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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	Captain J. C. WINTHER
Company "A", 1st Tank Battalion	Captain W. J. BRITTON
Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion	Captain E. B. FABLE
Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion	Captain P. S. WATGAND

## 2. Location

Headquarters, 1st Tank Battalion, Danang, RVN at (AT 9<sup>9</sup>8722)<sup>3</sup> 95 } 998723  
 H&S Company, 1st Tank Battalion, Danang, RVN at (AT 9<sup>9</sup>8722)<sup>3</sup> 95 }  
 Company "A", 1st Tank Battalion, Danang, RVN at (AT 9<sup>9</sup>8722)<sup>3</sup> 95 }  
 Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion, Danang, RVN at (AT 961608)  
 Company "C", 1st Tank Battalion, Danang, RVN at (BT 074658)

## 3. Staff Officers

Battalion Executive Officer	Major E. P. TRADER Jr.
Battalion Adjutant, S-1 Legal Officer	WO-1 C. C. CARL
Battalion S-2 Officer	1stLt R. A. HENDERSON
Battalion S-3 Officer	Major C. R. BRABEC
Battalion S-4 Officer	Major D. B. CRUDUP
Battalion S-5/Civil Affairs Officer	1stLt J. M. RAY

## 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, FMFAPRIL 1967OPERATIONS AND TRAININGI. Operations

1. Operation Desoto. The 3rd Platoon (Rein), Company "A" continued to support 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines during the period 1 April 1967 until its termination on 16 April 1967.
2. Operation Canyon. The 2nd Platoon (Rein) with a heavy (3) tank section from the 1st platoon Company "B" attached, supported 1st Battalion, 1st Marines during the period of 6-10 April 1967 during Operation Canyon.
3. Operation Yell. A platoon of tanks consisting of : Three gun tanks and one flame tank from Company "C", and two gun tanks from Company "B" supported 1st Battalion, 1st Marines during the period 18-20 April during Operation Yell.
4. Operation Humboldt. The 3rd Platoon, Company "C" supported 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines during the period 13-18 April 1967 during Operation Humboldt.
5. Operation Grand. The 1st Platoon, Company "B" supported 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines during the period 21-26 April 1967 during Operation Grand.

II. Anti-Tank Activities.

1. During the month of April 1967 this tank battalion experienced 16 mining incidents. Fourteen incidents involved the mining of tanks, and two involved 6X6 trucks on resupply missions to tank positions. As best that can be determined at this time, is that all mines consisted of a large amount of TNT, and were initiated by a pressure type detonator. Damage to tracked vehicles ranged from moderate to extensive, most of the damage being sustained by the tank suspension system. The two 6X6 trucks were a total loss. Deadlined status of mined tanks ranged from a matter of hours to several weeks. The deadline status being dependant upon the extent of damage and availability of replacement parts.
2. One of the 16 tanks damaged by mines is being surveyed for a damaged hull.

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3. The following casualties were sustained in the tank incidents:

- (a) 4 Marines Med-Evac
- (b) 9 Marines Non-Evac (Treated at aid station)

4. Damage sustained by the two 6X6 trucks, unlike the tanks, were completely destroyed by the mines, and casualties were far greater, as shown below:

- (a) 10 Marines Med-Evac (To Naval Hospital)
- (b) 1 Marine Non-Evac (Treated at aid station)

### III. Rocket Assaults.

a. There were two incidents of rocket assaults upon tanks. In both assaults the enemy managed to achieve hits upon two tanks. In the first incident, the rocket hit, but failed to penetrate or damage the vehicle. In the second incident, one round did penetrate the upper, forward, left portion of the hull and enter into the forward left ammunition ready rack, igniting one round of WP and one round of Canister 90mm ammunition. The fire caused by the rocket penetration was able to be controlled and the tank was repaired/restored to an operational status.

b. The type of rockets used in the assaults were of Russian design and origin. They were "Soviet Anti-Tank Grenade Launcher RPG-2".

