constantly, targets being added with each new attack. Targets which had not been active for several months were removed from this plan to keep it of manageable size.

On 8 March when the Field Artillery Group left, 2/11 assumed responsibility for counter rocket fires and the S-2 made similar modification to that plan. Counter Mortar Radar sites located at An Hoa contributed 50 sightings during attacks, while the tower system sent 61.

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c. Training

The battalion continues to devote substantial time for training with emphasis on security of the position area, direct fire procedure, and associated technical skills within each occupational field.

d. Logistics.

During the month of March the S-4 continued to provide needed equipment and arrange for necessary support to steadily improve living conditions and defense of the areas occupied by 2/11.

An S-1/S-4 bunker was begun, to be completed in April, and each battery was provided with bunkers for storage of ammunition. Two fighting bunkers were constructed in the Hq Battery area and materials were provided to heavily reinforce the Battalion Fire Direction Center.

Frequent visits by personnel from NSA have greatly improved functioning of 2/11 generators but sub-balance loads cause a continuing problem in that area. Maintenance support in the An Hoa area has been good, but a lack of parts at FSB in DaNang has created a backlog of weapons needing 6-month maintenance services.

Engineer support has been outstanding especially in view of constant mortar/rocket attacks. In one instance, when the observation tower in the Hq Battery area was damaged by an incoming round, repairs were made within 12 hours. The Battalion has received three TD-18s during the reporting period and although two are awaiting evacuation to DaNang for 2nd echelon maintenance, the third is being used constantly for improvements in all 2/11 areas.

There is still a shortage of boots and utilities (sizes medium and large) but this problem has lessened somewhat. The reporting function of the S-4 has been accomplished properly and on time.

e. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

The S-5 program lagged considerably during March due to the constant threat of attack and the resulting restrictions on movement. 12 loads of scrap lumber were delivered to local populous for repair of homes damaged by enemy incoming, and for cooking. The 2/11 laundry was closed for most of the month but has been reopened now that the threat of attack has lessened somewhat.

f. Psychological Operations. None.

g. Combined Action Company Program. Will be reported separately in accordance with RegtO 3121.1.

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S-1, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines

PLACE

An Hoa, Republic of Vietnam

FROM (Date and hour)

0001, 1Mar69

TO (Date and hour)

2400, 31Mar69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			010045	2 Enl WIANE; 2 Off WIANE; 1 Enl WIA	
			020100	1 Enl WIANE	
			0900	Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS & 1 NAV Off fr 1st Div; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			031400	Tr 2 MARCOR Off to 11thMar; MEDEVAC 2 MARCOR Enl	
			041200	Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr WESTPAC; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; MEDEVAC 1 MARCOR Enl	
			051300	Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			061120	Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; MEDEVAC 1 MARCOR Enl	
			070800	Tr 1 MARCOR Off to CONUS; Jd 3 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			080545	9 MARCOR Enl WIANE; 2 MARCOR Enl WIA; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			090800	Tr 3 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			101200	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 6 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			111600	Jd 1 MARCOR Off & 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			121500	Jd 6 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS & 1 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar; Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to 11thMar	
			130940	Jd 4 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; MEDEVAC 4 MARCOR Enl	
			141000	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			151130	Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Tr 5 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			161400	Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr WESTPAC	
			170900	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; MEDEVAC 2 MARCOR Enl	
			181200	Tr 7 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Off & 2 Enl fr CONUS	
			190330	11 MARCOR KIA; 1 NAV KIA; 14 WIA; 26 WIANE; MEDEVAC 1 MARCOR ENL	
			211800	Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 6 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS & 2 fr 11thMar	
			231540	Tr 4 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS & 5 fr 11thMar	
			241330	Tr 1 NAV Off to 11thMar; MEDEVAC 5 MARCOR Enl	
			251200	Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 1 NAV Off fr CONUS	
			260900	Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS; Jd 4 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			271800	Jd 6 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar	
			28 1030	Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 2 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar; Tr 2 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	
			290730	Jd 4 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS; Jd 1 MARCOR Enl fr 11thMar; MEDEVAC 4 MARCOR Enl	
			301430	Jd 5 MARCOR Enl fr CONUS	
			311000	Tr 1 MARCOR Enl to CONUS	

