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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol D. K. DICKEY
1-31 MaySUBORDINATE UNITSHeadquarters Battery,
3rd Battalion, 11th MarinesCapt. G. BELLEY
1-22 May
UNASSIGNED
23-24 May
Capt O. C. BALLANCE
25-31 MayBattery G,
3rd Battalion, 11th MarinesCapt M. C. BELL
1-31 MayBattery H,
3rd Battalion, 11th MarinesCapt A. J. FURTFNEY, Jr.
1-31 MayBattery I,
3rd Battalion, 11th MarinesCapt R. A. CRANE
1-21 May
Capt J. J. MULHOLLAND
22-31 MayMortar Battery,
3rd Battalion, 11th MarinesCapt C. W. CHEATHAM
1-18 May
1stLt R. D. HENDERSON
19-31 May2. LOCATIONHeadquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-31 May: Hoi An DT132457Battery G, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-11 May: Hoi An DT131450
12-31 May: Hiep Duc AT946345Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-11 May: Hiep Duc AT946345
12-31 May: Hoi An DT131450Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
1-31 May: Hiep Duc DT027341

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Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
 1-27 May: Hoi An BT140446 (6-4.2, 2-155)
 28-30 May: Dai Loc AT982433 (2-4.2)
 28-30 May: Hoi An BT140446 (4-4.2, 2-155)
 31 May: Dai Loc AT982433 (4-4.2)
 31 May: Hoi An BT140446 (2-4.2, 2-155)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. D. MURLAND, III.

1-31 May

Liaison Officer

Major J. N. PETERSON

1-31 May

Adjutant/Personnel Officer

WO J. E. WOODRUFF, Jr.

1-31 May

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1stLt R. M. SLATTERY

1-10 May

1stLt S. L. MATTHEWS

11-31 May

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Major R. T. ADAMS

1-31 May

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Capt J. J. MULHOLLAND

1-21 May

Capt C. W. CHEATHAM

22-31 May

Ordnance Officer

1stLt D. W. THOMAS

1-31 May

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt J. C. RUPPEL

1-31 May

Communications Officer

Capt G. BELEY

1-22 May

UNASSIGNED

23-31 May

Supply Officer

1stLt M. M. DEGROFF, Jr.

1-31 May

Survey Officer/S-3A

1stLt C. W. MCCOY

1-30 May

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Embarkation Officer	1stLt J. A. GRAHAM 1-30 May 31 May
Survey Officer/Embarkation Officer	
S-3A	1stLt J. H. RICKERT 31 May
Naval Gunfire Officer	Lt(jg) H. C. GASTLER (USN) 1-31 May
Battalion Surgeon	Lt R. H. NICHOLSON (USN) 1-31 May
Battalion Chaplain	Lt J. C. FARROW (USN) 1-8 May UNASSIGNED 9-31 May

4. 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>
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As usual for the past several months, the month of May began with a period of zero lunar illumination causing a high threat period to be prescribed by 1st Mar Div. In response to this period of expected increase in enemy activity, battalion personnel were utilized to man Whiskey Tower OP at LZ ROSS. Sgt R. G. MATTHEWS, Cpl R. E. BERRY, L/Cpl W. B. BOYLE, and PFC W. T. FRAZEE saw considerable action as the enemy obligingly took advantage of the darkness to mount attacks by fire on LZ ROSS.

The first attack in May occurred at 1840H on the third with Btry K, 4th Bn, 11th Mar sustaining 5 WIA and losing one bunker to a direct hit from 122mm rocket fire. The high threat OP (Whiskey Tower) came into its own and spotted flash of rockets coming over Hill 270, providing more accurate data for counter rocket fire. Later the same evening the enemy again hit ROSS with an attack by fire, this time employing 82mm mortars firing HE and CS gas but producing no casualties. Each attack initiated a high volume of counter mortar and counter rocket fire. Crater analysis revealed the caliber and azimuth of fire of the weapons in each case.

During this high threat period the battalion initiated for the first time a formalized system for counter mortar observation on LZ BALDY. Two OP's were installed and manned during the night by officers and enlisted men of Hq Battery throughout the high threat period. Communications was established by radio and wire and personnel manning the OP's were taught to give counter mortar reports. Btry G and Whiskey Btry manned OP's in their battery positions which completed a surveillance system for BALDY providing 6400 mil overlapping observation. This first trial of the system was so successful that OP Freedom Bird, on top of BALDY, and OP Short Timer, on Eagle's Nest, were established as permanent OP's. OP Freedom Bird was subsequently built up into a very substantial observation tower using an engineer prefabricated bunker as a basis. The completed structure is quite impressive consisting of the bunker at the base with a tin roofed observation platform on top having four foot high sides. Subsequent efforts produced 2 sets of Mark 1610 10/20 variable power, gyro-stabilized image binoculars with plans for replacing these as soon as possible with 20x120 Kollmorgan ship's binoculars. The overall result is a solid, sheltered OP with a 6400 mil capability providing observation for 5-10 miles in practically all directions. OP Short Timer is being continued as a relatively unimproved OP.

When the high threat period ended, normal operations continued, producing a high rate of kills early in the month. Most of these during May, as in April, resulted from artillery OP acquisitions using IOD or BC scope/20x20 binocular combinations. As the month progressed these sightings decreased radically. This may be attributed to the withdrawal of the enemy at the end of the high threat period or to the enemy becoming aware of and

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avoiding areas under observation by these devices. The same pattern of enemy operation was observed in acquisitions by Seismic Intrusion Devices (SID's) with more numerous activations near the beginning of the month, gradually tapering off to practically no activations near the end of the month. Further evidence that the enemy may be taking counter measures against target acquisition devices is indicated by the enemy tactic of running as rapidly as possible through areas near SID strings.

On 11 May Btry G on LZ DAUDY swapped places with Btry H on FSB RYDER and began immediately a new phase of development of FSB RYDER. All bunkers were replaced with engineer built prefabricated bunkers lifted into place by helicopter. Under Capt M. C. BELL all hands of Btry G turned to in a concerted effort to rid RYDER of trash and with it the rats that have infested the FSB since its occupation. During this period the battery on RYDER was frequently out of action for some period of the night due to heavy fog which prevented seeing aiming posts. Another more frequent firing interference during May was severe electrical storms which made it unsafe to operate communications equipment or man the guns.