### IV. Southern Defense Sector

a. Headquarters and Service Company continued through the month of April to command and coordinate the activities within the Southern Sector Division Rear Area. The Commanding Officer, 1st Tank Battalion, as Commander of the Southern Sector, caused the following actions to be initiated or responded to:

(1) Twenty-one various missions of Search and Clear, Reconnaissance Security and patrols were accomplished in response to intelligence reports; in addition to providing blocking forces for adjacent units in response to enemy infiltrations.

b. There were a total of 134 coordinated day and night patrols, ambushes, OP's, LP's, and roadblocks accomplished by H&S Company within the Southern Sector with coordination and supervision by the Tank Battalion Command Operations Center.

c. Civic Action Activities were expanded and continued to improve and prosper in those areas where our responsibilities are focused.

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V. Ground Based Defoliant Report. During the month of April, flame tanks assigned to the gun companies expended a total of 4300 gallons of napalm mix. in executing assigned fire missions. The assigned missions were for the destruction of various terrain features which might offer concealment or a safe haven to the enemy. Other missions included the clearing of fields of fire, preparation of landing zones by burning, and in burning out tunnels and caves during search and clear operations.

VI. Viet Cong Box Score for April

	<u>Co "B"</u>	<u>Co "B" 3rd TkbN</u>	<u>Co "C"</u>
VC KIA Confirmed	13	64	23
VC KIA Probable	9	0	1
VC WIA Captured	0	27	6
VC Captured	0	8	12

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Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT DATA

- A. Significant Operations Conducted
- B. Casualties Sustained
- C. Civic Action
- D. Administration
- E. Personnel
- F. Intelligence
- G. Logistics

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At 311600H March, units from the 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn in support of Company "F", 2nd Bn, 5th Marines, at (AT 927527) fired ten rounds 90mm HE at approximately 30 VC in the vicinity of (AT 932516). A search of the area conducted by the infantry produced twenty VC KIA Confirmed.

At 051510H April, a 2nd Platoon tank from Company "B" detonated an anti-tank mine of approximately 40 lbs. of TNT at (AT 993577) resulting in moderate damage to the suspension system and wounding two infantrymen riding on the tank. The tank was recovered to Hill 55 (AT 966616).

At 071230H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, in support of Company "G", 2nd Bn, 5th Marines, located at (AT 978500) observed fifty Viet Cong with packs and rifles in the vicinity of (AT 992515). Tanks fired forty rounds 90mm HE and four rounds 90mm WP resulting in eight Viet Cong KIA Confirmed.

At 071410H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, in support of Company "G", 2nd Bn, 5th Marines, located at (AT 967089) observed twenty-five Viet Cong with weapons in vicinity of (AT 964537). Tanks fired thirty-one rounds of 90mm HE resulting in twenty-one Viet Cong KIA Confirmed.

At 071545H, tanks from 3rd Platoon, Company "C" located at (BT 058638) observed two Viet Cong running in vicinity of (BT 057634). Tanks fired 250 rounds of .30 caliber resulting in one Viet Cong KIA Confirmed and one Viet Cong KIA Probable.

At 071600H, a 2nd Platoon tank from Company "C" located at (BT 213513) received heavy small arms fire from an observed twenty Viet Cong in the vicinity of (BT 211511). Tanks assaulted the enemy position firing five rounds of 90mm HE, 500 rounds of .30 caliber MG, and 300 rounds of .50 caliber MG resulting in six Viet Cong KIA Confirmed, three Viet Cong WIA Captured, and eleven Viet Cong Captured.

At 071850H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Battalion, located at (AT 907089), observed twenty-seven Viet Cong with weapons in vicinity of (AT 978517). Tanks fired thirty rounds of 90mm HE and two rounds of 90mm WP resulting in seven Viet Cong KIA Confirmed and four Viet Cong Captured.

At 072015H, a 2nd Platoon tank from Company "C" located at (BT 196532) received approximately 100 rounds small arms fire and one round of 57mm recoilless rifle fire resulting in tank crewman being WIA and med-evacuated. The 57mm round did not penetrate or damage the tank.

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At 080435H, a 2nd Platoon tank, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, located at (AT 963604) received small arms fire and incoming rockets. One RPG-2 penetrated the left front side of the hull, resulting in one 90mm canister round and one 90mm WP round detonating in the ammo rack. Eight USMC personnel were WIA, including one tank crewman who was med-evacuated. Fire caused by the explosion of the WP round resulted in moderate damage to the turret. The vehicle was able to return to Hill 55 (AT 966616) under its own power.