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PLACE

FROM (Date and hour)

TO (Date and hour)

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
			1 March	Incoming was received resulting in 10 WIA		
			2 March	Paid for 11 M-26A1 Grenades		
			3 March	Paid for 12 M-26A1 Grenades to 4 VN boys Two 122mm rockets were received		
			4 March	Submitted three targets to S-3 based on prisoners and villager's reports. Paid for 21 M-26A1 grenades and 1 claymore mine		
			7 March	Detained 2 VN boys, who brought in 2 mines (bouncing betty); sent them to Duc Duc.		
			8 March	One VN boy informed of mine field nearby; passed on to 5th Marine S-2.		
			10 March	Three VN boys led two S-2 personnel to a 750 pound bomb		
			11 March	BOD disposed of bomb. Five new grids were added to counter-mortar plan: 8659 4425, 8600 4400, 8614 4413, 8633 4452, 8568 4415		
			13 March	Recon insert contacted 5 VC in bunker that was destroyed twice previously; grid 982 533		
			17 March	Three targets were added to counter-rocket plan; 793 462, 793 469, 795 466. Paid for 18 M-26A1 grenades to 8 VN boys, 2x60mm rds to 2 VN boys, and 1x105 rd to a VN male.		
			18 March	Paid for one M-33 grenade to a VN boy.		
			19 March	Added new grid to counter-rocket plan; 8176 4830. Paid for 2 M-26A1 grenades to a VN boy, 10 M-26A1 grenades to 6 VN boys, and 1x60mm Ill rd to a VN boy.		
			22 March	Paid for 18 M-26A1 grenades to 8 VN boys, 2 60mm Ill rds to a VN boy, and 1x155rd to a VN elder male.		
			23 March	Three crater analysis were performed attaining the following results: impact grid 8742 4702 AZ 5286, impact grid 8745 4703 AZ 0803, impact grid 8633 4752 AZ 5432. Paid for 12 M-26A1 grenades to 6 VN boys, and 2x155 rds to 1 VN boy and a VN elder male.		

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PLACE

An Hoa Vietnam

FROM (Date and hour)

010001H March 69

TO (Date and hour)

312400 March 69

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		01	011420	C 1/13 received 1 KIA XB302 866533	
		02	011625	C 1/13 received 1 bunker & 1 house XB305 867534	
		03	011625	Delta (155) received 2 bunkers and 5 structures damaged.	
		04	011845	C 1/13 received 2 KIAS & 1 bunker destroyed XB308 854512	
		05	021100	C 1/13 received 5 KIAS XB308 85245051	
		06	020300	C 1/13 received 1 secondary XB 317 835478	
		07	020855	E 2/11 received 2 bunkers destroyed SX2356 881501	
		08	020908	C 1/13 received 12 KIAS, 2 bunkers, and 5 structures destroyed. XB305 867533	
		09	021154	E 2/11 received 1 bunker destroyed and 1 bunker damaged. SX2359 891509	
		10	021720	C 1/13 received 1 bunker destroyed XB323 82284967	
		11	031100	E 2/11 received 2 bunkers destroyed, 3 damaged, and trenchlines damaged. SX2366 888500	
		12	031830	D 2/11 received 1 confirmed boat SD263 899522	
		13	040840	E 2/11 received 1 structure destroyed SX2370 855505	
		14	041415	D 2/11 received 3 probables SD263 899522	

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FROM (Date and hour)

010001HMarch69

TO (Date and hour)