It was during one of these storms that the only artillery fatality in the 7th Marines AO occurred. Lt R. T. WOOD, CIC of the IOD team on FSB RYDER, was using a TA/312 telephone during a severe electrical storm on FSB RYDER on 13 May. Lightning struck into the ground about 25 meters from him and apparently ran down the telephone wire through the telephone and into his car. Although breathing with corpsman's assistance when evacuated, he was pronounced DCA at the DAS at LZ ROSS.

During the early part of May the battalion achieved one of its best kill records in several months. Just past the middle of the month, however, kills suddenly tapered off and were sparse indeed for the rest of the month. Taking advantage of enemy inactivity and apparent retreat to his base camps to recoup, 7th Marines planned a search and destroy operation for its 3rd Battalion in the Que Son Mountains. The concept of operations called for the helicopter assault of one company on Hill 800 and the remainder of the battalion with its CP on Hill 845. The artillery plan called for 2 platoons of Whiskey Btry to land on Hill 845 and provide direct support to 3/7 using Btry G's forward observers. Btry G was also placed in direct support and was designated to assume centralized tactical fire direction for all the artillery units participating in the operation. In addition to Btry G and Whiskey Btry, these included Btry K/4/11, Btry 4/11 and B Plt, 1st 8" How Btry.

No artillery prep of the LZ's was planned, as intelligence indicated very little enemy resistance to the landing could be expected, and the battalion commander desired to retain the maximum element of surprise. At H hour on D Day, 0900 26 March 1970, 3/7 made its landing successfully, but immediately it was seen that the two platoons of 4.2 mortars from Lt

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R. J. HENDERSON's Whiskey Btry could not be emplaced on the steep slopes without some preparation of firing positions. This was undertaken immediately under Lt HENDERSON's direction employing a mini-dozer that had been heli lifted into the position on Hill 845. Finally, on 28 May the first platoon of 4.2 mortars was lifted into position and joined Btry G in providing direct support of the operation. Preparation of additional position areas continued, and on 31 May another platoon of 4.2 mortars was lifted into position. Assisted by Lt P. D. COCHRAN, Lt HENDERSON operated minimum command and fire direction elements to provide effective support for 3/7. The artillery plan in execution provided maximum responsiveness to 3/7's needs with a maximum of flexibility in the employment of participating artillery units.

During the entire month of May significant strides were made in the improvement of living and recreation facilities for the entire battalion. A stage was built outdoors with a nearby dressing room area to accommodate the USO personnel. With a backdrop serving as a movie screen for the battalion's nightly outdoor movies, a movie projection booth was dictated and duly materialized under the able hands of Cpl G. L. SIZEMORE, the EM Club Manager. The "Sea Bees" made their contribution to the battalion's improvement efforts by constructing ten feet of the 30' x 60' concrete slab that was to serve as a combination volley ball and basketball court. When more pressing commitments demanded "Sea Bee" efforts elsewhere, it appeared that the court would never be completed, but as usual the 3rd Battalion can-do spirit came through and Cpl QUIGLEY and Cpl WALKER of Hq Btry managed to complete the remainder of the court by hand before the end of May. With the installation of a goal post and volley ball net the new facility was rapidly initiated and proved its need by constant after hours use.

Staff visits were made by 11th Marines during the first half of May to assess performance and status of training of the operations and FDC sections of all units of the battalion. Initial reports were quite favorable, indicating a high level of training and efficiency throughout the battalion. The battalion was also honored by visits from the regimental commander Col E. R. REID, Jr. and the regimental XO, LtCol K. C. WILLIAMS.

A major change in firing policy was announced on 2 May 1970 which proved to be effective during subsequent operations. Past policy had dictated that initial rounds for all contact fire missions would be a volley of WP with 100 meter HOB followed by one volley of WP on the ground (sometimes referred to as WP air/deck). The results of this procedure had proved quite unsatisfactory to the 7th Marines, frequently warning the enemy and allowing him to escape. The new procedures prescribed that WP would be fired as initial rounds only when specifically requested by the forward observer and that normally initial rounds in adjustment would be shell HE, fuze quick. Throughout the month the new

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procedure worked well in practice, and the change was enthusiastically received by the infantry units.

In its continuing mission of direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment, the battalion has provided accurate, continuous, highly effective artillery fire throughout the 7th Marines TAO. Artillery - infantry relationships have continuously improved, greatly encouraged by the lack of a significant firing incident during the entire month. Small unit tactics employing artillery indicate increasing confidence in the battalion's ability.

CONSOLIDATION OF AMMO EXPENDITURE
AND SURVEILLANCE

ROUNDS BY CALIBER

<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>1.2"</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>8"</u>	<u>TOTAL MISSIONS</u>
Div	0	672	288	28	33
5th Marines	0	76	0	0	3
7th Marines	1,376	22,657	3,852	1,039	1,358
11th Marines	120	7,066	1,630	967	404
ARVN	697	2,867	310	25	143
Recon	0	0	0	52	1
Army	22	416	45	78	19
ROK	0	0	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2,215</u>	<u>33,754</u>	<u>6,125</u>	<u>2,189</u>	<u>1,961</u>

SURVEILLANCE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>KIA (C)</u>	<u>KIA (P)</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>Structures Destroyed</u>	<u>Secondary Explosions</u>
3/11	68	4	5	5	7
3/11 & Others	3	0	0	0	15
Others	<u>41</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>

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9 Jun 1970PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. NARRATIVEa. Personnel and Administrative

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
(1) Losses				
Administrative	5	24	1	0
Battle KIA	0	0	0	0
Battle WIA (evac)	0	0	0	0
Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
Non-battle	1	10	0	0
(2) Replacements	3	25	0	0
(3) Net Loss	3	9	1	0
(4) Net Gain	0	0	0	0
(5) Battle WIA (not evac)	0	2	0	0

b. Intelligence. The month of May was characterized by an overall increase in enemy activity as a result of two high threat periods. The first week of the month was a period of low lunar illumination, traditionally a temptation to the enemy. Making good use of this advantage, the enemy made a coordinated rocket, mortar, and ground attack on the Que Son District Headquarters and two rocket and mortar attacks on LZ ROSS. The 17th was Buddha's birthday, the 19th Ho Chi Minh's. The enemy used these red letter days as an excuse to mortar LZ ROSS on the 20th. ROSS was again mortared on the 29th, the beginning of the next period of low lunar illumination. During the month, CUP and PF units sustained 7 attacks, ranging from small attacks by fire through lob bombs (Ba Ren Bridge) to a serious and successful coordinated mortar and ground attack against a PF compound. Sightings by the IOD's in the AO at the beginning of the month were high, but trailed off toward the end. The enemy appears to be using the traditional resupply trails in Antenna and Phu Loc valleys less and less. However, sightings by the other OI's on RYDER and by units in the field showed greatly increased movement to the south and east of the Que Sons. This indicates a possibility that the enemy is using different routes, possibly to avoid the IOD.

