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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

LtCol E. R. TONER
1-29 Feb 1968

H and S Company

Capt D. D. HAMILTON
1-29 Feb 1968

Company "A"

Maj P. M. JOHNSON
1-29 Feb 1968

Company "B"

Maj J. C. BURGER
1-29 Feb 1968

3d Bn, 1st Marines

LtCol M. MCQUOWN
1-29 Feb 1968

Company "C" (Rein), 1st Bn, 3d Marines

Capt W. H. OSGOOD
1-13 Feb 1968

Company "B" (Rein), 1st Bn, 3d Marines

1st Lt G. C. NORRIS
14-29 Feb 1968

2. LOCATION

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein), 1-29 Feb 1968: CUA VIET PORT FACILITY, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj R. B. THROM
1-29 Feb 1968

S-1

1st Lt J. G. GILMORE
1-29 Feb 1968

S-2

1st Lt J. P. HECTUS
1-29 Feb 1968

S-3

Maj W. J. DONOVAN
1-29 Feb 1968

S-4

Capt K. T. BRUNSVOLD
1-29 Feb 1968

S-5

Capt R. H. FLAGLER
1-13 Feb 1968
14-16 Feb 1968 - None
Capt G. W. BAKER
17-29 Feb 1968

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Battalion Medical Officer

Lt P. W. GROTHENHUIS
1-29 Feb 1968

Communications Officer

Capt K. E. CARLSON
1-29 Feb 1968

Maintenance Officer

1st Lt D. A. WHITESIDE
1-29 Feb 1968

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt M. W. O'CONNELL
1-29 Feb 1968

Chaplain

Lt C. A. TEA
1-29 Feb 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC
OFF	ENL
27	738

	USN
OFF	ENL
2	21

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PART II

1. Enemy activity increased in intensity and types during February 1968. The NVA infiltrated major units to the north bank of the Cua Viet and across it extending south towards Quang Tri. To meet the threat of enemy interdiction of river traffic, BLT 3/1 remained OpCon this Battalion and conducted search and destroy on both banks.

2. 1st AmTrac Bn continued Operation NAPOLEON. The cumulative totals are 199 NVA KIA (C) and one NVA POW, two VC POW, 15 IWC, 4 CSNC since 5 November 1967. Concurrently Operation SALINE, (BLT 3/1), cumulative totals are 385 NVA KIA (C), 21 POW, 92 individual weapons, 44 crew served weapons since 24 January 1968.

3. Effective 290600H February, CO, 3d Marine Regiment assumed OpCon of 1st AmTrac Bn (Rein by B/1/3 at Base Area C-4 plus other elements), of BLT 3/1 and of 1st Bn, 3d Marines (-). Operations NAPOLEON and SALINE ceased and a new operation, NAPOLEON/SALINE, started. At 181100ZFEB dropped OpCon of six LVT with crews to 1st Mar Div.

4. Enemy activity during the month was as follows:

a. Thirty incidents of incoming artillery/mortars on deployed elements of BLT 3/1.

b. Twenty-six incidents of incoming artillery and/or rockets at Cua Viet Port Facility.

c. Four LVTs and one tank mined.

d. Sixty-two enemy contacts. This includes company/Battalion contacts, patrol skirmishes, ambush contacts, etc, occurring throughout the Area of Operations.

e. Ten company size search/destroy operations were conducted by companies of 1st AmTrac Bn, resulting in occasional and light contact in the NAPOLEON portion of the expanded AO.

f. On at least twenty-six different boat passages, the enemy fired SAF/AMF and mortars/recoilless guns at U.S. Navy landing craft carrying supplies and passengers between Cua Viet - Dong Ha. Ten LCU/LCM/YFU type craft reported being hit. KIA and WIA were sustained.

5. Enemy activity at Base Area C-4 grew quiet from mid-month onwards. On 13 February B/1/3 replaced C/1/3.

6. The most significant training event of the month was the formation and instruction of LAAW teams in each of the companies. Practical application took place by assigning the teams to ride guard on Navy convoys between Dong Ha and Cua Viet. In this way they got training and also hit many active targets on the banks.

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LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 February 1968

K/3/1 vic (YD 285685) took 2 incoming grenades from approx 8 NVA. Returned fire with 100 rds SAF. Called 15 rds 60 MM and arty mission.

L/3/1 vic (YD 287670) received 3 rds 82 MM from vic (YD 271668) resulting in 4 WIA. Called in MedEvac but could not run due to ground fog. Casualties evacuated to 1st AmTrac Bn BAS. Called counter battery on enemy position.

While set in night defensive position, CP 3/1 received a total of 40 rds of 82 MM and 130 MM arty direction 6000 mils. Continued to maintain defensive position. Called for counter battery fire.

I/3/1 vic (YD 286676) while moving through hedge line tripped booby trap. Resulted in 2 WIA Med Evac.

K/3/1 vic (YD 285685) while checking area of last night ambush found 1 dead NVA and one additional pool of blood, weapons and various equipment. Weapons captured: one AK-47, one ChiCom type 5.6 light MG, four full AK-47 magazines, one canteen, one billfold containing assorted documents.

3/1 vic (YD 292667) change in MIA status and report of POW and weapons captured. Friendly KIA 10, MIA 2. Was previously reported as 12 MIA. Enemy KIA (C) 30. Enemy captured 2. Weapons captured 15 including 1 RPG, 1 82 MM, 1 RPD, 1 12.7 MG, 1 radio complete.

Of 145 WIA MedEvac from BLT 3/1 since they landed, 20 have been returned to duty.

K/3/1 vic (YD 285687) received 4 rds 60 MM mortars. Called arty on suspected enemy position. Three Friendly WIA MedEvac.

C/1/3 patrol apprehended 5 young Vietnamese males vic (YD 325710). ID cards did not seem to check out. Detainees interrogated by S-2 and released as innocent civilians.

L/3/1 (YD 285688) received 6 rds 82 MM mortar fire, resulting in two friendly WIA MedEvac. Counter battery fire called.

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3/1 vic (YD 286687) found 14 NVA KIA (C) and 1 AK-47, 4 RPD MG, 2 RPG, 1 RP-46 MG, various ammo and documents.

"B" Co patrol vic (YD 358668) picked up one male detainee. Interrogated by S-2 and released as innocent civilian.

Co "B" patrol vic (YD 305662) received 4 rds sniper fire from azimuth of 190 degrees. Conducted recon patrol, neg results.

2 February 1968

K/3/1 vic (YD 288687) received 20 rds arty and 40 rds of mortar fire followed by ground attack. Enemy on several sides, mostly on north. Enemy milled and was disorganized due to K/3/1 having relocated its position after dark. Tank plat with infantry plat M/3/1 reinforced K/3/1. Flare ship came on station 0440H. On hand class V of arty good.

3/1 vic (YD 307682) repulsed enemy attack. K Co and tanks covering avenue of enemy withdrawal. K Co receiving heavy mortar and AWF from LAM XUAN. 3/1 CP received 16 rds heavy arty. K Co directing arty and NGF mission on mortar posit.

NGF team with 1st Bn, 2d ARVN Regt vic (YD 268-733) sighted 11 NVA at 0645H and 28 NVA at 0843H vic (YD 288755) moving north. Called NGF mission, neg surveillance.

K and I Co BLT 3/1 vic (YD 288687) received mortar and AWF from LAM XUAN and MAI XA THI vic (YD 283690). M Co now supporting K Co. Large number of NVA appeared to be moving out of LAM XUAN to the north.

K and M Co BLT 3/1 vic (YD 285690) continue to receive enemy 82 MM mortar fire from north. Believed to be from NHI HA (YD 2770) grid square. M Co continued to make good progress moving in the attack. Mortar fire continuous and heavy. Called in NGF on mortar positions. 3 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA. 5 enemy KIA (C).

M and K Co 3/1 vic (YD 285690) continue the attack. Enemy continues to defend fortified positions vic (YD 285690) and employ 82 MM mortars. M and K Co continues to use maximum supporting arms. TPQ scheduled for (YD 280700). 5 USMC KIA, 26 USMC WIA. Enemy KIA 20 (C).

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Tank platoon attached to BLT 3/1 vic (YD 292684) observed one Vietnamese in khaki moving to the east. Man appeared to be trying to hide. Apprehended and forwarded to S-2 as POW (NVA).

M and K Co 3/1 continue to maintain pressure on the enemy. Intense SAF and close in hand grenade exchange is occurring with the enemy. Forward movement is continuous at a slow pace.

Navy landing craft received 7 rds of 130 MM arty fire from direction 5600 mils. Called counter battery fire.

M and K Co 3/1 vic (YD 285687) still in close contact vic (YD 284690). The enemy retains a foot hold in the northern edge of the hamlet. Tanks have been resupplied with ammo and are moving forward. Will continue to attack and secure obj and police battle field. Friendly KIA 9, friendly WIA estimated 30, enemy KIA estimated 135, 7 POW. Weapons captured estimated 50, including two 60 MM mortars, large amount of documents and one radio.

I/3/1 conducted S&D in east half of MAI XA THI vic (YD 283690). Received light sporadic fire throughout the day. Received small arms and mortars from the village to the west. Returned fire. Attempted to neutralize snipers and mortar position. Blew shelter and dud rds. One enemy KIA, two friendly WIA.

FAC team directed Huey gunship against snipers vic (YD 279671) shooting across river. FAC team credits Huey gunship with two NVA KIA (C).

While on resupply run one LVT of BLT 3/1 hit 40 lb mine vic (YD 303686). Towed LVT to BLT CP.

C/1/3 vic (YD 325714) radar detected 4 to 5 persons in vic (YD 312712). Fired 60 MM HE and illum. Saw 2 persons run into treeline. Neg results.

3 February 1968

Tank No 202142 which had been submerged was destroyed with 80 lbs of C-4; all main parts destroyed. Radios and optics recovered.

I/3/1 vic (YD 285673) saw one NVA in village to west vic (YD 283668) with no weapon. Called

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arty. Fired 3.5 and small arms. 1 NVA KIA (C).

I/3/1 vic (YD 286673) while searching MAI XA THI (east) found one double barrel shotgun. Turned in to S-2.

L/3/1 vic (YD 287674) received one incoming grenade resulting in two USMC WIA MedEvac.

H&S Co and Co "B" combined patrol vic (YD 372-665) found homemade mine. Destroyed in place.

Nine more individual weapons accounted for. Of the 50 estimated on SitRep #13 of BLT 3/1, these nine plus 21 reported on SitRep #14, total 30, not the originally estimated 50.

One additional NVA POW captured 021600H.

L/3/1 vic (YD 286672) received sniper fire from village at (YD 284670). Received approx 10 rds. Resulted in one USMC WIA. Called arty mission, fired two LAAWs.

4 February 1968

K/3/1 vic (YD 286688) while searching battle area found four weapons and one US claymore mine. (three SKS carbines, one AK-47).

An OP forward of plat ambush C/1/3 vic (YD 297-747) observed movement to the north vic (YD -29857480). Called in arty when they received SAF from the east from four to five enemy who had gotten around them. About 20 NVA were observed in the dunes to the north. OP withdrew to plat position under cover of base of fire. Ran close air support airstrikes on enemy mortar position at (YD 282762) with 250 lb bombs, plus zone fire of 105 how. Two friendly WIA, seven NVA KIA (C).

1st ArTrac Bn CP and Gua Viet Port Facility received approx 45 rds rockets and arty in two volleys. First volley 30 rds in less than 60 seconds. Followed by three minute interval. Then 15 rds in 30 seconds. Arty Officer saw air bursts. Have arty shrapnel and 140 MM rocket pieces. Believed enemy used multiple rocket launchers. Counter battery fired on suspected enemy location. Ambush north of C-4 heard several secondary explosions. Five friendly WIA. Two belong to BLT 3/1.

L/3/1 vic (YD 278679) received three rds incoming 82 MM from vic (YD 278670). Resulted in one USMC KIA and two WIA.

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Elements of BLT 3/1 vic (YD 283690) found one NV1 KIA in uniform and equipment, one NVA radio, one Vietnamese to English translation book, one gas mask.

Elements of BLT 3/1 vic (YD 285688) found two home-made bangalore torpedoes containing 40 lbs TNT each. In LAI XUAN many enemy bodies removed by NVA during night of 3 Feb 1968. Returned bangalore torpedoes to ArtTrac S-2.

I/3/1 vic (YD 278692) found numerous bunkers and NVA gear. Found at (YD 276692) 13 fresh graves, four open graves, four recently used fighting holes with NVA jungle boot tracks in area. Also large grave 40 ft by 40 ft. Also found one M-16 rifle, four ChiCom grenades, four RPG rds, five AK-47 magazines, one gas mask, one package field rations.

Plt of C/1/3 vic (YD 297747) had contact with est two plt of NVA whose lead elms flanked it. Sent relief plt (3d Plt) reinforced and made squeeze on flanking enemy. 3/C/1/3 attacked enemy clearing three holes using SA and grenades. Took remainder of enemy under fire when enemy withdrew. Add eleven more confirmed NVA KIA over initial report for a total of 18. Add one more friendly, 11A, four SKS weapons captured, six packs, one diary, letters, notebooks, wallets, one gas mask, two first aid kits, four hammocks, five ponchos, four blankets, three entrenching tools, one canteen and one harmonica.

I/3/1 vic (YD 282688) received 14 incoming rds 60mm mortars. Returned 60mm and arty. 5 USMC 11A.

C/1/3 L/P vic (YD 302743) saw lights and heard movement in vic (YD 298741). Fired 94 rds of 105mm into area. No further movement reported.

Received flash intell report of possible attack on BLT 3/1. Conclude that movement heard by C/1/3 possible rocket team.

I/3/1 Marine (YD 287677) heard noises to his front while standing lines. While throwing grenade he dropped his rifle resulting in accidental discharge wounding his foot.

L/3/1 L/P vic (YD 287677) spotted VC movement vic (YD 288673) received two incoming dud grenades, pulled back L/P called fire mission.

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Bravo 4 vic (YD 287669) received four incoming grenades from river bank of which two detonated. Heard splashing noises in water believed to be three or four men. Spotted one VC on river bank. Took under fire with SAF, neg results.

Elements of Co "B" 1st AmTrac Bn reinforcing I/3/1 vic (YD 289670) believed to hear movement to front. Fired SAF and threw M-26 grenades resulting in two friendly KIA and one WIA. Enemy position not clear.

L/3/1 vic (YD 287673) received six rds 82MM from across river vic (YD 282669). Called counter battery.

Two (2) plts reaction H&S Co committed to C-4 position to permit C/1/3 to conduct sweep of northern AO.

H&S Co patrol vic (YD 358670) received AMF from 4 or 5 weapons vic (YD 358668). Fired 15 rds 105MM. Sent reaction force to sweep area.

"K" Co 3/1 vic (YD 285686) while on patrol found two NVA bodies lying in open on each side of river. Buried bodies.

Villagers reported to H&S Co patrol that 10 VC were in village heading south.

One Vietnamese civilian wounded from unk causes. Brought to BAS but DOA. Body taken back to village.

I/3/1 vic (YD 276695) while searching area came under intense sniper fire and incoming 60MM mortars.

Two LVTP-5 attached to unit received two RPG rocket rds which missed target. NGF and arty called against enemy. One USMC KIA, 7 WIA.

L/3/1 vic (YD 286670) received incoming sniper fire. Spotted 2 VC running vic (YD 284669). Returned fire 200 5.56 and 15 M-79 rds.

I/3/1 while searching vic (YD 278694) found enemy equipment. Dug up 13 fresh graves with one dead uniformed NVA in each. Weapons captured: 1 blown up Russian .30 cal MG, 3 homemade bangalore torpedoes, 7 82MM rds, 1 ChiCom grenade.

AO (Southern Bravo) supporting BLT 3/1 reports 4 bunkers vic (YD 269700), fighting holes extended from (YD-269700) to (YD 266701). New bunker vic (YD 273697).

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New fighting holes and bunkers in village at (YD 257-713). Suspect 60MM position vic (YD 278674). Confirmed 82MM position (YD 275677). Numerous fighting holes both sides of road vic (YD 283673). Arty and NGF on mortar position.

C/1/3 at 051300H began Co sweep from (YD 307738) to top of AO. Observed no fresh position other than spotted yesterday. Enemy policed area of bodies and gear, but many bloodstains remained. 2d plt had movement to NW, saw 2 NVA running north. Fired HE killing both. Two more NVA returned to aid bodies. M18A3 tank hit those with one HE rd blowing away the two plus the two bodies. Sporadic sniper fire came from north. Returned fire w/SAF and tanks. Received two rds 60MM. Fired 4.2 and 105MM How zone and sweep. No further fire received. Co returned to CP. Left plt night ambush in position.

YFU-67 and LCU-1574 vic (YD 273644) took mortar fire from west, location unk. Called AO at 1730 after being informed by NSA Cua Viet. Analysis of fragments by EOD officer at Cua Viet confirmed enemy used 82MM recoilless gun round against LCU. It is fired from the B-10 recoilless gun. Max range believed to be 4470 meters. AO (Southern Bravo) spotted ten rocket positions (YD-277704) oriented southeastward, also some bunkers in treeline to east. Requested TPQ at 051810H.

AO adjusted NGF and arty mission, observed seven secondary explosions vic (YD 280666).

06 February 1968

Elm 3/1 at first light saw three NVA west of Jones Creek. Fired two 3.5 rkts and ANF.

Elm 3/1 found, destroyed radio receiver in church at Mai Xa Thi.

Recon of Ma Tay Ho reveals 15 individual two man fighting holes. Found expended brass from AK-47, 91M and cal .30. Believed enemy south of AO have cal .30 MG.

I/3/1, one NVA jumped from hole 15 meters west of Jones creek bank. Fired one M-79 rd and one rd M-16. Body fell back in hole. One KIA (P).

L/3/1, reports five to ten NVA moving from bunker to bunker vic Mai Xa Thi West. Called arty. Two NVA KIA (C).

Received eleven Starlite Scopes, issued as follows: One retained by Bn armory as spare, two H&S Co, three to Co's "A" & "B", two to Co at C-4.

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Debriefing of Plt Cmdr 1C/1/3 indicates four additional NVA KIA on sweep conducted 5 Feb. Total eight NVA KIA on sweep.

Camp KISTLER received six rds 140MM rkts. No casualties. Counter battery 54 rds 105MM by How 6. 20 rds NGF.

Navy patrol boat sweeping Cua Viet river picked up two lengths of $\frac{1}{4}$ " cable. Each 35 ft long at (YD 290665). Believe enemy using it as mooring cable for river mines.

YFU-72 proceeding to the bridge ramp, Dong Ha received recoilless gun fire, continued to Dong Ha. Three casualties. Patrol boat returned fire. How 6's fired 22 rds 105MM. Request airstrikes from FSCC.

07 February 1968

L/P for 1st AmTrac Bn defense perimeter vic (YD 341696) received one incoming grenade from vic (YD 341696) which detonated 25 to 35 meters away. Neg damage or casualties.

C/1/3 elms vic (YD 297744) heard chopping sounds vic (YD 298748). 4.2 mortars at C-4 fired 12 rds, noise stopped.

PF sqd vic (YD 355663) made contact with est VC plt vic (YD 363667). PF's received AMF and SAF. Withdrew to (YD 355672). Believe VC to have BAR and sub MG. PF's rein to plt size. Reoccupied original position. VC broke contact. H&S Co patrol sent to rein PF patrol. Co "B" 2d and 4th plt to conduct sweep of southern AO.

I/3/1 vic (YD 282669) observed NVA crawling through doorway of hut, fired eight M-16 rds. One NVA KIA (C).

Co "B" elm while forming sweep vic (YD 363668) tripped one booby trap. Thought to be M-26 grenade. Grenade was strapped to tree w/trip wire secured a few inches above ground. Neg casualties.

K/3/1 vic (YD 285687) had four Vietnamese males approach ambush site. Two came from left flank and two from front. Called halt again with neg results. Opened fire with six M-79 rds, one 5.56 rd and 24 7.62 rds. One VC KIA (C).

Villagers informed Kit Carson Scouts with Co "B" sweep vic (YD 368654) that two VC were in tree line vic (YD-372654). Elms advanced and observed two people running to west. Opened fire with neg results.

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Elms of Co "B" vic (YD 373652) while sweeping area found aerosol can loaded with explosives rigged w/pull type detonator. Object was buried two inches under sand. Also found one 105MM dud. Destroyed both in place.

CUA VIET PORT FACILITY vic (YD 349694) received six rds of 140MM rkt. All landed at mouth of river in the water. Counter Btry fired on (YD 291751) by 105MM How 6's. 12 rds fired.

08 February 1968

Elms of C/1/3 vic (YD 300745) saw 5 white lights believed to be flashlights vic (YD 298742), but heard nothing. Fired 33 rds 4.2" mortars. Excellent target coverage. Lights went out.

LVTP-5 (3-B-43) from BLT 3/1 vic (YD 316688) detonated explosive device. Vehicle destroyed by fire from explosion, four USMC WIA, one Vietnamese National wounded. Security established for possible salvage of equipment. Vietnamese MedEvaced to Quang Tri.

L/3/1 vic (YD 286672) received 2 incoming 82MM direct hit on position, three USMC WIA MedEvac.

C/1/3 vic (YD 297746) observed 5 to 6 NVA popping their heads in and out of bunkers. Also observed 4 who appeared to be carrying heavy object. LVTH-6s fired 80 rds 105MM w/excellent coverage. One man was seen flying into the air. Believed three others hit, other NVA ran to north. No further movement. One NVA KIA (C).

C/1/3 L/P vic (YD 294746) observed 4 NVA vic (YD 296-747). Appeared to be wearing helmets and flak jackets. LVTH-6s fired 61 rds 105MM with unk results. NVA ran 100 meters to north. Area is targeted for F&Is.

C/1/3 L/P vic (YD 296746) threw two grenades at suspected enemy position vic (YD 297747). Unk results.

09 February 1968

I/3/1 sighted 1 NVA, fired two WP, 30 M-16. 1 NVA KIA (C).

L/3/1 vic (YD 285674) received four rds of arty from azimuth of 6200 mils. Also received 10 rds 82MM, called counter btry. Three USMC WIA.

L/3/1 vic (YD 285764) received seven rds 60MM mortars from vic (YD 272669). Called arty mission on suspected enemy positions.

L/3/1 vic (YD 286672) saw approx 10 people moving north along river bank. Fired small arms, 60MM and arty mission.

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10 February 1968

M/3/1 vic (YD 313687) received one incoming sniper rd resulting in one WIA. Sent out reaction force to shift OP position.

Navy craft YFU-7 vic (YD 268628) received one rd of recoilless gun fire and SAF from vic (YD 276-620). Recoilless gun rd ricocheted off water and hit stern anchor. Slight damage to stern, boat continued to Dong Ha. Neg casualties.

I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) called in fire mission across river. One NVA jumped out of hole and was brought under M-16 fire (10 rds). One NVA KIA (C). One USMC WIA injured by arty short rd or shrapnel.

I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) using arty for coverage, had one short rd resulting in one USMC WIA.

Co "A" while on sweep vic (YD 330700) detained one Vietnamese. Local informer identified suspect as being on CIT blacklist. Turned over to Bn S-2 to be sent to Dong Ha. Co "A" returned to CP.

11 February 1968

I/3/1 recon patrol vic (YD 284671) scouted Mai Xa Thi west. On crossing bridge saw movement and smoking in hedge row to south. Rec'd en grenade overhead, withdrew.

I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) spotted 6 NVA approx 400 to 500 meters along river bank moving from hut to hut. Arty called with good target coverage.

I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) spotted suspected enemy supply boat on bank of river vic (YD 283665). Fired 2 106mm rds with direct hit, secondary explosion resulted.

Division FSCC called to pass CG's desires for extra heavy H&I/TPQ on west bank because intell report #2-61 identification of unit moving south along the Ben Ngu river as the 1st and 3d Bn's, 803d Regt. (Quan Xo) (YD 2766) believed to be terminal point. Recommend TOT. Initial rept #2-63 reported command and control element 803d Regt and troop assembly area located within 300 meters of (YD 258675) (Vinh Quang Thuonh).

12 February 1968

3/1 recon patrol crossed Ben Ngu river vic (YD-284675). Heard enemy talking and movement on the west bank.

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L/3/1 repts three NVA moving north vic (YD 278669) carrying bundle. Fired 20 rds 60MM. Enemy moved back to south.

A0 repts activity vic (YD 278667) to (YD 276668). Saw VC moving rice, also trench complex, called in arty mission and H&I w/60MM.

Co "A" southern patrol rept two 105MM rds booby trapped w/60MM. Destroyed in place by EOD.

L/3/1 found M-79 vest w/27 M-79 rds, cartridge belt, canteen cover, pair NVA boots. Fresh fighting holes in rice patty dike and holes 10 meters apart extending 80-100 meters facing Lam Xuan.

L/3/1 patrol rept two NVA behind hut when patrol advanced. Called arty.

L/3/1 rec'd four rds incoming arty. One dud, neg casualties.

I/3/1 fired fifteen rds 106 & NGF on area affording enemy cover and concealment. Building destroyed.

I/3/1 observed smoke from suspected underground bunker, fired LAAW: direct hit.

I/3/1 observed one NVA vic (YD 282672), fired two rds 106 RR.

One unidentified A/C, thought to be F4B, fired 20MM shells at US Navy craft, hitting three LCM-8's, negative material damage. One USN WIA, NonMedEvac.

Straffing incident previously reported used 20MM shells (US manufacture), rds hit three LCM-8: #856, #F53 and #600. A/C believed to be F4; two were in sky. One fired, both low altitude.

13 February 1968

Dropped OpCon C/1/3. Assumed OpCon B/1/3 who now occupy Base Area C-4.

I/3/1 vic (YD 285673) fired 60MM and 106 RR rds on suspected enemy position vic (YD 282670). One NVA ran from burning hut was taken under SAF, one NVA KIA (C).

L/3/1 vic (YD 285673) observed suspected enemy movement and emplacement vic (YD 273684). Bunker observed vic (YD 280670). A0 reported movement

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vic (YD 279669). and dropped red smoke marker, enemy took refuge in bunkers. L/3/1 called arty and NGF mission. Two structures destroyed, one enemy seen to fall due to arty fire.

L/3/1 vic (YD 285673) fired 80 rds 60 MM WP mortars on group of huts where enemy activity had been observed. Two enemy observed running from burning hut. Conducted 60 MM HE mortar mission on fleeing enemy. Six sizable fires started in area. Enemy casualties unk.

B/1/3 vic (YD 311718) perimeter post detected three to four persons vic (YD 313713). Fired 21 rds 60 MM. Results unk.

B/1/3 vic (YD 296745) saw four NVA attempting to flank plat ambush. Fired 10 rds 4.2, NVA headed back north.

14 February 1968

CG 3d Mar Div visited CP. Ordered displacement of BLT 3/1 from MAI XA THI (east) to SW part of AmTrac AO to prepare offensive move on 1st and 3d Bn of NVA 803d Regt.

Issued warning order to BLT 3/1 for displacement.

CG revisited CP. Discussed displacement of BLT 3/1, boundary with ARVN's, airstrikes and arty/NGF on MAI XA THI (east) and (west).

L/3/1 vic (YD 284673) received six (6) rds heavy arty from direction of 5900 mils. AO attempted to locate enemy position.

First elements I, K and L 3/1 departed MAI XA THI (east).

I/3/1 fired five (5) rds 106 RR at bridge vic (YD 285672). Knocked out 8-10 ft section.

L/3/1 vic (YD 284673) received 20-30 incoming rds heavy arty from direction 5500 mils.

Patrol in north AO vic (YD 326706) observed three (3) persons, challenged, persons continued, fired warning shot, persons continued. Fired fifteen (15) rds SA. Wounded one (1) Vietnamese National, female 10 yrs old. Detained one (1) Vietnamese male 60 yrs old. Both sent to QUANG TRI. ITT alerted. Patrol observed ten (10) rds SA directed at MedVac copter from vic (YD-327704).

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I, K, and L Co's and CP 3/1 established in area of (YD 345654). H&S, 4.2 and Co "M" remain in My Loc area (YD 303682).

M/3/1 vic (YD 302683) received eight (8) rds arty, direction of 4900 mils. Neg casualties.