312400HMarch69

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		15	041840	W 1/13 2 KIAS W071 82825481	
		16	042140	W 1/13 1 KIA W074 85714869	
		17	051250	E 2/11 received 1 bunker destroyed and 2 bunkers damaged.	
		18	051220	C 1/13 Received 3 bunkers destroyed XB365 854485	
		19	051440	C 1/13 received 2 bunkers destroyed XB366 852482	
		20	051725	C 1/13 received 1 KIA XB374 846492	
		21	052015	Firecap for Defend Foxtrot a. Foxtrot 2/11 b. 86734.8 47043.2 c. 4800 d. 051800HMarch69 4 Guns up	
		22	060740	D 2/11 received 2 probable KIAS SD920 946506	
		23	061115	D 2/11 received 1 KIA & 2 probables SD922 908527	
		24	061239	E 2/11 received 2 bunkers destroyed and 3 bunkers damaged. SX2389 890496	
		25	061430	E 2/11 received 2 probables SX2390 891509	
		26	061607	D (155) received 3 probables SD925 012522	
		27	070845	Move Rep a. Defend W Fwd b. 070845H c. 87234636 1 Gun	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		28	070915	Move Rep W 3/11 a. Quizmaster WT b. 967616 c. 070915HMarch69 3 Guns up	
		29	070845	D 2/11 received 3 Hooches destroyed SD932 883533	
		30	070010	C 1/13 received 1 KIA XB411 845485	
		31	071130	Fire Cap WF a. Defend W Fwd b. 87234635 c. 1900 d. 071130HMarch69 2 Guns up	
Late entry		32	062310	C 1/13 received 3 KIAS, 1 structure, 2 bunkers, and 2 AK 47's. XB411 845485	
		33	072030	Delta-Xray received 5 KIAS SD932 88615347	
		34	080925	Fire Cap Kilo 4/13 a. Kilo 4/13 b. 86794726 c. 4800 d. 6 Guns up	
		35	081700	Fire Cap Deerlodge "A" a. Deerlodge "A" b. 87684756 c. 8" Az 4800&1200 155G Az 4600&5400 d. 081700HMarch69 4 Guns up	
		36	081110	K 4/13 received 3 structures destroyed AK306 83944810	
		37	081235	K 4/13 received 5 hooches and 1 bunker destroyed ZX2409 89205184	
		38	081355	8" A received 2 probables Az7995 01815256	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		39	081421	F 2/11 received 1 secondary explosion SX2417 921462	
		40	081515	8" A received 1 tunnel complex destroyed, 2 direct hits on bridge.	
		41	081710	Move Rep Crotchet B 1/13 a. B 1/13 b. 080930H c. 925535	
		42	081710	Fire Cap B 1/13 SAC a. B 1/13 b. 92365376 c. 1600 d. 081600H All Guns up	
		43	081800	Fire Cap Fairlane W a. W 1/12 b. 92855324 c. 1800 d. 081800 5 Guns up	
		44	081900	K 4/13 received 7 KIAS SD932	
		45	090700	K 4/13 received 3 probables & 1 structure AK311 82044774	
		46	091100	K 4/13 redeived 1 secondary explosion AK316 84294762	
		47	091100	8" A received 1 bunker destroyed and 3 damaged FZ1283 838473	
		48	091150	K 4/13 received 3 probables and 1 bunker AK319 981473	
		49	091205	8" A received 5 probables & 1 hooch FZ1285 01815256	
		50	091320	D 2/11 received 4 probables SD952 979557	
		51	100030	K 4/13 received 1 AA site destroyed AK321 83304691	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M—Maps S—Staff T—Troops F—File
IN	OUT				
		52	100030	Delta 2/11 received 8 KIAS SD956 899539	
		53	100030	B 2/11 received 4 KIAS & 1 San Pan SX2449 87365124	