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The frequency, composition, and targets of enemy activity in the TAOR suggest the following conclusion:

(1) The enemy has a well developed indirect fire capability, ranging from 82mm mortars at the main force battalion and district force level to 120mm mortars and 122mm rockets organic to GK 33 Mortar Battalion. With the recent arrival of GK 33 in the TAOR to the southwest of ROSS, the threat of increased indirect fire attacks is greater. Rockets, not common in the TAOR in months past, are being employed more often. They will continue to be used, although in small numbers to avoid detection. The enemy has developed the capability of making coordinated mortar and ground attacks, and performing multiple attacks on the same installation in one night (Que Son Dist., PF Comp.). This tactic appears to be becoming more popular.

(2) The absence of widespread attacks during the high threat period suggest the possibility that the enemy does not possess the capability to launch a coordinated offensive action. He definitely possesses the means to do great damage on a few installations almost at will, but his logistic support will not allow concerted and widespread attacks throughout the TAOR at any one time.

(3) The majority of the enemy's targets this month were Vietnamese and joint operational installations and LZ ROSS. The first can be explained by the enemy's fear of Vietnization and their desire to discredit it wherever possible. The second is probably because ROSS is a lucrative target, close to good avenues of approach, and commands one of the Province's key contested areas, a valley which the enemy sorely needs for food production. Emphasis on both these targets can be expected to continue.

(4) Food continues to be a major problem. The majority of POW's report that the units in the TAOR are suffering from lack of food, and that they are engaged in food production and collection whenever not on operations. The great majority of enemy sightings have been in the rice bowl areas to the south and east of the mountains, which indicates the enemy is using the local resources whenever possible. Although allied patrolling is partially interdicting this flow of food from lowlands to highlands, the enemy will continue to use large rice collection parties in the lowlands, with the secondary mission of harassing local units, especially CUP and PF.

Enemy activity in the near future will continue at an accelerated pace during the high threat periods, with sporadic contact in between. The weather will allow ease of movement during June so large rice collection parties will be active. These possibly will also mount indirect fire attacks on small installations. District guerrillas will continue to employ booby traps and attacks by fire on Marine units in the field.

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c. Organization and Operations. Firing batteries of the battalion continued to occupy positions at LZ BALDY, LZ ROSS, and FSB RYDER throughout the month of May. Battery K/4/11 and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (-) continued in their mission of reinforcing 3/11 and remained in their positions at LZ ROSS and LZ BALDY respectively. On 11 May Btry G and Btry H exchanged positions, with Btry G moving to FSB RYDER and Btry H moving to LZ BALDY. Two platoons of Whiskey Btry were deployed to positions on Hill 845 in direct support of a 3rd Bn, 7th Mar operation in the Que Son Mountains. The battalion FDC ran centralized tactical and technical fire direction of the 105 battery on LZ BALDY, centralized tactical and decentralized technical fire direction of Whiskey Btry and decentralized tactical and technical fire direction of Btry I and the 105 battery on FSB RYDER.

d. Training. A total of 106 hours of general military training was conducted during the month of May. In addition, 70 hours of technical MOS training were held. Artillery gunnery and safety procedures were constantly being emphasized throughout all technical MOS and CJT training. Indoctrination training at the battalion level was suspended during the month of May due to the lack of replacements; however, indoctrination at the battery level was carried out. The assignment of personnel from all the batteries to the Land Mine Warfare School conducted by 1st Engineer Battalion produced a number of school trained personnel.

e. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. During the month of May, 2,139,420 pounds of ammunition, water, food and supplies were airlifted to LZ ROSS and FSB RYDER. The construction of the central water system on BALDY was completed during the past month. Beautification of the battalion area continues with much success. A 30' x 60' concrete slab was laid for a combination volleyball/basketball court. A stage was erected for use as a stage show/movie, and a projectionist booth was built.

f. Civil Action/Civil Affairs. This battalion has not been assigned a CAACOR, but conducts MEDCAP visits in MOC BAI (BT144458) and PHU HIEP (BT147457) villages as coordinated by the 7th Marines.

g. Psyops. Negative report.

h. Combined Action Company Program. Not applicable.

i. Medical. The Battalion Aid Station treated 300 Marine outpatients and referred 19 patients to other medical facilities. Eight MEDCAP visits were made during the month of May in MOC BAI and PHU HIEP villages, treating 217 Vietnamese patients. A total of 247 immunization shots were administered, 30 physicals given, and 91 prescriptions filled.

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9 Jun 19702. SIGNIFICANT ENTRIES

- 3 May LZ ROSS received incoming, resulting in 5 WIA, 1 bunker destroyed. Ref: S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II), S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 4 May LZ ROSS received incoming. Batteries K/4/11, H, I, and 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry were credited with 15-16 secondary explosions on counter mortar fire mission at DT005349. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 6 May LZ ROSS reported incoming. S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 6 May 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry and Battery K/4/11 were credited with 8 KIA on a mission fired on 15-25 NVN at DT015475 for a recon insert (COSSACK). Ref: S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II), S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 9 May 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry was credited with 1 KIA and 13 Prob KIA on a mission fired on 14 VC/NVN at DT01735019 for IOD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA). Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 11 May Batteries G and Mortar (4.2) were credited with 12 KIA on a TOT mission fired on a VC company at DT119495 for an "A" CURT unit. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 11 May Battery G displaced to FSB RYDER (AT946344) by heli lift, arriving at 111015H, and laid on azimuth 2300 mils. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 11 May Battery H displaced to LZ DALDY (BT130449) by heli lift, arriving at 111015H, and laid on azimuth 4000 mils. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 12 May Batteries G and I were credited with 11 KIA and 1 secondary explosion on a mission fired on 27 NVN at AT975312 for OP RYDER (AUNT MABLE BRAVO). Ref: S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II), S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 13 May Lieutenant WOOD (OIC of IOD team at RYDER) was killed by lightning. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 13 May 2nd and 3rd Plts, 1st 8" How Btry were credited with 9 KIA on a mission fired on 33 NVN at DT99454782 for IOD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA). Ref: S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II), S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

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- 14 May Battery K/4/11 and 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry were credited with 16 KIA on an artillery ambush mission fired on 100 VC/NVA at AT985476 for IOD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA). Ref: S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II), S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 17 May Battery H was credited with 5 KIA and 5 WIA on two contact missions fired the evening of the 14th at AT126389 and AT122382 for L/3/7 FO (LUNGA POINT 63). Report received this date. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 20 May LZ ROSS reported incoming. Ref: S-2 Journal (Part IV, Appendix II), S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 28 May Mortar Battery (2-4.2) displaced to Hill 845 (AT982433), arriving at 281640H, and laid on azimuth 3200 mils. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).
- 31 May Additional 2 mortars displaced to Hill 845 (AT982433), arriving at 311000H, and laid on azimuth 3200 mils. Ref: S-3 Journal (Part IV, Appendix III).