At 081300H, a flame tank detonated an anti-tank mine of 60 lbs TNT at (AT 984583) resulting in extensive damage to the suspension, engine, and hull. The tank was recovered to Hill 55 (AT 966616).

At 090800H, a tank from 3rd Platoon, Company "C", located at (BT 195100) observed two VC running from a tree line in the vicinity of (BT 195500). The tank fired one round 90mm HE and one round 90mm WP resulting in two VC KIA Confirmed.

At 090845H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, supporting Company "G", 2nd Bn, 5th Marines located at (AT 978500) observed thirty VC with weapons in the vicinity of (AT 953528). Tanks fired 25 rounds 90mm HE resulting in two VC KIA Confirmed and 12 VC WIA Captured.

From 091215H to 091930H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "C", in a series of sweeps and blocking positions supported 1st Bn, 26th Marines, in grid square (BT 0057) and fired a total of 26 rounds 90mm HE, four rounds 90mm WP, three rounds 90mm Canister, 1500 rounds .30 caliber MG, and 50 rounds .50 caliber MG. Total enemy casualties from combined actions resulted in 24 VC KIA Confirmed, 11 VC KIA Probable, and eight VC Captured.

At 091230H, a truck from Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, hauling 90mm ammo, detonated a mine at (AT 889570) resulting in six USMC WIA, five being Med-Evacuated.

At 092330H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", while effecting a Med-Evac for Company "B", 1st Bn, 1st Marines, at (BT 101631), received small arms fire from an unknown number of enemy located in vicinity of (BT 099631). Tanks returned fire with seven rounds 90mm HE, one round 90mm Canister, and 400 rounds .50 caliber MG. Enemy casualties are unknown, but two bolt action U.S. .30 caliber rifles and Chi-Com grenades were recovered.

At 092345H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "C", detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 099637). The mine was estimated at 20 lbs TNT, and resulted in moderate damage to the left side of the tank.

At 092345H, a tank from 3rd Platoon, Company "C" while enroute to retrieve another 3rd Platoon tank, detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 089627). The tank received moderate damage to the suspension on the left side and one tank crewman was wounded but was able to return to duty after treatment by a Corpsman.

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At 100945H, a tank from 3rd Platoon, Company "B", detonated an anti-tank mine at (AT 948662). The mine was a box-type pressure-detonated of approximately 30 lbs TNT causing a hole two feet deep and five feet in diameter. Two tank crewmen received superficial wounds, and were treated by a corpsman and returned to duty. Extent of damage to the tank was moderate.

At 101830H, a 2nd Platoon tank from Company "C" while enroute to Company "D", 1st Bn, 1st Marines CP detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 105612). The mine, a 20-lb shape-charge with a cement base resulted in moderate damage to the right side of the tank and wounded two tank crewmen (Non-Evac).

At 111720H, a 2nd Platoon tank from Company "C" while enroute to Company "D", 1st Bn, 1st Marines CP detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 087624). The mine, estimated at 20-lbs TNT, resulted in moderate damage to the left side of the tank and one tank crewman was WIA (Non-Evac).

At 131900H, a 1st Platoon tank from Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, located at (AT 927523) observed two VC in the vicinity of (AT 930509). The tank fired seven rounds 90mm HE resulting in two VC KIA Confirmed.

At 141400H, a tank from 3rd Platoon, Company "C", located at (BT 089659) observed five VC in vicinity of (BT 085663). Tank fired 300 rounds .30 caliber MG resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed.

At 141730H tanks from 2nd Platoon, Company "C" located at (BT 120628) observed one VC running into treeline in the vicinity of (BT 122627). Tanks fired 15 rounds 90mm Canister, four rounds 90mm HE, and 350 rounds .30 caliber MG resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed.

At 161455H, a 3rd Platoon tank from Company "C" detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 089659). The mine, estimated at 40 lbs TNT, caused moderate damage to the left side of the tank.