		54	100100	D 2/11 received 2 KIAS SD960 989481	
		55	101010	Move Rep a. B 1/13 b. 101030HMarch69 c. 926533	
		56	101200	C 1/13 received 1 mortar site destroyed XB479 851482	
		57	111100	K 4/13 received 1 secondary explosion AK336 982475	
		58	111100	K 4/13 received 1 AA site & tunnel complex destroyed AK337 938461	
		59	111200	D 2/11 received 2 probable KIAS, 1 hooch destroyed, and 3 hooches damaged. SD975 004533	
		60	120900	Move Rep a. Speedy Admiral b. 120845HMarch69 c. 82975286	
		61	121200	D 2/11 received 2 probables & 1 hooch SD986 001532	
		62	121200	D 2/11 received 2 KIAS, 4 probables, and 1 hooch SD985 004532	
		63	121200	D 2/11 received 2 KIAS, and 1 water buffalo SD968 93214860	
		64	121425	D 2/11 received 2 houses destroyed, and 2 houses damaged. SD987 955517	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		65	122000	Fire Cap a. Speedy Admiral b. 87684756 c. 3200 d. 122000HMarch69 6 Guns up	
		66	130600	D 2/11 received 1 KIA SD993 00424824	
		67	121435	B 1/13 received 2 bunkers destroyed KB025 984533	
		68	121523	B 1/13 received 5 probables, 1 hooch, and 1 bunker KB 026 991530	
		69	121850	E 2/11 received 3 hooches SX2497 898525	
		70	131815	8" A received 7 structures & 2 bunkers destroyed FZ1302 936511	
		71	131815	D 2/11 received 2 KIAS SD 995 014544	
		72	131815	Delta-Xray received 3 KIAS SD995 014544	
		73	131820	E 2/11 received 1 secondary explosion SX2502 877508	
		74	131830	K 4/13 received 1 hooch destroyed AK346 88795202	
		75	141000	Delta-Xray (155) received 1 concrete structure and 2 bunkers destroyed SD600 998545	
		76	141000	D 2/11 received 3 KIAS and 5 probables SD601 006527	
		77	141000	D 2/11 received 6 probables SD602 005529	
		78	141915	Deerlodge A 8" received 1 bunker destroyed and 1 secondary explosion FZ 1313 003523	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
		79	142130	1st 175 Guns received 1 secondary explosion DQ2038 211332	
		80	151230	C 1/13 received 1 bunker destroyed and 100 meters trenchline destroyed	
		81	151232	Delta-Xray received 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 bridge damaged.	
		83	151340	K 4/13 received 4 probables AK362 854344	
		84	151655	8" A received 2 hooches destroyed FZ1322 888519	
		85	160957	D 2/11 received 2 probables SD614 92715043	
		86	161150	D 2/11 received 1 hooch destroyed SD616 938498	
		87	161150	B 1/13 received 3 probables, 1 bunker, 2 hooches, and 1 tunnel complex damaged or destroyed KB063 007538	
		88	161155	8" A received 1 secondary explosion & 2 hooches FZ1326 887516	
		89	161155	8" A received 2 bunkers destroyed FZ1327 997543	
		90	161155	E 2/11 received 2 hooches destroyed SX2516 88985191	
		91	170730	K 4/13 received 1 KIA AK359 828547	
		92	170735	E 2/11 received 1 secondary explosion SX2516 88985191	
		93	171345	8" A received 1 hooch destroyed FZ1332 887519	
		94	171715	8" A received 8 fighting holes destroyed FZ1333 845499	