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S-1 Journal

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Da Nang Combat Base

010001H May 1970 to 312400H MAY 1970

010001		Journal Opened
010800	3	Enl Tr To Guam
010800	1	Enl Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
010800	2	Enl Tr To Sk NBC
011700	2	Enl Jd Fr 2ndBn 11th Marines
011700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
020800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
031700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
071700	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
080800	3	Enl Tr To Sk NBC
090800	2	Enl Fr Sk NBC
090800	1	Off (Navy) Tr To 2ndBn 5th Marines
091700	1	Enl Jd Fr 3rd 8 Inch
100800	1	Enl Tr To Okinawa
100800	2	Enl Tr To Sk NBC
110800	2	Enl Tr To CONUS
110800	2	Enl Tr To Sk NBC
110800	1	Off Tr To Sk NBC
120800	1	Off Tr To Hq 1st Mar Div
120800	1	Enl Tr To Sk NBC
121700	1	Enl Jd Fr 2ndBn 11th Marines
121700	2	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
130800	1	Enl Tr To HqBtry 11th Marines
131700	1	Enl Jd Fr 1stBn 11th Marines
131700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
150800	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
150800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS
151700	1	Enl Jd Fr HqBtry 11th Marines
151700	1	Enl Jd Fr 1st 175 Guns
160800	1	Enl Fr Sk NBC
161700	3	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
161700	1	Enl Jd Fr 1st 8 Inch
170800	1	Enl Tr To Camp S D Butler
180800	1	Off Jd Fr HqBtry 12th Marines
191700	1	Off Jd Fr MAG 16
210800	1	Off Tr To 3rd Mar Div
221700	3	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
231700	1	Enl Jd Fr CONUS
250800	1	Enl Tr To CONUS

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B-2 Journal3d Battalion, 11th Marines
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010001H May 1970 to 312400H May 1970

010001H Journal Opened.

010600H Recon Team Fay Joy (BT028483) observed 17 VC/NVA with packs & weapons moving east. Negative fire mission due to negative surveillance.

021930H C/1/7 Company Defensive Position (BT091462) received 1 60mm round from the west. Called fire mission 105mm with unknown results.

021530H G/2/7 (AT988373) observed 2 NVA moving southeast with packs. Called fire mission 105mm resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

022020H F/2/7 Company Defensive Position (BT041402) received 3 60mm rounds resulting in 2 USMC KIA (emergency-evac). Called fire mission 105mm and Basketball with unknown results.

031910H 1/7 Battalion Command Post (BT114450) observed 5 enemy moving northeast, called fire mission artillery with negative results.

031835H 2/7 Battalion Command Post (AT9428) received 2 122mm rockets resulting in 5 USMC KIA (4 emergency-evac & 1 non-evac). Called fire mission artillery with negative results.

031915H 2/7 Battalion Command Post (AT9428) received 1 122mm rocket with negative casualties. Called fire mission artillery with negative results.

032130H 2/7 Battalion Command Post (BT005353) received 20 82mm rounds (mixture of gas and HE) with negative casualties. Called fire mission artillery, heard 3 secondary explosions.

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- 040255H B/1/7 (DF078496) heard movement from the west, engaged with small arms fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID). Received small arms fire from the west resulting in 1 USMC KIA, returned small arms fire, called fire mission artillery & swept area. Found 2 NVA KIA (negative unit ID), 4 82mm rounds, & 2 M-26 grenades.
- 041750H A/1/7 CUPP #8 (DF127507) observed 29 enemy moving east with weapons. Called fire mission artillery with negative results.
- 041950H A/1/7 CUPP #6 (DF115480) received 2 RPG rounds with negative casualties. Observed 12 enemy moving west. Called fire mission artillery with negative results.
- 052025H 2/7 Battalion Command Post OP (AF977323) observed camp fire to west. Called fire mission 155mm resulting in 1 very large secondary explosion.
- 050955H E/3/11, G/2/7 Security (AF947345)(AF973321) observed 4 NVA wearing dark uniforms camouflaged with branches and wearing packs, moving south to north. Called fire mission resulting in 1 NVA KIA.
- 060230H A/1/7 CUPP #3 (DF088396) received 12 Chicoms & small arms fire from the south resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA (emergency-evac), 7 PF WIA (emergency-evac). Returned fire with M-79 & small arms, observed 1 enemy flee. Called fire mission artillery with negative results.
- 060400H A/1/7 CUPP #8 (DF117497) observed PF compound receive 15 unknown-size mortar rounds, 4 RPG rounds, automatic fire, & small arms. CUPP #8 received possible stray small arms fire. PF's returned 60mm, LAWS, M-60, & small arms, CUPP #8 did not engage. Called fire mission artillery, enemy broke contact when rounds impacted. PF's also called fire mission 81mm with unknown results.

