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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION		COMMANDER
1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines	1-31	LtCol F. ANDRILIUNAS
SUBORDIN	ATE UNITS	
Headquarters Battery Battery A, 1/11 Battery B, 1/11 Battery C, 1/11	1-31 1-31 1-31 1-26 27-31	lstLt R. A. FLEURY Capt K. M. GREEN Capt D. N. NOBLE Capt R. A. QUEEN Capt H. W. LINDHOLM
2. LOCATION		
1-31 July 1969: DaNang RVN		<u> </u>
3. STAFF OFFICERS	·	
Executive Officer S-1 S-2 S-3 S-4 S-5 Assistant S-3 Liaison Officer Naval Gunfire Officer Survey/Metro Officer Communications Officer Ordinance Officer Battalion Surgeon Motor Transport Officer Supply Officer 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH	1-31 1-31 1-31 1-31 1-31 1-31 1-31 1-31	Maj N. P. MILLER lstIt J. T. HART It (jg) W. F. THREIXELD Maj J. D. KELLEY lstIt F. L. LUCY It (jg) W. F. THREIKELD lstIt D. N. SHELLIST Maj E. E. JOHNSON It B. L. FULLER GySgt C. A. LOCKHART lstIt R. A. FLEURY 2ndIt J. J. BOWMAN It J. A. YAUCH lstIt J. J. NEWMAN 2ndIt J. M. WEIBORN lstIt W. W. STEVENS
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PART II

MARRATIVE SUMMARY

lst Battalion (-), llth Marines entered the month of July with three 105mm batteries located south of DaNang, RVN. A and E/1/11 remained colocated at grid BT01286268 (1/11's forward position) while C/1/11 was positioned at grid AT99086754, the 1st Marines rear directly to the north. L/4/11 remained rein. 1/11 and 3rd Platoon of 3rd 8" Battery GS/rein. 1/11. On 4 July, B/1/11 was displaced to Hill 55, grid AT9611-6112 to facilitate support of a battalion sweep on the southern tip of "Go Noi" Island for Operation Pipestone Canyon. B/1/11 returned to 1/11 forward the same evening.

On 9 July, as commitments to Operation Pipestone Canyon diminished, L/L/ll and 3rd Platoon of 3rd 8" Eattery reverted to GS. To increase 1/11's capacity to answer calls for fire in southern "Go Noi" Island, 2 155mm towed howitzers were picked up by 1/11. The howitzers were to be located, after crew training, at A/1/11's position. At the same time, 9 July, B/1/11 was displaced to B/1/11 rear located at grid BT07036561. In 10 July 1/11 reestablished its FDC on Hill 3h, grid AT99837140 and CMCOd the forward FDC as the CP group moved back to Hill 34.

At 101000H 1/11 assumed operational control of A/1/13 and W/1/11 from BLT 1/26. Both units were chopped back to the BLT at 111700H.

1/11 assumed operational control of F/2/11 at 19110CH while the battery was temporarily located on Hill 34. On the same day, 19130CH, B/1/11 displaced to Hill 55. Upon arrival at Hill 55, B/1/11 was shepped to the operational control of 2/11 for support of Operation Darham Peak.

The following day, 20 July at 0800H 1/11 once again picked up 1/1/13 and W/1/11 from BIT 1/26. On the 21st, W/1/11 colocated with A/1/11 to more readily support operations in the "Dodge City" portion of the AO. The same day at 1300H, C/1/11 was displaced to Hill 55 to support operations in southern "Go Noi" Island. Later at 1650H F/2/11 displaced to Hill 55 and upon arrival was chopped to 2/11 for support of Operation Durham Peak.

The month ended with the batteries located as follows: A/1/11 at grid BT01286268, A/1/13 at grid BT07036561, C/1/11 at grid AT96176118, and W/1/11 colocated with A/1/11 at grid BT01286268.



Surveillance for the month of July

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SUCCESSIONS EVENTS.

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

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b. Intelligence

The month of July was characted ised by an unusually low level of enemy activity within the last farines TACT and the Operation Pipestone Canyon AO. Contact with the enemy was light and scattered. All significant contacts were the result of USDO multipled action as repeated infantry battalion sized operations were conducted in the "Dodge City" area throughout the month.