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IN	OUT				
		95	172045	K 4/13 received 12 probables AK359 83085455	
		96	181200	C 1/13 received 1 KIA and miscellaneous gear XB601 831488	
		97	180440	C 1/13 received 5 KIAS XB602 83514871	
		98	181215	8" A received 2 secondary explosions and 3 bunkers destroyed FZ1340 010547	
		99	181420	K 4/13 received 1 KIA & 5 hooches destroyed AK388 810473	
		100	181530	D 2/11 (155) received 17 probables SD628 034548	
		101	182243	W 1/12 received 1 secondary FW022 971519	
		102	182350	F 2/11 received 1 secondary SX2545 81364818	
		103	190625	C 1/13 received 1 secondary XB630 835499	
		104	190900	8" A reports 2 bunkers destroyed FZ1345 812471	
		105	191125	C 1/13 received 3 KIAS & 2 bunkers destroyed XB633 811471	
		106	191400	8" A 1 bunker destroyed FZ1348 895525	
		107	191445	E 2/11 received 1 KIA SX2554 885517	
		108	191543	D 2/11 received 3 KIAS, 3 probables, and 1 secondary SD634 018546	
		109	191705	C 1/13 received 4 probables XB644 820495	

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IN	OUT				
		110	192150	C 1/13 received 1 bunker destroyed and 1 secondary	
		111	200545	C 1/13 received 1 secondary XB660 828475	
		112	200900	D 2/11 received 2 probables, 1 hooch destroyed, and 1 Pagoda destroyed SD636 905524	
		113	200930	D 2/11 received 1 hooch destroyed SD037 904523	
		114	201755	C 1/13 received 1 bunker destroyed XB668 840508	
		115	201825	K 4/13 received 1 secondary AK421 814440	
		116	201815	C 1/13 received 1 KIA XB644	
		117	201925	D 2/11 received 1 secondary SD640 995518	
		118	211325	E 2/11 received 3 probables SX3338 855519	
		119	211812	E 2/11 received 5 probables SX2587 860450	
		120	230805	Move Rep a. C 1/13 b. 0700H23March69 c. Hill 55	
		121	231000	Move Rep a. F 2/11 b. 1000H23March69 c. 8647	
		122	231200	Fire Cap a. Fomrot b. 8645947145 c. 6000 d. 1255H23March69	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
IN	OUT					
		123	230930	W 1/12 received 5 probables FW039 90255305		
		124	231615	D 2/11 received 1 probable BD656 899521		
		125	231630	D 2/11 received 1 bunker SD657 950526		
		126	231640	D 2/11 received 1 KIA & 4 probables SD658 884534		
		127	231725	D 2/11 received 1 WIA SD658 88565354		
		128	231820	D 2/11 received 1 KIA SD658 886535		
		129	241240	D 2/11 received 1 KIA SD664 885535		
		130	241010	D 2/11 received 3 probables SD658 885535		
		131	241938	D 2/11 received 1 secondary SD665 947525		
		132	241940	D 2/11 received 2 probables SD666 036534		
		133	242140	B 1/13 received 2 probables & 3 secondaries KF028 008536		
		134	251215	E 2/11 received 2 hooches & 2 bunkers		
		135	251910	D 2/11 received 3 KIAs SD658 885535		
		136	261852	D 2/11 received 11 KIAs SD658 885535		
		137	281100	D 2/11 received 4 probables SD674 004536		
		138	290800	E 2/11 received 1 KIA & 1 B-40 rocket launcher SX2680 86605159		

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
			010800H	Wheeled Vehicle, Mileage, Cargo, and Passenger report was submitted.		
			020100H	Minor Injury, and Damage report was submitted.		
			031300H	Cone Report, Engineer Support, and special Detection Devices Report was submitted.		
			050900H	Class V Asset & Expenditure Report was submitted.		
			060800H	Selected Munitions Report was submitted.		
			080900H	Personnel Assignments Report was submitted.		
			081400H	Engineer Support & Special Detection Devices Reports were submitted.		
			160800H	Engineer Support & Special Detection Devices Reports were submitted.		
			170800H	2/11 Forward received there 1st TD-18 in their position from the rear.		
			180900H	Two fighting bunkers were installed into position.		
			181400H	Contact Team from NSA Danang improved operating conditions of our 30KW generator.		
			191300H	Bravo Co. 1st Engineers repaired the 2/11 tower that was damaged in the recent mortar & rocket attacks.		
			200900H	Cantonment Report was submitted to 5th Marines.		
			220800H	Engineer Support & Special Detection Devices Reports were submitted.		
			231700H	2/11 Forward received the 2nd TD-18 tractor into the position.		
			260700H	MCB-8 began construction on the S-1/S-4 bunker.		
			270900H	Logistic's Summary Report was hand carried & delivered to 11th Marines S-4.		
			280800H	Engineer Support, & Special Detection Devices Reports were delivered to 11th Marines.		
			291300H	Deadline Combat Essential Equipment Report was submitted.		
			291800H	2/11 Forward received their 3rd TD-18 Tractor into their position.		
			300800H	Mares Reconciliation was submitted.		
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To : Commanding Officer, 5th Marines (S-3)