15 February 1968

Recon plt 3/1 vic (YD 345654) while set in ambush position observed Vietnamese civilians from near by Hamlet, continued to move about in normal manner. About 40-50 meters from position, a Vietnamese boy dropped blasting cap wounding him in face. Boy treated by corpsman and MedEvac to 1st AmTrac BAS, and further MedEvac to Quang Tri. Investigation revealed boy was tending cows and found blasting cap.

Co "B" while on sweep in southern AO found two booby traps vic (YD 363661). Traps were holes 12" by 12" by 8" with cord attached to ChiCom grenades stretched across. Trap was tripped but failed to go off. Traps blown in place.

Recon plt 3/1 while conducting recon patrol vic (YD 342640) noticed that hamlet life was normal. Found about 100 fighting holes in hamlet area. Mostly freshly dug at southern edge of hamlet. Two man bunkers and fighting holes not more than two days old and well camouflaged with many not yet completed. Found crossing at (YD 334647) to be passable and used by civilians both by foot and cart.

M/3/1 vic (YD 300685) sighted five VC vic (YD-290690). One was carrying pack or possible radio. Enemy was moving northeast. FO called mortar mission of five illum, one WP and 80 rds HE, enemy moved NW. Good target coverage. Patrol from M/3/1 will check area out.

16 February 1968

B/1/3 vic (YD 314724) detected movement of possible 5 to 6 NVA 700 meters from C-4, fired 60mm mission.

I and L Co 3/1 moved by AmTrac to (YD 352628). Commenced to sweep Le Xuyen (YD 344634) at 0700. No resistance, civilians acting normal, continuing to sweep objective.

I and L Co 3/1 swept LE XUYEN (YD 344633), no enemy contact. Co "K" swept from vic (YD 344634)

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K/3/1 on search and destroy vic (YD 317632) uncovered 3 VC in stone house, firefight developed. K/3/1 conducted arty mission and engaged with SAF and grenades. Enemy position reduced. One USMC KIA, one USMC WIA, 3 enemy KIA (C).

I/3/1 vic (YD 325636) assumed blocking position at 161400H west of objective, took fleeing VC under fire. Upon seizure by "L" Co moved into objective and established night defensive position. At 170730H combined search and destroy mission in conjunction with L/3/1, utilizing tanks direct support, 60MM, 82MM, 105MM How w/SA. Two USMC WIA, 28 enemy KIA (C). Equipment captured: 60 82MM rds, nine RPG-2 rds, five RPG-7 rds, two AT mines (Russian), seven Russian claymore mines, five RPG-7 boosters, 11 RPG-2 boosters, 50 boosters for 82MM rds, 28 fuses for 60MM rds, seven cans mortar increments, seven lbs TNT, 22 blasting caps, 21 time fuses, 1140 7.62 short rds, 542 7.62 long rds, 20 .30 cal carbine rds, 10 82MM mortar wrenches, three aiming stakes, eight VC gas masks, five NVA gas masks, 24 ChiCom grenades, one RPG rocket launcher, eight boxes 50 cal/12.7 MG ammo, two M-26 grenades, six AK-47, five SKS, two US .30 cal carbines, assorted medical supplies, documents and 782 gear.

M/3/1 vic (YD 300686) two young male Vietnamese in utilities were observed digging in straw pile. Suspects were detained and forwarded to S-2 1st AmTrac Bn who forwarded them to Dong Ha.

M/3/1 vic (YD 279685) conducted fire mission on suspected enemy position vic (YD 286678) with inconclusive results.

K/3/1 vic (YD 316633) while searching objective, killed 3 NVA with assorted gear and equipment. Captured: 3 NVA AK-47, 1 SKS, 14 82MM rds, 8 82MM propellants, 18 detonator heads, 1 can of blood, 6 ChiCom grenades, 1 cartridge belt w/2 full AK-47 magazines.

H&S Co 3/1 OP vic (YD 312685) received 5 rds carbine fire, grenades and M-79 grenades from 20-30 NVA in attack. Movement reported to H&S Co CP. OP returned fire w/M-16 and M-79 killing one USMC who was member of OP. OP withdrew to H&S lines.

18 February 1968

M/3/1 vic (YD 300685) conducting search of area vic of last nights probing attempt by enemy. Detained 2 Vietnamese males. Were interrogated by AmTrac S-2 and classified as innocent civilians.

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M/3/1 vic (YD 303681) checking area of attempted night probe by enemy. Discovered 1 AK-47 magazine w/10 rds of ammo, 1 57MM recoilless rd, one bamboo aiming device for mortars, 1 unk type mine.

CG authorized BLT 3/1 (-) to return to Camp KISTLER. Co I, K and L/3/1 plus supporting wpn units returned to Camp KISTLER. M and N 3/1 conducted normal security and recon operations into Mai Xa Thi east.

19 February 1968

Patrol from B/1/3 vic (YD 296746) spotted 4 NVA w/weapons at (YD 297748). Arty mission fired by LVTH-6, 12 rds 105MM. Patrol fired 50 rds SAF.

AO Gunship (Seaworthy 4-1 and 4-2) escorting USN craft on Cua Viet spotted some NVA vic (YD 288-672). Ran strike with IG and rocket.

From 1155H to 1225H 1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received two arty attacks, (1st 35 rds, 2d 31 rds) consisting of 100MM or larger, from azimuth of 5800 mils, material damage: three tropical huts destroyed, two damaged, five 10,000 gal tanks filled with mo gas, 1 mo gas pump, 1 LVTP-5 (B-17) damaged. Perimeter post reported possible FO in front of friendly lines. Called for counter battery fire on possible arty position. Dispatched one sqd B, one sqd A, I/3/1 and two tanks to sweep in front of perimeter for possible FO, Neg results. One KIA BLT, eight WIA, MedEvac BLT 3/1, seven non MedEvac (four from BLT 3/1, three from 1st AmTrac).

Elm B/1/3 vic (YD 297744) spotted one NVA vic (YD-289750). 4.2 fire mission called, man dropped when rds impacted. No further movement.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 16 rds of 100MM from azimuth 325°. Called for AO, none available. Called for counter battery fire on known arty position. One MedEvac WIA BLT 3/1.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 10 rds of 100MM from azimuth of 5800 mils, called FSCC for counter battery.

K/3/1 while moving through village vic (YD 339-634) observed one male run from ville. Called to halt but kept running. Fired 10 rds 5.56 resulting in one VCS WIA.

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Two persons sighted visually and by starlight-scope in front of AmTrac perimeter vic (YD 342-693). Area illuminated, four rds M-79. Persons seen moving into tree line.

Tower at C-4 spotted many males and females dressed in western type shirts and pajama bottoms going south to north from (YD 290710) to (285720); also saw flag at (YD 288707). Took them under 4.2 mortar fire. B/1/3 sent Plt to check people. People dispersed back to village. Plt seized flag from bamboo pole. No military equipment found.

I/3/1 during sweep vic (YD 347638) made contact w/NVA. Continued attack with support of tanks to southern boundary of objective. 12 huts burned which produced 6 secondary explosions. Small arms ammo found in haystacks. 3 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA, 9 enemy KIA (C). Equipment captured: 4 NVA packs, 4 60MM mortar rds, assorted papers and ledgers, 2 ChiCom grenades, one 82MM mortar tube and two 82MM recoilless guns in poor condition.

20 February 1968

Tank detonated mine vic (YD 325696). Two road-wheels, right side, blown off, vehicle to be returned to this position. Serial #217841 of SLF Bravo.

Dropped OpCon to 1st Marine Div plt Co "B", six LVTP-5, one officer, twenty enl as of 121200H. Authority CG 3d Mar Div msg 181100Z Feb 68.

Results of search and destroy mission in the village of Le Xuyen by "I", "K" and "L" 3/1. Friendly casualties: three KIA and eight WIA. Enemy losses: seventeen KIA (C), POW - seven. Equipment captured: two 82MM recoilless guns, one 82MM mortar, one RPG-2, two RPD light machineguns, four AK-47 rifles, two SKS carbines, misc ammo for recoilless guns, mortars, small arms, hand grenades, gas masks and assorted documents and 782 gear.

"K" and "L" Co 3/1 swept Bo Bang vic (YD 335628). No resistance or unusual activity. Defensive night position established.

K/3/1 ambushed three NVA. Engaged with SA, one NVA KIA (C).

B/1/3 PPS-6 radar at C-4 spotted four NVA moving NW to SE. Fired 10 rds, 81 MM mortar. Neg res.

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21 February 1968

From 210805H to 210930H U.S. Navy craft proceeding to Dong Ha took enemy SA and ANF from vic (YD 280667), (YD 265647) and (YD 280660). Fired counter battery 12 rds 4.2 and 24 rds 105MM WP and HE. At 210820H craft took mortars and RPG from vic (YD 265647), returned MG and 72 rds 105MM. Seaworthy 4-1 and 4-2 arrived on station at 0857H. Fired rockets and MG into suspected targets with Navy escort craft adjusting. Seaworthy then adjusted arty on grid (YD 280-660), fired approx 40 rds 105MM from LVTH-6. Convoy consisted of patrol craft and two LCM-6 in lead then four LCU and five LCM-8's. During initial fire, LCM-8 #927 hit by RPG. Damage to hull and cargo (155 and 175 projectiles) (no detonations). No known casualties. River traffic continuing.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 60 rds 140MM rockets followed by 40 rds of 100MM or larger arty. One LVTH-6 received direct hit. LVTH-6 displaced due to fire in one tractor and 105 rds detonated in area, area unsafe at this time. Fired counter battery on rocket sites located at (YD 282760) and (YD 285760) and on arty position vic (YD 217845). Two U.S. Army KIA from 1st Air Cav, 2 WIA (1 Navy, 1 USMC) non MedEvac. 3 Vietnamese KIA and six civilian WIA in village of Pho Hoi where one rocket landed.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 4 rds of arty at 1440H of 1520H possibly 130MM. Approx 40 rds of 140MM rockets sighted by AO on pad vic (YD 298750) pointed at Cua Viet. AO adjusting fire on site. 1 USMC WIA MedEvac and 1 Navy Corpsman MedEvac, 1 USMC non MedEvac.

AO (Southern Sierra/American Beauty "A") calling NGF on rocket site vic (YD 29067542). Unable to adjust NGF on target. Called 4.2 mission, on target but ineffectual. Controlled fixed wing strikes with napalm and snake eyes. 40% of target destroyed. Area heavily targeted for F&I's tonight. Will complete destruction tomorrow.

M/3/1 while searching village discovered 2 anti-tank mines along beach vic (YD 317692). Mine was pointed out by villagers who had marked it with sticks. Searched village with no further results.

Villagers state that last night at 2100H, 9 or 10 VC came to village and took two young males hostage. Villagers claim that 2 VC live in village.

K/3/1 held S/D mission in 3 hamlets at (YD 315-634, YD 323631, YD 314629). No sign of past or present activities in two hamlets. In hamlet at (YD 315634) there were recently constructed fighting holes and trench line bunkers. Destroyed 14 bunkers. Found and blew in place one Chi-Com grenade.

M/3/1 vic (YD 307680) sighted 5 VC, called in arty mission. Sighted 1 VC running, inconclusive results.

K/3/1 vic (YD 307680) while searching ville found one RFG-7 underneath floor mat. Weapon absolutely new, possibly not even fired yet. Had new sight, fully operable.

1st AmTrac Bn received 2 rds 130 mm arty. AO on station adjusting fire on grid (YD 29067542) which is rocket site. Arty loc 5760 mls, range 16,500 meters.

L/3/1 searched village of VINH LAI vic (YD 326-637). Noted no unusual activity. Destroyed 10 old bunkers and numerous fighting holes.

B/1/3 spotted one NVA vic (YD 295749), took under fire with SAF, neg results.

22 February 1968

U.S. Navy craft proceeding to Dong Ha took AMF and three RFG rds plus two or three mortar rds from (YD 285660). Craft continued west, received AMF and three or four mortar rds, adjusted arty via patrol craft due east on river. LVTH-6 fired VE and WP (36 rds). Five craft proceeding to Dong Ha and 14 waited between Dong Ha and target area to move to Cua Viet - later 14 craft proceeded to Cua Viet.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 37 rds 100 mm or larger arty in a four minute period. Called for counter battery to 12th Mar. Estimated az of 315 degrees. One USMC KIA, several tropical huts destroyed or damaged.

I/3/1 swept through LE XUYEN vic (YD 346630). No civilians inhabiting ville. Moved to AN TRACH vic (YD 356622) and swept ville, village deserted. Reinforced bunkers and fighting holes on perimeter of village. Found assorted gear and papers.

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1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) rec'd approx 28 rds 100 MM arty from az 5800 mils. Several tropical huts damaged or destroyed. Called 12th Mar for counter battery on known arty position. Four WIA.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 6 rds of 100 MM arty. Called for counter battery from 12th Mar. Estimated az 5800 mils. 1 WIA.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 15 rds 100 MM arty. Called counter battery to 12th Mar. 2 LVTP-5 damaged, 7 WIA; 1 Navy, 1 Army, 5 USMC.

L/3/1 vic (YD 321647) man while cleaning weapon had hand over muzzle. Rifle discharged wounding man in left hand.

One (1) LCU hit by one (1) RPG vic (YD 290657) while proceeding to Cua Viet. No casualties. LVTH-6's fired 85 rds 105 MM. Four additional Navy craft proceeding to Cua Viet from Dong Ha with LVTH-6's giving suppressive fire.

Gunship (Peacemaker-26) checking river bank drew enemy fire consisting of 12.7 MM AA/HQ, SAF from troops in light bunkers. Returned fire with HQ and rockets. Called arty, LVTH-6 fired 58 rds HE. Requesting TFC's due to nature of target.

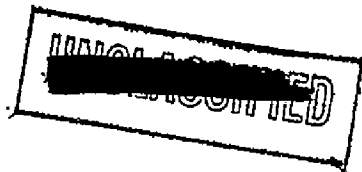
23 February 1968

Navy patrol craft vic (YD 285657) escorting convoy from Cua Viet to Dong Ha received RPG and SAF from NVA in fortified position vic (YD 280-660). Called in 105 MM mission to suppress enemy fire until convoy was past ambush site.

Fire team from B/1/3 vic (YD 284744) spotted one NVA vic (YD 287748). Called 4.2 fire mission. NVA disappeared north in dunes. 9 rds expended.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received approx 14 rds of 100 MM arty from unk location. Called counter battery.

N/3/1 vic (YD 306680) received 15 to 20 rds incoming arty. Spotted 5 persons vic (YD 311676) possible enemy FO. Dispatched 2 LVT with troops to check people. People determined to be innocent civilians. 1 MIA non MedEvac.



14/3/1 vic (YD 303682) received 30 rds incoming 75 MM arty from an unknown location.

14/3/1 vic (YD 303682) received 31 rds incoming heavy arty. Negative casualties.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 4 rds of 100 MM arty from az 324. Called for counter battery.

Navy convoy vic (YD 280654) passed ambush site located vic (YD 281660). Convoy received 1 rd of mortar fire. Suppressive fires laid down by 105 MM battery at Cua Viet before craft entered danger zone, 45 rds 105 MM fired. Naval patrol craft engaged possible targets with .50 cal MG.

Advance element of NGF spot team arrived for duty (1 off, 3 enl). Officer will set up program, including 7 more enl due in 5 days and then depart area, leaving 9 enl.

24 February 1968

Convoy of Navy craft: 3 LCU, 1 LCM-8, 1 patrol boat vic (YD 285654) received RPG rocket, AWF and possible mortar fire from NVA in fortified positions vic (YD 280660). Huey gunships engaged targets w/rocket and MG fire. Craft returned AWF. Called in 105 MM mission to LVTH-6's.

1st AmTrac Bn received 2 rds 100 MM arty, neg casualties.

1st AmTrac Bn received 2 rds of 100 MM arty. Called counter battery. 2 WIA.

From 241000H to 241400H BLT 3/1 vic (YD 319-645) and National Police conducted collection to verify suspect status of young males. National Police team arrived and interrogated youths finding 14 VN of military draft age and 5 VC suspects. All will be forwarded to appropriate personnel by National Police. These youths were originally found on 23 Feb.

Co "A" (-) returned from sweep of resettlement village. Recovered one thousand filled sandbags apparently stolen by indigenous and used to construct small shelters. People were basically glad to have them removed.

1st AmTrac Bn CP received 4 rds 100 MM arty. One LVTP-5 (A-19) received direct hit on turret, no damage, neg casualties.

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B/1/3 day ambush vic (YD 299745) spotted one NVA in light bunker vic (YD 298745). Fired 19 rds 105 MM from LVTH-6's and LAAW, destroyed bunker.

1st AmTrac Bn CP received 3 rds incoming 100 MM arty and received 4 rds at 1625H. Neg casualties.

Convoy of Navy craft vic (YD 300660) received heavy arty, SAF and ATF. Patrol craft and landing craft with LVTE-1 returned ATF and LVTH-6 platoon fired 19 rds 105 MM.

1st AmTrac Bn CP received 3 rds 100 MM arty. One 10,000 gal fuel pod damaged. U.S. Navy mess hall damaged. Called counter battery on known arty position.

B/1/3 vic (YD 313722) with superstarlightscope observed two NVA at (YD 309725), fired 60 MM. NVA withdrew to (YD 303725). At 2215H radar detected second object at (YD 303728). Sqd rein with twelve LAAW and two 3.5 rocket launchers sent to intercept. Sqd could not locate vehicles. Radar was able to track sqd. Tree movement may have caused radar operator to think he had sensed enemy vehicles/tanks.

25 February 1968

K/3/1 and I/3/1 moved to attack position via amtrac. Four tanks landed at (YD 296654) in support of K/3/1. One amtrac hit mine vic (YD-306657). Had minor damage. K and I entered village at (YD 291643) with no resistance. Civilians reported VC had left last night.

Navy convoy rec'd ATF, RPG and mortar fire from vic (YD 279659) and (YD 284648). Called arty mission with Huey gunship (Seaworthy 4-1) and NGF spotter adjusting. 106 RR mounted aboard LCU returned fire on (YD 270651) (ATF/mortars) and (YD 274642) (ATF). Seaworthy 4-1 called in 105 MM mission on (YD 28306570). One LCU damaged.

I/3/1 vic (YD 287640) completed sweep and search of village GIAO LIEM with no resistance. Navy craft reported receiving fire from (YD 277646). Returned fire, some of which impacted in I/3/1 area. I/3/1 sweeping toward area from which reported fire came. 1 friendly MIA.

K/3/1 vic (YD 290644) swept and secured village

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with no resistance, found and destroyed two fighting holes and bunkers. 2 VC aged 15 and 30 detained.

L/3/1 screening patrol vic (YD 286671) approaching HAI XA THI (east) tripped booby trap and rec'd en ART from at least one fortified position and SAT from another. Rec'd .50 cal fire from rear from river craft, believed rec'd 2 incoming ChiCom grenades. Plat from L/3/1 assaulted position and hastily searched bunkers as they were receiving incoming arty and mortar fire. Found one pack, 1 helmet liner, 1 pair NVA shoes, one spent LAMF, one PRC 25 radio battery.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) rec'd 4 rds 100 MM arty. Neg casualties or damage.

Convoy proceeding from Dong Ha to Cua Viet vic (YD 269630 to YD 296639). YFU craft rec'd SAT from (YD 270643). Seaworthy 4-1 on station and patrol craft returning fire and adjusting arty mission. At 1135H tanks closed and fired at enemy located at (YD 285656) along with Huey gunship.

1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) rec'd 3 rds of 100 MM arty from unk arty position. Informed 12th Mar.

Navy convoy rec'd mortar fire directed at rear of convoy from (YD 274657). Returned fire w/103 and 106 RR fire. At 251630H, LCU took ART from (YD 270650), mortar fire from (YD 270655). Returned M fire, 25 rds 106 RR and arty. Mission adjusted by Huey gunship. Put suppressive and return fire on 5 houses on north bank of river. During morning attack fired 106 RR on 3 huts on south bank. BLT 3/1 cleared bank and from the south of Cua Viet we took no fire in afternoon.

L/3/1 vic (YD 287646) swept objective area. Found to be partially abandoned, two individuals attempted to evade friendly troops, refused to halt, troops fired resulting one VC killed and one wounded.

L/3/1 vic (YD 287673) searched area of firefight. Area appeared heavily booby trapped. Captured one stretcher (US), one bandoleer M-16 ammo, one U.S. cartridge belt, one BA-386, one BA-58 pen light, 2 foreign batteries, one spool filament

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wire, NVA type clothes, eight spent AK-47 rds.

B/1/3 patrol vic (YD 298747) found one M16 rocket with 2 M-26 grenades attached rigged as booby trap with command detonated wire leading north, two NVA packs left next to it as decoy. Destroyed in place.

M/3/1 vic (YD 274638) moved to objective, hamlet abandoned. Observed many freshly dug bunkers and fighting holes with some not complete.

B/1/3 at C-4 using PPS-5 radar and superstarlite scope detected two groups of 2 to 3 NVA. Each group 125 meters apart and moving south, south-east 600 meters from C-4. Fired 17 rds 60 M16 and illum. Sent squad out to intercept. At 252050H OP of night ambush at (YD 295745) spotted four more NVA at (YD 295749). Fired 4.2 mortar, six rds. NVA scattered westward. Continued to move squad to intercept infiltrators for kill by using radar and M16.

26 February 1968

Navy convoy proceeding to Dong Ha vic (YD 287-657) received AEF, recoilless gun, and mortar fire from (YD 284665), (YD 286647) and (YD 280-659). Called 105 M1 suppressive fires as boats approached site. Observed 3 secondary explosions vic (YD 280659). Called 105 M1 mission and returned AEF. LAAW teams trained for anti-mechanized defense were aboard lead and last craft. Practical application phase of training conducted on live targets. One USN KIA and three friendly WIA's.

From 0800 to 0900 LAAW teams of H&S Co 1st Am-Trac Bn rode lead and stern craft in convoy to Dong Ha. Fired forty LAAWs on active targets. Took RKG and AEF from north and west bank in grid 2665, 2664 and 2663. Still took some AEF from north bank after turning west at bend in river vic (YD 263624). LAAW teams believed they destroyed one NVA mortar posit by direct hits.

From 0700 to 1000 BLT 3/1 units south of Cua Viet continued search and destroy vic (YD 298-626) (YD 274637). K/3/1 swept into PHAM XA with no resistance. M/3/1 and I/3/1 entered GIA DO with no resistance, but discovered extensive fortifications which are being destroyed. Few civilians in either village, mostly children and old people.

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1st AmTrac Bn received 5 rds 100 MM arty. All rds hit at mouth of river.

B/1/3 elements vic (YD 296741) saw 3 NVA in open vic (YD 290749). Fired 11 rds 4.2" mortars.

AmTrac plat with BLT 3/1, while towing LVT to Blue Beach, had towed LVT hit 150 lb mine vic (YD 318688) on port side. Extensive damage to LVT. 2 friendly WIA.

Co "B" (-) departed CP to make sweep of village of HA LOC vic (YD 3270) checking for VC/NVA mortars.

From 0930H to 1230H patrol L/3/1 received AMF from estimated 8 to 10 NVA vic (YD 284673). Returned fire with SAF and M-79. Arty mission called. Patrol also received 10-15 rds arty and several rds 60 MM. After firefight enemy fled SW. Patrol found one NVA body approx 7 days old. 1 friendly WIA.

K/3/1 vic (YD 287630) and (YD 298650) secured initial objective area with neg contact. At second objective found freshly dug fighting holes and bunkers. Found one crashed Army helo UH-1B fuselage-14044, wing 12-6246, aircraft badly damaged and destruction by pilot apparent. Will salvage helo as directed. Found friendly map and notebook w/freqs and call signs amidst wreckage.

M/3/1 while searching ville vic (YD 275643) detained 20 males of military age, turned over to VN National Police and upturned 7 ARVN without proper leave papers who were taken to KP's at Dong Ha.

Found freshly dug and camouflaged holes and trenches. Destroyed all fortified areas. Civilians claim large NVA force in area two weeks ago that went SE.

Co "B" (-) returned from sweep of HA LOC village, neg contact. But did find large number of sandbags. Will return and recover sandbags tomorrow rather than slow down on sweep today.

27 February 1968

From 270700H to 271000H plat from L/3/1 moving into KAI KA THI (east) received SAF, 82 and 60 MM mortar fire from vic (YD 273670), returned fire and called arty mission. L/3/1 ashore on north bank of Cua Viet River vic (YD 293668).

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with (4) tanks, K/3/1 ashore vic (YD 304682), L/3/1 clearing MAI KA THI (east). Receiving sporadic sniper fire.

From 270945H to 271010H Navy convoy rec'd AMF, RPG and SAF from vic (YD 273658) and (YD 275-659). Gunship delivered rocket and MG fire, patrol boat and landing craft returned AMF and LAAN. Called arty mission. Neg damage and casualties.

AO (Southern Zulu), controlled airstrikes with napalm and bombs on 140 MM rocket sites vic (YD 292754). Destroyed 10 rockets, approximately 30 remain on site.

Captain SMITH, USN, Commander, Operation CLEAR-WATER visited Camp KISTLER and NSA, regarding coordinated fire support for river traffic.

1st AmTrac Bn CP vic (YD 349694) received 7 rds 100 MM or larger arty.

Navy craft took recoilless gun fire from vic (YD-290656). Gunship spotted flash and fired rockets and MG fire.

AO (American Beauty Bravo) ran airstrikes on rocket sites vic (YD 292754) using napalm and Mk 81 250#. Napalm off target.

Plat of L/3/1 on security patrol received sniper fire and mortars from village vic (YD-287675) and arty from unk location. Reinforced by two plat and tanks, assaulted village and cleared same. Results: One friendly WIA (non MedEvac), two NVA KIA (C), one RPG-2 rocket launcher, four ChiCom grenades, one ChiCom claymore, two RPG rocket rds, 400 rds AK-47 ammo and various medical supplies captured.

Navy convoy proceeding to Dong Ha rec'd AMF and mortars from fortified posit vic (YD 274653). Huey gunship fired rockets and MG, landing craft returned fire w/MG. Called 105 arty mission.

From 270830H to 271530H, M/3/1 in support of L/3/1 conducting clearing operation in MAI KA THI rec'd 80 rds long range arty, 20 rds 82 MM and SAF from village. Secured village 271500H. Results two friendly KIA, six WIA (non MedEvac), one enemy 75 recoilless rd captured.

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1st Amfrac Bn CP vic (YD 319694) rec'd six rds of 100 MM or larger arty.

From 271315H to 271630H AO (American Beauty Bravo) ran two flights on rocket positions vic (YD - 292754), resulting in seven secondary explosions but napalm still off target.

LCM-8 822 hit above waterline by RPG vic (YD-280650), resulting in one friendly WIA.

From 271615H to 271645H tower at Cua Viet spotted seven active enemy arty positions on azimuth of 5722 mils from Cua Viet. AO (American Beauty Sierra) reports spotting many active arty positions between vertical grids 20 and 25 and horizontal grids 83 and 88. Submitted Arclight request.

K/3/1 patrol rec'd 50 rds SAF and AMF from bunker vic (YD 272690), and 35 rds long range arty. Returned fire w/3.5 rockets, SAF and M-26. Reduced enemy position resulting in one friendly WIA, three enemy KIA (C) and one AK-47 captured.

Tower at Cua Viet spotted two rockets take off vic (YD 260690) and land a few hundred yards off coast of compound.

Flat ambush of B/1/3 at (YD 297744) observed series of 12 rds arty falling close to their position, from azimuth of 260 degrees.

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K/3/1 at (YD 285671) rec'd 20 to 30 rds recoilless gun fire from unknown location.

Convoy enroute from Cua Viet to Dong Ha at (YD-268639) received RPG and mortar fire from (YD-265649). YFN-4 took direct hit resulting in one friendly KIA and 2 friendly WIA. Returned AMF and called 105 MI fire mission.

Tank at (YD 285671) while firing at enemy positions at (YD 283668) had 2 faulty 90 MM HEAT rds detonate immediately after leaving barrel resulting in one friendly WIA.

From 280900H to 281030H convoy vic (YD 270650) received HPG, mortar and recoilless gun fire from vic (YD 270660) resulting in 2 friendly KIA and 8 friendly WIA. LCU-1582 starboard engine knocked out. 1500 took hit from large

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recoilless gun in conning tower damaging controls and YFU-4 received RPG hit above water line.

M/3/1 at (YD 285671) received one sniper rd from (YD 283668) resulting in one friendly WIA.