Intelligence reports indicate that the enemy was using this period of relative quiet for resupply of food and ammunition. A ICM from the thist WVA Regiment revealed under interregation that he had attended a masting at which plans were discussed for an upcoming officiative in the Defeat area, Affaugh no specific date was established it is fall that some charge offensive will be launched in the near future.

to Mother haws, Mysipment and Supply

Throughout the worth of July considerable organists was placed on maintenance of equapment resulting in a low make of items deadlined for maintenance only. Due to a high deadline rate within the 11th later Transport Battalion, nonorganic ammunition resupply was curvailed and ammunition resupply for the battalion was conducted utilizing organic motor transport exclusively. During the mouth of this was bettery was chopped OPCON to the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Thereafter logistical support for the battery was provided by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines through the ISA at An Hoa.

In mid July "A" Battery, 1st Battalion. 13th Marines and Whiskey Battalion, 11th Marines came under the operational control of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. Appropriate logistical support for these two batteries was furnished through the battalion's existing expastical system.

A Command Material Management Inspection was nell on this battalion on ng the last week of July and thelogistical commodity areas required a satisfactory evaluation.

d. Civic Action/Civil Affairs

The emphasis of the Battalion's Civic Action Program continued to be NEDCAPs and DENTCAPs to 'Tuy Loan' Village. Although the local dispensary in the village is doing quite well in providing medical attention to the local populace, the dental assistance provided by the battalion is still sorely needed. There is always a great deal of response to the dentist's weekly visit.

prengements are being made to provide lumber and tin for improvements to stalls in the marketplace and to the local police station. Humarous leaflets and posters were distributed during the month on topics such as personal hygiene, "Chicu Hoi", and VIP fund rewards. The "Ban Tin" newspaper was also distributed through the local information center.

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Clothing and educational supplies were received from stateside families, associations and agencies for distribution to orphans and Tuy Ioan Villagers. Ammunition below were provided for construction of pig troughs and hunkers. The Commending Officer, Operations Officer and Civil Affairs Officer attended the lecture at Regiment during the month which was designed to familiarize local commanders with the resources available in the Civil Operations Revolutionary Development Support Program,

e. Training

Training remains oriented toward operations as is to be expected. Special emphasis, however, continues to be placed upon GMST and initial crientarion of replacement troops. Career planning, medical lectures, weapons safety and operation have received special attention.

As is to be expected OJT remains a mainstay of the battalion's training program. Newly initiated in the past month was a combined formal FADAC school with OJT for all FDC personnel. Also to participate in this school will be TAD personnel from 2/11.

f. Organization and Operations

Activity in connection with Operation Ripestone Canyon diminished considerably in July. L/4/11 and 3rd Platoon of 3rd d" Eattery reverted to 05 cm 9 July. Due to decreased operational domnitments 1/11 FDC displaced to Hill 34 on 10 July and resumed operational control from that position.

Operation Pipestone Canyon was continued in July but was generally confined to Land clearing on "Go Noi" Island and battalion sized sweeps in the "Dodge City" area. Both B/1/11 and U/1/11 had displaced during the month to Hill 55 to facilitate support of these activities. The month ended with C/1/11 located on Hill 55.

1/13 and W/1/11 became OPCON to 1/11 on the 20th A/1/13 replaced B/1/11 when B/1/11 was chopped to 2/11 on the 19th. W/1/11 was colocated with A/1/11 as the month ended.

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2. Entries

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Ref: (Tab A Item 1)

0930H B/1/11 while firing a prep fire for 2/1/64, grid AT95815466 is credited with 3 bunkers and 1 building destroyed.

Ref: (Tab B Item 1)

1100H E/1/11 while firing a prep fire for 2/1/64, grid AT95255535 is credited with 3 bunkers destroyed.

Ref: (Tab B Item 1)

1701H A/1/11 while firing at reinforced bunkers for 2/1/64A, grid AT959548 is credited with 2 bunkers destroyed.

Ref: (Tab B Item 3)

1840H A/1/11 while firing a prep fire for 2/1/64, grid AT959548 is credited with 7 bunkers destroyed and 3 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B Item 4)

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1222H A/1/11 while firing a prep fire for 2/1/63, grid AT973562 is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B Item 5)

1250H L/4/11 while firing a prep fire for 2/1/63, grid AT975563 is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B Item 6)

1340H L/4/11 while firing on a suspected position for 2/1/63, grid AT987516 is credited with 2 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B Item 7)

1845H L/4/11 while firing a prop fire for 2/1/64A, grid BT00405225 is credited with 1 bunker destroyed.