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report

Ref : (a) DivO 3480.1A

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

- a. Code Name. Taylor Common
- b. Dates of Operation. 070001HDec68--080800HMar69
- c. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN.
- d. Command and Control Headquarters. Task Force Yankee.
- e. Reporting Officer. Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.
- f. Task Organization.

Headquarters Battery
Battery D
Battery E
Battery F
Battery W

- g. Supporting Forces.

W 3/11 General Support, Reinforcing; Provisional Battery, 2/11,
General Support, Reinforcing; Plt A, 3d 8" Battery, General Support;
Plt A, 3d 155 Gun Battery (SP), General Support; Battery K 4/13,
General Support, Reinforcing.

- h. Intelligence. 5th Marine Intsums.

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i. Mission. Direct Support 5th Marines.

k. Execution. During Operation Taylor Common, the 2d Battalion, 11th Marines provided fire support to the 5th Marine Regiment, BLT's 2/7, 2/26, 3/26 and elements of the 51st RVN Regiment. In order to provide the fire support required by the infantry commander's scheme of maneuver it became necessary to displace firing units, to activate a composite battery from resources within the battalion and to use the 155 Howitzer Provisional Battery in a direct support role.

Operation Taylor Common was unique in that the Command/Control Headquarters, Task Force Yankee and the 1st Field Artillery Group, was not established and functional in the area of operations (An Hoa) until after the commencement of the operation. At the initiation of the operation (070001HDec68) 2/11 had control of the following artillery units.

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HqBtry, 2/11
Btry D
Btry E
Btry F
Btry W
Prov Btry, 2/11

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Btry Group, 11th Marines
(Plt A, 3d 155 Gun Btry SP
Plt A, 3d 8" Btry SP)
Btry K-4-13
Btry H-3-11
Btry W-3-11

At 102400HDec68 all artillery was chopped OpCon to 1st FAG while Batteries "F"(-) and Provisional Battery 2/11 were further chopped OpCon to 1/12. Two artillery batteries from the SLF, (BLT 2/7) H-3-11 and W-3-11 were assigned OpCon 2/11 and were in firing positions vicinity Liberty Bridge and An Hoa respectively. The departure of Btry "F"(-) necessitated displacing Battery H to An Hoa occupying the position vacated by the departing Battery F. On 26 December 68 the SLF units were withdrawn and it was deemed advisable to form a composite battery from within the assets of the battalion utilizing guns cadred upon the formation of Provisional Battery 2/11 and augmenting them with necessary critical skill personnel. On 13 January 69 Battery W-3-11(-) returned OpCon 2/11 and was utilized to reinforce the close in fires of 2/11 in defense of the An Hoa complex until its departure on 7 March 69. Coupled with the above displacement the Provisional Battery 2/11 returned from OpCon 1/12 and together with a platoon of 4.2" Howitzers from Battery W-2-11 occupied firing positions at Liberty Bridge. The battery group was given the mission of Direct Support of 1/5 while the remainder of the battalion was committed to the defense of An Hoa and support of the 51st RVN Regiment.