1st AmTrac Bn CP (YD 349694) received 3 rds 100 MM or larger arty from unknown location.

M/3/1 (YD 284671) received one sniper rd from vic (YD 283668) resulting in one friendly WIA.

B/1/3 at C-4 position observed 10 to 12 rds arty impact one kilometer west of C-4. Arty came from north.

A0 (American Beauty Sierra) reported spotting active enemy arty at (YD 223818) and (YD 224-819). Fired counter battery.

3/1 CP (YD 305679) received 1 rd recoilless gun fire from westerly direction.

3/1 CP (YD 305679) received 2 rds arty of unknown size and type from unknown location.

AmTracs delivering supplies to elements of 3/1 at (YD 286671) received four rds recoilless gun fire from (YD 280667).

From 281445H to 281700H combat patrol from K/3/1 vic (YD 287694) taken under fire by NVA in fortified positions (YD 286703). Received 4 barrages, accurate enemy artillery fire. Patrol was reinforced. Ontos were used in direct fire support. Ran 5 flights F/A air. Called arty and naval gunfire missions. Enemy positions were reduced. Action resulted in 5 NVA KIA (0), 1 friendly KIA, 14 friendly WIA. 5 enemy bunkers and 11 fortified positions destroyed.

Convoy vic (YD 278650) received SAT and RPG from (YD 275665). Patrol boat and landing craft returned ATF suppressive fire and called 4.2 mortar mission.

L/3/1 outpost vic (YD 298678) found one 57 MM recoilless rd in cannister and 5 spent 57 MM recoilless rds in a dug in position.

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PPS-5 radar at C-4 position observed 4 to 6 enemy moving south vic (YD 283710). Fired 4.2 mission. Enemy moved northwest to (YD 278707). Fired 4.2 mission and enemy split into two groups moving northwest and southwest.

1st AmTrac Bn (Rein) terminated Operation NAPOLEON and Operation SALINE.

1st AmTrac Bn (Rein) went OpCon to 3d Mar Regt and commenced participation in Operation SALINE II. (later renamed as Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE).

Convoy enroute from Cua Viet to Dong Ha vic (YD-275647) rec'd SAF and recoilless gun fire from (YD 265645) and (YD 269652). Resulting in 3 friendly WIA when YFU-71 took direct hit from recoilless gun. Craft in convoy returned AMF and Huey gunship delivered rocket and MG fire.

Colonel M. A. HULL, CO 3d Mar Regiment and staff arrived Camp KISTLER to establish CP.

Tower at Cua Viet observed two rockets being fired at azimuth 5591 mils at approx range 12,000 meters.

CG, 3d Mar Div and CG, 1st IAW visited Camp KISTLER.

Elements B/1/3 vic (YD 316706) apprehended 2 VCS whose names were received from an informer as definite VC.

Convoy enroute from Cua Viet to Dong Ha at (YD-286657) rec'd 1 rd recoilless gun fire (YD 269-652). AO (Seaworthy 4-1) observed enemy posit. Ran fixed wing with napalm and snake eyes with excellent target coverage.

AO (American Beauty Foxtrot) controlled fixed wing strike on active rocket posit at (YD 2893-7566), destroying 8 to 10 140 mm rockets leaving 20 to 30 rockets still in position.

AN/PPS-5 radar at C-4 position detected 2 groups consisting of 6 to 10 NVA at (YD 290703) and (YD 287705) moving in a southwest direction, fired 4.2 mortar msn on each group. NVA broke into smaller groups and moved rapidly in a southwesterly direction.

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AN/PSS-5 radar at C-4 position detected 2 or 3
NVA vic (YD 303718). Fired 60 mm mortar mission.

AN/PSS-5 radar at C-4 posit detected 10-15 NVA
vic (YD 291703) moving in southeasterly direc-
tion. Fired 4.2 mortar mission. NVA broke into
smaller groups and dispersed.

AN/PSS-5 radar at C-4 posit detected 6 or 5 NVA
vic (YD 287708), fired 4.2 mortar mission.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ANNEX A - S-1 Journal

✓ANNEX B - S-2/3 Journal

✓ANNEX C - S-4 Journal

✓ANNEX D - Civic Action Situation Reports

✓Annex E - Operation Plan (Anti-Mechanized) 1-68

✓Annex F - Message 031515Z Feb 68, Destruction of 90mm Gun Tank

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

3d Marine Division (Rein), FTF

FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

27 0001H to 1968

27 2400H Feb 1968

Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken I-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Tros
In	Out				
0001		1	270001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	270700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1000		3	271000	From 270700H to 271000H Flt from L/3/1 moving into Mai Xa Thi East received SAF 82 and 60MM mortar fire from vic (YD 273670), returned fire and called arty mission. M/3/1 ashore on north bank of Cua Viet River vic (YD 293668), with four tanks, K/3/1 ashore vic (YD 304682), L/3/1 clearing Mai Xa Thi East. Receiving sporadic sniper fire.	SMF
	1000	4	271000	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1010		5	271010	From 270945H to 271010H Navy convoy rec AMF, RPG and SAF from vic (YD 273658) and (YD 275659). Gunship delivered rocket and machinegun fire, patrol boat and landing craft returned AMF and LAAW. Called arty mission. Neg damage and casualties.	SMF
	1030	6	271030	"A" Co patrol south departed CP.	SF
1130		7	271130	AO Southern Zulu, controlled airstrikes with napalm and bombs on 140MM rocket sites vic (YD 292754). Destroyed 10 rockets, approximately 30 remain on site.	SMF
	1200	8	271200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
	1210	9	271210	Capt SMITH USN, CO Operation CLEARWATER visited Camp KISTLER and NSA, regarding coordinated fire support for river traffic.	SF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

27 0001 Feb 1968

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Time	Serial	ITG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number		
1223	10	271223	1st AmTrac Bn CP vic (YD 349694) received 7 rds 100MM or larger arty.	SF
1245	11	271245	Navy craft took recoilless gun fire from vic (YD 290656). Gunship spotted flash and fired rockets and MG fire.	SMF
1330	12	271330	AO American Beauty Bravo ran airstrikes on rocket site vic (YD 292754) using napalm and Mk 81 250#. Napalm off target.	SMF
1400	13	271400	Plt of L/3/1 on security patrol relieved sniper fire and mortars from village vic (YD 287675) and arty from unk location. Reinforced by two Plt and tanks assaulted village and cleared same. Resulting in one friendly WIA (non MedEvac), two NVA KIA (C), one RPG-2 rocket launcher, four ChiCom grenades, one ChiCom claymore, two RPG rocket rds, 500 rds AK-47 ammo and various medical supplies captured.	SMF
1530	14	271530	Navy convoy proceeding to Dong Ha recieved AWF and mortars fire from fortified posit vic (YD 274653). Huey gunship fired rockets and MG, landing craft returned fire w/MG. Called 105 arty mission.	SMF
1530	15	271530	From 270830H to 271530H M/3/1 in support of L/3/1 conducting clearing operation in Mai Xa Thi recieved 80 rds long range arty, 20 rds 82MM and SAF from village. Secured village 271500H. Results two friendly KIA, six WIA (non MedEvac), one enemy 75 recoilless rd captured.	SMF
1540	16	271540	1st AmTrac Bn CP vic (YD 349694) recieved six rds of 100MM or larger arty.	SF
1630	17	271630	From 271315H to 271630H AO American Beauty Bravo ran two flights F/W on rocket positions vic (YD 292754), resulting in seven secondary explosions but napalm still of target.	SMF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

P.O., San Francisco, California 96602

28 0001H FEB 1968

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28 2400 FEB 1968

Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken M-Maps S-Staff P-Files T-Trps
In	Out				
0001		1	280001	Journal opened.	
0700		2	280700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0720		3	280720	M/3/1 at (YD 285671) received 20 to 30 rds recoilless gun fire from unknown loc.	SF
0900		4	280900	Convoy enroute from Gua Viet to Dong Ha at (YD 268639) received RPG and mortar fire from (YD 265649). YFU-4 took direct hit resulting in one friendly KIA and 2 friendly WIA. Returned AWF and called 105 MM fire mission.	SF
1010		5	281010	Tank at (YD 285671) while firing at enemy positions at (YD 283668) had 2 faulty 90 MM HEAT rds detonate immediately after leaving barrel resulting in one friendly WIA.	SF
1015		6	281015	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1025		7	281025	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1030		8	281030	U.S. Navy river craft firing on enemy positions fired into area occupied by M/3/1 resulting in one friendly WIA.	SF
1030		9	281030	From 280900H TO 281030H convoy vic (YD 270650) received RPG, mortar and recoilless gun fire from vic (YD 270660) resulting in 2 friendly KIA and 8 friendly WIA. LCU-1582 starboard engine knocked out. 1500 took hit from large recoilless gun in conning tower damaging controls and YFU-4 received RPG hit above water line.	SF
1045		10	281045	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

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Time		Serial	ITG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
1030		11	281030	M/3/1 at (YD 285671) received one sniper rd from (YD 283668) resulting in one friendly WIA.	SMF
1048		12	281048	1st AmTrac Bn CP vic (YD 349694) received 3 rds 100 MM or larger arty from unknown location.	SMF
1200		13	281200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1200		14	281200	M/3/1 (YD 284671) received sniper rd from vic (YD 283668) resulting in one friendly WIA.	SMF
1250		15	281250	B/1/3 at C-4 position observed 10 to 12 rds arty impact one kilometer west of C-4. arty came from north.	SF
1530		16	281530	AO American Beauty Sierra reported spotting active enemy arty at (YD 223818) and (YD 224819). Fired counter battery.	SMF
1600		17	281600	3/1 CP (YD 305679) received 2 rds arty of unknown size and type from unknown loc.	SMF
1700		18	281700	3/1 CP (YD 305679) received 1 rd recoilless gun fire from westerly direction.	SMF
1700		19	281900	AmTracs delivering supplies to elements of 3/1 at (YD 286671) received four rds recoilless gun fire from (YD 280667).	SMF
1700		20	281700	From 281445H to 281700H combat patrol from K/3/1 vic (YD 287694) taken under fire by NVA in fortified positions (YD 286703). Received 4 barrages accurate enemy artillery fire. Patrol was reinforced. Ontos were used in direct fire support. Ran 5 flights F/W air. Called arty and naval gunfire missions. Enemy positions were reduced. Action resulted in 5 NVA KIA (C). 1 friendly KIA, 14 friendly WIA. 5 enemy bunkers and 11 fortified positions destroyed.	SMF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

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Time	Serial	LTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number		
1815		21 281815	Convoy vic (YD 278650) received SAF and RPO from (YD 275655). Patrol boat and landing craft returned AMF suppressive fire and called 4.2 mortar mission.	SMP
	1900	22 281900	Co "A" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SF
1900		23 281900	L/3/1 outpost vic (YD 298678) found one 57 MM recoilless round in cannister and 5 spent 57 MM recoilless rds in a dug in position.	SMP
2001		24 282001	PPS-5 radar at C-1 position observed 4 to 6 enemy moving south vic (YD 283710). Fired 4.2 mission. Enemy continued south to (YD 282705). Fired 4.2 mission. Enemy moved northwest to (YD 278707). Fired 4.2 mission and enemy split in two groups moving northwest and southwest.	SMP
2100		25 282100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		26 282400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BJT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMP

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken U-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Tros
In	Out				
0001		1	290001	Journal opened.	SF
0600		2	290600	1st AmTrac Bn terminated Operations NAPOLEON and Operation SALINE I.	SF
0600		3	290600	1st AmTrac Bn (Rein) went OpCon to 3d Mar Regiment and Command Participation in Operation SALINE II.	SF
0700		4	290700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0700		5	290700	Co "A" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1000		6	291000	Convoy enroute from Gva Viet to Dong Ha vic (YD 275647) rec'd SAF and recoilless gun fire from (YD 265645) and (YD 269652). Resulting in 3 friendly WIA when YFU-71 took direct hit from recoilless gun. Craft in convoy returned AMF and Huey gunship delivered rocket and MG fire.	SMF
1000		7	291000	Bn Scouts patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1030	8	291030	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1100		9	291100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1105		10	291105	Col M. A. HULL, CO 3d Mar Regiment and Staff arrived Camp KISTLER to estab CP.	SF
1130		11	291130	Tower at Gva Viet observed 2 rockets being fire at azimuth 5591 mls at approx range of 12,000 mtrs. Notified 2d Tgt Acquisition Btry.	SF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

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Time	Serial	ITG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number		
1200		12 291200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1230		13 291230	CG, 3d Mar Div and CG, 1st MAW visited Camp KISTLER.	SF
1530		14 291530	Elements B/1/3 vic (YD 316706) apprehended 2 VCS whose names were received from an informer as definite VC.	SMF
1630		15 291630	Convoy enroute from Cua Viet to Dong Ha at (YD 285657) rec'd 1 rd recoilless gun (YD 269652). AO (Seaworthy 4-1) observed enemy posit. Ran fixed wing with napalm and snake eye with excellent target coverage.	SMF
1800		16 291800	AO (American Beauty Foxtrot) controlled fixed wing strike on active rocket posit at (YD 28937566), destroying 8 to 10 140MM rockets leaving 20 to 30 rockets still in position.	SMF
1900		17 291900	Co "B" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SF
2030		18 292030	AN PPS-5 radar at C-4 position detected 2 groups consisting of 6 to 10 NVA at (YD 290703) and (YD 287705) moving in a southwest direction, fired 4.2 mortar msn on each group. NVA broke into smaller groups and moved rapidly in a southwesterly direction.	SMF
2100		19 292100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2115		20 292115	AN PPS-5 radar at C-4 position detected 2 or 3 NVA vic (YD 303718). Fired 60MM mortar mission.	SMF
2205		21 292205	AN PPS-5 radar at C-4 posit detected 10-15 NVA vic (YD 291703) moving in southwesterly direction. Fired 4.2 mortar mission NVA broke into smaller groups and dispersed.	SMF

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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Time		Serial	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number		
2255		22 292255	AN PTS-5 radar at C-4 posit detected 4 or 5 NVA vic (YD 287708), fired 4.2 mortar mission.	SMF
2400		23 292400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: 1st AmTrac Bn terminated Operation NAPOLEON and Operation SALINE I. Bn went OpCon to 3d Marine Regiment and commenced participation in Operation SALINE II, running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues support of Operation DYE-MARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (A&A), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

31 2400H January 1968

to

01 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCLD To, RESS.G.S, (L&L), LTO.	ACTION T.E.A.
IN	OUT				
0001		1	010001	Opened Journal	F
	0800	2	010800	Commenced issue of M-16A1 rifles.	S
	1415	3	011415	Sent Readiness for Combat of Combat Essential Equipment Report to G-4.	F
	1500	4	011500	Sent One pallet of C-rations, one day of B rations, and 55 gallons of gasoline to base Area C-4.	F
	1615	5	011615	Received resupply of rations and mail from Dong Ha. Also received five M106 "Mity Mite" riot control agent dispersers (All unserviceable).	S
	1725	6	011725	Issued nine kits of track to SLF-B amphibian tractor platoon.	F
	1820	7	011820	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	8	012400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HMM Unit
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

012400H February 1968

to

022400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, COMMENTS, ETC.	NOTES
IN	OUT				REMARKS S-SECTION F-FILE T-THRU
0001	1315	1	020001	Opened Journal	F
		2	021315	Received three tubing assemblies for M106 "Mity Mite" blowers. Sent Assemblies to Battalion Maintenance for installation.	S
	1520	3	021520	Resupplied Base Area G-4 with three starlight scope batteries, A and B rations, and one pallet of G-rations.	F
	1645	4	021645	Sent 200 coils of concertina to the SLF (3/1) operating on the north bank of the Qua Viet River. Submitted S-4 Journal for January 1968 to S-3.	S S F
	1910	5	021910	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	1930	6	021930	Sent 1stAmTrdn message to Division explaining delay in the issue of M-16A1's. Sent 1stAmTrdn 021550Z Feb68 to cancel two outstanding TENO's.	F
	2400	7	022400	Two engines were received from FLSG-B. Closed Journal	F F

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 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCR), MAF
 MC, San Francisco, Calif 96602

022400H February 1968

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032400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCLD TS, RESE.G.S, CHAINS, LTO.	ACTION T.R.A.
IN	OUT				
0001	1030	1	030001	Opened Journal	F
	1550	2	031030	Issued memorandum to Company Commanders delineating schedule for M-16 issue.	S, F
	1800	3	031550	Sent 1stAmTracBn 041130Z Feb68 to CG, 3dMarDiv listing generator T/E deficiencies. Resupplied Base Area G-4 with A and B rations. Extracts from recent ammunition suspension messages were sent to the CO, C/1/3.	F
	2400	4	031800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	F
		5	032400	Closed Journal	S F

S-4 Section.
 HELICOPTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

032400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, RESOURCES, CHANGES, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	040001	opened Journal	P
	1600	2	041500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	S
	1800	3	041800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	P
	2400	4	042400	Closed Journal.	P

S-4 Section
 HILL UNIT
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

04 2400H February 1968

to

05 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DTG	REMARKS, OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	050001	Opened Journal	F
	1500	2	051500	Supplied BLT 3/1 with 20 rolls of barbed wire and one case of heat tabs.	F
	1600	3	051600	Supplied 6 cases of BA 386's to BLT 3/1.	F
	1800	4	051800	Submitted Deadlined Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	5	052400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HLMCUMTAS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MkI), MAF
 HTO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

05 2400H February 1968

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06 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INITIALS, COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, ETC.	NOTES
IN	OUT				INITIALS S-SIGNATURE F-FULL T-TITLE
0001		1	060001	Opened Journal	F
	1300	2	061300	60mm mortar ammunition offloaded from boat on north bank of river to go to C-4.	F
	1600	3	061600	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 81mm and 60mm mortar ammunition in addition to normal resupply.	S
	1700	4	061700	Submitted School Trained Embarkation Personnel Report to CG, 3dMarDiv (SGI-35).	S
	1800	5	061800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	F
	2400	6	062400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 ELMO UNIT
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

06 2400H February 1968

to

07 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	REMARKS, OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS, ETC.	NOTES
IN	OUT				FILE
0001	1500	1	070001	Opened Journal	F
		2	071500	Resupplied Base Area C-1, with 200 cases of 81mm and 125 cases of 60mm mortar ammunition in addition to normal resupply.	F
	1800	3	071800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	072400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HELICOPTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

07 2400H February 1968

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08 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	RECORD TO, MESSAGE, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				IN-FILE S-STAFF P-FILE T-FILE
0001	1300	1	080001	Opened Journal.	F
	1400	2	081300	Two maintenance men from 11th EngBn reported to repair equipment working on Helopad.	S
	1515	3	081400	Contact team from FLS Unit #1 reported in to make repairs on our two M49's.	S
	1800	4	081515	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with one Case BA386's in addition to normal resupply.	S
	2400	5	081800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
		6	082400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HELM UNIT
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96002

08 2400H February 1968

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09 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	REMARKS, MESSAGE, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1445	1	090001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	091445	Approximately eight (8) hours work needed to finish sand base for helopad. 11th Engineers equipment still not operational.	F
	1500	3	091500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1800	4	091800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	5	092400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HELICOPTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96002

09 2400H February 1968

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10 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, COMMENTS, LOG.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1530	1	100001	Opened Journal.	F
	1700	2	101530	Priority movement of 40 rounds of 90mm HEAT along with normal resupply of Base Area C-4.	F
	1800	3	101700	Additional Mechanic from 11th EngBn arrived to supervise repair of tractors building Helopad.	F
	2400	4	101800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
		5	102400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HLMC Unit 1-5
 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

10 2400H February 1968

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11 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCLD. TO, RESS. G.S., CLASMS, LTR.	ACTION TICK
IN	OUT				RE-FILE S-STAFF F-FILE T-TR
0001		1	110001	Opened Journal.	F
	1500	2	111500	72 men from C-2 and fresh rations in addition to normal resupply to Base Area C-4.	F
	1800	3	111800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	112400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HMCOUNTS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 MCO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

11 2400H February 1968

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12 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, RESS.G.S, CHANGES, LTC.	ACTION T.F.A
IN	OUT				
0001	1500 1800 2400	1 2 3 4	120001 121500 121800 122400	Opened Journal. Resupplied Base Area C-4. Submitted Headline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance. Closed Journal.	W-FILE S-STAFF P-FILE T-TRE S F F S F

S-4 Section.
 H&M Unit...
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MIF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

12 2400 February 1968

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13 2400 February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTC	RECORDS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, LTC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	130001	Opened Journal.	F
	1800	2	131500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	2400	3	131800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
		4	132400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HELICOPTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

13 2400H February 1968

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14 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				M-FILE S-STAFF F-FILE T-FILES
0001		1	140001	Opened Journal.	
	1100	2	141100	Sand base for helopad finished, 11th Engineer personnel request to return to Dong Ha for maintenance of their equipment.	F
	1500	3	141500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 3 cases of BA386's, 2 boxes BA30's, and 300 cases C-rations in addition to normal resupply.	F
	1800	4	141800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	F
	2400	5	142400	Closed Journal.	S F

S-4 Section
 HMCUNAT 05
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

14 2400H February 1968

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15 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	150001	Opened Journal.	
		2	151500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 110 gallons of diesel fuel, 55 Gallons of gas., and 50 seven foot engineer stakes.	F
	1800	3	151800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	F
	2400	4	152400	Closed Journal.	S F

S-4 Section.

HEADQUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

3d Marine Division (Mktr.), MAF

PO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

15 2400H February 1968

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16 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION T.M.A.
IN	OUT				
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0001		1	160001	Opened Journal.	F
	1500	2	161500	Resupplied Base Area G-4 with 384 cases of c-rations in addition to normal resupply.	F
	1600	3	161600	Submitted Readiness for Combat of Combat Essential Equipment to CG, 3dMarDiv, G-4.	S
	1800	4	161800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	5	162400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

16 2400H February 1968

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17 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				M-FILE S-STAFF F-FILE T-THS
0001	1500	1	170001	Opened Journal.	F
		2	171500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 3 cases of BA386's, 1 case of heat tabs, fresh rations, 296 rounds of 60mm mortar HE, 64 yellow smoke grenades, and 96 trip flares.	F
	1800	3	171800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	172400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HELM Unit
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 HQ, San Francisco, Calif 96602

17 2400 February 1968

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18 2400 February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INcluded To, RESS.G.S, CHANGES, LTC.	ACTIC TIME
IN	OUT				IN-OUT S-S-TH P-M-L T-TH
0001	1500	1	180001	Opened Journal.	F
	1800	2	181500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
		3	181800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report To Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	182400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 HMC Unit 3
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

18 2400H February 1968

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19 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCLD TS, MESSAGES, CHANGES, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				<input type="checkbox"/> R-REF <input type="checkbox"/> S-STAFF <input type="checkbox"/> R-FILE <input type="checkbox"/> T-FILE
0001	0700	1	190001	Opened Journal.	F
	1500	2	190700	Supplied BLT 3/1 with breakfast in battalion messhall.	F
	1800	3	191500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	2400	4	191800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
		5	192400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section
 Headquarters
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MkII), MAF
 MCO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

19 2400H February 1968

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20 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCLD TO, MESSAGES, COMMENTS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	200001	Opened Journal.	P
		2	201500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with ammunition, 300 cases C-rations, fresh rations, 55 gallons 10W oil, 50W oil, and passengers.	F
	1800	3	201800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	202400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HMCOUNT AS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Mdn), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

20 2400H February 1968

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21 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, COMMENTS, ETC.	NOTICE TABLE
IN	OUT				RECEIVED S-SECTION F-FILE T-TRIP
0001		1	210001	Opened Journal.	F
	1500	2	211500	Resupplied Base Area C-4.	F
	1800	3	211800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	212400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HMCOUNT 33
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MkII), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

21 2400H February 1968

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22 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCLD TS, MESS GDS, CHUMS, LTC.	NOTES T-TR S
IN	OUT				NAME S-STAFF Y-FILE T-TR S
0001		1	220001	Opened Journal.	F
	1500	2	221500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 400 rounds of 4.2mm. ammunition in addition to normal resupply.	F
	1800	3	221800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	222400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HMC Unit...
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion.
 3d Marine Division (MCD), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

22 2400H February 1968

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23 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	HOLD TO, MESS.G.S, CHOWS, LTC.	ACTION TAKEN M-... S-STAFF F-FILE T-TR... F F S F
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	230001	Opened Journal.	
		2	231500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 60mm illumination and fresh rations.	
	1800	3	231800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	
	2400	4	232400	Closed Journal.	

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 HEADQUARTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (Rein.), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

23 2400H February 1968

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24 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, RESS.G.S, CHANGES, LTO.	ACTION TAKEN M-C-I S-STAFF Y-FILE T-TRIS
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	240001	Opened Journal.	F
	1800	2	241500	Resupplied Base Area C-4 with 320 cases of C-rations.	F
		3	241800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	242400	Closed Journal.	F

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 HMCOUNTS
 1st Amphibia Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MkI), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

24 2400H February 1968

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25 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	HOURS, MESSAGES, COLUMNS, LTR.	ATTN.
IN	OUT				THRU
0001					RECEIVED S-STAFF P-FILE T-THRU
	1500	1	250001	Opened Journal	F
		2	251500	Resupplied Base Area G-4 with ammunition and 55 gallons of gas.	F
	1800	3	251800	Submitted Headline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	252400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 HMCUAT 15
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MCM), MAF
 WFO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

25 2400H February 1968

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26 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	HOLD TO, RESS.G.S, CHOWS, LTC.	ACTION T.F.A.
IN	OUT				
0001	1500	1	260001	Opened Journal.	F
	1800	2	261500	Resupplied Base Area G-4 with ammunition, 110 gallons gas., dry stores, in addition to normal resupply.	F
	1830	3	261800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	4	261830	Permission given to Bulk Fuel to lay a temporary fuel line along beach from the new 6" pipe to the old 4" pipe in order to start pumping from the AOG as soon as possible.	F
		5	262400	Closed Journal.	F.