Ref: (Tab B Item 8)

2015H B/1/11 while firing on an avenue of approach for 2/1, grid AT98785540 is credited with 1 consecondary explosion.

Ref: (Tab B Item 9)

3 July 1969 2200H B/1/11 while firing on suspect movement for 2/1/63, grid AT95805456 is credited with 6 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B Item 10)

4 July 1969 0955H B/1/11 moves to Hill 55 in support of operations in "Go Noi" Island to return to 1/11 forward by 1700H.

Ref: (Tab A Item 3)

1800H A/1/11 while firing on VC laying booby traps for 2/1/63A, grid AT961546 is credited with 2 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B Item 11)

5 July 1969 2025H A/1/11 while firing a prep fire for 2/1/64, grid AT99545224 is credited with 2 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B Item 12)

2300H C 8" while firing at bunkers for 2/1/64, grid AT955555 is credited with 4 bunkers destroyed.

Ref: (Tab B Item 13)

9 July 1969 0800H L/4/11 resumes GS and 3rd Platoon of 3rd 8" Batter; resumes GS.

Ref: (Tab C Item 1)

0952H A/1/11 firing at VC in a treeline for Average 65 (AO), grid BTU68626 is credited with 1 secondary explosion and 20 feet of trenchline destroyed.

Ref: (Tab B Item 14)

1045H B/1/11 moves from 1/11 forward to B/1/11 rear position.

Ref: (Tab A Item 5)

2100H C/1/11 while firing at 12 VC in the open for 1/1/64, grid BTO21613 is credited with 2 KIA.

Ref: (Tab B Item 15)

10 July 1969 0810H 1/11 rear assumed control of FDC, forward CSMO.

Ref: (Tab A Item 6&7)

1600H 1/11 assumed OPCON of A/1/13 and Mortar Battery 1/11 from BLT 1/26.

Ref: (Tab C Item 2)

11 July 1969 0237H 3/1/11 while firing at VC in a ville for 3/1/63, grid BTO46660 is credited with 3 KIA.

Ref: (Tab B Item 16)

1700H A/1/13 and W/1/11 dropped from OPCON 1/11 to BIT 1/26.

Ref: (Tab C Item 3)

1805H B/1/11 while firing on RX0006 is credited with 3 KIA.

Ref: (Tab A Item 10)

14 July 1969 OlO9H B/1/11 while firing at 7 VC in a ville for 3/1/63, grid STO45659 receives surveillance of blood trails and pools of blood.

Ref: (Tab B Item 17)

15 July 1969 1929H A/1/11 firing at an enemy avenue of approach for 2/1/52A, grid BT00658H is credited with 1 secondary explosion.

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Ref: (Tab B Item 18)

16 July 1969 1835 A/1/11 while firing at bunkers and booby traps for 2/1/64A, grid AT968535 is credited with 2 secondaries.

Ref: (Tab B Item 19)

17 July 1969 0852H C/1/11 while firing at enemy small arms fire for 2/1/62, grid AT997599 is credited with 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 20)

2030H A/1/11 while firing at an enemy avenue of approach for 2/1/64 at grid AT995550 is credited with 1 secondary.

Ref: (Tab B Item 21)

2140H A/1/11 while firing a contact mission for 2/1/64, grid AT988532 is credited with 2 KIA.

Ref: (Tab B Item 22)

2245H A/1/11 while firing at 20-30 enemy troops in the open for 2/1/64, grid 977539 is credited with 1 WIA, assorted arms and legs.

Ref: (Tab B Item 23)

19 July 1969 1100H 1/11 assumes OPCON of F/2/11 from 2/11.

Ref: (Tab C Item 4)

1300H B/1/11 displaces to Hill 55 and becomes OPCON to 2/11 for Operation Durham Peak.

Ref: (Tab C Item 5)

20 July 1969 0800H A/1/13 and W/1/11 become OPCON to 1/11 from BLT 1/26.

Ref: (Tab C Item 7)

21 July 1969 1300H W/1/11 colocates with A/1/11.

Ref: (Tab A Item 15)

1305/ C/1/11 displaces to Hill 55.