The 51st RVN's were replaced in early February by another SLF unit, BLT 2/26 with its supporting arms consisting of B-1-13 and W-1-12 which occupied firing positions across the river from the Battery Group 2/11 at Phu Loc 6. Several days later this unit was in turn relieved by another SLF unit, 3/26 with Batteries C-1-13 and W-1-13. On 17 February 69 Batteries "D", "F", and "LY" 4-11 were formed into two Battery Groups consisting of four 105 Howitzers and two 155 Howitzers each. Battery Group "F" occupied Tomahawk while Battery Group "LY" occupied Maxwell. This freed a Command Group from Battery "D" to

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assume control of the Composite Battery, "X", and move to the Liberty Bridge firing position and consolidate the four 105 Howitzers and the four 155 Howitzers into Battery "D". The 2 Howitzers returned to An Hoa and occupied firing positions with their parent unit. W-1-13 displaced to a firing position in close proximity to the headquarters of BLT 3/26 while C-1-13 displaced to An Hoa and occupied the firing position formerly utilized by Battery Xray.

On 8 March Operation Taylor Common was terminated and OpCon of all artillery was passed to 2/11. W-3-11 returned to 3/11 at Hill 55 and a Platoon of 4.2" Mortars from W-2-11 occupied their position. Artillery units were extracted from fire bases, battery groups disbanded and units occupied firing positions as designated by the Commanding Officer, 2/11.

From 23 February until the termination of the operation An Hoa was subjected to sporadic mortar and rocket fire at irregular intervals. Several confirmed sites and sightings allowed the updating and improvement of the battalion's counter mortar plan and the counter rocket plan inherited from 1st FAG upon their departure.

During the stay of BLT's 2/26 and 3/26 the artillery units were not placed under OpCon of 2/11 although this unit was charged with performing all tasks relating to an OpCon status. This presented minor difficulties which were resolved by mutual consent due to command/control channels not being clearly defined.

Artillery units under control of 2/11 fired a total of 10223 missions expending 114543 rounds which accounted for 303 confirmed during the course of the operation.

1. Naval Gunfire. Naval Gunfire Support was provided by the following ships: USS New Jersey (BB-62), USS Newport News (CA-148), and the USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5). Although ship availability totaled 61 hours, Aerial Observation coverage was available for only 25 hours. During one day's 9 hours availability, AO coverage was seven minutes duration due to diversion for higher priority targets.

ROUNDS EXPENDED

248	16"-50	HE
583	8"-55	HE
1	6"-55	HE
12	5"-38	RAP HE

MISSIONS FIRED

31 Observed
1 Unobserved

Naval Gunfire was credited with 6 tunnels collapsed; 36 bunkers destroyed or damaged; 33 structures destroyed or damaged; 6 secondary explosions; 1 bridge destroyed and 1 boat damaged.

m. Administrative Matters.

(1) Supply. Logistical support during Operation Taylor Common improved over subsequent months. Although items were readily obtainable through support channels in DaNang, delivery of these items to the fire

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support bases required an average lead time of 48 hours from the LOC to the using units. It is felt that with additional command emphasis on this matter units participating in future operations will not incur this problem. The task of obtaining PCU and clearing solvent for intended use at fire bases was accomplished with difficulty. It is believed that this was due to a lack of prior coordination and planning.

(2) Maintenance. Maintenance support from FLSG-A was deemed satisfactory. Several times contact teams flew out to the fire support bases within hours after initiation of a request. In one instance a panoramic telescope M12A1 was misplaced when it was turned into an intermediate unit for further delivery to 3d Echelon repair facilities.

(3) Transportation. Supplies were delivered to the An Hoa Vital Area by conventional means. The timeliness of resupply to the fire support bases was dependent on weather, availability and priority of helicopters and altitude of the LZ at the fire support base. These bases were subjected to continuous cloud cover common at elevations of 1000 feet. It was necessary during the last stages of the operation to have a representative at the LOC to coordinate requests between this unit and the various fire support bases.

n. Communications. Due to the crowded frequency spectrum encountered in Southeast Asia, participating units were troubled with overriding transmissions on several nets. This was due in part to the presence of stronger radio signals, not necessarily originated by Marine units. The CEOI was changed several times during the operation, often on short notice, resulting in untimely delivery to using units. The distance between units made establishment of a relay station desirable but the nonavailability of additional frequencies for automatic retransmission resulted in personnel assets deployed to man manual retransmission relay sites.