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- 060345H Que Son District Headquarters, H/2/7 Reaction (DE038348). Que Son Headquarters received a grenade/sapper/mortar attack with H/2/7 reacting. At 0400 FSB Ross received an unknown number of 82mm rounds resulting in 2 USN KIA (emergency-evac). H/2/7 engaged in brief fire fight then continued to counter fire on known enemy mortar sites. At 0645, FSB Ross received 2 122mm rockets outside of the wire. H/2/7 swept area, found 15 NVA KIA (negative unit ID), 1 POW, 8 M-16, 3 carbines, 2 B-40 launchers, 4 B-40 rounds, 1 flare pistol, 8 satchel charges, 2 bangalore torpedoes, and 50 Chicoms.
- 060650H H/3/11, G/2/7 Security (AT947345) observed 15 enemy, called fire mission artillery resulting in 2 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).
- 070005H A/1/7 CUFF #2 (BT078382) observed 5 enemy moving west, called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 VC KIA (negative unit ID).
- 071830H G/2/7 (AT983351) observed 32 enemy moving west, called fire mission artillery resulting in 8 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).
- 071845H A/1/7 CUFF #5 (BT119426) observed 20 enemy moving north, engaged with small arms fire & called fire mission artillery with negative results.
- 080355H 2/7 Battalion Command Post (AT948308) received 1 rocket of unknown size. Called fire mission artillery with negative results.
- 080900H L/3/7 (BT070410) observed 11 enemy moving west, called fire mission artillery with negative results.
- 081800H G/2/7 (AT984344) observed 2 enemy moving east, called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).
- 081930H A/1/7 CUFF #8 (BT123506) observed 10 enemy moving west, called fire mission artillery with negative results.

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090800H D/1/7 (BT081501) found 53x100 lb bags of rice with U. S. markings & 2 boats. Forwarded rice & gear to rear.

091815H L/3/7 (BT050411) observed 8 enemy, called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 VC KIA (negative unit ID).

091835H A/1/7 CUPP #8 (BT126505) observed 19 enemy moving west, called fire mission artillery with negative results.

092100H K/3/7 (BT121413) received 10 Chicoms from the west resulting in 1 USMC WIA (emergency-evac). Called fire mission artillery with negative results.

100315H A/1/7 CUPP #1 (BT102510) received 30 mortar rounds, 12 RPG rounds, 2x3-40 rounds, & small arms fire with negative casualties. Returned small arms, swept area & found 2 AK-47's, 1 SIG, 6 Chicoms, & 2 dud RPG rounds. Forwarded gear to rear.

100315H A/1/7 CUPP #8 (BT113497). PF compound received small arms fire, 5 M-79 rounds, 60mm mortar, 10 RPG rounds, 10-15 Chicoms & M-26 grenades from 60 enemy. Enemy destroyed compound & captured 1x60mm mortar, 2xM-79's & 2 PF's. Called fire mission artillery & enemy broke contact. Searched area & found 1 VN female burned to death by fire, 6 PF's KIA, 5 PF's WIA, & 3 PF's MIA.

100645H A/1/7 CUPP #6 (BT121475) PF compound received 40-50 RPG, 61mm, & 82mm rounds, Chicoms, 4 M-79 rounds, & small arms fire. PF's fired 81mm & CUPP called fire mission artillery. Returned small arms fire & LAM, swept area and found 12 VC KIA (negative unit ID), 1 PF KIA, 15 PF's WIA, & 1 VN female WIA.

111030H A/1/7 CUPP #9 (BT092509) PF's were informed of a VC Company. Called fire mission artillery & observed 9 enemy carrying 4 KIA moving west. PF's engaged with 81mm with negative results.

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111045H F/2/7 (DT005402) observed 12 enemy moving west, called fire mission 81mm & observed 2 NVA KIA (negative unit ID), also 1 secondary explosion.

111925H F/3/11, G/2/7 Security (DT946545) observed 7 NVA moving north with packs and weapons. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 2 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

121900H 1/7 Battalion Command Post CP (DT097458) observed 25 enemy with packs & weapons moving south in groups of 8. Called fire mission 81mm with unknown results.

121740H G/2/7 Command Post (DT974313) received 2x122mm rockets passing overhead. Observed 2 NVA, called fire mission 105mm, observed 1 secondary explosion.

121815H F/2/7 Platoon Combat (DT038374) observed 4 NVA with packs & weapons moving southeast. Called fire mission 105mm resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

121915H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (DT975512) observed 27 enemy moving northeast with packs & weapons, called fire mission 105mm resulting in 11 NVA KIA (negative unit ID), also 2 secondary explosions.

121450H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (DT955341) observed 1 NVA with pack & weapon. Called fire mission 155mm resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

131925H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (DT968458) observed 33 enemy with weapons & packs moving east. Called fire mission 81mm resulting in 9 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

140854H G/2/7, Security of G/3/11 (DT971340) observed 5 NVA with packs & weapons moving southwest. Called fire mission resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

141735H 1/3/7 (DT115386) received small arms & 10x60mm rounds resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Engaged enemy with small arms. M-60, M-79, & called fire mission 105mm resulting in 1 secondary explosion. Swept area & found blood trails.

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141930H

G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (AT985476) observed 30 enemy with packs & weapons moving east. During the next hour & a half, the enemy force increased to 100. Called fire mission 105mm resulting in 16 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

141940H

1/7 Battalion CP Squad Ambush (BT118447) observed 20-25 enemy with packs & weapons moving north. Called fire mission 81mm with unknown results.

142015H

C/1/7 Command Post (BT087475) received 7 RPG rounds resulting in 2 USMC WIA (emergency-evac), also received 4 Chicoms. Returned M-60 fire & called fire mission 105mm with unknown results.

161730H

1/7 (BT081477) observed 4 enemy, engaged with sniper fire, shortly after observed 12 more enemy, but lost sight. Then observed 13 enemy, called fire mission 105mm with unknown results. All enemy had packs & weapons.

160630H

F/2/7 Company Defensive Position (BT021388) observed 5 NVA with packs, called fire mission 105mm resulting in 2 NVA KBA (negative unit ID).

17063H

F/2/7 (BT003404) observed 12 NVA with packs & weapons moving southwest. Called fire mission with unknown results.

171030H

F/2/7 (BT015376) observed 2 VC with weapons moving northeast. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 2 VC KBA (negative unit ID).

171340H

C/1/7 (113478) found approximately 20 tons of unpolished rice. Rice will be forwarded to rear.

171615H

F/2/7 (001392) observed 3 NVA with packs & weapons moving northwest. Called fire mission 105mm resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

20300H

2/7 Battalion Command Post (907318) K Battery observed backblast of rocket being launched in the direction of Que Son. Que Son stated that a possible rocket impacted 300 meters north. Did not fire on rocket site due to friendlies in the area. Searched area with negative results.

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191410H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (946345-983550) observed 4 NVA with packs & weapons moving north. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 NVA KBA.

191530H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (027243-978347) observed 3 enemy moving north with weapons. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 2 NVA KBA.

191745H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (946345-978342) observed 1 NVA with pack & weapon moving north. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 NVA KBA.