At 180730H, a 3rd Platoon tank from Company "C" located at (BT 094657), observed two VC running in the vicinity of (BT 094659). Tank fired one round 90mm HE resulting in two VC KIA Confirmed.

At 181000H, a 1st Platoon tank from Company "B" located at (AT 963610) observed three VC with rifles in the vicinity of (AT 982593). Tank fired seven rounds 90mm HE resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed and one rifle destroyed.

At 191430H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, detonated an anti-tank mine at (AT 906496). The mine, estimated at 40 lbs TNT, caused heavy damage to the tank and wounded one tank crewman (Non-Evac).

At 201330H, a tank from 3rd Platoon, Company "B", located at (AT 915669) observed 10 VC in black pajamas in the vicinity of (AT 914685). Tanks fired six rounds 90mm WP resulting in six VC KIA Confirmed.

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At 201830H, a tank from 2nd Platoon, Company "C", detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 125605). The mine, estimated at 100 lbs TNT, caused heavy damage to the tank and wounded two tank crewmen (Med-Evac).

At 201915H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, located at (AT 935528) observed five VC in an open field, in the vicinity of (AT 927517). Tank fired five rounds 90mm HE resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed and three VC KIA Probable.

At 221145H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "C", located at (BT 000587) observed three VC with weapons in the vicinity of (BT 000589). Tank fired 200 rounds .50 caliber MG resulting in two VC KIA Confirmed, plus two automatic weapons, ammunition, three grenades, 10 rounds M-79, and assorted documents captured.

At 221730H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "C", located at (BT 003575) observed one VC running through a treeline in the vicinity of (BT 005580). Tank Commander fired one round small arms resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed, plus one M1 rifle, two Chi-Com grenades, and Cartridge belt captured.

At 221915H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "C" located at (BT 003580) received two rounds sniper fire from the vicinity of (BT 003584) resulting in one tank crewman WIA (Med-Evac). Med-Evac arrived and received two rounds small arms disabling their radio. Helicopter left without picking up the casualty. Another Med-Evac arrived and completed the pick-up 2 1/2 hours later.

From 240730H to 251300H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", located at (AT 997562) observed five VC with weapons in the vicinity of (AT 997561). Tanks fired small arms and 90mm during the night resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed, two VC KIA Probable, and three VC Captured, plus ammunition, a pack, documents, and a NVA uniform.

At 240930H, a Company "C" truck enroute to 1st Tank Bn CP detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 073703). The mine, estimated at 40 lbs TNT caused heavy damage to the front end of the truck and wounded five tank personnel (Med-Evac).

At 240915H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "B", located at (AT 963609) received 20 rounds small arms fire from five VC in the vicinity of (AT 958581). Tanks fired 56 rounds 90mm HE and 700 rounds .30 caliber MG resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed and one VC KIA Probable.

At 251150H, a 1st Platoon tank from Company "C" detonated an anti-tank mine at (BT 003566). The mine, estimated at 50 lbs TNT with a cement base, caused moderate damage to the tank.

At 260645H, a tank from 3rd Platoon, Company "C" located at (BT 073626) observed one VC in the vicinity of (BT 073625). Tank fired 150 rounds .30 caliber MG resulting in one VC KIA Confirmed.

At 271100H, a tank from 1st Platoon, Company "C" detonated an anti-tank mine at (AT 993577). The mine estimated at 20 lbs TNT, resulted in moderate damage to the tank and one tank crewman WIA (Non-Evac).

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At 271430H, tanks from 1st Platoon, Company "C" located at (AT 974584) observed five VC with weapons in the vicinity of (AT 981589). Tanks fired 400 rounds .50 caliber MG and 250 rounds .30 caliber MG resulting in two VC KIA Confirmed.

At 291730, a 1st Platoon tank from Company "B", 3rd Tank Bn, detonated an anti-tank mine at (AT 971495). The mine, estimated at 20 lbs TNT, resulted in moderate damage to the tank.

At 291800H, tanks from 3rd Platoon, Company "B" located at (AT 987607) received heavy small arms fire and high powered rifle fire from the enemy in the vicinity of (AT 993607) and (BT 014586). Tanks fired 40 rounds 90mm HE, and 3500 rounds .30 caliber MG resulting in four VC KIA Confirmed and two VC KIA Probable.