S-4 Section.
 HELICOPTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MkII), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

26 2400H February 1968

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27 2400H February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NO 3 Ln	DTG	HOLD TO, RESS.G.S, (HOLD, LTO.	ACTIC T.M.A.
IN	OUT				RE- S-STAFF F-FILE T-TR
0001		1	270001	Opened Journal.	F
	0700	2	270700	Bulk Fuel cannot lay temporary pipe line because of insufficient amount of hose.	F
	1500	3	271500	Resupplied Base Area G-4 with 200 cases of G-rations, 2 boxes of blasting caps, 2 cases of heat tabs, and 5 rolls of concertina wire.	F
	1800	4	271800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	5	272400	Closed Journal.	F

S-4 Section.
 H.L. McCURTAIN
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MkV), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

27 2400 February 1968

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28 2400 February 1968

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	H. G. L. TS, MESS. G. S., CHAMBERS, LTC.	ATTN:
IN	OUT				T. B. A.
0001	1500	1	280001	Opened Journal.	F
	1800	2	281500	Resupplied Base Area G-4.	F
		3	281800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division	
	2400	4	282400	Ordnance. Closed Journal.	S F

S-4 Section.
 HELICOPTERS
 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 3d Marine Division (MAB), MAF
 MCO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

28 2400H February 1968

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29 2400H February 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS, ETC.	NOTICE T-TRK
IN	OUT				RECEIVED S-SP-FF R-FILE T-TRK
0001		1	290001	Opened Journal.	F
	0905	2	290905	Received 60 rounds of 106mm HEAT and 8 E-1 rockets by helo.	F
	0930	3	290930	Sent Logistic Summary for February 1968, M-16A1 Rifle Status Report 4-68, and Rifles Lost in Combat Report to G-4, 3dMarDiv.	S
	1500	4	291500	Resupplied Base Area G-4.	F
	1800	5	291800	Submitted Deadline Equipment Report to Division Ordnance.	S
	2400	6	292400	Closed Journal.	F

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

FPO, San Francisco, Calif 96602

31 2400 H Jan 1968

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TIME		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				M-Map S-Staff F-File T- Trps
		01	010001	Journal opened.	S
		02	011600	PFC F. A. KILLOUGH and four other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		03	012400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
01 2400 Feb 1968
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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		04	020001	Journal opened.	S
		05	020800	No reportable items.	S
		06	022400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
02 2400 to Feb 1968
03 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		07	030001	Journal opened.	S
		08	030800	LCpl C. J. ROSE and two (2) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		09	032400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
03 2400 to Feb 1968
04 2400 Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		10	040001	Journal opened.	S
		11	040800	No reportable items.	S
		12	042400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv

04 2400 Feb 1968

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05 2400 Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
051400		13	050001	Journal opened.	S
		14	050135	LCpl T. A. FLANAGAN WIA: Received shrapnel wounds left eye and right thigh from an enemy grenade while engaged in combat with NVA forces in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province.	S
051400		15	050135	LCpl J. F. BIBBY KIA: Received gunshot wound in the back from enemy rifle fire while engaged in combat with hostile forces in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province.	S
051400		16	050135	Cpl E. R. WIERZBA KIA: Received gunshot wound of the head from enemy rifle fire while engaged in combat with hostile forces in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province.	S
		17	050800	LCpl K. A. WELLS dropped transferred to CONUS	S
		18	051530	Cpl R. G. STURLEY and three other enlisted reported for duty.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
04 2400 Feb 1968
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05 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		19	051730	page two (2) of journal opened continued. Sgt H. A. CAMPBELL and ten (10) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		20	052400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv

05 2400 Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		21	060001	Journal opened.	S
		22	060800	Sgt W. C. KLEIN and one (1) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		23	061200	Cpl C. E. SCACHETTE reported for duty.	S
		24	061500	LCpl W. R. LAWRENCE and two (2) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		25	062400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDir

06 2400 Feb 1968

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07 2400 Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		26	070001	Journal opened.	S
		27	070800	Cpl M. I. SILVERMAN and one (1) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		28	071300	LCpl R. H. TERRY and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		29	072100	LCpl J. M. PARISI and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		30	072400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
07 2400 Feb 1968
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08 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		31	080001	Journal opened.	S
		32	080800	Cpl W. S. SELF and four (4) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		33	081240	Cpl W. A. EHLERS reported for duty.	S
		34	082400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
08 2400 to Feb 1968
09 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		35	090001	Journal opened.	S
		36	091500	PFC J. W. MAJOR reported for duty.	S
		37	091700	PFC D. A. MYERS and three (3) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		38	091830	Cpl J. A. BIGGS and three (3) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		39	092400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
09 2400 Feb 1968
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10 2400 Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		40	100001	Journal opened.	S
		41	100800	Cpl D. CORDIER and six (6) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		42	101120	Cpl G. A. MOORE and two other enlisted report- ed for duty.	S
		43	101920	PFC P. L. BAKER and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		44	102130	PFC C. C. CAMP and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		45	102400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
102400 Feb 1968
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112400 Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		46	110001	Journal opened.	S
		47	111315	Pvt T. P. BURKITT reported for duty.	S
		48	112400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
11 2400 to Feb 1968
12 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		49	120001	Journal opened.	S
		50	120800	Cpl H. R. SANDHOLM and six (6) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		51	121500	PFC R. W. BROOKS reported for duty.	S
		52	122400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv

12 2400 to Feb 1968

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		53	130001	Journal opened.	S
		54	130800	Cpl L. D. GARRETT and one (1) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		55	131720	Sgt R. G. TICE reported for duty.	S
		56	132400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		57	140001	Journal opened.	S
		58	141700	Cpl J. W. RUTLAND Jr. and two (2) other enlist- ed reported for duty.	S
		59	142400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
14 2400 Feb 1968
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15 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		60	150001	Journal opened.	S
		61	150900	No reportable items.	S
		62	152400	Journal closed.	S

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		63	160001	Journal opened.	S
		64	160800	No reportable items.	S
		65	162400	Journal closed.	S

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1st AmTracBn, 3dMarDiv
16 2400 Feb 1968
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17 2400 Feb 1968

TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, ect	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		66	170001	Journal opened.	S
		67	171030	Sgt A. R. MANGUM Jr. and two other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		67	171800	SSgt R. G. HICKS and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		68	172400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		69	180001	Journal opened.	S
		70	180800	Cpl B. P. MANGAN and two (2) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		71	181545	PFC D. E. RUNK and nine (9) other enlisted report- ed for duty.	S
		72	182400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		73	190001	Journal opened.	S
191400		74	191245	LCpl W. G. WEIBEL Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wounds of the head from an enemy artillery round while taking cover in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province.	S
200900		75	191600	Sgt J. E. LAWRENCE WIA: Received abrasion wound right eye when taking cover during enemy artillery attack in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province.	S
	192015	76	192015	Called in casualty report on number 74 to 3d Marine Division (Fwd) CRCC.	S
		77	192400	Journal closed.	S

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		78	200001	Journal opened.	S
		79	200800	Cpl G. T. COX and four (4) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		80	200830	PFC M. R. WRIGHT and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		81	201115	Sgt J. N. LEWIS reported for duty.	S
	201245	82	201245	Called in casualty report on number 75 to 3d Marine Division (Fwd) CRCC.	S
		83	201330	Cpl W. J. SCHNEIDER reported for duty, this date.	S
		84	201859	Sgt R. W. ERICKSON reported for duty.	S
		85	202400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		86	210001	Journal opened.	S
220800		87	211100	Cpl A. J. VLASATY Jr. WIA: Received shrapnel wounds of the right knee from an enemy explosive device while under cover, during an enemy artillery attack in the vicinity of Cua Viet, Quang Tri Province.	S
212000		88	211130	PFC J. E. HEDDEN WIA: Received shrapnel wounds back of the head and upper back from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S
212000		89	211600	LCpl R. L. CRAMER WIA: Received multiple shrapnel wounds in chest, abdomen, left leg and right arm from an enemy explosive device in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S
212000		90	211600	EN J. J. PEISTER WIA: Received shrapnel wounds left leg and left hip from an enemy explosive device while seeking cover during an enemy artillery attack in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S
		91	211730	PFC S. J. MIELKE reported for duty.	S
		92	212400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		93	220001	Journal opened.	S
221800		94	220915	Pvt A. (NMN) KAPLAN KIA: Received schrapnel wound of the head from an enemy artillery round while running to a fortified position in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province, RVN	S
221800		95	221315	Sgt W. (NMN) CARMACK WIA: Received schrapnel wound right hand as a result of an incoming artillery attack from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S
221800		96	221500	MSgt P. B. BROWN WIA: Received schrapnel wound forehead as an result of enemy incoming artillery from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN .	S
221800		97	221510	Cpl R. G. STURLEY WIA: Received schrapnel wounds right calf as a result of an enemy incoming artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN	S
222015		98	221515	Cpl R. M. WRIGHT WIA: Received schrapnel wounds nose and forehead from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S

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IN	OUT				
222015		99	221515	page two (2) of journal continued.	
	222100	100	222100	PFC S. M. MULLINS WIA: Received schrapnel wound of the forehead from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S
		101	222400	Called in casualty report numbers 87 thru 90 and 95 thru 99 to 3d Marine Division CRC (Fwd)	S
				Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		102	230001	Journal opened.	S
	230900	103	230900	Called in casualty report on number 94 to 3d Marine Division CRC (Fwd).	S
		104	232400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		105	240001	Journal opened.	S
242100		106	241350	LCpl R. W. KEESEY WIA: Received schrapnel wound of the left elbow from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, Quang Tri Province, RVN.	S
242100		107	241610	LCpl M. J. VAUGHT WIA: Received schrapnel wound right hand index finger and sand blast right side of the face from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, Quang Tri Province, RVN.	S
242100		108	241610	PFC W. W. RUFF WIA: Received schrapnel wound lower left leg from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Cua Viet, RVN.	S
242100		109	241610	Cpl F. C. PICKERELL WIA: Received schrapnel wound lower back from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Cua Viet, RVN.	S

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IN	OUT				
251030		110	241630	page two (2) of Journal continued. LCpl D. M. EVANS WIA: Received schrapnel wound of the left hand from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province, RVN.	S
250800		111	241700	PFC L. M. ALCORN WIA: Received schrapnel wound left leg from an enemy explosive device while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Camp Kistler, RVN.	S
		112	241730	PFC A. H. WOLLEN and two (2) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		113	242400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		114	250001	Journal opened.	S
	251630	115	251630	Called in casualty reports on numbers 106 thru 111 to 3d Marine Division CRC (Fwd).	S
		116	251955	PFC L. "R" CABELLO Jr. reported for duty.	S
		117	252400	Journal closed.	S

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		118	260001	Journal opened.	S
		119	260800	Cpl D. L. BASTIN and one (1) other enlisted drop- ped transferred to CONUS.	S
		120	262400	Journal closed.	S

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		121	270001	Journal opened.	S
		122	270800	SSgt M. M. BROCKWAY and two (2) other enlisted dropped transferred to CONUS.	S
		123	271355	MGySgt H. T. DOWNS and seven (7) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
272100		124	271400	LCpl J. W. MAXEY WIA: Received schrapnel wound left wrist from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Cua Viet, RVN.	S
272100		125	271400	LCpl J. G. BLANCH Jr. WIA: Received schrapnel wound left cheek from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Cua Viet, RVN.	S
272100		126	271400	PFC J. R. CARPENTER WIA: Received schrapnel wound left arm from an enemy artillery round while in a defensive position in the vicinity of Cua Viet, RVN.	S

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IN	OUT				
				page two (2) of Journal continued.	S
272100		127	271800	PFC G. F. SMITH WIA: Received schrapnel wound right foot from an enemy RPG round while passenger in an LSU in the Cua Viet River in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province, RVN.	S
		128	271800	PFC H. L. VOID and one (1) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		129	272400	Journal closed.	S

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TIME		SERIAL NUMBER	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		130	280001	Journal opened.	S
	280900	131	280900	Called in casualty report numbers 124 thru 127 to 3d Marine Division CRCC (Fwd).	S
		132	281145	PFC R. YORK reported for duty.	S
		133	281800	SSgt E. M. MORGAN and three (3) other enlisted reported for duty.	S
		134	282400	Journal closed.	S

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IN	OUT				
		135	290001	Journal opened.	S
		136	290800	No reportable items.	S
			29Feb68	Total average strength for the month of February 1968: USMC OFF (27) USMC ENL (738) USN OFF (2) USN ENL (21) KIA: (3) DOW: (0) WIA: (22) Non Battle: KIA: (0) WIA: (0)	

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

01 0001H Feb 1968

to

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken M-Maps S-Staff P-Files T-Trps
In	Out				
0001		1	010001	Journal opened.	SF
0010		2	010010	K/3/1 vic (YD 285685) took 2 incoming grenades from approx 8 NVA. Returned fire with 100 rds SAF and moved "K" Co element. Called 15 rds 60 MM and arty mission.	SMF
0030		3	010030	L/3/1 vic (YD 287670) received 3 rds 82 MM from vic (YD 271668) resulting in 4 MIA. Called in MedEvac. Could not run due to ground fog. Casualties evaced to 1st AmTrac Bn BAS. Called counter battery on enemy position.	S'F
0515		4	010515	While set in night defensive positions CP 3/1 received a total of 40 rds of 82 MM mortar and 130 MM arty direction 6000 mls. Continued to maintain defensive position. Called for counter battery fire.	SF
0700		5	010730	I/3/1 vic (YD 286676) while moving through hedge line tripped booby trap. Resulted in 2 MIA MedEvac.	SMF
0745		6	010745	K/3/1 vic (YD 285685) while checking area of last night ambush found 1 dead MIA and one additional pool of blood, weapons and various equipment. Weapons captured one AK-47, one ChiCom type 5.6 light MG, four full AK-47 magazines, one canteen, one billfold containing assorted documents.	SMF
0930		7	010930	BLT 3/1 vic (YD 292667) change in MIA status and report of POW and weapons captured. Friendly KIA 10, MIA 2. Was previously reported as 12 MIA. Enemy KIA(C) 30. Enemy captured 2. Weapons captured 15 including 1 RPG, 1 82 MM, 1 RPD, 1 12.7 MG, 1 radio complete.	SMF
1000		8	011000	H2S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF

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In	Out				
	1130	9	011130	Co "B" plat size patrol departed CP for sweep in southern AO to check out enemy activities reported by PF.	SF
	1200	10	011200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and the password.	SF
1200		11	011200	Of 145 WIA MedEvac from BLT 3/1, 20 have been returned to duty.	SF
1500		12	011500	K/3/1 vic (YD 285687) received 4 rds 60 MM mortars. Called arty on suspected enemy position. Three Friendly WIA MedEvac.	SF
1500		13	011500	C/1/3 patrol apprehended 5 young Vietnamese males vic (YD 325710). ID cards did not seem to check out. Detainees interrogated by S-2 and released as innocent civilians.	SF
1515		14	011515	L/3/1 (YD 285688) received 6 rds 82 MM mortar fire, resulting in 2 friendly WIA MedEvac. Counter battery fire called.	SF
1700		15	011700	BLT 3/1 vic (YD 286687) found 14 MM WIA (C) and 1 AK-47, 4 RPD LMG, 2 RPG, 1 RP 46 MG, various ammo and documents.	SF
1730		16	011730	"B" Co patrol vic (YD 358668) picked up one male detainee. Interrogated by S-2 and released as innocent civilian.	SF
1820		17	011820	Co "B" patrol vic (YD 305662) received 4 rds sniper fire from azimuth 190 degrees. Conducted recon patrol, neg results.	SF
1845		18	011845	Co "B" patrol returned to CP after dropping off squad unit for night ambush.	SF
2100		19	012100	Sitrep received from the companies.	SF
2145		20	012145	H&S Co LP vic (YD 305664) detected person crawling on path. Fired three rds SA. Results unknown.	SF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
2400		21	012400	<p>SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTIVITY: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE S&D on north bank of Cua Viet . 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON and in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Bn continues to run day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and provide security for Cua Viet port Facility. Boat traffic from Cua Viet to Dong Ha continued without incident.</p> <p>Journal closed.</p>	SIF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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In	Out				
0001		1	020001	Journal opened.	SF
0415		2	020415	K/3/1 vic (YD 288687) received 20 rds arty and 40 rds of mortar fire followed by ground attack. Enemy on several sides, mostly on north. Enemy milling and disorganized due to K/3/1 having relocated its position after dark. Tank plat with infantry plat M/3/1 reinforcing. Flare ship on station 0440H. On hand class V situation of arty is good.	SMT
0700		3	020700	Co "A" squad patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0820		4	020820	BLT 3/1 vic (YD 307682) repulsed enemy attack. K CO and tanks covering avenue of enemy withdrawal. K Co receiving heavy mortar and AWF from Lam-Xuan. BLT 3/1 CP received 16 rds heavy arty. K Co directing arty and NGF on mortar position.	SMT
0843		5	020843	NGF team with 1st Bn 2d ARVN Regt vic (YD 268733) sighted 11 NVA at 0645H and 28 NVA at 0843H vic (YD 288755) moving north. Called NGF mission. Neg surveillance.	SMT
0850		6	020850	K and I Co BLT 3/1 vic (YD 288687) receiving mortar and AWF from Lam Xuan and Hai Xa Thi vic (YD 283690). M Co now supporting K Co. Large number of NVA appear to be moving out of Lam Xuan to the north.	SMT
1000		7	021000	H&S CO patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1000		8	021000	K and M Co 3/1 vic (YD 285690) continue to receive enemy 82 MM mortar fire from north. Believed to be from Nhi Ha (YD 2770) grid square. M Co continues to make good progress moving in the attack. Mortar fire is continues and heavy. Calling in NGF on mortar positions. 3 USMC KIA, 3 USMC MIA, 5 ENEMY KIA (C).	SMT

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken M-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Trps
In	Out				
	1030	9	021030	HES CO patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1100	10	021100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1200	11	021200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1200		12	021200	M and K Co 3/1 vic (YD 285690) continues the attack. Enemy continues to defend fortified positions vic (YD 285690) and employ 82 MM mortars. M and K Co continue to use max supporting arms. TPQ scheduled for (YD 280700). 5 USMC KIA, 26 USMC WIA. Enemy KIA 20 (C).	STF
1240		13	021240	Tank plat attached to BLT 3/1 vic (YD 292684) observed one Vietnamese in khaki moving to the east. Man appeared to be trying to hide. Apprehended and forwarded to S-2 as POW (NVA).	SMF
1245		14	021245	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. /Neg contact.	SF
1245		15	021245	M and K Co 3/1 continue to maintain pressure on the enemy. Intense SAF and close in hand grenade exchange is occurring with enemy. Forwarded movement is continuous at a slow pace.	SF
1245		16	021245	I Co 3/1 vic (YD 286674) received a total of 17 rds of 130 MM arty from direction of 5600 mils. Called for counter battery fire.	SMF
1500		17	021500	Navy landing craft received 7 rds of arty from north vic (YD 282657) and machine gun fire at (YD 265635). One craft hit. Navy OIC secured river traffic.	SMF

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In	Out				
1600		18	021600	M and K Co 3/1 vic (YD 285687) still in close contact vic (YD 284690). The enemy retains a foot hold in the northern edge of the hamlet. Tanks have resupplied with ammo and are moving forward. Will continue to attack and secure obj and police the battlefield. Friendly KIA 9, friendly WIA estimated 30, enemy KIA estimated 135, 7 POW. Weapons captured estimated 50, including two 60 MM mortars, large amount of documents and one radio.	SMF
1600		19	021600	I/3/1 conducted S&D in east half of Mai Xa Thi vic (YD 283690) received light sporadic fire throughout the day. Received small arms and mortars from the ville to the west. Returned fire. Attempted to neutralize snipers and mortar position. Blew shelter and dud rds. One enemy KIA, 2 friendly WIA.	SMF
1640		20	021640	FAC team directed Huey gunship against snipers vic (YD 279671) shooting across river. FAC team credits Huey gunship with 2 NVA KIA (C).	SMF
1815		21	021815	While on resupply run one LVT of BLT 3/1 hit 40 lb mine vic (YD 303686). Towed LVT to BLT 3/1 CP.	SMF
2100		22	022100	SitRep received from the companies.	SMF
2130		23	022130	C/1/3 vic (YD 325714) radar indicated 4 to 5 persons in vic (YD 312712). Fired 60 MM HE and illum. Saw 2 persons run into treeline. Neg results.	SMF
2400		24	022400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE S&D on north bank Cua Viet River. 1st AmTrac Bn continues NAPOLEON and running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYE BAKER.	SMF

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3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF

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In	Out				
0001		1	030001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	030700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0800		3	030800	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	0930	4	030930	H&S Co and Co "B" combined patrol/ambush departed CP for sweep in southern AO.	SF
	1200	5	031200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1430		6	031430	Tank No 202142 which had been submerged was destroyed with 80 lbs of C-4 all main parts destroyed, radios etc recovered.	SF
1440		7	031440	I/3/1 vic (YD 285673) saw one NVA in village to west vic (YD 283668) with weapon. Balled arty. Fired 3.5 and small arms. 1 NVA KIA(C).	SXF
1535		8	031535	I/3/1 vic (YD 286673) while searching PAI XA THI (east) found one double barrel shotgun. Turned in to S-2.	SXF
1545		9	031545	L/3/1 vic (YD 287674) received one incoming grenade resulting in 2 USMC MIA MedEvac.	SXF
1645		10	031645	H&S Co and Co "B" combined patrol vic (YD 372665) found homemade mine. Destroyed in place.	SXF
1800		11	031800	Nine more individual weapons accounted for. Of the 50 estimated on SitRep #13 of Plt 3/1 this plus 21 reported on SitRep #14, totals 30 not 50 for BLT 3/1.	SF

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In	Out				
1800		12	031800	One additional NVA POW captured 021600H.	SF
1815		13	031815	1/3/1 vic (YD 286672) received sniper fire from village at (YD 284670). Received approx 10 rds. Resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Called arty mission, fired 2 LA'S and small arms.	SMT
2100		14	032100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		15	032400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of CUA VIET river. 1st AMTRAC Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON and in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Bn continues to run day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and to provide security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Journal closed.	SMT

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

3d Marine Division (Rein), MTF

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In	Out				
0001		1	040001	Journal opened.	SF
0730		2	040730	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0745		3	040745	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0810		4	040810	K/3/1 vic (YD 286688) while searching battle area found four weapons and one US claymore mine. (three SKs carbines, one AK-47).	SMT
0930		5	040930	An OP forward of Plt ambush C/1/3 vic (YD 297747) observed movement to the north vic (YD 298571.80). Called in arty when they received SAF from the east from 4 to 5 enemy who had gotten around them. About 20 NVA were observed in the dunes to the north. OP withdrawn to plt position under cover of a base of fire. Ran close air support airstrike on enemy mortar position at (YD 282-762) with 250lb bombs plus zone fire of 105 HOW. Two friendly WIA's. Seven NVA KIA(C).	SMT
1053		6	041053	1st AmTrac Bn CP and Cua Viet Port Facility received approx 45 rds rocket and arty in two volleys. First volley 30 rds in less than 60 seconds. Followed by three minute interval. The 15 rds in 30 seconds. Arty Officer saw air bursts. Have arty shrapnel and 140mm rocket pieces. Believed enemy used multiple rocket launchers. Counterbattery fired on suspected enemy location. Ambush north of C-4 heard several secondary explosions. Five friendly WIA. Two belong to BLT 3/1.	SIT
1100		7	041100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF

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In	Out				
1120		8	041120	L/3/1 vic (YD 278679) received three rds incoming 82mm from vic (YD 278670). resulting in one USMC KIA and two WIA's.	SMT
1145		9	041145	Elements BLT 3/1 vic (YD 283690) found one NVA KIA in uniform and equipment one NVA radio, one Vietnamese to english translation book, one gas mask.	SMT
	1200	10	041200	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1200	11	041200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	SMT
1200		12	041200	Elements BLT 3/1 vic (YD 285688) found two homemade bangalore torpedoes containing 40 lbs TNT each. In LAN XUAN many enemy bodies removed by NVA during night of 3 Feb. Returned bangalore torpedoes to AmTrac S-2.	SMT
1300		13	041300	I/3/1 vic (YD 278692) found numerous bunkers and NVA gear. Found at (YD 27669) 13 fresh graves, four open graves, four recently used fighting holes with NVA jungle boot track in area. Also large grave 40 ft by 40 ft. Also found one M-16 rifle, four ChiCom grenades, four RPG rds, five AK-47 magazines, one gas mask, one package field rations.	SMT
1700		14	041700	Plt of C/1/3 vic (YD 297747) had contact with estimated two plt of NVA whose lead element flanked it. Sent relief plt (2d Plt) reinforced and made squeeze on flanking enemy. B/C/1/3 attacked enemy clearing three holes using SA and grenades. Took remainder of enemy under fire when enemy withdrew. Add eleven more confirmed NVA KIA over initial report for a total of 18. Add one more friendly WIA, four SKS weapons captured, six packs, one diary, letters, notebooks, wallets, one gas mask, two first aid kits, four hammocks, five ponchos,	SMT

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In	Out				
				four blankets, three entrenching tools, one canteen and one harmonica.	
1715		15	041715	I/3/1 vic (YD 282688) received 14 incoming rds 60mm mortars. Returned 60mm and arty. Five USMC WIA.	SF
	1800	16	041800	Co "A" patrol/ambush departed CP for north bank Cua Viet river.	SF
1945		17	041945	C/1/3 L/P vic (YD 302743) saw lights and heard movement in vic (YD 298741). Fired 94 rds 105mm into area. No further movement reported.	SF
1950		18	041950	Received flash intell report of possible attack on BLT 3/1. Conclude that movement heard by C/1/3 possible rocket team.	SF
		19	042100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2130		20	042130	I/3/1 vic (YD 282688) while standing lines. Marine heard noises to his front. While throwing grenade he dropped his rifle resulting in accidental discharge wounding his foot.	SF
2135		21	042135	L/3/1 L/P vic (YD 287677) spotted VC movement vic (YD 288673) received two incoming dud grenades, pulled back L/P called fire mission.	SF
2325		22	042325	Bravo 4 vic (YD 287669) received four incoming grenades from river bank of which two detonated. Heard splashing noises in water believed to be three or four men. Spotted one VC on river bank. Took under fire with approx 30 rds SAF. Neg results.	SF

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In	Out				
2400		23	042400	<p>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON. Running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues support of Operation DYSMARKER.</p> <p>Journal closed.</p>	SMT

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In	Out				
0001		1	050001	Journal opened.	SF
0130		2	050130	Elements of Co "B" 1st Amtrac Bn reinforcing I/3/1 vic (YD 289670) believed to have moved to front. Fired SAP and threw M-26 grenades. Resulted in 2 friendly KIA and 1 WIA. Enemy position not clear.	SMT
0700		3	050700	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		4	050730	HES Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0945		5	050945	L/3/1 vic (YD 287673) received 6 rds 82 MM from across river vic (YD 282669). Called counter battery.	SMT
1030		6	051030	HES Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1035		7	051035	Two (20) plate reaction HES Co committed to C-4 position to permit C/1/3 to conduct sweep of north AO.	SF
1120		8	051120	HES Co patrol vic (YD 358670) received AWF from 4 or 5 weapons vic (YD 358668). Fired 15 rds 105 MM. Sent reaction force to sweep area.	SMT
1155		9	051155	"K" Co 3/1 vic (YD 285686) while on patrol found 2 NVA bodies lying in open on each side of river. Buried bodies.	SMT
1200		10	051200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken M-Maps S-Staff P-Files T-Trps
In	Out				
1250		11	051250	Villagers reported to M&S patrol that 10 VC were in village. VC left village heading south. One Vietnamese civilian wounded from unk causes. Brought to BAS but DOA. Body taken back to village.	SF
1530		12	051530	I/3/1 vic (YD 276695) while searching area came under extensive sniper fire and incoming 60 MM mortars. Two LUTP-5 attached to unit received two RPG rocket rds which missed target. M&F and arty called against enemy. One USMC KIA, 7 WIA.	SMF
1530		13	051530	I/3/1 vic (YD 286670) received incoming sniper fire. Spotted 2 VC running vic (YD 284669). Returned fire 200 5.56 and 15 M-79 rds.	SMF
1530		14	051530	I/3/1 while searching vic (YD 278694) found enemy equipment. Dug up 13 fresh graves with one dead uniformed NVA in each. Weapons captured: 1 blown up Russian .30 cal MG, 3 homemade bangalore torpedoes, 7 82 MM rds, 1 ChiCom grenades.	SMF
1600		15	051600	A0 (Southern Bravo) supporting BLT 3/1 reports 4 bunkers vic (YD 269700), fighting extended from (YD 269700) to (YD 266701). New bunker vic (YD 273697). New fighting holes and bunkers in village at (YD 257713). Suspect 60 MM position vic (YD 278674). Confirmed 82 MM position (YD 275677). Numerous fighting holes both sides of road vic (YD 283673). Arty and M&F on mortar position.	SMF
1630		16	051630	C/L/3 at 051300H began Co sweep from (YD 307738) to top of A0. Observed no fresh position other than spotted yesterday. Enemy policed area of bodies and gear, but many bloodstains remained. 2d plat had movement to NW, saw 2 NVA running north. Fired IG killing them both. Two more NVA returned to aid bodies. M48A3 tank hit those with one HE rd blowing away the two plus the two bodies. Sporadic sniper fire came from north. Returned fire w/SAF and tanks. Received two rds	SMF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken N-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Trps
In	Out				
				60MM fired 4.2 and 105 HOW zone and sweep. No further fire received. Co returned to CP. Left Plt night ambush in position.	
0445		17	051645	Two Plt Co "B" detached from L/3/1 returned to CP.	SF
1710		18	051710	YFU-67 and LCU-1574 vic (YD 273644) took mortar fire from west. Location unk. Called AO at 1730 after being informed by NSA Cua Viet. Analysis of fragments by EOD officer at Cua Viet confirmed enemy used 82MM recoilless rifle round against LCU. It is fired from the B-10 recoilless gun. Max range believed to be 4470 meters.	SMF
1750		19	051750	AO (Southern Bravo) spotted ten rocket positions (YD 277704) oriented south-eastward also some bunkers in treeline to east. Requested TPQ at 051810H.	SMF
1945		20	051945	AO observing NGF and arty mission observed seven secondary explosions vic (YD 280666).	SMF
2100		21	052100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		22	052400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON and running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Journal closed.	SMF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken M-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Trps
In	Out				
0001		1	060001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	060700	H&S CO patrol/ambush south returned to CP.	SF
0800		3	060800	Elm 3/1 at first light saw three NVA west Jones Creek. Fired two 3.5 rfts and AW.	SF
1000		4	061000	Elm 3/1 found, destroyed radio receiver in church at Mai Xa Thi.	SF
1120		5	061120	Recon of Ha Tay Mo reveals 15 individual two man fighting holes. Found expended brass from AK-47, 9MM and Cal. .30. Believe enemy south of AO have Cal. .30 MB.	SF
1200		6	061120	L/3/1 One NVA jumped from hole 15 meters west of Jones Creek bank. Fired one rd M-79 and one rd M-16. Body fell back in hole. One KIA (P).	SF
	1200	7	061200	H&S Co patrol/ambush south AO departed CP.	SF
	1200	8	061200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	SF
1200		9	061200	L/3/1 reports five to ten NVA moving from bunker to bunker via Mai Xa Thi west. Called arty. Two NVA KIA (C).	SF
	1215	10	061215	Co "A" patrol/ambush south AO departed CP.	SF