202210H 2/7 Battalion Command Post (027343-0031) FSB Ross received approximately 30x82mm rounds from the northeast resulting in 2 USMC WIA (non-evac). Fired counter-mortar fire 81mm & artillery on suspected mortar site with negative results.

221800H G/2/7 (949345-964309) observed 16 enemy in ville. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

241600H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (995446) observed 3 NVA with packs & weapons moving north. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 VC KIA (negative unit ID).

251658H G/2/7, Security of 3/11 (99163451) observed 2 NVA with packs & weapons moving north. Called fire mission artillery resulting in 1 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

251900H F/2/7 (BT022394) observed 15 NVA with packs moving east. Called fire mission artillery, swept area with negative results.

271005H F/2/7 (BF020297-008314) while in Company Defensive Position, received information from PF's of approximately 11 enemy with weapons moving east. Called fire mission artillery, swept area with negative results.

272225H Recon Team Sunrise (Duffle Bag Salute) observed 3-12 NVA walking along trail Airhose. Called fire mission, negative observance due to darkness.

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290145H 2/7 LZ Ross (BT025343) received approximately 20x82mm rounds (HE & gas). Negative casualties or damage. Observed mortar flashes, called fire mission artillery & observed secondary explosion.

290725H F/2/7 (BT032398) observed 5 NVA with packs & weapons. Engaged with small arms & enemy returned small arms fire. Enemy fled north, called fire mission resulting in 2 NVA KIA (negative unit ID).

311935H H & S 3/7 (AT983433) observed 30 NVA/VC moving along trail with packs & weapons. Called fire mission 4.2in & 81mm observing negative results due to distance.

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S-3 Journal3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Da Nang Combat Base

010001H May 1970 to 312400H May 1970

- 010001H Journal opened.
- 011724H Mission fired on 3 NVA at AT976346 by Battery H for OP RYDER (Aunt Mable "A") resulted in 1 KIA.
- 012400H Fired 89 missions, expending 2298 rounds.
- 021300H Policy on firing WP in first round adjustment for orientation by the FO has been modified. WP for orientation will only be fired at the request of the FO, otherwise HE adjustment will be fired.
- 021545H Mission fired on 2 NVA in dark uniforms, carrying packs, and walking NW at AT988373 by Battery H for ICD team (RYDER) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 022400H Fired 52 missions, expending 1670 rounds.
- 031054H Mission fired on bunker complex at BT110550 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for Marine AC (BLACK ACE 15) resulted in 2 structures destroyed, 5 damaged.
- 031101H Mission fired on bunker complex at BT033402 by 2nd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for F/2/7 FO (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 1 bunker destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.
- 031710H Mission fired on a platoon of VC in the open at BT171489 by Battery G for Army advisor (77B) resulted in negative surveillance. A sweep of area later disclosed blood trails and discarded bloody bandages.
- 031840H SPECTREP received. K/4/11 reported two incoming 122mm rockets at LZ ROSS, resulting in 5 WIA, 1 seriously. All units on 100% alert.
- 031930H Counter rocket fire fired on suspected enemy positions at AT956308, AT996319, AT982309 and AT990315. Whiskey Tower observed flash of rocket coming over Hill 270 SW of LZ ROSS. Damage from rockets included 1 hut and 1 bunker destroyed, 3 emergency evac, 1 priority, and 1 non-evac.
- 032400H Fired 55 missions, expending 1620 rounds.

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- 040045H Received SPOTREP from Battery I. LZ ROSS at 032130H received an estimated 20 rounds of 82mm mortars, both gas and HE, for approximately 5 minutes. Muzzle flashes were reported seen from AT996347, BT005353 and BT005349. Intense counter mortar fire was delivered from Batteries K/4/11, H, I and 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry, resulting in 15-16 secondary explosions (vicinity of BT005349), and mortars silenced.
- 040110H Follow-up SPOTREP received. Reference SPOTREP entry 031840H. A total of 5 Soviet 122mm rockets were fired from Az 3700 miles behind Hill 270 (AT982309) (this location used by the enemy in August, 1969). One rocket impacted in K/4/11's position with the casualties noted earlier. Three rockets impacted in Que Son village, resulting in 8 Vietnamese KIA, 14 WIA.
- 040600H Fired intel target (enemy battalion staging area) at BT071486 6 times throughout the night by Battery G.
- 041837H Mission fired on 3 INVA at AT975339 wearing dark uniforms and carrying large packs (1 man with a weapon) by Battery H for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE B) resulted in 2 KIA.
- 042100H Mission fired on a fire at AT968310 by Battery K/4/11 for the Battalion C (WHISKEY TOWER) resulted in 2 secondary explosions.
- 042400H Fired 96 missions, expending 2390 rounds.
- 051017H Mission fired on 4 INVA wearing dark uniforms, camouflage branches and packs at AT973321 by Battery H for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE B) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 051850H Mission fired on 1 VC in camouflaged clothing in bunker at BT0177439 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for TCB, Hill 42 (WAGLMA) resulted in 1 WIA, 1 bunker destroyed.
- 051920H SPOTREP received. USMC liaison with Bay Region IF units (MOOSE BELL QUEBEC) called a mission on 15-20 VC at BT074497 with packs and rifles. Reported Btry G on target with first round and fired 4 rounds for effect, reinforced by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry. 4 rounds reported on target, enemy in the open. No rounds observed; further surveillance to follow.
- 05215H Mission fired on 5 INVA moving NW at AT972320 in green uniforms, packs and rifles by Battery H for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE B) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 052400H Fired 75 missions, expending 1692 rounds.