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CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

During the month of April this Battalion sustained 24 casualties, 14 of which were medically evacuated. During the month of April this Battalion had no Marines medically evacuated for non-battle reasons.

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CIVIC ACTION

On 1 April, 1967, the 1st Tank Battalion conducted ceremonies dedicating the Pig Breeding Farm. The principal speakers were Lt. Colonel PETERSON, Lt. Colonel CORSON, Major HAU, and 1st Lt. LOCHRIDGE. The principal theme of the remarks by the speakers stressed that the pig farm was an example of what free men can do when they unite to improve their conditions.

During the month of April, the people from the Hamlet of DONG BE were removed from their homes to the four corners area. After the move had been completed, the 1st Tank Battalion, acting upon orders from the 1st Marine Division began clearing a firing lane around the PCL perimeter. This, by necessity, called for the knocking down of numerous fruit trees and the destruction of several gardens. The villagers protested to the District Headquarters and further clearing was terminated. This action resulted in several foreign claims which are now being processed.

On 4 April, 1967, an unfavorable incident occurred when a squad of Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, acting upon intelligence, interrupted a Vietnamese funeral. A woman came to the C.P. and informed them that someone was trying to conceal a mine in the village. The woman led them to a spot where a funeral was taking place. She indicated that there was a mine concealed in the casket. The Marines removed the body from the casket and probed the sand within. This created an unfavorable reaction from the family all the way up to the District Chief. The C. A. Officer visited the family and expressed condolences and apologies for the incident.

On 13 April, 1967, a meeting was held with the farmers and a Farmers Cooperative was set up. The farmers elected a chairman, clerk, finance man, and two farm supervisors. Several objections arose however, the main one being the unsuitability of the location. The farmers were opposed to the location of the farm for the following reasons:

- (1) It is located on the other side of the village and approximately one mile from their homes.
- (2) The villagers consider it as not a secure area and they do not like to travel back and forth in that area because of the VC.

The farmers suggested an alternate location which is adjacent to the 1st Tank Battalion C.P. and close to their homes. The policy of this Civil Affairs Office has been to discourage moving the farm, but the success of the project may well depend upon its removal to a location of their choice.

On 23 April, 1967, a Doctor Tapper from an Anti-War group under the leadership of Dr. Benjamin Spook, visited the MedCap held at PHONG BAC

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market place. The purpose of his visit was an attempt to find Napalm-burned children to substantiate their charges of indiscriminate bombing of civilians. As usual, the only ailments encountered by the MedCap team were those primarily caused by lack of hygiene.

On 29 April 1967, the Battalion Commander and Civil Affairs Officer were invited to a meeting held by the PHONG BAC Buddhist Association. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the erection of a fence around the pagoda and the construction of a proposed school next to the pagoda. The Battalion Commander assured them that the 1st Tank Battalion would make every effort to procure the necessary material. Plans have been drawn up and have been submitted for approval.

During the month of April, the MedCap activities were increased with sick call being held four times a week in the villages. During this period, the MedCap team treated 159 women, 93 men, and 461 children. There were four cases where the MedCap team evacuated civilians with severe cases to the USOHN Hospital in ~~Da Nang~~.

During April, the C.A. Team distributed four loads of lumber to the Market Place for the purpose of constructing the stalls. Twenty bags of cement were delivered to the PHONG BAC School house for repairs on the structure and ten bags of cement were delivered to the four corners area for the purpose of constructing a water well.

Future plans for the C.A. program in PHONG BAC include the construction of a Public and Buddhist School and construction of a hamlet office and dispensary.

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ADMINISTRATION

All Companies are within the DaNang Tactical Area of Responsibility.  
The 1st Tank Battalion retains administrative control of all companies.

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The 1st Tank Battalion is currently in personnel category C-1 with a chargeable strength of 27 Marine Officers, 672 Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer, and nine Navy Enlisted.

During the month of April, the Battalion joined three Marine Officers and 46 Marine Enlisted. Five Marine Officers and 26 Marine Enlisted were transferred.