The new directional antenna (AS 2236/GRC), again excelled over the RC 252 for communicating between far flung units.

o. Special Equipment and Techniques. During the month of January all light and medium artillery pieces of the battalion were calibrated by members of the 177th Ordnance Detachment utilizing the M-36 Radar Chronograph or the S Screen System. The average MVV derived from the calibration varied 43 meters per second from the Gun Direction Computer (M-18)/High Burst Registration technique.

* A Counter-Mortar Radar Unit (MPQ-10) became operational in the cantonment on 17 January 1969 and provided some confirmed hostile mortar locations during the enemy attacks which were engaged by fire.

p. Medical. Medical operations during Operation Taylor Common were characterized by rapid change and expansion to meet unexpected support requirements and to provide care under the triage system.

Early in the operation it was seen that the influx of units to the An Hoa area, most of which were ill-equipped for a sustained operation,

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would tax the capabilities of 2/11's medical section to provide their needs. A much needed medical bunker was constructed during the early stages of the operation enabling implementation of the triage system of treatment. A system was developed for stretcher bearers for the BAS allowing the corpsmen to remain in a central location and provide the maximum skilled care during the sporadic mortar/rocket attacks which occurred in the latter portion of the operation. A shower unit was installed for the purpose of scrubbing and debriding wounds. There have been no infections as a result of wounds treated at this location to date.

Although required to provide the medical supplies for units at greatly diverse locations, the BAS was able to work through intermediate units to meet these demands and continuing to expand the capability to swiftly treat and/or medevac patients from the immediate area.

q. Commander's Analysis. During the majority of the operation a minimum of maneuver assets were available within the TAOR. Elements of the 51st RVN Regiment and the SLF provided a limited degree of security within the northern Arizona area. Again it was necessary to substitute fire support for infantry units with a limited degree of effectiveness. As these units were deployed throughout the AO the gap was filled by artillery fires developed by the combined efforts of the Infantry/Artillery S-2.

Naval Gunfire support could be utilized more effectively if Aerial Observers were scheduled concurrently with the availability of gunfire support. The continued tie of the ASR to the number of tubes being utilized is not always realistic. The battalion was required to support one RVN Regiment, and one Marine Battalion reinforced by two companies with ten 105's, four 4.2" Mortars and four 155 towed howitzers. This count provided approximately 800 rounds per day with which to support these troops and defend the An Hoa Combat Base. 1st FAG adjusted the ASR within their capability but there was constant friction with infantry units desiring heavier H&I's, defensive fires and preparation fires than the artillery was able to provide and remain within the allotted ASR.

Logistically some minor, but irritating problems were encountered due to the fact that 2/11 was required to utilize its normal supply channels rather than the TACLOG established by Task Force Yankee--for example: 2/11 batteries on the fire bases came in need of utilities and boots, since the battalion was instructed to utilize its normal supply channels, Task Force Yankee's TACLOG was not responsive, nor was the OpCon headquarters of 1/12. 2/11 had valid requisitions but no utilities and the situation developed of some individuals desperately needing clothing on the same firebase where others, from a different unit received regular supplies of freshly laundered clothing.

Although 2/11 was not involved in firebases as a command element, Operation Taylor Common did point out some noteworthy facts. Since space on fire bases is at a premium and is very dear in terms of effort, time, and explosives concerned and the limiting factor for fire support seems obviously to be the logistical capability to resupply, it seems self evident that four-gun batteries should be preferable to six-gun batteries for this purpose. The space utilized by the other two guns can almost invariably be profitably utilized as storage space for ammunition. At no time were the four-gun batteries found wanting in their ability to deliver the required volume of fire.

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