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- 060431H 3/11 CP (LZ ROSS) reported incoming mortars. E/2/7 reported BT001337 as active mortar site, with Batteries I and K/4/11 firing. Battery I fired first round WP air because of danger close 300. FC E/2/7 reported mortars ceased firing immediately. No HE were fired in E/2/7, first due to unknown location of one of E/2/7's units, then chockfired because of medevac choppers.
- 060730H Mission fired on 15 NVA moving south at AT946443 wearing black uniforms with large packs and weapons by Battery H for ICD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA) resulted in 2 KIA.
- 060435H Contact mission fired at BT117497 by Battery G for "A" CUPP unit resulted in 1 KIA. The RF compound was taking incoming mortars and small arms.
- 061703H Mission fired on 15-25 NVA in a gully at BT015475 with green uniforms, cooking utensils and rifles (probably a base camp) by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for Recon insert CASSACK resulted in 5 KIA.
- 061743H Mission fired on 3 NVA at AT983350 by Battery H for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE ALFA) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 061938H Mission fired on 9 NVA at AT917375 by Battery H for ICD team, RYDER (AUNT MABLE) resulted in 2 KIA.
- 062400H Fired 100 missions, expending 3517 rounds.
- 071620H Mission fired on 4 NVA moving south at AT983350 wearing green uniforms and carrying packs and rifles by Battery H for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE A.) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 071908H Mission fired on 32 NVA moving south at AT983350 wearing green uniforms and carrying packs and rifles by Battery H for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE A.) resulted in 5 KIA.
- 071920H Reinforcing mission fired on 32 NVA at AT980353 by Battery K/4/11 for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE A.) resulted in 3 KIA.
- 072028H Mission fired on a known enemy position at BT080482 by Battery G for the Marine liaison at Duy Xuyen (MOON PEAK QUEBEC) resulted in 1 hut destroyed.
- 072400H Summary of day's activities by Lt MCCOY (watch officer). It appears from sightings by AUNT MABLE (ICD team) that the enemy is moving south from locations in vicinity of AT9937. ICD estimates they are not moving into Antenna Valley. I estimate they are moving south to known base camp areas located in vicinity of grid squares enclosed by upper left 9330, lower right 9929.

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- 072400H Fired 58 missions, expending 1677 rounds.
- 080355H SPOTREP submitted to regiment. LZ ROSS took 1 122mm rocket from SW impacting in Que Son village. Counter rocket fire by Batteries H, I and K/4/11 were fired at 4 grids. West tower saw flashes at AT955305.
- 080933H Mission fired on 3 NVA/VC at BT066425 by Battery I for L/3/7 FC (LUNGA POINT 63) resulted in 2 secondary explosion.
- 082400H Fired 71 missions, expending 1864 rounds.
- 090911H Mission fired on estimated 2 NVA at AT993368 by Battery H for ground surveillance team (AIR HOSE 212) resulted in 1 KIA as observed by ICD team (JUNT MABLE). GST had activations on 4 tones.
- 091936H Mission fired on 14 VC/NVA moving west at BT01735019 carrying packs and rifles by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How Btry for ICD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA) resulted in 1 KIA and 13 Probable KIA.
- 092202H Mission fired on intel target (suspected rocket site) at BT060470 by Battery G for 1/7 FSCC resulted in 1 secondary explosion.
- 092400H Fired 56 missions, expending 1712 rounds.
- 100331H Received report that Ba Ren bridge (BT102512) was taking mortars and RPG's. Fired illumination with Whiskey 55.
- 100850H Mission fired on 11 NVA at BT044413 by Battery I for L/3/7 FC (LUNGA POINT 63) resulted in 2 secondary explosions.
- 100850H Reinforcing mission fired on 11 NVA at BT044413 by Battery K/4/11 for L/3/7 FC (LUNGA POINT 63) resulted in 3 secondary explosions.
- 101925H Mission fired on 7 NVA moving north at AT975311 wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles by Battery H for OP RYDER (JUNT MABLE B) resulted in 2 KIA.
- 102400H Fired 53 missions, expending 1478 rounds.
- 110838H MOVREP received from Battery G, displacing from LZ BALDY to FSB RYDER (AT946344) by heli lifts.
- 110838H MOVREP received from Battery H, displacing from FSB RYDER to LZ BALDY (BT130449) by heli lifts.
- 111015H FIRECAP received from Battery H, Battery center BT13084495, laid on azimuth 4000 mils.
- 111015H FIRECAP received from Battery G, Battery center AT94634445, laid on azimuth 2300 mils.

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- 111100H SPOTREP received. "A" CUP unit reported 12 KIA on a TOT fired by Battery G and Mortar Battery (4.2) at BT119495. A VC company moving north of LZ BLDY was engaged with artillery fire during the early morning.
- 111110H SPOTREP received. Battery G fired a mission on a VC company at BT092509 from 0210-0232. The mission was called in by an "A" CUP unit from an intelligence source. While sweeping the target area later this morning, the unit observed 4 VC bodies being carried away.
- 111110H Mission fired on 15 VC moving east at BT012405 with packs and rifles by Battery I for F/2/7 FO (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 111120H Reinforcing mission fired on 15 VC at BT00534029 (see above entry) by Battery K/4/11 for F/2/7 FO (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 112400H Fired 56 missions, expending 1279 rounds.
- 121845H Mission fired on 4 NVA moving south at BT03323733 in green uniforms with packs and rifles by Battery I for F/2/7 FO (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 122000H SPOTREP received. Battery G report observing 2 rounds, believed to be rockets, passing over FSB RYDER impacting at AT935362. Fired counter rocket on smoke observed by CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE DLVC) at AT974313 and reported 2 huts destroyed.
- 121959H Mission fired on 27 NVA moving in column towards NE at AT975312 with packs and weapons (2 NVA were carrying 2 large objects on their shoulders) by Batteries G and I for CP RYDER (AUNT MABLE DLVC) resulted in 11 KIA and 1 secondary explosion (one of the two objects being carried exploded).
- 122045H "A" CUP unit requested illumination for night ambush squad. Three enemy were sighted moving towards the ambush site. A 15 second warning to shot was announced to the squad by the FDC, and at SHOT the ambush was sprung. Negative surveillance at this time.
- 122245H Major SPITZER (Division FSCC) informed the watch officer (Lt MCCOY) via Lt WHITEHILL (7th Mar FSCC) the CG wants 3/11 to expend AFR plus 50% on total rounds tonight, the excess to be fired at base camp areas of the 2nd NVA Div located in the SW sector of the 7th Mar TACR just north of Hiep Duc (AT9529). 7th Mar FSCC to send grids.
- 122400H Fired 72 missions, expending 1982 rounds.