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In	Out				
1215		11	061215	Received eleven Starlite Sscopes, issued as follows: One retained by Bn Armory, two H&S Co, three Co's "A" & "B", two C-4.	SF
	1500	12	061500	Debriefing of Plt Cndr 1/C/1/3 indicates four additional NVA KIA on sweep conducted 5 Feb. Total eight NVA KIA on sweep.	SF
1520		13	061520	Camp KISTLER recieved six rds 140MM rcts. No casualties. Center btry 54 rds 105MM by HOW 6. 20 rds NGF.	SF
1520		14	061520	Navy patrol boat sweeping Cua Viet river picked up two lengths of 1/4" cable. Each 35 ft long at (YD 290665). Believe enemy using it as mooring cable for river mines.	SMF
1727		15	061727	YFU 72 proceeding to bridge ramp, Dong Ha received RR fire. Continued to Dong Ha. Three casualties. Patrol boat returned fire. HOW 6's fired 22 rds 105MM. Requested airstrike from FSOC.	SF
2100		16	062100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		17	062400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON and running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues support of Operation DYEMARKER. River traffic interdicted by recoilless rifle fire.	SMF
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In	Out				
0001		1	070001	Journal opened.	SF
0130		2	070130	L/P for 1st AmTrac Bn defensive perimeter vic (YD 341696) received one incoming grenade from vic (YD 341696) which detonated 25 to 35 meters away. Neg damage or casualties.	SMF
0200		3	070200	C/1/3 elements vic (YD 297744) heard chopping sounds vic (YD 298748) 4.2 meters at C-4 fired 12 rds, noise stopped.	SMF
0700		4	070700	HAS Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		5	070730	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0835		6	070935	FF sqd vic (YD 355663) made contact with estimated VC Plt vic (YD 363667). PFA received ANF and SAF. Withdrew to (YD 355672). Believe VC to have BAR and sub MG. PFA's rein to plt size. Reoccupied original position. VC broke contact. HAS Co Sqd patrol sent to rein FF patrol. Co "B" 2d and 4th Plt to conduct sweep of southern AO.	SMF
1000		7	071000	HAS Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1125		8	071125	I/3/1 vic (YD 282669) observed NVA crawling through doorway of hut. Fired eight M-16 rds. One NVA KIA (C).	SMF
1130		9	071130	Co "B" elm while forming sweep vic (YD 363668) tripped one booby trap. Thought to be M-26 grenade. Grenade was strapped to tree w/trip wire secured a few inches above ground. Neg casualties.	SMF

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In	Out				M-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Traps
	1200	10	071200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1315		11	071315	K/3/1 vic (YD 285587) had four Vietnamese males approach ambush site. Two came from left flank and two from front. Called for them to halt and moved to check ID cards. They turned and fled. Called halt again with neg results. Opened fire with six M-79 rds, one 5.56 rd and 24 7.62 rds. One VC KIA (C).	SMF
1345		12	071345	Villagers informed Kit Carson Scouts with Co "B" sweep vic (YD 368654) that two VC were in tree line vic (YD 372654). Elms advanced and observed two people running to west. Opened fire with neg results.	SMF
1505		13	071505	Elms of Co "B" vic (YD 373652) while sweeping area found aerosol can loaded with explosives rigged w/pull type detonator. Object was buried two inches under sand. Also found one 105MM dud. Destroyed both in place.	SMF
1600		14	071600	Co "B" returned to CP dropping off 3rd ambush.	SF
1746		15	071746	CUA VIENT PORT FACILITY vic (YD 349693) received six rds of 140MM rkt. All landed at mouth of river in the water. Counter Btry fired on (YD 291751) by 105MM HOWs. 12 rds fired.	SMF
2100		16	072100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		17	072400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation TA-POLEON and running day and night patrol/ambushes in AO. And provide security for CUA VIENT PORT FACILITY and support of Operation DREAMER.	SMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	080001	Journal opened.	SF
0030		2	080030	Elements of C/1/3 vic (YD 300745) saw 5 white lights believed to be flashlights vic (YD 298742), but heard nothing. Fired 33 rds 4.2" mortars. Excellent target coverage. Lights went out.	SMF
0700		3	080700	R&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1000	4	081000	R&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1100	5	081100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1200		6	081200	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	7	081200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1415		8	081415	LVT-5 (3-B-43) from BLT 3/1 vic (YD 316688) detonated explosive device. Vehicle destroyed by fire from explosion. 4 USMC KIA. One Vietnamese National wounded. Security established for possible salvage of equipment. Vietnamese MedEvac'd to Quang Tri.	SMF
1435		9	081435	L/3/1 vic (YD 286672) received 2 incoming 82 MM direct hit on position. 3 USMC KIA MedEvac.	SMF
1715		10	081715	C/1/3 LP vic (YD 297746) observed 5 or 6 NVA popping their heads in and out of bunkers. Also observed 4 who appeared to be carrying heavy object. LVT-6's fired 80 rds 105 MM W/excellent coverage. One man was seen to fly into air.	SMF

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In	Out	Number		
			Believed 3 others hit. Other NVA ran to north. No further movement. 1 NVA KIA (C).	
1735	11	081735	Co "A" patrol vic (YD 364676) found booby trap. Destroyed in place.	SMF
1800	12	081800	Co "B" patrol/ambush departed CP for north bank of river.	SF
1900	13	081900	C/1/3 LP vic (YD 294746) observed 4 NVA vic (YD 296747). Appeared to be wearing helmets and flak jackets. LVTH-6's fired 61 rds 105 MM with unknown results. NVA ran 100 meters to north. Area is targeted for RLI's.	SMF
2045	14	082045	C/1/3 LP vic (YD 296746) threw two grenades at suspected enemy position vic(YD-297747). Unknown results.	SMF
2100	15	082100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400	16	082400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cua Viet River. 1st Amfrac Bn continues Operation NAP-OLEON, conducting sweeps and running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO. Bn continues to provide security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYEMARKER.	SMF
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In	Out				
0001		1	090001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	090700	B&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Negative contact.	SF
	1000	3	090700	B&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1030		4	091030	L/3/1 vic (YD 284670) sighted 1 NVA. Fired two WP, 30 M-16. 1 NVA KIA (C).	SMF
	1020	5	091030	Co "B" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1200	6	091200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1200		7	091200	L/3/1 vic (YD 285674) received four rds of arty from azimuth of 6200 mils. Also received 10 rds 82MM. Called counter battery. Three USMC WIA.	SMF
1215		8	091215	L/3/1 vic (YD 285674) received seven rds 60MM mortars from vic (YD 272669). Called arty mission on suspected enemy positions.	SMF
2100		9	092100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2130		10	092130	L/3/1 vic (YD 286672) saw approx 10 people moving north along river bank. Fired small arms, 60MM and arty mission.	SMF
2400		11	092400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cuu Viet River. 1st Amtrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON and running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYEMARKER.	SMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	100001	Journal opened.	SF
0300		2	100300	M/3/1 vic (YD 313687) received one incoming sniper rd resulting in one WIA. Sent out reactionary force to shift OP position.	SMF
0700		3	100700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0810		4	100810	Navy craft YFU-7 vic (YD 268628) received one rd of recoilless gun fire and SAM from vic (YD 276620). Recoilless round ricocheted off water and hit stern anchor. Slight damage to stern. Boat continued to Dong Ha. Neg casualties.	SMF
1000		5	101000	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1030		6	101030	Co "A" departed CP to make sweep on north bank of Gua Viet.	SF
1130		7	101130	I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) called in fire mission across river. One NVA jumped out of hole and was brought under M-16 fire (10 rds). One NVA KIA (C). One USMC WIA injured by arty short rd or sharpnel.	SMF
1145		8	101145	Co "B" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1200	9	101200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
	1300	10	101300	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1520		11	101520	I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) using arty for coverage, had one arty short rd resulting in one USMC WIA.	SMF

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1700		12	101700	Co "A" while on sweep vic (YD 330700) detained one Vietnamese. Local in- former identified suspect as being on CIT blacklist. Turned over to Bn S-2 to be sent to Dong Ha. Co "A" (-) returned to CP.	SMF
	1800	13	101800	Co "A" patrol/ambush depart CP for north bank of river.	SF
2100		14	102100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		15	102400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE, search and destroy on north bank of Gua Viet. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON conducting sweeps and running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and provid- ing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	110001	Journal opened.	SF
0600		2	110600	I/3/1 recon patrol vic (YD 284671) scouted Mai Xa Thi west. On crossing bridge saw movement and smoking in hedgerow to south. Rec'd en grenade overhead, withdrew.	SMF
0700		3	110700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		4	110730	Co "A" patrol/ambush on north bank river returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1000	5	111000	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1015	6	111015	Co "B" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1100		7	111100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	8	111200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and the password.	STF
1730		9	111730	I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) spotted 6 NVA approx 400 to 500 meters along river bank moving from hut to hut. Arty called with good target coverage.	SMF
1920		10	111920	I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) spotted suspected enemy supply boat on bank of river vic (YD 283665). Fired 2 106 MM rds with direct hit. Secondary explosion resulted.	SMF
2000		11	112000	Division FSCC Called to pass CG's desires for extra heavy H&I/TPQ on west bank because int'l report #2-61 identification of unit moving south along the Ben Ngu river as the 1st and 3d Bns, 803d Regt (Quan Xo) (YD 2766) believed to be terminal point. Recommend TOT. Initial rep't #2-63 reported command and control elements.	SMF

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In	Out				
				ment 803d Regt and troop assembly area located within 300 meters of (TD 258658) (Vinh Quang Thmonh).	
1100		12	112100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		13	112400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION:</u> BLT 3/1 continues search and destroy operation SALINE on north bank of Cua Viet River. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAP-OLEON running day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and providing security for Cua Viet Port Facility. Bn continues in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	200001	Journal opened.	SF
0730		2	200730	H&S Co patrol/ambush returned to CP from southern AO. Neg contact.	SF
0830		3	200830	Co "A" patrol/ambush returned to CP from Northern AO. Neg contact.	SF
0900		4	200900	Tank detonated mine vic (YD 325696). Two roadwheels, right side blown off, vehicle to be returned to this position. Serial #217841 of SLF Bravo.	SMF
1100		5	201100	H&S patrol/ambush south departed CP to southern AO.	SF
1200	1200	6	201200	S-2 disseminated password.	STF
1200		7	201200	Drop OPCON to 1st Mar Div plt Co "B", six LVT-5, one officer, twenty-three enl as of 121200H. Authority CG 3d Mar Div Meg 181100Z Feb 68.	SF
1200		8	201200	Results of search and destroy mission in the village of Le Xuyen by "I", "K" and "L" 3/1. Friendly casualties; three KIA and eight WIA. Enemy losses: seventeen KIA (C); POW, seven. Equipment captured: Two 82MM Recoilless Gun; one 82MM mortar; one RPG-2; two RPD light machine guns; four AK-47 rifles; two SKS carbine; misc ammo for recoilless guns, mortars, small arms; hand grenades; gas masks and assorted documents and 782 gear.	SMF
1230		9	201230	Co "A" patrol/ambush departed CB to southern AO.	SF
1500		10	201500	"K" and "L" Co 3/1 swept Bo Bang vic (YD 335628). No resistance or unusual activity. Defensive night position established.	SMF

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1800	11	201800	Co "B" patrol/ambush departed CP to southern AO.	SF
1905	12	201905	K/3/1 ambushed three NVA. Engaged with SA, one NVA KIA (C).	SF
2105	13	202105	B/1/3 PPS-6 radar at C-4 spotted four NVA moving NW to SE. Fired ten rds, 81MM mortar. Neg results.	SF
2400	14	202400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:</u> BLT 3/1 continues to search and destroy in area of Bo Bang. Continue occupation of the north bank. Operation SALINE continues. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON with day and night patrols and ambushes in AO. Providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMT

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In	Out				
0001		1	210001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	210700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		3	210730	Co "A" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0805		4	210805	From 210805H to 210930H US Navy craft proceeding to Dong Ha took enemy SA and AWM from vic (YD 280667) (YD 265647) and (YD 280660). Fired counter battery 12 rds 4.2 and 24 rds 105MM WP and HE. At 210820H craft took mortars and RPG from vic (YD 265647), returned MG and 72 rds 105MM. Seaworthy 4-1 and 4-2 arrived on station at 0857H fired rockets and MG into suspected targets with Navy escort craft adjusting. Seaworthy then adjusted arty on grid (YD 280660), fired approx 40 rds 105 MM from LVTH-6's. Convoy consisted of patrol craft and two LCM-6 in lead then four LCU and five LCM-8's. During initial fire, LCM-8 (#927) hit by RPG. Damage to hull and cargo (155 and 175 projectiles) (no detonation). No known casualties. River traffic continuing.	SMF
	0830	5	210830	Co "A" (-) departed CP to make sweep of village on north bank of Cua Viet River.	SF
	1000	6	211000	Co "B" and H&S Co patrols south departed CP.	SF
1102		7	211102	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received approx 60 rds 140 MM rockets followed by 40 rds of 100 MM or larger arty. One LVTH-6 received direct hit. LVTH-6's displaced due to fire in one tractor and 105 rds detonating in area. Area unsafe at this time. Fired counter battery fire on rockets sites located at (YD 282-760) and (YD 285760) and on arty position vic (YD 217845). 2 U.S. Army KIA from 1st Air Cav. 2 WIA (1 Navy, 1 USMC) non MedEvac.	SMF

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				3 Vietnamese KIA and 6 civilian WIA in village of Pho Hoi where one rocket landed.	
1200		8	211200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1230		9	211230	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1440		10	211440	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 4 rds of arty at 1440H and 1520H possibly 130 MM. Approx 40 rds of 140 MM rockets sighted by AO on pad vic (YD 298750) pointed at Cua Viet. AO adjusting fire on site. 1 USMC WIA MedEvac and 1 Navy Corpsman MedEvac. 1 USMC non MedEvac.	SMF
1500		11	211500	AO (Southern Sierra/American Beauty "A") calling NGF on rocket site vic (YD 29067542). Unable to adjust NGF on target. Called 4.2 mission, on target but ineffectual. Controlled fixed wing strikes with napalm and snake eyes. 40% of target destroyed. Area heavily targeted for FRI's tonight. Will complete destruction tomorrow.	SMF
1500		12	211500	M/3/1 while searching village discovered 2 anti-tank mines along beach vic (YD-317692). Mine was pointed out by villagers who had marked it with sticks. Searched village with no further results. Villagers state that last night at 2100H 9 or 10 VC came to village and took two young males hostage. Villagers claim that 2 VC live in village.	SMF
1510		13	211510	K/3/1 held S/D mission in 3 hamlets at (YD 315634, YD 323631, YD 314629). No sign of past or present activities in two hamlets. In hamlet at (YD 315634) there were recently constructed fighting holes located and trench line bunkers were there 17 Feb not destroyed that date. Destroyed 14 bunkers. Found and blew in place one ChiCom grenade.	SMF
1530		14	211530	Co "A" (-) returned to CP from sweep of ville on north bank of river.	SF

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1550	15	211550	M/3/1 vic (YD 293674) sighted 5 VC. Called in arty mission. Sighted 1 VC running. Inconclusive results.	SMF
1620	16	211620	M/3/1 vic (YD 307680) while searching ville found one RPG-7. Found underneath floor mat. Weapon was absolutely new, possibly not even fired yet. Had new site, fully operable.	SMF
1645	17	211645	1st AmTrac Bn received 2 rds 130 MM arty. AO on station adjusting fire on grid (YD 29067542) which is rocket site. Arty loc 5760 mils, range 16,500 meters.	SMF
1745	18	211745	L/3/1 searched village of Vinh Lai vic (YD 326637). Noted no unusual activity. Destroyed 10 old bunkers and numerous fighting holes.	SMF
1800	19	211800	B/1/3 spotted one NVA vic (YD 295749). Took under fire with SAF. Neg results.	SMF
2100	20	212100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400	21	212400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	220001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	220700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0830		3	220830	US Navy craft proceeding to Dong Ha took ANF and 3 RPG rds plus two or three mortar rds from (YD 285660). Craft continued west, received ANF and 3 or 4 mortar rds, adjusted arty via patrol craft due east on river. LVTH-6s fired HE & WP (36rds) five craft proceeding to Dong Ha and 14 waited between Dong Ha and target area to move to Cua Viet - later 14 craft proceeded to Cua Viet.	SMF
	0900	4	220900	Co "A" departed CP for sweep island vic (YD 3166).	SMF
0915		5	220915	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 37 rds 100MM or larger arty in a four minute period. Called for counter battery to 12th Mar. Estimated az of 315° one USMC KIA. Several tropical huts destroyed or damaged.	SMF
1000		6	221000	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1030		7	221030	I/3/1 swept through LE XUYEN vic (YD 346630) no civilians inhabiting ville. Moved to AN TRACH vic (YD 356622) and swept ville. Village deserted. Reinforced bunkers and fighting holes on perimeter of village. Found 2 NVA packs, assorted gear and papers.	SMF
1035		8	221035	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received approx 28 rds 100MM arty from az of 58-00 mls. Several tropical huts damaged or destroyed. Called 12th Mar for counter battery on known arty position. 4 KIA.	SMF

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In	Out	Number		
1100		9 221100	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1130		10 221130	L/3/1 vic (YD 322646) searched village with neg findings. Village market extremely crowded with civilians. Population friendly.	SMF
1200		11 221200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1230		12 221230	Co "B" patrol/ambush returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1350		13 221350	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 6 rds of 100 MM arty. Called for counter battery to 12th Mar. Estimated az 5800 mls. 1 WIA.	SMF
1500		14 221500	Co "A" returned from sweep of island of island vic (YD 3166).	SMF
1501		15 221501	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 15 rds 100 MM arty. Called counter battery to 12th Mar. 2 LVTP-5 damaged. 7 WIA: 1 Navy, 1 Army, 5 USMC.	SMF
1655		16 221655	L/3/1 vic (YD 321647) one man while cleaning weapon had hand over muzzle. Rifle discharged wounding man in left hand.	SMF
1735		17 221735	One (1) LCU hit by one (1) rd of RPG vic (YD 290657) while proceeding to Cua Viet. No casualties. LVTH-6's fired 85 rds 105 MM. Four additional Navy craft proceeding to Cua Viet from Dong Ha with H-6's covering fire.	SMF
1830		18 221830	Gunship (Peacemaker-26) checking river bank drew enemy fire consisting of 12.7 MM AA/MG, SAF from troops in light and heavy bunkers. Returned fire with MG and rockets. Called arty, LVTH-6's fired 58 rds HE. Requesting TPQ's due to nature of target.	SF
2100		19 222100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF

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2400		19 222400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLYON making day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues in support of Operation DYNAMARKER. Journal closed.	SMT

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In	Out				
0001		1	230001	Journal opened.	
0700		2	230700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0810		3	230810	Navy patrol craft vic (YD 285657) escorting convoy from Gua Viet to Dong Ha received RPG and SAF from NVA in fortified position vic (YD 280660). Called in 105 MM mission to suppress enemy fire until convoy was past ambush site.	SMF
	0830	4	230830	Co "A" (-) departed CP to make sweep of island at (YD 3166).	SF
	1000	5	231000	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1020		6	231020	Fire team from B/1/3 vic (YD 284744) spotted one NVA vic (YD 287748). Called 4.2 fire mission. NVA disappeared north in dunes. 9 rds expended.	SMF
1105		7	231105	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received approx 14 rds of 100 MM arty from unk location. Called for counter battery.	SMF
	1115	8	231115	Co "B" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1145		9	231145	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	10	231200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STP
1200		11	231200	M/3/1 vic (YD 303682) received 30 rds incoming 75 MM arty. Location unk.	SMF

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In	Out				
1200		12	231200	N/3/1 vic (YD 306680) received 15 to 20 rds incoming arty. Spotted 5 persons vic (YD 311676) possible FO. Dispatched 2 tracks with troops to check people out. People determined to be innocent civilians. 1 WIA non MedEvac.	SMF
1300		13	231300	Co "A" (-) returned to CP from sweep of island at grid (YD 3166). Neg findings.	
1500		14	231500	M/3/1 vic (YD 303682) received 31 rds incoming heavy arty. Neg casualties.	SMF
1520		15	231520	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 319694) received 4 rds of 100 MM arty from az 324 degrees. Called for counter battery.	SMF
1700		16	231700	Navy convoy vic (YD 280654) passed ambush site located vic (YD 281660). Convoy received 1 rd of mortar fire. Suppressive fires laid down by 105 MM battery at Cua Viet before craft entered danger zone. 45 rds 105 MM fired. Naval patrol craft engaged possible targets with .50 cal MG.	SMF
1800		17	231800	Co "B" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SF
2100		18	232100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2105		19	232105	Advance element of NGV spot team arrived for duty (1 off, 3 enl). Officer will set up program, including 7 more enl due in 5 days and then depart area, leaving 9 enl.	SF
2100		20	232400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues in support of Operation DYNAMARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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0001		1	240001	Journal opened.	
0700		2	240700	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		3	240730	Co "B" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0930		4	240930	Co "A" (-) departed CP for sweep of resettlement village YD 3269.	SMF
	1000	5	241000	HES Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1103		6	241103	Convoy of Naval craft: 3 LCU, 1 LCM-8, 1 patrol boat vic (YD 285654) received RPG rocket, AWF and possible mortar fire from NVA in fortified position vic (YD-280660). Huey Gunships engaged targets w/rocket and MG fire. Craft returned AWF. Called in 105MM mission to LVTH-6's.	SMF
	1130	7	241130	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1200	8	241200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	ST
1217		9	241217	1st AmTrac Bn received 2 rds of 100MM arty. Neg casualties.	SF
1340		10	241340	1st AmTrac Bn received 2 rds of 100MM arty. Called counter battery. 2 WIA's.	SF
1400		11	241400	From 241000 to 241400H BLT 3/1 vic (YD 319645) National Police conducted collection to verify suspects status of young males. National Police team arrived and interrogated youths finding 14 VN of military draft age and 5 VC suspects. All will be forwarded to appropriate personnel by National Police. These youths were found	SMF

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1430		12	241430	Co "A" (-) returned from sweep of resettlement village. Recovered one thousand filled sandbags apparently stolen by indigenous and used to construct small shelters. People were glad to have them removed.	SF
1506		13	241506	1st AmTrac Bn CP received 4 rds 100MM arty one LVTP-5 (A-19) received direct hit on turret, no damage, neg casualties.	SF
1540		14	241540	B/1/3 day ambush vic (YD 299745) spotted one NVA in light bunker vic (YD 298745). Fired 19 rds 105MM from LVTH-6's and LAAN. Destroyed bunker.	SF
1604		15	241604	1st AmTrac Bn CP received 3 rds incoming 100MM arty and received 4 rds at 1625H. Neg casualties.	SF
1626		16	241626	Convoy of Navy Craft vic (YD 300660) received heavy arty, SAF and AMF. Patrol craft and landing craft with LVTE-1 returned AMF and LVTH-6's platoon fired 19 rds 105MM.	SF
1658		17	241658	1st AmTrac Bn CP received 3 rds 100MM arty one 10,000 gal fuel pod damaged. US Navy mess hall damaged. Called counter battery on know arty position.	SF
2100		18	242100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2120		19	242120	B/1/3 vic (YD 313722) with superstarlightscope observed two NVA at (YD 309725). Fired 60MM. NVA withdrew to (YD 303725). At 2200H PPS-5 had a vehicle sensing at (YD 308726). At 2215H radar detected second object at (YD 303728). Sqd Rein with twelve LAANs and two 3.5 rocket launchers sent to intercept. Sqd could not locate vehicles. Radar was able to track sqd. Tree movement may have caused radar operator to think he had sensed vehicles.	SF

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2400	20	242400 SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AMTRAC Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for GUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYE MARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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0001		1	250001	Journal opened.	
0700		2	250700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0700		3	250700	K/3/1 and I/3/1 moved to attack position via AmTrac. Four tanks landed at (YD-296654) in support of K/3/1. One AmTrac hit mine vic (YD 306657). Had minor damage. K and I entered village at (YD 291643) with no resistance. Civilians reported VC had left last night.	SMF
0910		4	250910	Navy convoy rec AWF, RPG and mortar fire from vic (YD 279659) and (YD 284648). Called arty mission with Huey gunship (Seaworthy 4-1) and NGF spotter adjusting. 106 RR mounted aboard LCU returned fire on (YD 270651) (AWF/mortars) and (YD -274642) (AWF). Seaworthy 4-1 called in 105 MM mission on (YD 28306570). One LCU damaged.	SMF
1100		5	251100	I/3/1 vic (YD 287640) completed sweep and search of village GIAO LIEM with no resistance. Navy craft reported receiving fire from (YD 277646). Returned fire some of which impacted in I/3/1 area. I/3/1 sweeping toward area from which reported fire came. 1 friendly WIA.	SMF
1000		6	251000	K/3/1 vic (YD 290644) swept and secured village with no resistance. Found and destroyed two fighting holes and bunkers. Two VC aged 15 and 30 detained.	SMF
1000		7	251000	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1100		8	251100	L/3/1 screening patrol vic (YD 286671) approaching MAI XA THI East tripped booby trap and rec en AWF from at least one fortified position and SAF from another.	SMF

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				Rec .50 cal fire from rear from river craft, believed rec 2 incoming Chi Com grenades. Plt from L/3/1 assaulted position and hastily searched bunkers as they were receiving incoming arty and mortar fire. Found one pack, 1 helmet liner, 1 pair NVA shoes, one spent LAAM, one PRC 25 radio battery.	
1103		9	251103	1st AmTrac Bn (349694) rec 4 rds 100MM arty. Neg damage or casualties.	SF
1115		10	251115	Convoy proceeding from Dong Ha to Qua Viet vic (YD 269630 to YD 269639). YFU craft rec SAF from (YD 270643). Seaworthy 4-1 on station and patrol craft returning fire and adjusting arty mission. At 1135H tanks closed and fired at enemy located at (YD 285656) along with Huey gunship.	SMF
	1130	11	251130	Co "B" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1145		12	251145	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	13	251200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1250		14	251250	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) rec 3 rds of 100MM arty from unk position. Informed 12th Marines.	SF
1255		15	251255	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) rec 3 rds of 100MM arty.	SF
1523		16	251523	Navy convoy received mortar fire directed at rear of convoy from (YD 274657). Returned MG and 106 RR fire. At 251620H, LCU took AMF from (YD 270650), mortar fire from (YD 270655). Returned MG fire, 25rds 106 RR and arty. Mission adjusted by Huey gunship. Put suppressive and return fire on 5 houses on north bank of river. During morning attack fired 106 RR on 3 huts on south bank. BLT 3/1 cleared south bank and from the south bank we took no fire in afternoon.	SMF
1535		16	251535	I/3/1 vic (YD 287646) swept object area. Found to be partially abandoned, two	SMF