Ref: (Teb A Them 16)

1400H A/1/12 while firing a prep fire for 1/1/63, grid A797 0575 is credited with 1 secondary.

Roff: (Tab I Item 24)

1650H F/2/11 displaces to Hill 55 and is chopped to 2/11.

Ref: (Tab C Item 6)

23 July 1969 1714M C/1/11 while firing at 3 VC in open for 1/1/63. grid AT956546 is credited with 1 KIA.

Ref: (Tab 3 Item 25)

28 July 1969 2012H A/1/11 while firing at mines and booby traps for 3/1/63, grid 27946536 is credited with 3 secondary explosions.

Ref: (Tab B Item 26)

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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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SECRET

Units 1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines

Place: DaNang, RVN

From 010001HJuly69 To: 312400HJuly69

No.	DIG	ENTRY
1.	O10001H	lst Battalion (-), 11th Marines enters the month of July with three 105mm batteries located south of DaNang, RVN. The mission remains DS of 1st Marines. A/1/11 and B/1/11 remain colocated in the 1/11 forward position and C/1/11 remains located in the 1st Marines CP. L/4/11 remains rein. 1/11 and 3rd Platoon of 3rd 8" Battery GS rein. 1/11.
2•	301830H	l WIA reported on grid BT101669, in a contact mi mission, A/1/11 firing on RXOOC2, time 1740H 1750H.
3.	040955H	Move Rep sent to 11th Marines, a. B/1/11 b. 010955H c. 1796176118
-14	060015 H	C 8" grid AT955555 for 2/1/64, 4 bunkers destroyed and 2 possible KIA's on RXOO10.
5.	09 1 045H	Move Rep submitted to 11th Marines. a. Seaside Bravo b. 091020H c. DT07036561
	09 2120 Н	Spot Report sent to 11th Marines. a. Hq. 1/11 b. 092100H c. BT021613 d. 1/1/64 called in fire mission on 12 VC in open and later received small arms fire from the impact area.
6. `	100810H	1/11 rear assumed control of FDC, FDC forward CSMO.
7.	101130Н	Com Rep sent to 11th Marines. a. Seaside b. 40297713 c. 100800H

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8.	1021719H	W/1/11 and A/1/13 OFCON to 1/11 at 1600H.
9•	111700H	From 11th Marines: A/1/13 and W/1/11 no longer OPCON to 1/11; returned to SIF.
10.	111805H	lst Marines FSCC reported 3 KIA's on RXOOO4, B/1/11 firing.
11.	181220H	2 KIA's, 1 binoculars, 11 ChiCom grenades, 2 B-40 rockets on RXOO10, 1 WIA, 7 ChiCom grenades, assorted legs and arms on RXOO13.
12.	191235H	1/11 assumed operational control of F/2/11 at 191100H.
13.	191420H	Nove Rep sent to 11th Marines.
		a. B/1/11 b. 191300H c. AT96706165
14.	201703H	W/1/11 and A/1/13 OPCON to 1/11 200800H.
15.	211300H	Move Rep sent to 11th Marines.
		a. W/1/11 b. 211300H c. AT01286268
16.	211 305H	Move Rep sent to 11th Marines.
		a. C/1/11 b. 211300H c. AT96176118
17•	211600H	Move Rep sent to 11th Marines.
	<i>:</i>	a. F/2/11 b. 211550H c. AT96176118
18.	211650Н	F/2/11 no longer OPCON to 1/11, OPCON to 2/11.
19•	241600Н	1/11 assumed technical control of A/1/13.