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- 131500H Mission fired on 1 NVA moving west at AT98533417 in green uniform with pack and rifle by Battery I for G/2/7 FC (MILLBROOK 63) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 131630H SPOTREP to 11th Marines. At 1530H, Lt WOOD (OIC, IOD at RYDER) was standing on MOUNT MARBLE "B" platform, talking on a TA-312, when lightning struck approximately 25 M to the right. The lightning went through the handset and into his car. Showed clinical signs of death, but was breathing with corpsman's help when evacuated. Pronounced DCA at LZ ROSS.
- 132053H Mission fired on 33 NVA moving east at BT99454782 in green uniforms and carrying rifles (some with packs) by 2nd and 3rd Plts. 1st 8" How Btry, for IOD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA) resulted in 9 KIA.
- 132400H Fired 35 missions, expending 773 rounds.
- 140940H Mission fired on 5 NVA (thoroughly camouflaged) moving NE at AT971310 with rifles and packs by Battery G for CP RYDER (MOUNT MARBLE BRAVO) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 142054H Artillery ambush mission fired on 100 VC/NVA moving east at AT985476 with packs and rifles by Battery K/1/11, 2nd and 3rd Plts. 1st 8" How Btry for IOD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA) resulted in 16 KIA.
- 142400H Fired 47 missions, expending 1275 rounds.
- 151925H Mission fired on night defensive fire (enemy position) at BT112404 by Mortar Battery (4.2) for L/3/7 FC (LUNGA POINT 63) resulted in 1 secondary explosion.
- 152400H Fired 53 missions, expending 1146 rounds.
- 160909H Mission fired on 5 VC in green uniforms moving north at BT020388 with packs and rifles by Battery I for F/2/7 FC (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 2 KIA.
- 162400H Fired 50 missions, expending 778 rounds.
- 171130H Received URS report (via 3/7) that the missions fired for L/3/7 FC (LUNGA POINT 63) on the evening of 14 May at AT126389 and AT122382 resulted in 5 KIA and 5 WIA. Missions were fired by Battery H.
- 171135H Mission fired on 3 VC at BT060388 wearing black uniforms and

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carrying packs and rifles (1 VC was digging) by Battery I for F/2/7 FO (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 1 KIA.

- 171615H Mission fired on 3 NVA/VC heading north at BT001392 wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles by Battery I for F/2/7 FO (MILLBROOK 62) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 172400H Fired 44 missions, expending 700 rounds.
- 181200H 24 hour cease fire in honor of Buddha's Birthday.
- 182400H Fired 44 missions, expending 372 rounds.
- 191200H Termination of 24 hour cease fire.
- 191410H Mission fired on 4 NVA moving north at AT983350 with packs and rifles by Battery G for OP RYDER (AUNT MABLE ALFA) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 191610H Mission fired on 3 NVA in treeline at AT97893473 moving north (2 in black, 1 in green uniforms, 1 with rifle) by Battery K/4/11 for OP RYDER (AUNT MABLE ALFA) resulted in 2 KIA.
- 191805H Mission fired on 1 NVA in green uniform at AT97893473 with pack and rifle by Battery G for OP RYDER (AUNT MABLE ALFA) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 192400H Fired 59 missions, expending 1250 rounds.
- 202230H Received report from K/4/11 receiving incoming. SPOTREP to follow.
- 202345H SPOTREP to regiment. At approximately 2210H Batteries I and K/4/11 reported taking incoming mortar rounds, estimated 12-20 rounds of HE and gas. Counter mortar targets fired at 2215H. Negative damage to friendly positions; 1 USMC WIA from Battery I, shrapnel wound in buttocks.
- 202400H Fired 70 missions, expending 1436 rounds.
- 214826H Mission fired on 2 NVA moving west at AT909347 in light green uniforms with packs and rifles by Battery G for IOD team RYDER (AUNT MABLE) resulted in 1 KIA (Probable).
- 212400H Fired 97 missions, expending 1399 rounds.
- 221843H Mission fired on 16 NVA in green utilities at AT964309 with packs and rifles by Battery G for OP RYDER (AUNT MABLE ALFA) resulted in 1 KIA.

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- 281540H MOVREP received from Mortar Battery (-), 2 guns displacing from LZ DALDY to Hill 845 (AT982433) by heli lift.
- 282400H Fired 54 missions, expending 905 rounds.
- 290230H SPOTREP received from Battery I. At 290135H, LZ ROSS came under mortar attack of both HE and gas. Battery I took 2 gas rounds, and fired counter mortar fires.
- 290630H Follow-up SPOTREP received. Battery I took 1 HE and 1 gas 82mm. LZ ROSS took a total of 19-20 mixed rounds. Battery K/4/11 took 7 HE, 2 gas (duds). Casualties were 1 WIA in K/4/11 and 1 WIA from 2/7.
- 291945H FIRECLAP received from Mortar Battery (-). Battery center AT98124339, laid on azimuth 3200 mils.
- 292400H Fired 77 missions, expending 1576 rounds.
- 301755H Mission fired on 4 NVA at DT02834858 by 3rd Plt, 1st 8" How. btry for IOD team, Hill 425 (NIGERIA) resulted in 1 KIA.
- 302400H Fired 36 missions, expending 682 rounds.
- 310400H Mission fired on intel target (suspected enemy position) at AT992370 by Battery K/4/11 resulted in 1 secondary explosion.
- 310945H MOVREP received from Mortar Battery (-), additional 2 mortars displacing from LZ DALDY to Hill 845 (AT982433) by heli lift, joining other 2 tubes displaced on 28 May.
- 312400H Fired 55 missions, expending 1062 rounds.

VIP/STAFF VISITS

- 5 May Regimental Staff visit made to units on LZ DALDY
- 7 May Regimental Staff visit made to units on LZ ROSS.
- 11 May MajGen WILDECKE (1st Mar Div CG) to visit FSB RYDER to observe occupation of position by Battery G. Battery H being relieved by G.
- 11 May MajGen THRESH to visit FSB RYDER for IOD demonstration.
- 12 May Battalion Commander and S-3 to visit Hoi An.
- 12 May Regimental Staff visit made to Battery H at LZ DALDY.

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- 18 May Col Reid (OC, 11th Mar) to attend memorial service for Lt WOOD (killed by lightning) at FSB RYDEL. LtCol DICKEY to attend.
- 20 May Briefed LtCol MARTIN, incoming Division Fire Support Coordinator.
- 312405H Journal closed.

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DaNang Combat Base

010001H May 1970 to 312400H May 1970

01 May Journal Opened

01 May Airlifted normal resupplies to FSB RYDER and LZ ROSS which consist of the replenishment of expended 105MM ammunitions, fuel, "C" rations, and other miscellaneous support supplies. The above statement will be further referred to as "Normal Resupply Airlifts".

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- 28 May Normal Resupply Airlifts
- 29 May Normal Resupply Airlifts
- 30 May Normal Resupply Airlifts
- 31 May Normal Resupply Airlifts
- 31 May Journal Closed

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