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HQ/QUARTERS

1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

25 0001H Feb 1968

25 2400H Feb 1968

Journal

Action

Time		Serial In Out Number	ITG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
				individuals attempting to evade friendly troops, refused to halt, troops fired resulting one VC killed and one wounded.	
1600		18	251600	L/3/1 vic (YD 287673) searched area of fire fight. Area appeared heavily booby trapped. Captured one stretcher (US) one bandoleer M-16 ammo; one US cartridge belt one BA 386, one BA-58 pen light, 2 foreign batteries, one spool filament wire, NVA type clothes, eight spent AK-47 rds.	SMF
1600		19	251600	B/1/3 patrol vic (YD 298747) found one 140 MM rocket with 2 M-26 grenades attached rigged as booby trap with command detonated wire leading north, two NVA packs left next to it as decoy. Destroyed in place.	SMF
1800		20	251800	M/3/1 vic (YD 274638) moved to objective, hamlet abandoned. Observed many freshly dug bunkers and fighting holes with some not complete.	SMF
2010		21	252010	B/1/3 at C-4 using PPS-5 radar and superstarlite scope detected two groups of 2 to 3 NVA. Each group 125 meters apart moving south, south east 600 meters from C-4. Fired 17 rds 60 MM HE and illum. Sept squad out to intercept. At 252050H, OP of night ambush at (YD 295745) spotted four more NVA at (YD 295749). Fired 4.2 mortar, six rds. NVA scattered westward. Continued to move squad to intercept infiltrators for kill by using radar and NOD.	SMF
2100		22	252100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		23	252400	<u>SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION:</u> BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for Cua Viet Port Facility. Bn continues in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMF

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HEADQUARTERS
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
PFO, San Francisco, California 96602
26 00014 to 1968
26 24007 Feb 1968

Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken I-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Tros
In	Out				
0001		1	260001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	260700	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0715		3	260715	Co "A" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0800		4	260800	Navy convoy proceeding to Dong Ha vic (YD 287657) received ANFW Recoilless Gun, and mortar fire from (YD 284665) (YD 286647) and (YD 280659). Called 105MM suppressive fires as boats approached site. Observed 3 secondary explosions vic (YD 280659). Called 105MM mission and returned ANFW. LAAN teams trained for anti-mechanized defense were aboard lead and last craft. Practical application phase of training conducted on live targets. One USN KIA and three friendly WIA's.	SMF
0800		5	260800	From 0800 to 0900 LAAN teams of H&S Co 1st AmTrac Bn rode lead and stern craft in convoy to Dong Ha. Fired four zero LAANs on active targets. Took RPG and ANFW from north and west bank in grid 2665, 2664 and 2663. Still took some ANFW from north bank after turning west at bend in river vic (YD 263624). LAAN teams believed destroyed one NVA mortar by direct hits.	SMF
1000		6	261000	From 0700 to 1000 BLF 3/1 units south of Cua Viet continued search and destroy vic (YD 298626) (YD 274637). K/3/1 swept into Phan Xa with no resistance. M/3/1 and I/3/1 entered Gia Do with no resistance. But discovered extensive fortifications which are being destroyed. Few civilians in either ville, mostly children and old people.	SMF
1000		7	261000	1st AmTrac Bn received 5 rds 100MM arty all rds hit in river at mouth.	SF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

26 0001 Feb 1968

26 2400 Feb 1968

Journal

Time		Serial	ITG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number			
1035		8	261035	B/1/3 elements vic (YD 296741) saw 3 NVA in open vic (YD 290749). Fired 11 rds 4.2 mortars.	SMF
	1030	9	261030	R&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
	1130	10	261130	Co "A" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1154		11	261154	AmTrac Plt with BLT 3/1 while towing LVT to Blue Beach, the towed LVT hit 150 lb mine vic (YD 318668) on port side. Extensive damage to LVT. 2 Friendly WIA's.	SMF
	1200	12	261200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	SMF
	1200	13	261200	Co "B" (-) departed CP to make sweep of village of Ha Loc vic (YD 3270) checking for VC/NVA mortars.	SMF
1230		14	261230	From 0930H to 1230H patrol L/3/1 received AMF from estimated 8 to 10 NVA vic (YD 284673). Returned fire with SAF and M-79. Arty mission called. Patrol also received 10-15 rds arty and several rds of 60MM. After fire fight enemy fled SW. Patrol found one NVA body approx 7 days old. 1 friendly WIA.	SMF
1345		15	261345	K/3/1 vic (YD 287630) and (YD 298650) secured initial objective area with neg contact. At second objective found freshly dug fighting holes and bunkers. Found one army helo UH-3 Fuselage-11044, wing 12-6246, aircraft badly damaged and destruction by pilot apparent. Will salvage helo as directed. Found friendly map and notebook w/freqs and call signs amidst wreckage.	SMF
1700		16	261700	M/3/1 while searching ville vic (YD 275643) detained 20 males of military age. Turned over to VN National Police. 7 ARVN without proper leave papers who were taken to MP's at Dong Ha. Found freshly dug and camouflaged holes and trenches. Destroyed all fortified areas. Civilians claim large NVA force in area two weeks ago.	SMF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
26 0001 Feb 1968

Journal

26 2400 Feb 1968

Action
Taken

Time	Serial	LTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number		
1730		17 261730	Co "B" (-) returned from sweep of Ha-Loc village. Neg contact. But did find large number of sand bags. Will return and recover sand bags tomorrow rather than slow down on sweep today.	SF
	1800	18 261800	Co "B" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SF
2100		19 262100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		20 262400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues in support of Operation DYEMARKER. Journal closed.	SMP

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DAILY CIVIC ACTIVITY REPORT PART II
III MAF 5081

DATE 9 Feb 1968

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 To: Commanding General, III MAF (G-5)
 Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (S-5)

Reporting Period 020001H Feb 68 To 082400H Feb 68

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	(H) d. WOMEN		e. MEN		f. CHILDREN		g. TOTAL	
			MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT
NONE										

h. No. Vietnamese under training _____ i. TOTAL _____

2. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	(H) d. FOOD		e. CLOTHING		f. SOAP		g. MISC.	
			lbs	Pers	lbs	pers	Bars	Pers	Quant	Pers
NONE										

h. TOTAL _____

i. Miscellaneous: Water runs have been made daily to the VOW camp. However, the people need rice which is not available at 1st AmTracBn. Dec and Jan commodities have not been received. Commodities for the additional 2500 VOW's should be allocated by CORDS.

j. Money Donated To: _____ Source _____

3. EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

a. Adult	b. Child	c. From	d. To (Include Coord)
1		1st AmTracBn	ARVN med facilities
			Quang Tri

e. Reason: Man received shrapnel wound from exploding VC anti-tank mine.

ANNEX D

4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

(H)					Completed/
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Type Construction	e. In Progress	
Gio Hai	(V)	YD 312600	3 room school house	in progress	

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

(H)					
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Adult	e. Children	f. Duration
NONE					

6. TOTAL NO. PERSONS ASSISTED

7. TOTAL NO. PERSONS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL TRAINING

8. CONTRIBUTING TWARD SUPPORT OF STUDENTS

9. CONTACTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS: Vo Van Banh has requested aid for the VOW's . He stated that 403 homes were destroyed during the recent opertaions and that

the people need rice. See below.

10. SELF-HELP

11. OTHER US AGENCY SUPPORT A solatium of 4000\$VN was made to a resident of Ha Tay Mo Hamlet, Trieu Van Village.

12. ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE: The VOW's are anxious to return to rebuild their homes in Gio Hai Village.

13. NARRATIVE REPORT (TO BE ATTACHED)

14. CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANT DATA (TO BE ATTACHED)

Signature _____

R. H. FLAGLER

By direction

Personal contact with district and province chiefs has been precluded this week because of the relative insecurity of the entire area. Plans should be established now on the CORDS and RVN government level for the reconstruction of Gio Hai Village or the permanent resettlement of the VOW's in another more tactically desireable location.

DAILY CIVIC ACTIVITY REPORT PART II
III MAF 5081

DATE 16 Feb 1968

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
 To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (G-5)
 Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (S-5)
 (2) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Reporting Period 090001H Feb 68 To 162400H Feb 68

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (H) (V)	c. Coord	d. WOMEN		e. MEN		f. CHILDREN		g. TOTAL	
			MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT
NONE										

h. No. Vietnamese under training _____ i. TOTAL _____

2. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (H) (V)	c. Coord	d. FOOD		e. CLOTHING		f. SOAP		g. MISC.	
			lbs	Pers	lbs	pers	Bars	Pers	Quant	Pers
Victim of										
War Camp	(H)	YD31768	1250	2500						

h. TOTAL 1250 lbs bulgar was distributed to the VOW's.

i. Miscellaneous: Water runs are still made daily to the VOW camp. However, the people need rice which is not available at 1st AmTracBn. Dec and Jan commodities have not been received. Commodities for the additional 2500 VOW's should be allocated by CORDS.

j. Money Donated To: _____ Source _____

3. EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

a. Adult	b. Child	c. From	d. To (Include Coord)
NONE			

e. Reason: _____

4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

(H)					Completed/
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Type Construction	e. In Progress	
GIO HAI	(V)	YD B12600	3 room school house	in progress	

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

(H)					
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Adult	e. Children	f. Duration
NONE					

6. TOTAL NO. PERSONS ASSISTED

7. TOTAL NO. PERSONS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL TRAINING

8. CONTRIBUTING TWARD SUPPORT OF STUDENTS

9. CONTACTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

Vo Van Banh, Gio Hai Village Chief, has again requested rice for the VOW's.

10. SELF-HELP

11. OTHER US AGENCY SUPPORT

12. ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE

13. NARRATIVE REPORT (TO BE ATTACHED)

14. CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANT DATA (TO BE ATTACHED)

Signature_____

R. B. THROM

By direction

DAILY CIVIC ACTIVITY REPORT PART II
III MAF 5081

DATE 23 Feb 1968

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (G-5)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (S-5)
(2) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Reporting Period 170001H Feb 68 To 232400H Feb 68

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANCE

[illegible]

h. No. Vietnamese under training _____ i. TOTAL 200

2. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

[illegible]

h. TOTAL 1250 lbs bulgar was distributed to the VOW's.

i. Miscellaneous:

Water runs are still being made daily to the VOW camp. Dec and Jan commodities still have not been received.

1. Money Donated To: _____ Source _____

3. EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

a. Adult	b. Child	c. From	d. To (Include Coord)
1		1st AmTracBn	"D" med-Dong Ha

e. Reason: Man received burns from WP round that exploded near him.

4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

a. Location	(H)	c. Coord	d. Type Construction	Completed/
	b. (V)			e. In Progress
Gio Hai	(V)	YD 312600	3 room school house	in progress

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

a. Location	(H)	c. Coord	d. Adult	e. Children	f. Duration
	b. (V)				
NONE					

6. TOTAL NO. PERSONS ASSISTED

7. TOTAL NO. PERSONS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL TRAINING

8. CONTRIBUTING TWARD SUPPORT OF STUDENTS

9. CONTACTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

Contact was made with Vo Van Banh, Gio Hai Village Chief, and plans were made for further improvement of the VOW camp.

10. SELF-HELP

11. OTHER US AGENCY SUPPORT

12. ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE: VOW's still express desires to return to Gio Hai Village so they can start rebuilding their homes.

13. NARRATIVE REPORT (TO BE ATTACHED)

14. CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANT DATA (TO BE ATTACHED)

Signature _____
G. W. BAKER
By direction

DAILY CIVIC ACTIVITY REPORT PART II
III MAF 5081

DATE 1 Mar 1968

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion
 To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (G-5)
 Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 9th Marines (S-5)
 (2) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein', FMF)

Reporting Period 240001H Feb 68 To 012400H Mar 68

1. MEDICAL/DENTAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. WOMEN		e. MEN		f. CHILDREN		g. TOTAL	
			MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT	MED	DENT
NONE										

h. No. Vietnamese under training _____ i. TOTAL _____

2. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. FOOD		e. CLOTHING		f. SOAP		g. MISC.	
			lbs	Pers	lbs	pers	Bars	Pers	Quant	Pers
Victim of war camp	(H)	YD317684	1250	2500						

h. TOTAL 1250 lbs bulgar was distributed to the VOW's.

i. Miscellaneous:

Water runs are still being made daily to the VOW camp. Commodities still have not been received for refugees. Bulgar was distributed to the VOW's on 28 Feb 68.

j. Money Donated To: _____ Source _____

3. EVACUATION ASSISTANCE

a. Adult	b. Child	c. From	d. To (Include Coord)
	1	1st AmTracBn	Quang Tri City Hospital

e. Reason: Boy received hip injury when he fell off a Marine truck while working with sandbags.

Annex A

4. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

		(H)			Completed/
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Type Construction	e. In Progress	
Gio Hai	(V)	YD 312600	3 room school house	in progress	

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

		(I)			
a. Location	b. (V)	c. Coord	d. Adult	e. Children	f. Duration
NONE					

6. TOTAL NO. PERSONS ASSISTED

7. TOTAL NO. PERSONS UNDERGOING VOCATIONAL TRAINING

8. CONTRIBUTING TWARD SUPPORT OF SIUDENTS

9. CONTACTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

Contact was made with Vo Van Banh, Gio Hai Village Chief, and bulgar was distributed to the VOW's.

10. SELF-HELP

11. OTHER US AGENCY SUPPORT

12. ATTITUDES OF PEOPLE: Remains friendly

13. NARRATIVE REPORT (TO BE ATTACHED)

14. CHANGE IN SIGNIFICANT DATA (TO BE ATTACHED)

Signature

G. W. BAKER

By direction

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Qua Viet, RVN
191200H Feb 68
Msg Ref No: TNK 01-68

OPERATION PLAN 1-68 (ANTI-MECHANIZED)

REF: (A) CG, 3d Mar Div OPPLAN 4-68 (170511Z Feb)
(B) AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6442 IV 1/50,000
(C) Series 8020, Picomap 1/25,000
(D) FMFM 9-3 (ANTI-MECHANIZED OPERATIONS)

Time Zone: Hotal

Task Organiz: Annex A

1. Situation

a. Enemy. NVA have recently used tanks in attacking LANG VET, near Khe Sanh. Observers at Con Thien and Gio Linh have reported sighting tanks on 16 February. The Order of Battle credits NVA with two armored regiments: 202nd having approximately forty (40) T 34/85 and forty (40) PT-76; and the 203d having a like number of T 34/85 and T-54. Present location of these regiments is unknown. The NVA has demonstrated its ability to mass heavy weapons, including tanks. See Annex B for enemy tank recognition.

b. Friendly

1. First Bn, Second ARVN Regt defends A-1 (YD 269733).
2. First MAW (Rein) provides close and deep air support.
3. FLSG-Bravo provides logistical support for all classes supply and field maintenance.
4. Task Force Kobbie and Third Tank Bn (-) prepared to reinforce 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion if large enemy tank threat develops.
5. LVTH-6 platoon and 4.2 mortar detachment in direct support; Twelfth Marines (Rein) in general support.
6. CTG 70.8 provides NGF support.
7. Third and Eleventh Engineer Battalions in general support.
8. See Annex C for friendly tank characteristics and anti-tank weapons.

c. Assumptions: None.

2. Mission. First Amphibian Tractor Battalion (-) (Rein) continues to defend Qua Viet Port Facility and defeat enemy in assigned AO, continue tactical control of C-4, support A-1 by fire and establish antimechanized warning and defense in the AO.

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ANNEX-E

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3. Execution

a. Concept. Maintain increased surveillance for enemy armor, train and deploy forces with anti-tank weapons to defeat enemy armor forward of vital areas (Cua Viet Port Facility, ISA north bank, Base Area C-4). Employ anti-mech force of tanks, ontos, 3.5 rocket teams, LAAW teams and infantry supported by air, NCP and arty.

b. BLT 3/1 On order, provide anti-tank force of infantry/ontos/tanks/3.5" rocket teams and LAAW teams to defeat enemy armor forward of vital areas.

c. Co "A" 1st AmTrac Bn Train minimum six two-man LAAW teams, ready for anti-tank deployment in A0. Be ready to mount 106 RR on LVT-5 using organic personnel as gun crew. Maintain minimum two two-man LAAW teams in daily reaction force. Be ready to provide anti-tank teams to reinforce NSA section of defense sector.

d. Co "B" 1st AmTrac Bn Same as Co "A". Be ready to provide anti-tank team to reinforce LVT-6 section of defense sector.

e. H'S Co 1st AmTrac Bn Train minimum three two-man LAAW teams; maintain minimum one team in reaction force.

f. Co "B", 1st Bn, 3d Mar (Ain). Continue aggressive defense of C-4, alert all hands to report suspected armor. Train minimum two two-man LAAW teams per platoon. Maintain one 3.5" rocket team and two two-man LAAW teams with platoon outposted north of C-4. Section of tanks ready at all times for counterattack forward. Refuel them singly, maintaining one on hand always. Prepare two groups of fighting holes for LAAW teams: one along beach 500 meters forward of outer wire (beach avenue of approach); one at edge of desert and tree line 500 meters forward of outer wire (desert avenue of approach).

g. 1st Platoon, 1st Armd Phib Co. (D/S) provide indirect fire support; provide LVT-6 direct fire support on order.

Ms Coordinating Instructions

(1) Train all hands in recognition enemy/friendly armor. Train extra LAAW teams.

(2) Clear smoke missions this HQ.

(3) Target priority is enemy armor; then supporting troops.

(4) AmTrac Companies train/mount 106 at atop LVT-5 as assigned.

(5) Friendly tanks carry colored panels to mark tons for A/C.

(6) Warn all hands: When restowing unused LAAW, the rear safety pin must be replaced before the launcher is collapsed or the weapon may be accidentally fired.

(7) Enemy can mount overland armor threat to A-1 and C-4 with simultaneous PT-76 Amphib threat to Cua Viet Port Facility; therefore adequate LAAW teams must be available within Camp KESTLER.

(8) Caution crews backblast danger area of LAAW is 60 meters, 106 RR and 3.5 rocket is 50 meters.

(9) Report all duds of any AT weapon/round to this HQ (S-4) citing lot number.

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(10) Due to shifting sands it is not intended to lay anti-tank mines in the AO.

(11) Infantry make use of external telephone mounted at stern of each tank and LVTH-6. The tank/LVTH-6 is always considered pointing towards twelve o'clock; give crew directions by using clock system.

(12) Fire support. See Annex D.

(13) Barrier Plan, Overlay and Avenue of Approach, see Annex E.

(14) Weapons distribution for 1st AirTrac Bn (Main) fol:

C-4: Two M48A3; two 3.5 rocket; two 106 RR (loan from BLT 3/1) and LAAW.

ISA, North Bank: One 106 RR (loan from BLT 3/1); LAAW.

1st AirTrac Bn (Cua Viet Port Facility): Six LVTH-6; LAAW

BLT 3/1: Five M48A3; five ontos; four 106 RR; thirty 3.5 rocket launchers; LAAW.

1st Bn, 2d ARVN Regt (A-1): Six 57 MM RR; four tanks.

(15) Antimechanized Warning (tank alert) conditions, the following readiness conditions are established by CG, 3d Mar Div and will apply for all hands:

(a) Condition IV - hostile mechanized force is detected but contact is not imminent.

(b) Condition III - hostile mechanized force is approaching us, contact is imminent; time/place of contact is reasonably predictable.

(c) Condition II - friendly units are under attack by hostile mechanized force.

(d) Condition I - friendly units are seriously endangered by hostile mechanized attack in progress.

(16) This plan is effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. BLT 3/1 and Company Commanders of "A", "B", H&S, and B/L/3 maintain close surveillance on serviceability of LAAW, 3.5 rounds, tank and 106 RR ammunition. Minimum quantities of armor piercing ammo to be carried at all times is:

(1) Tanks - ten rounds HEAT per tank.

(2) LVTH-6 - thirty seven rounds TAT each.

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(3) Field Arty - seventeen rounds HEAT each piece.

(4) Ontos - six HEAT or HEPT rounds per vehicle.

(5) 106 mm - six HEAT or HEPT rounds per weapon.

b. Requisition additional rounds to replace training usage; rotate stocks.

c. Priority of river traffic to anti-tank weapons and ammo when any tank alert condition is set.

d. NSA be prepared to transport anti-tank weapons on order.

5. Command and Communications

a. 1st ArTrac Bn CP - Camp KISTLER (YD 348694).

b. Report sightings or sounds of armor immediately, giving grid, direction, quantity and type; or azimuth to sound source. Estimate speed and state time of sighting. This will be relayed by FLASH precedence to CG, 3d Mar Div. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT (Refer msg # TNK 01-68)

E. R. TONER
LtCol USMC
Commanding

Annexes: A. Task Organization

B. Enemy Armor

C. Friendly Armor and Anti-Mechanized Weapons

D. Fire Support Plan

E. Barrier Plan, Overlay and Avenues of Approach

Distribution:	CG, 3d Mar Div-	3
	BLT 3/1-	1
	Co "A"-	1
	Co "B"-	1
	H&S Co-	1
	Co "B", 1st Bn, 3d Mar-	1
	NSAD, Cua Viet-	1
	S-3-	2

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Cua Viet, RVN
191200H FEB 68

Annex A (Task Organization) to OPPLAN 1-68 (Anti-Mechanized)

1st Amphibian Tractor Bn (-) (Rein)	LtCol E. R. TONER
BLT 3/1	LtCol MCNOWN
Co "B"	Maj BURGER
Co "A"	Maj JOHNSON
H&S Co	Capt HAMILTON
B/L/3	1st Lt NORRIS
1st Plat, 1st ARMD PHIB Co (D/S)	1st Lt GOSH
Det, Mortar Btry, 1/12 (D/S)	2d Lt VATER

E. R. TONER
LtCol USMC
Commanding

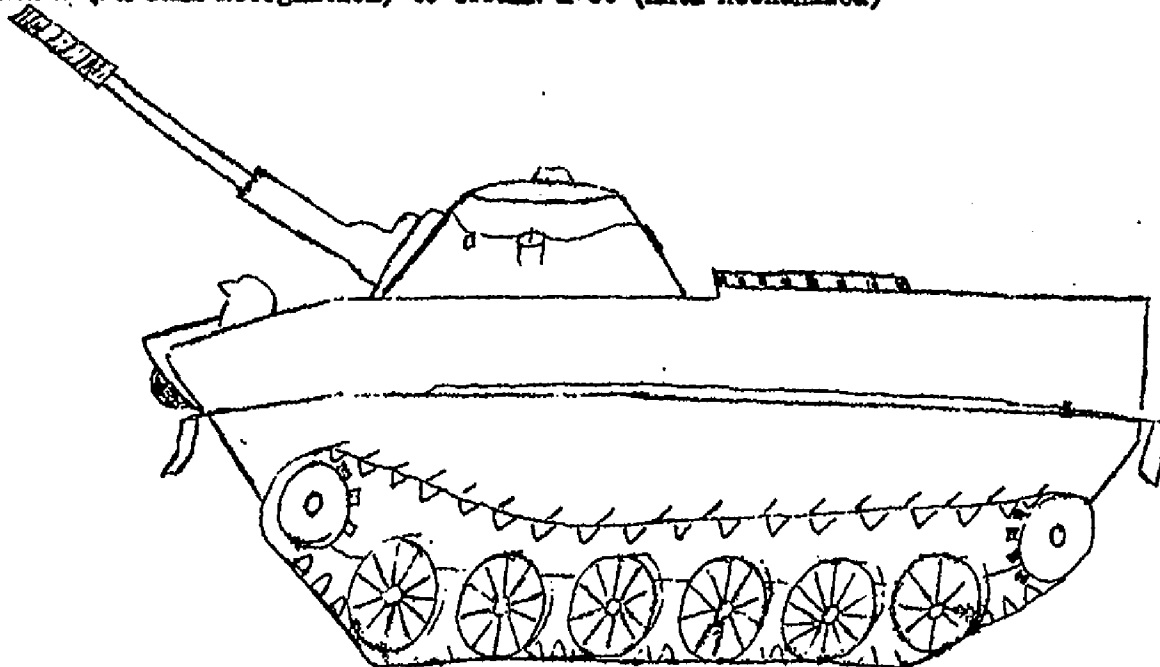
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Annex B (En Tank Recognition) to OPPLAN 1-68 (Anti-Mechanized)



Soviet Amphibious Tank PT-76

CHARACTERISTICS

Maximum armor thickness -----0.6 inches
Maximum road speed-----25 Miles per hour
Maximum water speed (Amphibious)-----6.4 Miles per hour
Crew-----3 (Three)

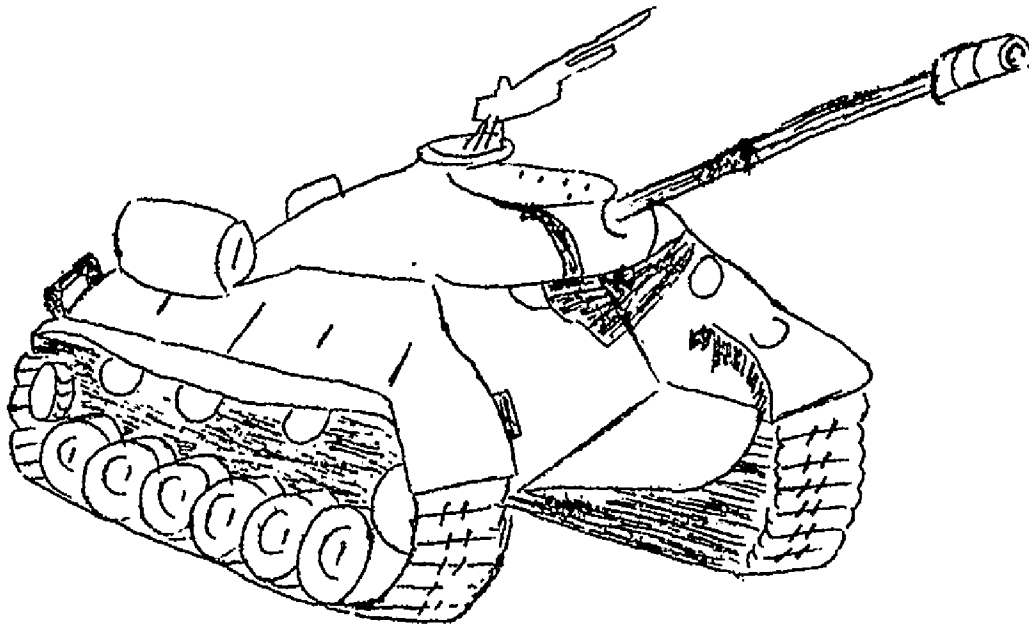
Weapon:

Primary armament-----76-mm gun
Rounds of ammo carried for primary
armament-----40
Traverse, total-----360 degrees
Elevation limits-----+30 to -4 degrees

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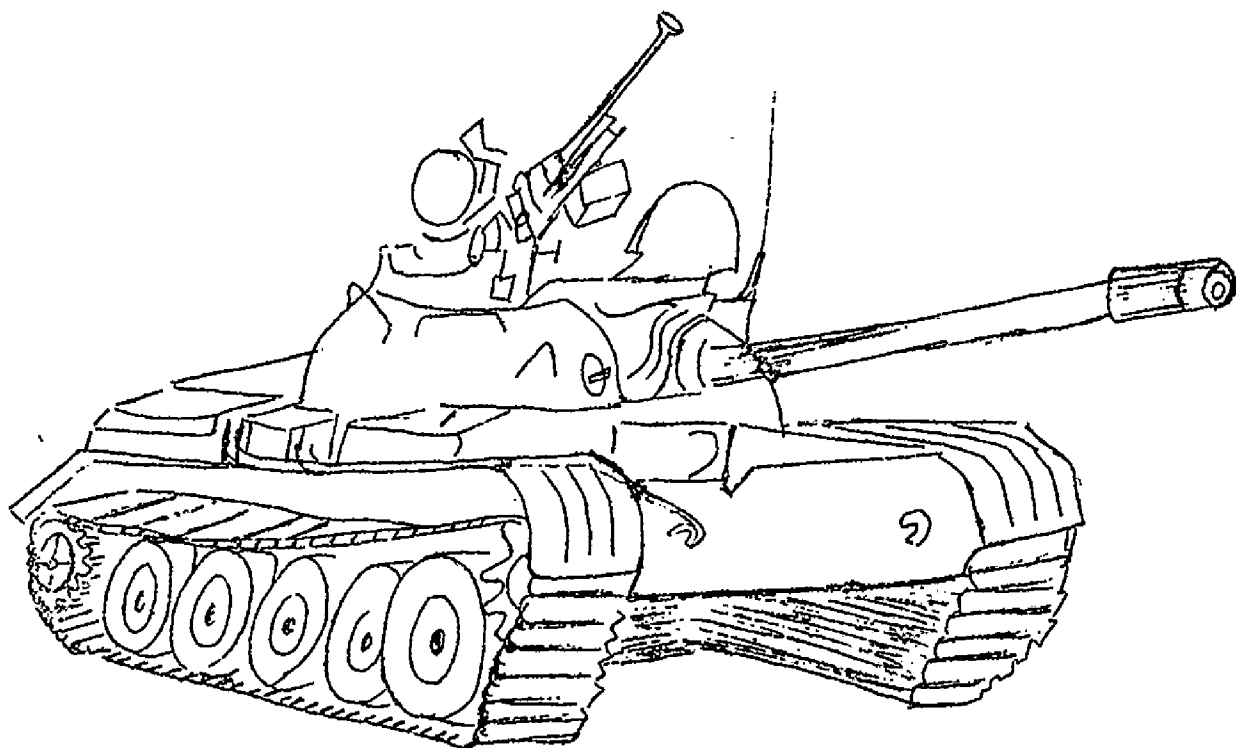
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JS-3 USSR