(TAG A)

WORK SHEET SUMMARY

- 1. RXCO24, B/1/11 (AT95815466) prep fire, 2/1/64, 010930H, 4 secondary explosions, 3 bunkers destroyed and 1 building destroyed.
- 2. RX0026, B/1/11 (AT95295535) prep fire, 2/1/64, 011100H, 3 bunkers destroyed.
- 3. RX0001, C 80 (AT9595h8) heavy reinforced bunker complex, 2/1/6LA, 011701H, 2 bunkers destroyed.
- 4. RX0003, A/1/11 (AT959548) prep fire (bunkers), 2/1/64, 011840H, 7 bunkers destroyed and 3 secondary explosions.
- 5. RX0015, A/1/11 (AT973562) prep fire, 2/1/63, 021222H, 1 bunker destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.
- 6. RXOO16, L/4/11 (AT975563) prep fire, 2/1/63, 021250H, 1 secondary explosion.
- 7. RX0017, L/u/11 (AT987516) suspected enemy position, 2/1/62, 021340H, 2 secondary explosions.
- 8. RX0004, L/4/11 (BT00405225) prep fire (tunnels), 2/1/64A, 021845H, 1 bunker destroyed.
- 9. RX0006, B/1/11 (AT98785540) enemy avenue of approach, 2/1, 022015H, 1 secondary explosion.
- 10, RX0010, B/1/11 (AT95805456) suspected enemy movement, 2/1/63, 032200H, 6 secondary explosions.
- 11. RXOOO1, A/1/11 (AT961546) 3 or 4 VC laying booby traps, 2/1/63A, 04180CH, 2 secondary explosions.
- 12. RX0007, A/1/11 (AT99545224) prep fire, 2/1/64, 052025H, 2 secondary explosions.
- 13. RX0010, C. 8" (AT955555) bunkers, 2/1/64, 052300H, 4 bunkers () destroyed.
- 14. RX0012, A/1/11 (BT068626) VC in trees, Average 65 (A0), 090952H, 1 secondary explosion and 20 feet of trenchline destroyed.
- 15. RXOOO7, C/1/11 (BTO21613) 12 VC in open, 1/1/64, 092110H, 2 KIA.
- 16. RX0004, B/1/11 (BT046660) VC in ville, 3/1/63, 110237H, 3 KIA.

(TAB B)

- 17. RX0003, B/1/11 (BT045659) 2 squad VC in ville, 3/1/63, 140109H, blood trails and pools of blood.
- 18. RX0006, A/1/11 (BT006584) enemy avenue of approach, 2/1/62A, 151929H, 1 secondary explosion.
- 19. RX0006, A/1/11 (AT96755346) bunkers & booby traps, 2/1/644, 161835H, 2 secondaries.
- 20. RXOO13, C/1/11 (AT99715994) small arms fibre (contact), 2/1/62, 170852H, 1 secondary.
 - 21. RX0008, A/1/11 (AT99555500) enemy avenue of approach, $2/1/6h_{\odot}$ 172030H, 1 secondary.
 - 22. RX0010, A/1/11 (AT98825323) contact, 2/1/64, 172140H, 2 KIA's, 1 binoculars, 11 ChiCom grenades, 2 B-40 rockets.
 - 23. RXOO13 A/1/11, (AT97675396) enemy in open (20,30),c2/1/64, 172245H, i WIA, 7 Chicom grenades, assorted legs and arms.
 - 21. RX0003, A/1/13 (AT978575) prep fire, 1/1/63, 211400H, 1 secondary.
 - 25, RX0002, C/1/11 (AT966546) 3 VC in open, 1/1/63, 231714H, 1 KIA.
 - 26. RX0009, A/1/11 (AT94645361) mines & booby traps, 3/1/63, 282012H, 3 secondaries.

(TAB B)

MESSAGE TRAFFIC SUMMARY

11th Mar Msg 0812552 July 69

1. 090800H, L/4/11 reverts to GS and 3rd 8" Btry reverts to GS.

11th Mar Msg 1104152 July 69

2. 1/11 assumes OPCCH of A/1/13 and Mortan Dainbery 1/11 101600H July 69 from BLT 1/26.

11th Mar Msg 112325Z July 69

3. 111700H 1/11 chop A/1/13 and W/1/11 to 11th Mar

11th Mar Msg 182320Z Jul 69

4. 1100H 19 July 69 1/11 assumed OPCON of F/2/11.

5. 1300 July 69 1/11 displaces B/1/11 to Hill 55 and chop OPCON to 2/11.

6. 1650H 21 July 69 F/2/11 displaces to Hill 55 and chopped: OFCON to 2/11.

11th Mar Msg 200650Z July 69

7. 200800H July 69 1/11 assume OPCON of A/1/13 and W/1/11 from BIT 1/26.

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