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## Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. 1st Tank Battalion

Lt. Colonel R. M. TAYLOR  
Commanding Officer

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 1st Tank Battalion  
Company "A", 1st Tank Battalion  
Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion  
Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion

Captain J. C. WINTHER  
Captain J. H. COWMAN  
Captain L. E. CHERICO  
Captain P. S. WEIGAND

## 2. Location

Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion, DaNang, RVN at 998722  
H&S Company, 1st Tank Battalion, DaNang, RVN at 998722  
Company "A", 1st Tank Battalion, ChuLai, RVN at 515040  
Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion, DaNang, RVN at 945763  
Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion, DaNang, RVN at 074658

## 3. Staff Officers

Battalion Executive Officer  
Battalion Adjutant, S-1 Legal Officer  
Battalion S-2/Civil Affairs Officer  
Battalion S-3 Officer

WO-1 C. C. CARL  
2nd Lt. J. M. RAY  
1-17 March 1967- Captain F. U. SALAS  
18-31 March 1967- Captain C. E. BRABEC

Battalion S-4 Officer

Major D. B. CRUDUP

## 4. Average Monthly Strength

| <u>USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u>  | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 29          | 634        | 1          | 8          |

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## Part II

COMMAND CHRONOLOGYS-3, 1st Tank Battalion, FMEMARCH 1967OPERATIONS AND TRAININGI. OPERATIONS

1. Operation Lafayette. The 1st and 2nd Platoons of Company C participated in Operation Lafayette in support of the 1st Battalion 1st Marines during the period 26 February 1967 to 7 March 1967, in the 1st Marines sector of the Division TAOR.

2. Operation Gulf. The 2d Platoon of Company B participated in Operation Gulf in support of the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines during the period 4-8 March 1967 in the 4th Marines sector of the Division TAOR.

3. Operation Yuba. The 3rd Platoon and 2d Section Flame tanks of Company B participated in Operation Yuba during the period 11-12 March 1967 in the 4th Marines sector of the Division TAOR.

4. Operation DeSoto. The 3rd Platoon, Company A is participating in Operation DeSoto in support of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

5. Task-Force-X-Ray. Company A remains in Opcon of Task Force X-Ray for the period of 1-31 March 1967. The 3rd Platoon commenced their present support-mission by an over-the-beach landing on 16 March 1967

The second platoon remains under the Chu Lai Airfield Defense Command in support of the defense of the Chu Lai Airfield Complex. The 2d platoon supports the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines during the period March 1967 in the Binn-Son and Ly-Tin provinces of the RVN.

6. Ground Based Defoliant Report. During the month of March flame tanks assigned to the gun companies fired a total of 4800 gallons of napalm mix. Majority of napalm shot was to eliminate cover and concealment that would be advantageous to the enemy. Remainder of napalm shot was for clearing areas of fire and into enemy caves and tunnels etc. The flame tank has proven its worth and capabilities if utilized in its primary role.

7. Company B (Rein), 3rd Tank Bn, FME. Assumed Opcon, Company B (Rein) 3rd Tank Battalion, as of 0100, 23 March 1967, administrative control remained with parent organization.

8. Southern Sector Division Rear Area. At 0800 on 21 March 1967 the Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Battalion, assumed command of the Southern Sector, Division Rear Area, relieving the Battalion Commander, 3rd Tank Battalion. As Commander, Southern Sector, Division Rear Area the following action were initiated or responded to:

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