ARMAMENT	122MM Gun
ROUNDS CARRIED	28
CREW	4 (Four)
MAXIMUM SPEED	23 Miles Per Hour



Soviet Medium Tank T-54

CHARACTERISTICS

Maximum armor thickness	-----	6.7 inches
Maximum road speed	-----	30 Miles Per Hour
Crew	-----	4 (Four)
Weapon:		
Primary armament	-----	100-mm gun
Rounds of ammo carried for primary armament	-----	34
Traverse, total	-----	360 degrees
Elevation limits	-----	+17 to -4 degrees

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FTF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken M-Maps S-Staff P-Files T-Traps
In	Out				
0001		1	120001	Journal opened.	SF
0006		2	120006	3/1 Recon patrol crossed BEN HEN River vic (YD 284675). Heard enemy talking and movement on west bank.	SMF
0700		3	120700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1000	4	121000	H&S and Co "A" patrol/ambush depart CP for Southern AO.	SF
1015		5	121100	Co "B" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	6	121200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1015		7	121202	L/3/1 repts three NVA moving north vic (YD 278669) carrying bundle. Fired 20 rds 60MM. Enemy moved back to south.	SMF
1155		8	121319	AO repts activity vic (YD 278667 to YD 276668). VC moving rice. Also trench complex, called in arty mission and H&I w/60MM.	SMF
1300		9	121400	Co "A" southern AO patrol rept two 105MM rds booby trapped w/60MM. Destroyed in place by EOD.	SF
1515		10	121653	L/3/1 found M-79 vest w/27 M-79 rds, cartridge belt, canteen cover, pair NVA boots. Fresh fighting holes in rice patty dike. Holes 10 meters apart extending 80-100 meters facing IAM XUAN.	SF
1510		11	121644	L/3/1 patrol rept two NVA hid behind hut when patrol advanced. Called arty mission.	SF

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In	Out	Number		
1520	12	121649	I/3/1 rec'd four rds incoming arty. One dud, neg casualties.	SF
1525	13	122036	I/3/1 fired fifteen rds 106 & NGF on area affording enemy cover and concealment. Buildings destroyed.	SF
1730	14	121912	I/3/1 observed smoke from suspected underground bunker. Fired LAAW. Direct hit.	SF
1755	15	122040	I/3/1 observed one NVA vicinity (YD 282672), fired two rds 106 RR.	SF
1751	16	121759	One unidentified A/C, thought to be F4B, fired 20MM at US Navy craft, hitting three LCM-8's, neg material damage. One USN WIA, NonMedEvac.	SF
2207	17	122207	Striking incident previously reported used 20MM shells (US manufacture) rds hit three LCM-8 #856, F53 and 600. A/C believed to be F4. Two in sky. One fired, both low altitude.	SF
2400	18	122400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues search and destroy. Operation SALINE on north bank Cua Viet. 1st AmTrac Bn continues operation NAPOLEON and running day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues support Operation DYEMARKER. River remains open, Navy running two round trip convoys a day. Relief of C/1/3 by B/1/3 continues in platoon size increments. Journal closed.	SME

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	130001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	130700	H&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1000	3	131000	H&S and Co "B" patrols/ambushes departed CP.	SF
1100		4	131100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	5	131200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1500		6	131500	Dropped OpCon C/1/3. Assumed OpCon B/1/3 who now occupies Base Area C-4.	SF
1510		7	131510	I/3/1 vic (YD 285672) fired 60MM and 106 RR rds on suspected enemy position vic (YD 282670). One NVA ran from burning hut was taken under SAF, One NVA KIA (C).	SMF
1720		8	131720	L/3/1 vic (YD 285673) observed suspected enemy movement and emplacement vic (YD 279669). Bunker observed vic (YD 280670). AO reported movement vic (YD 279669) and dropped red smoke marker, enemy took refuge in bunkers. L/3/1 called arty and NGF mission. Two structures destroyed, one enemy seen to fall due to arty fire.	SMF
	1800	9	131800	Co "A" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SF
1830		10	131830	L/3/1 vic (YD 285673) fired 80 rds 60MM WP mortars on group of huts where enemy activity had been observed. Two enemy observed running from burning	SF

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In	Out	Number		
			hut. Conducted 60MM HE mortar mission on fleeing enemy. Six sizable fires started in area. Enemy casualties unk.	
2040	11	132040	B/1/3 vic (YD 311718) perimeter post detected three to four persons vic (YD 313-713). Fired 21 rds 60MM. Results unk.	SMF
2100	12	132100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2215	13	132215	B/1/3 vic (YD 296745) saw four NVA attempting to flank plt ambush. Fired 10 rds 4.2. NVA headed back north.	SMF
2400	14	132400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north bank of Cua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NA-POLEON and conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in AD and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYE-MARKER. One EVTE-1 in D/S 9th Mar at CAM LO. Journal closed.	SMF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				M-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Trps
0001		1	140001	Journal opened.	
0800		2	140800	H&S Co patrol south AO returned to CP. Negative contact.	MSFT
1000		3	141000	H&S and Co "A" patrol to south AO departed CP.	MST
1100		4	141100	Co "B" patrol south AO returned to CP. Negative contact.	MSFT
1130		5	141130	CG 3d Mar Div visited CP. Ordered displacement of BLT 3/1 from Mai Xa Thi east to SW part AmTrac AO to prepare offensive move on 1st and 3d Bn of NVA 803d Regt.	ST
	1145	6	141145	Issued warning order to BLT 3/1 for displacement.	
	1200	7	141200	S-2 disseminated challenge/password.	ST
1330		8	141330	CG revisited CP. Discussed displacement of BLT 3/1, boundry with ARVN's, air-strikes and arty/NGF on Mai Xa Thi (east) and (west).	MS
1445		9	141445	L/3/1 vic (YD 284673) received six (6) rds heavy arty from direction of 5900 mls. AO attempted to locate enemy position.	MSF
1500		10	141500	First elements I, K and L 3/1 departed Mai Xa Thi.	SMF
1515		11	141515	I/3/1 fired five (5) rds 106 RR at bridge vicinity (YD 285672). Knocked out 8-10 foot section.	SF

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1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

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Time	Serial	1 TG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out	Number		
1740	12	141740	L/3/1 vic (YD 284673) received 20-30 incoming rds heavy arty from direction 5500 mls.	SF
1800	13	141800	Co "B" patrol departed for north AO ambush position.	MST
2025	14	142025	Patrol in north AO vic (YD 326706) observed three (3) persons, challenged, persons fled, fired warning shot, persons continued. Fired fifteen (15) rds SA. Wounded one (1) Vietnamese National, female 10 yrs old. Detained one (1) Vietnamese male 60 yrs old. Both sent to Quang Tri. ITT alerted. Patrol observed ten (10) rds SA directed at MedEvac copter from vic (YD 327704).	SF
2030	15	142030	I, K, and L Co's and CP 3/1 established in area of (YD 345654). R&S, 4.2 and Co M remain in My Loc area vic (YD 303682).	MSF
2200	16	142200	M/3/1 vic (YD 302683) received eight (8) rds arty direction of 4900 mls. Neg casualties.	SF
2400	17	142400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy. Area of action has shifted to the south bank of the Cua Viet River necessitating displacement of Co's I, K and L. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and providing security for Cua Viet Port Facility. Bn continues to support Operation DYEMARKER. One DYTE-1 in D/S 9th Mar at Cam Lo. River remains open to convoy traffic. Journal closed.	

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In	Out				
0001		1	150001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	150700	B&S Co patrol/ambush returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		3	150730	Co "A" patrol/ambush north returned to CP.	SF
	0730	4	150730	Co "B" (-) departed CP for sweep in southern AO, starting in peninsula west of junk base.	SF
1100		5	151100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	6	151200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1237		7	151237	Recon plt 3/1 vic (YD 345654) while set in ambush position observed Vietnamese civilians from near by hamlet continued to move about in normal manner. About 40 to 50 meters from position. Vietnamese boy dropped blasting cap wounding him in face. Boy treated by corpsman and MedEvac to 1st AmTrac Bn BAS, and further MedEvac to Quang Tri. Investigation revealed boy was tending cows and found blasting cap.	SMF
1245		8	151245	Co "B" while on sweep in southern AO found two booby traps vic (YD 363661). Traps were holes 12" by 12" by 8" with cord attached to Chi Com grenades stretched across. Trap was tripped but failed to go off. Traps blown in place.	SMF
1600		9	151600	Recon plt 3/1 while conducting recon patrol vic (YD 342640) noticed that hamlet life was normal. Found about 100 fighting holes in hamlet area. Most-ly freshly dug at southern edge of hamlet. Two man bunkers and fighting holes	SMF

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In	Out				
				not more than two days old and well camouflaged with many not yet complete. Found crossing at (YD 334647) to be possible and used by civilians both by foot and cart.	
1630		10	151630	Co "B" (-) returned to CP from sweep of southern AO. Night ambush dropped off.	SF
	1630	11	151630	R&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
2045		12	152045	M/3/1 vic (YD 300685) sighted five VC vic (YD 290690). One was carrying pack or possible radio. Enemy was moving north east. FO called mortar mission of five illum, one WP and 80 rds HE, enemy moved N.W.. Good target coverage. Patrol from M/3/1 will check out area.	SMF
2100		13	152100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2400		14	152400	SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north and south bank of Qua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues to support Operation DYEMARKER.	SMF
				Journal closed.	

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In	Out				
0001		1	160001	Journal opened.	SF
0330		2	160330	B/1/3 vic (YD 344724) detected movement of possible 5 to 6 NVA 7000meters from C-4, fired 60MM mission.	SMF
0730		3	160730	I and L Co 3/1 moved by AmTrac to (YD 352628). Commenced to sweep LE XUYEN (YD 344634) at 0700. No resistance. Civilians acting normal, continuing to sweep objective.	SMF
0730		4	160730	H&S Co patrol/ambush returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1030		5	161030	H&S Co and Co "A" patrol/ambush departed CP.	SF
1050		6	161050	I and L Co 3/1 swept LE XUYEN (YD 344633). No enemy contact. Co "K" swept from vic (YD 357625), south to (YD 344620). No contact, continue sweep. Civilians continue to conduct themselves in normal manner.	SMF
1100		7	161100	Co "B" patrol/ambush returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1400		8	161400	Received 14 rds of 100MM or larger arty. Rds fell in vic of CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Tower and ships reported flash to be az 330. Notified 12th Mar. Counter Battery fired. H-6 fired mission at (YD 282760).	SMF
1450		9	161450	In NGO w/BLT reports heavy SAF from Plt(+) vic (YD 327638).	
1500		10	161500	L/3/1 made contact w/est Rein Plt or Co (-) enemy force. Intense SA and AWF. I/3/1 with tanks moving to south of objective area vic (YD 326637) to land mar.	SMF

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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMT

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In	Out				
				supporting arms to L/3/1.	
1600		11	161600	AO observed 1 NVA killed by supporting arms and a large secondary explosion.	SF
1715		12	161715	L/3/1 continuing to press the attack utilizing supporting arms, tanks and ontos. Receiving sporadic SA and SAW fire from VINH LAI, vic (YD 327638). AO, Patrol Boats (11th Coastal Division), NRVN; and I/3/1 blocking escape routes to southwest. Fixed wing support was fired at.	SMF
1800		13	161800	Co "A" patrol/ambush departed CP.	SF
1945		14	161945	CP 3/1 observed 12 enemy attempting to cross river at (YD 332630). Killed six w/SAF. One (1) wounded; POW taken.	SMF
1945		15	161945	Senior US Navy advisor to 11th Coastal Division NRVN, wounded by SAF vic (YD 328643), while covering enemy escape route from VINH LAI. MedEvac to Delta Med.	SMF
2115		16	162115	Vic (YD 332630) CP group heard splashing sounds fired SA and grenade. Resulting in one enemy KIA (C).	SMF
2230		17	162230	L/3/1 continued to sweep under illumination in vic of (YD 326636) with light resistance other units maintaining blocking positions.	SMF
2400		18	162400	SUMMARY OD PERIODS ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE search and destroy on north and south bank of Cua Viet river. 1st AmTrac Bn continues	SMF

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In	Out				
				Operation NAPOLEON and running day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and to provide security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues support of Operation DYEMARKER.	
				Journal closed.	

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In	Out				
0001		1	170001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	170700	R&S Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0730		3	170730	Co "B" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0845		4	170845	BLT 3/1 vic (YD 334628) had one Marine detonate pressure type AP mine. One WIA MedEvac.	SMF
	1000	5	171000	R&S Co patrol/ambush departed CP.	SF
1020		6	171020	B/1/2 patrol vic (YD 305716) found foot prints of approx 50 people moving south-west. Area of suspected movement last night.	SMF
1100		7	171100	K/3/1 on search and destroy vic (YD 317632) uncovered 3 VC in stone house. Fire fight developed. K/3/1 conducted arty mission and engaged with SAF and grenades. Enemy position reduced. One USMC KIA, one USMC WIA. 3 enemy KIA (C).	SMF
	1200	8	171200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1200		9	171200	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
1200		10	171200	I/3/1 vic (YD 325636) assumed blocking position at 161400H west of objective took fleeing VC under fire. Upon seizure by "L" Co moved into objective and established night defensive position. At 170730H combined search and destroy mission in conjunction with L/3/1, utilizing tanks direct support, 60MM, 81MM 105 HOW w/SA. Two USMC WIA, 28 enemy KIA (C). Equipment captured. 60 82MM rds, nine RPG, two rds, 5 RPG, 7 rds, two AT mine (Russian), seven Russian Claymore mines, 5 RPG, 7 boosters, 11 RPG, two boosters, 50 fuses for 82MM rds, 28 fuses for 60MM rds, 7 cans mortar increments, 7 lbs TNT, 22 blasting caps, 21 time fuzes, 1140 7.62 short rds, 542 7.62 long rds, 20 .30 cal carbine rds,	SMF

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In	Out				
10				10 82 MM mortar wrenches, 3 aiming stakes, 8 VC gas masks, 5 NVA gas masks, 24 ChiCom grenades, 8 boxes 50 cal/12.7 MG ammo, 2 M-26 grenades, 1 RPG rocket launcher, 6 AK-47, 5 SKS, 2 U.S. .30 cal carbines, assorted medical supplies, documents and 782 gear.	
1230		11	171230	M/3/1 vic (YD 300686) two young male Vietnamese in utilities were observed digging in straw pile. Suspects were detained and forwarded to S-2 1st AmTrac Bn who forwarded them to Dong Ha.	SMF
1400		12	171400	M/3/1 vic (YD 279685) conducted fire mission on suspected enemy position vic (YD 286678) with inconclusive results.	SMF
1400		13	171400	K/3/1 vic (YD 316633) while searching objective killed 3 NVA with assorted gear and equipment. Captured one NVA hiding in hay. Weapons captured: 3 AK-47, 1 SKS, 14 82 MM rds, 8 82 MM propellents, 18 detonator heads, 1 can of blood, 6 ChiCom grenades, 1 cartridge belt w/2 full AK-47 magazines.	SMF
1800		14	171800	Co "B" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SF
2100		15	172100	SitRep received from the companies.	SF
2120		16	172120	H&S Co 3/1 OP vic (YD 312685) received 5 rds carbine fire, grenades and M-79 grenades from 20-30 NVA in attack. Movement reported to H&S Co CP. OP returned fire w/M-16 and M-79 killing one USMC who was member of OP. OP withdrew to H&S lines.	SMF
2400		17	172400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE, search and destroy on north and south bank of Cua Viet River. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON conducting day and night patrols/ambushes in AO and providing security for CUA VIET PORT FACILITY. Bn continues in support of operation DYE-MARKER.	SMF

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In	Out				
2400		18	192400	<p>guns in poor condition.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION:</u> BLT 3/1 continues Operation SALINE. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON running day and night patrols/ambushes in AO, and providing security for Cua Viet Port Facility. Bn continues in support of Operation DYEMARKER.</p> <p>Journal closed.</p>	SMF

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken I-Maps S-Staff F-Files T-Tros
In	Out				
0001		1	180001	Journal opened.	
0700		2	180700	HRS Co patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0715		3	180715	M/3/1 vic (YD 300685) conducting search of area vicinity of last night's probing attempt by enemy. Detained 12 Vietnamese males. Were interrogated by AmTrac Bn S-2 and classified as innocent civilians.	SMF
0730		4	180730	Co "B" patrol/ambush north returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1100	5	181100	HRS Co and Co "B" patrol/ambush departed CP for south AO.	SF
	1200	6	181200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	STF
1200		7	181200	M/3/1 vic (YD 303681) checking area of attempted night probe by enemy. Discovered 1 AK-47 magazine w/10 rds of ammo, 1 57 MM recoilless rd, one bamboo aiming device for mortars, 1 unknown type mine.	SMF
1200		8	181200	CG authorized BLT 3/1 (-) to return to Camp KISTLER.	SF
1500		9	181500	Co I, K, and L/3/1 plus supporting wpn units returned to Camp KISTLER. M and N 3/1 conducted normal security and recon operations into Mai La Thi east.	SF
2400		10	182400	SUMMARY OF PERIOD'S ACTION: BLT 3/1 completed search and destroy of the southern bank of the Cua Viet River. Continue occupation of the north bank. Co I, K and L overnite at Camp KISTLER. Operation SALINE continues. 1st AmTrac Bn continues Operation NAPOLEON conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in AO and	SMF

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In	Out				
0001		1	190001	Journal opened.	SF
0700		2	190700	H&S Co patrol/ambush returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
0900		3	190900	Patrol from B/1/3 vic (YD 296746) spotted 4 NVA w/weapons at (YD 297748). Arty mission fired by LVTH-6, 12 rds 105MM. Patrol fired 50 rds SAF.	SMF
0955		4	190955	AO Gunship (Seaworthy 4-1 and 4-2) escorting USN craft on Cua Viet spotted some NVA wig (YD 288672). Ran strike with MG and rocket.	SMF
	1000	5	191000	Co "B" patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF
1100		6	191100	Co "A" patrol/ambush south returned to CP. Neg contact.	SF
	1200	7	191200	S-2 disseminated the challenge and password.	
1225		8	191225	From 1155H to 1225H 1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received two arty attacks, (1st 35 rds, 2d 31 rds) consisting of 100MM or larger, from azimuth of 5800 mils. Material damage, three tropical huts destroyed, two damaged, five 10,000 gal tanks filled with me-gas, 1 me-gas pump, 1 LVTP-5 (B-17). Perimeter post reported possible FO in front of friendly lines. Called for counter battery fire on unk arty position. Dispatched one squad B, one squad A I/3/1 and two tanks to sweep in front of perimeter for possible FO, Neg results. One KIA BLT 3/1, eight WIA MedEvac BLT 3/1, seven ngn MedEvac (four from BLT 3/1, three from 1st AmTrac.)	SMF
	1245	9	191245	H&S Co patrol/ambush south departed CP.	SF

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1320	10	191320	Elm B/1/3 vic (YD 297744) spotted one NVA vic (YD 289750). 4.2 fire mission called, man dropped upon rds impacting. No further movement.	SMF
1545	11	191545	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 16 rds of 100MM from azimuth 325°. Also called for AO, none available. Called for counter battery fire on know arty position. One WIA MedEvac BLT 3/1.	SMF
1655	12	191655	1st AmTrac Bn vic (YD 349694) received 10 rds of 100MM from azimuth of 5800 mils. Called FSCC for counter battery.	SMF
1710	13	191710	K/3/1 while moving through village vic (YD 339634) observed one male run from ville. Called to halt but kept running. Fired 10 rds 5.56 resulting in one VCS WIA.	SMF
1800	14	191800	Ce "A" patrol/ambush north departed CP.	SMF
1930	15	191930	Two persons sighted visually and by starlight in front of AmTrac perimeter vic (YD 342693). Area illuminated, four rds M-79. Persons seen moving into tree-line.	SMF
1925	16	191925	Tower at C-4 spotted many males and females dressed in western type shirts and pajama bottom going north from south from (YD 290710) to (YD 285720), also saw flag at (YD 288707). B/1/3 sent Plt to check people. People dispersed back to village. Plt seized VC flag from bamboo pole. No military equipment found.	SMF
2350	17	192350	I/3/1 during sweep vic (YD 347638) made contact with NVA. Continued attack with support of tanks to southern boundaries of objective. 12 huts burned which produced 6 secondary explosions. Small arms ammo found in haystacks. 3 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA. 9 enemy KIA (C). Equipment captured: 4 NVA packs, 4 60 MM mortar rds, assorted papers and ledgers, assorted 782 gear, 2 map cases with ledgers, 2 ChiCom grenades, one 82 mortar tube and two 82 MM recoilless	SMF

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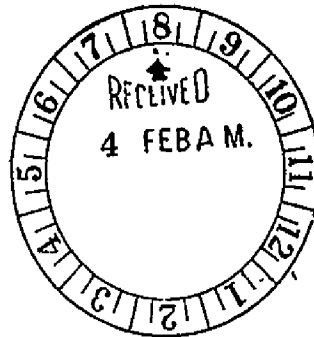
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DESTRUCTION OF 90MM TUNEMANK

- A. RADIO CONV G-3 AND CO 1ST AMTRAC BN 2 FEB
1. TANK M48A3 SERIAL NUMBER 202142 REPEAT 202142 WAS DESTROYED AT 031030Z GRID YD 288677 AS REQUIRED BY EXIGENCIES OF COMBAT AND AUTH OF REF A.
 2. FOR 3D TANK BN REQUEST SUBMIT NECESSARY SUPPLY ACTION.

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3. FOR BLT 2/4 REQUEST MAIL TRACKED VEHICLE LOGBOOK, TO 3D TANK BN.
4. TANK WAS SUNK WHEN CROSSED WATERY AREA AND SLIPPED INTO CRATER APPARENTLY MADE BY ONE-THOUSAND LB BOMB. EXTRACTION EFFORTS BY TANKS/LVT AND M-51 RMC RETRIEVER FAILED. DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVES TO BREAK SUCTION AND SHIFT EARTH ALSO FAILED.
5. RADIOS, ZEPH, TOOLS, MG AND OTHER ORDNANCE MATERIAL WAS STRIPPED FOR BLT 3/1 REQUEST DELIVERY SAME TO COA VIET FOR FORWARDING TO 3D TANK BN.

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MEMORANDUM
CVA VIET PORT FACILITY
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
APO, San Francisco, California 96602

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BASE COORDINATOR INSTRUCTION 03500.1

From: Commanding Officer/Base Coordinator CVA VIET PORT FACILITY
To: Distribution List

Subj: SOP for Defense and Counterattack (U)

Ref: (a) Sub Zone Coordinator Instruction 5400.1
(b) Base Coordinator Instruction 3500.1
(c) CO, 1st AS Co ltr DD4/bgw over 5120 of 5 Oct 1967
(d) Co "P" Order 1610.6A
(e) Co "L" Order P3120.1

Encl: (1) Overlay of 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn Area of Operation
(2) Defense Sectors; Responsibilities and Tasks of Sector Commanders
(3) Overlay of final protective fires, Cva Viet Port Facility
(4) Overlay of defensive fires and on call fires, Area of Operation
(5) Perimeter of Logistic Support Area, North bank Cva Viet
(6) Perimeter of Base Area C-4 (NOTAL)
(7) Organization and Control of Bunkers and Fighting Positions
(8) Counterattack Plans
(9) Air/AGF Support
(10) Communications

1. Purpose. To inform unit commanders of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn, and Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge of other units occupying the Battalion Area of Operation (AO) of their responsibilities and tasks assigned for defense of the Cva Viet Port Facility (CVPF) and Bn AO. Reference (a) sets forth my authority and responsibilities relative to tenant units.

2. Cancellation. 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn Order 1-67 of 16 May 1967. Existing copies will be returned to Bn Adjutant for destruction.

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3. Background. VC are active in the southern part of the Battalion AO but particularly in the coastal range north of the Cua Viet. See enclosure (1) for an overlay of the AO. To the north, NVA units have shown a willingness to patrol down to our AO. VC and NVA units operate in and around the river hamlets just outside the AO, vic Mai Xa Thi (YD 285670). Some defense is afforded us due to the location of Strong Point A-1 (YD 269733) and Base Area C-4 (YD 314724). During Jan and Feb 1968, NVA units of Bn size occupied and defended My Loc and Mai Xa Thi/Mai Xa Chanh and infiltrated south towards Quang Tri.

4. Action

a. Company Commanders and OIC NSAD will act as Defense Sector Commanders, aggressively defending their assigned areas and maintaining a posture capable of counterattacking any enemy thrust at any hour. Sector assignments and responsibilities/tasks are set forth as enclosure (2).

b. The defense perimeter will be reinforced by the following activities/elements scheduled or called by the CO, 1st AmTrac Bn or his designated representative:

- (1) Active patrolling, day and night, to the north and south.
- (2) Periodic visual reconnaissance by aerial observers.
- (3) Continuous observation of enemy artillery/rocket action by observers in the Battalion's 50' tower and C-4's 30' tower.
- (4) Night employment of xenon searchlight and infrared searchlight at random points on the perimeter of Cua Viet and C-4.
- (5) Employment of starlightsopes and motascopes by perimeter and patrol personnel.
- (6) Use of portable ground surveillance radars (AN/PPS-5 and AN/PPS-6) at Base Area C-4 and at CVPF.
- (7) Night visual scanning with Night Observation Devices (also referred to as Superstarlightsopes).
- (8) Continued use of harassing and interdiction fires, north and south, by the 105 battery of 1st Armored Amphib Co at CVPF, by 4.2" mortars at C-4, by naval gun fire ships and by preplanned airstrikes and general support artillery.
- (9) Occasional use of night and day photography, infrared aerial photography and side looking radar (SLAR).
- (10) Final protective fires of organic 81 MM and 60 MM mortars,

of the direct support amphibian howitzer platoon and 4.2" detachment plus on call fires of 155 MM guns/howitzers, 8" howitzers and 175 MM guns. See enclosures (3) and (4).

(11) Close air support to include airstrikes, flare ships and loud speaker helos; TPQ-10 controlled airstrikes and other bombing elements. See enclosure (9).

c. Reaction to enemy actions will initially be based on reference (b) which outlines signals that relate to enemy artillery/rocket/air attack, enemy ground attack and normal security conditions. Thereafter, reaction will be tailored to meet the particular threat. As a check on the reliability of the siren mounted on the COC bunker, it will be sounded daily, at 1100, for 15 seconds.

d. Periodically, defense drills will be held, based on scenarios, to test response time, understanding of orders, reliability of communications and familiarity by all hands with the configuration of the CVPF perimeter.

e. Company Commanders will continue to improve defense positions, to add wire, obstacles and impedance devices and reallocate weapons when new allowances or deadline of on-hand weapons occurs. Inform this headquarters, attention S-3, of changes in defensive wire and/or positions, submitting it by overlay.

f. This Battalion will reinforce the LSA on the north bank when and if needed. See enclosures (5) and (8).

g. Elements of this Battalion will continue to support the Rifle Company normally stationed at C-4, reinforcing it as required. See enclosures (6) and (8).

h. Company Commanders will provide for secure, smooth operations of their bunkers and fighting holes. It is expected that each company's entire line and bunker system will be inspected daily, by an officer of that company. As a minimum, provide for compliance with enclosure (7). Be alert to exposed class V, state of police and sturdiness of bunkers.

i. Enclosure (8) sets forth outline plans for counterattacking penetrations of the CVPF Compound, LSA and C-4. Be prepared to support such operations.

j. Enclosure (9) discusses air and NGF support available.

k. Maintain reaction forces as directed.

5- Reports

a. Report to this headquarters, attention S-3, each day prior to 1900, the name of the platoon leader of the reaction platoon and the number of

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men mustered. Also report the number of officers and men within the compound in each company who are present behind the wire. This figure will not include either men on the lines or the reaction platoon. These reports are required from tenant units.

b. Report changes in defense positions as occurring.

c. In the event that LVT commitments outside CVPF leave you with insufficient men to man assigned bunkers, notify the Executive Officer, requesting augmentation.

6. Administration

a. Route copies of this instruction among all officers and SNCO's of your company. Commanding Officers and OIC's of tenant units should brief all their key personnel on the contents of this instruction.

b. Each bunker will have posted within it a sketch showing the bunker's sector of fires/sector of observation, the position and sectors of its left and right neighbor bunkers and a list of all class V material authorized that bunker. Each bunker will have at least one sign posted outside of it showing the bunker number.

c. Company Commanders have submitted references (c), (d) and (e) in compliance with oral orders. These references are approved.

7. Command and Communications

a. The CO, 1st AmTrac Bn commands the Battalion and all CVPF tenant units relative to defense of the CVPF. He operates from the Bn Combat Operations Center (COC).

b. The Battalion Executive Officer, with designated Staff representatives, operates from M&S Co bunker which at present is the alternate Bn COC. The reinforced LVT hull located behind Bn maintenance is being prepared as the new alternate COC. Accompanying the Executive Officer will be the assistant S-3, the S-1, S-4 and designated comm personnel.

c. See enclosure (10) for wire diagrams, radio nets and appropriate communications instructions.

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Det, Bulk Fuel Plat - 1
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CO, Co, Bn (C-4) - 1
CG, 3d Mar Div - 2
Sr Advisor, 2d ARVN Regt, Dong Ha - 1
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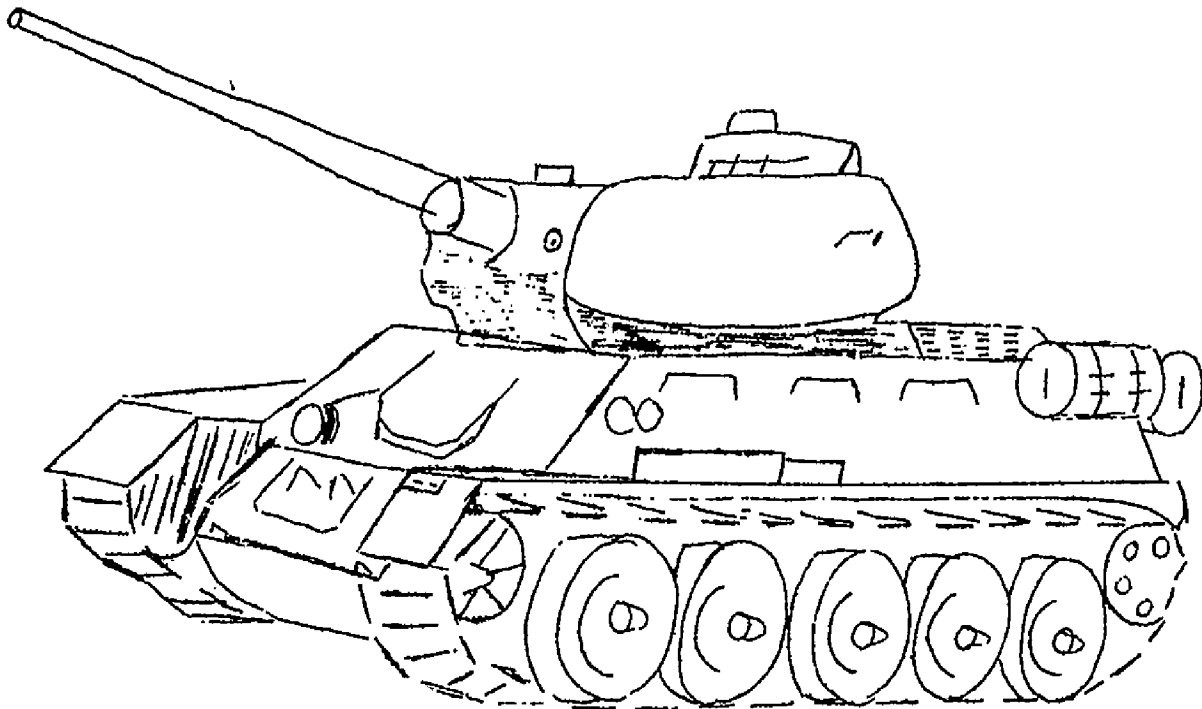
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DEFENSIVE SECTORS

Responsibilities and Tasks of Sector Commanders

1. Sector assignments: See Tab A to this enclosure.
2. Sector Commanders are responsible to the CO, 1st AmTrac Bn/Coordinator CVPF for the following:
 - a. Organization and manning of defensive perimeter.
 - b. Effective preparation of defensive wire, flares and booby traps to include claymore mines.
 - c. Reporting all unusual incidents observable from or within their sectors.
 - d. Supervision of tenant units within their sector.
 - e. Continuous ready posture, day and night, to observe and bring fire to bear on any enemy in the sector or within range of small arms and crew served weapons assigned.
 - f. To prohibit fraternization with indigenous personnel and promptly report attempts by locals to sell alcoholic beverages, marijuana or otherwise solicit contraband to Marines.
 - g. Maintenance, during designated times, of a reaction force organized and mustered for that purpose. Reconstitute another reaction force if primary one is committed.
3. Certain perimeter positions must be manned twenty four hours a day. See enclosure (3) for identification of these bunkers.
4. As a minimum, the bunkers shown on Tab B to this enclosure will be manned each night using as a minimum the number of men shown next to each bunker number.



Soviet Medium Tank T-34/85

Maximum armor thickness -----	3.25 inches
Maximum road speed -----	35 Miles Per Hour
Crew -----	5 (Five)
Weapon:	
Primary armament -----	85-mm gun
Rounds of ammo carried for primary armament ----	56
Trsverse, total -----	360 degrees
Elevation limits -----	+25 to - 5 degrees

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Annex C (Friendly Tank Characteristics and AT Weapons) to OPPLAN 1-68 (Anti-Mechanized).

	<u>Max Range</u>	<u>Max Effct Rge</u>	<u>Types Ammo Avail</u>	<u>Cruising Rge</u>
1. M48A3 Tank (90MM Gun)	19,520 mtr 6,641 mtr 19,520 mtr	Dependent upon range and the kill probability.	HEAT AP-T	300 miles
2. M50A1 Ontos (six 106 RR)	8,400 mtr	1500 mtr - statry target 1200 mtr - moving target	HEAT or HEP-T	125 miles
3. 106 RR	-do-	-do-	HEAT HEP-T	
4. 3.5" Rkt Launcher	825 mtr	300 mtr statry target 200 mtr moving target	HEAT	
5. LAAN	1000 mtr	325 mtr statry target 250 mtr moving target	HEAT	
6. LVTH-6	11,000 mtr 6,700 mtrs (direct)	1400 mtr	HEAT HEAP	190 miles

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Annex D (Fire Support Plan) to OPPLAN 1-68 (Anti-Mechanized)

Ref: (a) 3d Mar Div LOI 1-67
(b) FMFM 7-4 (Field Artillery Support)

I. Situation

a. Enemy. Arty attacks on the AO continue, with en use of 100 MM, 130 MM and 140 MM rockets. A-1 takes 85 MM and 130 MM incoming daily. En air capability (IL-28) increasing; tanks recently employed against friendly forces.

b. Friendly. Target Acquisition Battery, U.S. Army maintains flash, sound and radar teams in the Division TAOR to plot on arty, mortars and rockets.

2. Mission. 1st AmTrac Bn makes maximum use of organic anti-tank weapons, direct support artillery and mortars and general support NGF, air and arty to defeat enemy mechanized forces forward of vital areas.

3. Execution

a. Concept of supporting arms employment. Defeat en armor forward of vital areas by calling in airstrikes (rockeye, zuni (LAU-10), 2.75" rocket (AIM-7D), napalm, 20 MM). Take en under arty and NGF harassing and neutralizing fires while awaiting airstrikes. Defeat en armor by deployment of tanks and ontos forward of vital areas. Destroy armor that enters security area by all available anti-tank weapons. If enemy attacks at night, illuminate him continually and bring all available fires on him.

b. 1st Plat, 1st Armd Phib Co. Maintain normal indirect fire capability; be prepared to displace one section (two (2) M79-6s) in a direct fire role on order.

c. Det, W/1/12. Maintain normal indirect fire capability to cover major avenues of approach. CS capability will be maintained.

d. Naval Gunfire Spotter Team

(1) Team to be assigned by 12th Marines will maintain observation post atop Cua Viet tower for base area defense; be prepared to move to C-4 on order.

(2) Alternate naval gunfire support will be obtained from American Beauty 26 Oscar located at A-1, upon the request of the 1st AmTrac Bn FSC.

e. Air Support. Air support will be requested from DASC and an aerial observer requested from 12th Marines by the FSC.

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f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Position Areas and Fire Capabilities

(a) 1st Plat, 1st Armd Phib Co - has the ^{Southern} capability of indirect fire to include targets 11,000 meters distant at the ~~northern~~ boundary of the DMZ and a direct fire capability for area defense/offensive anti-mechanized employment.

(b) Detachment W/1/12, has a 5,500 meter indirect fire capability for the support of A-1, C-4 and Cua Viet Port Facility: close defense and final protective fires.

(2) The current counterbattery and countermortar plans will be executed upon order.

(3) Restrictions of fire

(a) A fire coordination line established by the CO, 2d ARVN Regt, and CO, 1st Bn, 2d ARVN Regt, has been designated between grid 269-764 and 287736. Fires west of this FCL must be cleared with ARVN advisor at A-1.

(b) A fire coordination line between vertical grids 30 and 26 will be established from time to time as the tactical situation requires.

(4) Use of Smoke. 1st Plat, 1st Armd Phib, and Det, W/1/12 will maintain smoke capability for employment on order.

(5) No Fire Lines. Adjacent and higher units will observe NFLs in the 3172 and 3469 grid squares.

(6) Requests for reinforcing fires from organic artillery units will be directed through the 1st AmTrac Bn FSC.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. 1st Plat, 1st Armd Phib Co will report stockage of HEPT, HC smoke, and firecracker ammunition to the FSC via the assigned 0700 and 1500 cadillac reports.

b. Assigned stockage levels

1st Plat 1st Armd Phib Co - 30 rds HEPT/per weapon, 5 rds HC smoke per weapon, 128 firecracker per Plat and enough illumination rounds for one round per minute for six hours.

Det, W/1/12 - 53 rds CS per weapon (temporarily held by W/2/11)

c. Shortages will be reported to 1st AmTrac S-4.

5. Command and Communications/Electronics

a. A hotline between 1st Plat, 1st Armd Phib Co and the FSC will be

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maintained at all times. 1st Plat, Det W/1/12 and FSC/arty LN will guard Bn conduct of fire nets at all times. FSC will monitor Bn air control net and American Beauty 26 Oscar (NGF) net at frequent intervals. 1st Plat and FSC/arty LN will guard 12th Mar Regt FD #2 at all times.

b. The FSC will be located in/or adjacent to the 1st AmTrac CCC.

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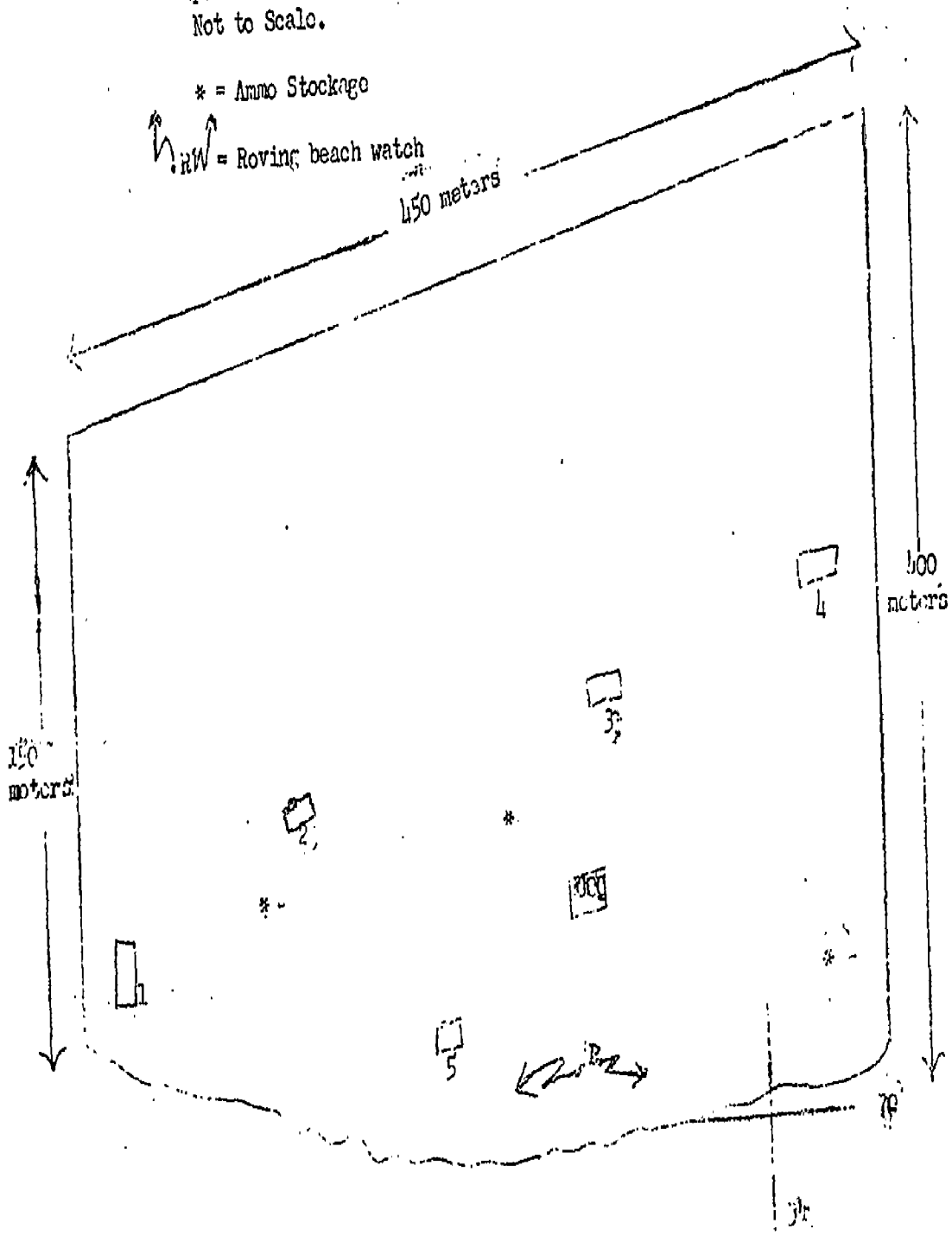
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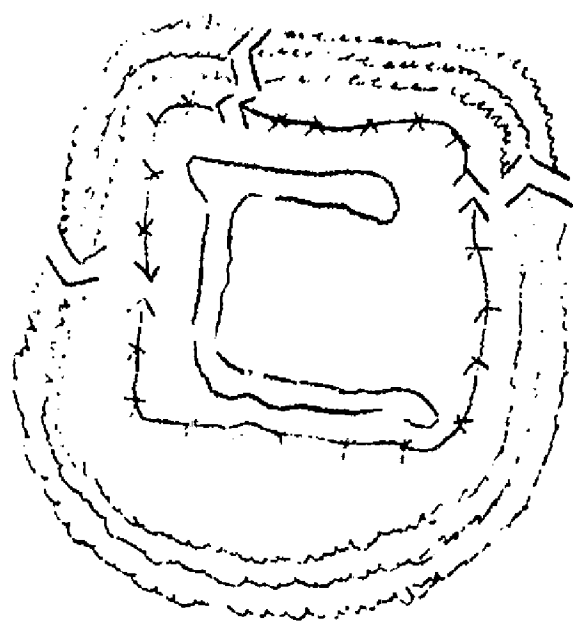


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ENCLOSURE (6)

Organization and Control of Bunkers and Fighting Positions

1. It must be remembered that new Marines are joining this organization every week and that they require orientation on the defensive lines and clear instructions on where to go and what to do.

a. Sector Commanders will conduct orientation for newly joined personnel by having them guided around the lines during daylight prior to assignment on night duty.

b. Each bunker is to have a minimum of one sign posted outside the bunker showing its number. It should be visible at night. Have another sign inside the bunker, near the telephone hot line, also showing bunker number.

c. Post a sketch inside each bunker depicting the sector of observation, sector of fire and principle direction of fire for the bunker. The positions of the next bunker on the right and on the left will also be shown.

2. Maintain authorized class V in the bunker plus class II, IV items desired.

3. Develop and maintain alternate positions (fighting holes).

4. Inspect bunkers for structural soundness, reinforcement and repair as necessary.

5. Sector Commanders who desire to augment their positions with buried or otherwise concealed munitions will first brief the CO (Attn: S-3). After approval, the plan may be implemented; example in point are the fougasses buried in front of VPS Co lines and the M-16 mines rigged north of C-4. The emplacing unit and the S-3 will each maintain duplicate records of the location of such devices and a record of their destruction, as occurring.

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ENCLOSURE (7)

Counterattack Plans

1. The elements of successful counterattack (CATK) are:
 - a. Limited, clearly defined objective.
 - b. Assembly area, line of departure and direction of attack.
 - c. Organization of CATK force; mission of blocking force and designation of reserve.
 - d. Plan of fire support.
 - e. Communications to support the moves.
2. The main threats of the CVPF are considered to be:
 - a. Attack on LSA, north bank followed by mortar/ground attack on south bank Cua Viet.
 - b. Infiltration from south to area between CVPF and Junk Base, permitting an attack on fuel farm and raising the threat of Junk Base and CVPF hitting each other with our own fires.
 - c. Base Area C-4 is always vulnerable to attack. Reinforcement of and CATK from C-4 are outlined in the C-4 turn-over file and will not be covered here.
3. CATK of enemy attacking LSA:
 - a. Objective - reestablish security of LSA and ground within 1500 meters of its wire.
 - b. Assy area, LOD: within CVPF as directed; direction of attack: south to north landing from river or east to west landing from Gulf, as directed.
 - c. CATK force and reserve force: as directed; mission of blocking force: Det 3d SP Bn (Rein), establish defensive perimeter with security of at least one body of water secured (i.e. tied in on north bank of river or tied in on coast of Gulf).
 - d. Plan of fire support: 60MM and 81MM mortars D/S; 105MM how D/S or in a direct fire role if directed; 4.2" mortars D/S to CATK force if directed; general support arty, air and MCF on call. Note 1.
 - e. Det 3d SP Bn guard Conduct of Fire net and Area Defense net: CATK force guard same nets plus own company nets.
4. CATK of enemy infiltrating between CVPF and Junk Base:
 - a. Objective - clear enemy of area between CVPF and Junk Base and of area within 2000 meters south of CVPF/Junk Base.
 - b. Assy area, LOD: within CVPF as directed; direction of atk, south to north or from north bank to south.

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c. CATK force and reserve force: as directed; mission of blocking force: prohibit exfiltration from zone of infiltration. Depending on size of enemy force, we will sweep to south (blocking from FS Co and Ha Tay) if his force is large; or sweep to north (blocking at north bank, at Co "1" line and Junk Base CP) if his force is small.

d. Plan of fire support: 60 and 81 mortars only, due to danger close friendly lines; LVTM-6 direct fire role.

e. Junk Base guard Area Defense not to integrate their 81mm mortars with ours.

Note 1. Maximum effective ranges for friendly mortars and artillery are listed below:

60 mm - 1,900 meters
81mm - 3,300 meters
14.2" - 5,000 meters
105 mm - 11,000 meters
155 how - 14,500 meters
8" how - 16,500 meters
155 gun - 23,000 meters
175 gun - 32,500 meters

ENCLOSURE (8)

Air/NGF Support

1. Bn COC and designated units monitor the Bn Air Frequency. It is used for close air support, aerial observer control and MedEvacs. The following types air support are available.

a. Close air support - Normally controlled by an AO responding to our requests but controllable, if need be, by a company Commander (or FO) or Bn Commander (or S-3/ALNO) using PiC-41 to talk directly to high performance A/C. Air panels and/or smoke are needed to mark front lines.

b. TPQ - These are bombing runs, technically categorized as close air support, but made in such manner as close liaison between the A/C and ground unit is not mandatory. Radars operated by the Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT) vector the A/C in to a preselected target where bombs are dropped simultaneously or in a ripple. Two thousand meters is minimum safe distance for friendly troops.

c. Spooky - This is a C-47 equipped with 100 M24 illumination flares, each burning about 2-3 minutes. It has miniguns capable of high rates of fire. On station time averages 2-3 hours. Flares are dropped from 7000 to 9000 feet and break at 3,000 feet.

d. Flare ship. This is a C-117 equipped with 120 flares, each burning 2-3 minutes. In station time is 5-6 hours. We can not give close fire support (no machineguns). There are also KC-130 carrying 360 flares, on station time up to 8 hours. See Tab A for a listing of flares.

e. AO. Aerial observers fly in O1 type observation A/C and in helicopters. (USMC uses O1-C; U.S. Army uses O1-D). They have a small quantity of rockets with which to mark targets for high performance A/C.

f. MedEvac helos - normally operate with one or two chase planes. Chase planes have machineguns for protection only, not as "gunship".

g. UH1E Gun Ships - not possessed by USMC. U.S. Army has a limited number available to assist USMC units if arranged via CG, 3rd Mar Div.

2. Naval Gunfire. The following ships are available periodically: Destroyers, Cruisers, Swift Boats, Coast Guard patrol craft.

a. Weapon ranges (in meters), rates of fire and types of shell are:

	<u>Max Range</u>	<u>Max Effect Range</u>	<u>Rate of Fire</u> (Rds per gun, per min) <u>Max Sustained</u>	<u>Ammo Avail</u>
5"/38	16,600	13,700	Unk 15	AP, HC, AAC, ILL, WP
5"/54	22,700	20,000	40 20	-do-

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Downgrade at 3-year intervals;
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6"/47	21,150	19,200	4	3	AP, HC, AAC, ILL
8"/55	27,800	23,600	10*	3	AP, HC, AAC
16"/50	38,040	28,300	Unk	Unk	-do-

Note: 1. For 16" gun, minimum safe distance from friendly troops is 1,375 meters, if unobserved mission; 320 meters if parallel to front lines and an observed mission; 550 meters if observed but not parallel to friendly front lines. This gun is mounted only on battleships.

2. AP=armor piercing; HC=high capacity; AAC=anti aircraft common; ILL=illumination; WP=white phosphorous.

* Note: Only for USS Newport News;
others are four rounds per minute max.

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ILLUMINATION DEVICES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>APPROX CANDLE POWER</u>	<u>BURN TIME (SEC)</u>	<u>LAUNCHED FROM</u>
FLARE, A/C PARA, MK 5 MODS 3-8	600,000	180	A/C
" "			
" "			
MOD 9	1,000,000	"	"
" "			
" "	1,250,000	"	"
MOD 10			
" "			
" MK 6 ALL MODS	1,000,000	"	"
" "			
" MK 8 ALL MODS	500,000	"	"
" "			
" MK 24 MODS 2 AND 2A	2,000,000	150	"
" "			
" "			
MODS 3 AND 4	2,000,000	180	"
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PROJ, ILLUM, MK 4 MOD 3	120,000	25	3" GUN
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" "	240,000	43	4" GUN
MOD 4			
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MOD 5	275,000	60	5"/38 GUN
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MOD 6	1,000,000	51	6" GUN
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MOD 7	275,000	55	5"/54 GUN
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" MK 7	400,000	51	6"/47 GUN
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" MK 9	600,000	50	6"/47 GUN
MOD 0			
" "			
" "			
MOD 1	900,000	50	6"/47 GUN
" "			
" MK 11	600,000	50	5" GUN
" "			
" MK 12	250,000	25	3"/50 GUN
CARTG, 60 MM			
" M83A2	145,000	25	60 MM MORTAR
" 81 MM			
" M30LA2	UNK	55	81 MM MORTAR

THE RECORD

COMMUNICATIONS

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1. General. The existing communications system as outlined in BnO P8410.1C, SOP for LVT Operation, is adequate, with minor modification, to provide the necessary command and control for the defense of the Cua Viet Port Facility (CVPF).

2. Radio. The following nets have been established:

a. Battalion Tactical Net. This is the Battalion Cmr's principal means of command and control over tactical units. Stations on this Net are:

Bn S-3 (NCS)
1st Amphib Bn (Radio Operator)
Co "A"
Co "B"
Rifle Co at C-4
Patrols within AO

b. Area Defense/Admin Net. This net provides the Battalion Cmr with control over non-tactical units within CVPF. Additionally it will be used to pass routine administrative traffic. Stations on this net are:

Bn S-4
NSAD, Cua Viet
Det, 3d SP Bn
Det, Bulk Fuel

c. LVTN-6 Conduct of Fire Net. This net provides for adjustment and tactical control of artillery within the AO. Stations on this net are:

LVTN-6 Plt (NCS)
4.2" Mortar Btry, C-4 Base
Forward Observers
FSOC

3. Wires. Wire/Telephone is the primary means of communication within CVPF.

a. Hot Lines. Hot lines direct to the Bn COC and Bn alternate COC are maintained to each Company. Guard lines are maintained within each sector of the defense by each company.

b. Switching Controls. Switchboards are maintained at Battalion, Company "A" and Company "B". Local lines are serviced by the unit maintaining the switchboard.

4. Radio Relay. Communication Company, 3rd Marine Division provides Radio Relay telephone and teletype communications to Division.

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5. Codes and Shackles. Effective edition of KAC-QX (Numerical Code) and KAC-PX (Operation Code) will be drawn by each company, NSAD and LVTN-6 platoon. In the event of wire/telephone failure, damage and casualties reports will be encoded and sent via Radio.

6. Communications During Artillery/rocket Attack. Primary communication will be wire for casualty reports to S-3. Alert for attack will be a two minute blast on the siren.

a. As soon as the Alert is sounded, Company "A" and "B" and S-3 will enter the Area Defense Net.

b. In the event of wire failure, casualty and damage reports will be sent via the Area Defense Net.

7. Communication During Ground Attack

a. The alert for ground attack (Red Alert) is a series of short whistle blasts.

b. Company Reaction Forces will enter the Company Tactical Nets as soon as possible after alert is sounded.

c. The Junk Fleet will enter the Area Defense Net.

d. The 81st Mortar section will enter the Area Defense Net.

e. As soon as a counter attack force is designated, the counter attack force will enter the Battalion Tactical Net and the LVTH-6 Conduct of Fire Net for direct fire support.

8. Messengers. Companies be prepared to provide two messengers to/from Bn COC/Alternate COC on order. CO, Co "B" is specifically tasked with designating two Marines, with flashlights, to go to LVTH-6 gate, on order, and guide one or more LVTH-6 to specified bunkers on the perimeter in the event LVTH-6 are needed in a direct fire role.

9. MedEvacs. All medevacs will be requested and controlled by Battalion. Request for MedEvac tractor and Medical assistance will be made via Hot Line to the S-3, or via the Area Defense Net in event of wire failure.

10. Distribution of AN/PAC-25 Radios. Due to the limited number of AN/PAC-25's and the high usage, all switching of radios between companies will be controlled by the Bn Communication Officer. Deadlined radios will be reported immediately so that redistribution can be made.

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CLASSIFICATION SECRET		PRECEDENCE -P- 061154H		<input type="checkbox"/> SEND MOD-AR	<input type="checkbox"/> SEND CLEAR
FROM 1 st AMTRAC BN.		TO C.G. 3 rd MA DTG APC D.H.C.B			
OPN. NAPOLEON SITREP #125 060601					
061200H.					
1. NO CHANGE					
2. 1 PAT, 1 L.P., CONT Supt C-4					
3. +4 NEG.					
5. 2 PAT, 1 L.P. CONT. Supt C-4					
6. 2 FRIENDLY KIA, 9 WIA (MEDICAL), 9 WIA (NON)					
4 NUA KIA (C), 6 NUA KIA (P) 1 NUA POW, 1 U.C.					
KIA (C) 23 DETAINEES, 6 INN. CIV., 3 I.W.C.					
-TOR1233, /mcf/KY6					
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TIME SIGNED	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER	
				J. K. Ballant	
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TIME FILED	COMM CEN NO.	HOW SENT	DATE - TIME GROUP		