The following MOS's are considered critical:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>M/L</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>
3510	01	00
2867	01	00
*2822	00	00

\*Not rated on manning level, but have equipment on hand and is in use at present time.

Seven Breaches of discipline occurred during the month of April resulting in two Special Court-Martials.

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INTELLIGENCE

The weather for the month of April was dry like the previous month. A total of .81 inches of rain was recorded.

During April, enemy activity increased 43% over the previous months. With 109 incidents, 63 were USMC initiated resulting in 93 VC KIA confirmed, 10 VC KIA probable, and 53 VC captured. Of the 46 VC initiated incidents, 16 were mines, damaging 14 tanks and two trucks. There were two RPG-2 rocket attacks resulting in one damaged tank.

All activity was concentrated in the Southern Section of the DaNang TAOR.

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Ref: (a) DivO 4400.19A  
(b) CG, 1st MarDiv msg 180633Z Apr 1967  
Encl: (1) List of supply items declared to be in a critical status  
(2) List of potentially critical items

1. The following report covering the month of April 1967 is submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b).

2. Supply Situation. Supply response has improved at a steady pace over the last month due to the number of requisitions being filled for certain repair parts for track and wheel vehicles. There are still vital repair parts that have had little or no response. These include bulbs for the 18 inch searchlights, left hand torsion bars and track shoe assemblies. Follow-up action is being taken and very little response noticed. Supply response has been adequate for the remaining classes of supply. No problem areas are foreseen at the present time for Class I, III, IV, and V. General Supply support, particularly in clothing and individual equipment, has been improving. Engineer and Motor Transport spare parts support has been generally adequate, with an increased requisition fill rate. Selected suspension and electrical type tank parts still represent the major problem area. In other ordnance areas, supply support has been steadily improving. The command is short one M-51 VTR that is due for replacement from R&E assets within the next 15 days. Acetylene has been in a critical status requiring unreasonable conservation and rationing. There is no immediate relief in sight for this item. One M-3 Compressor for flame tank support was received, bringing the number of operative compressors to two for the DaNang TAOR. Electronics repair parts are generally adequate; however, radio tubes remain in short supply, as are repair parts for CVC helmets. Blank forms are becoming more difficult to obtain. With the high turn over of personnel, both officer and enlisted fitness reports (NAVMC 10147-DD and NAVMC 10233-DD) have become very limited. A similar situation has also developed for the Record of Emergency Data (NAVMC 10526-DD) and for Promotion Warrants (DD-216).

3. Critical Items.

a. Potentially critical items--see enclosure (1).

b. Supply items declared to be in a critical status--see enclosure (2).

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4. Significant Problem Areas. A trend still exists toward the nonavailability of certain motor transport and track vehicle repair parts. Supply response is improving at a slow pace. The urgency of need for these parts continues to be inflated due to non-receipt of stock replenishment orders.

5. Maintenance Situation. The maintenance effort has been able to respond to the needs for operational commitment. Progress has been hampered by extensive battle damage and the criticality of certain repair parts. During the period of this report, mine damage was sustained on 1 M-54 truck, 9 M-48A3 tanks, and 1 M-67A2 flame tank.

6. Major Items of Equipment

TA#	ITEM	AUTH	O/H	OPER READY	NORS	NORM
MOTOR TRANSPORT						
51480	Truck, Tanker M-49 7		7	7		
TRACKED VEHICLES						
61280	M-51 VTR	4	3	3		
MAJOR WEAPONS						
61810	M-48A3, TANK	53	50	43		7
61820	M-67A2, FLAME TANK 9		8	4	2	2
ENGINEER/CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT						
31700	TD-15 Tractor	1	1		1	
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT						
22040	AN/MRC-83	2	2	2		
GENERATORS						
20945	PU-482	1	1	1		

7. Significant Maintenance Problem Areas. Of particular significance is the maintenance of M-51 VTR's. The hydraulic systems are a continuing source of concern. Untold manhours are expended on trouble shooting the hydraulic system in an attempt to isolate the problem areas. Technical talent at both the organic and support level is defied by the intricate maze. The presence of a factory trained technical representative is worthy of consideration.

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8. Services Situation. Services are generally satisfactory with no significant change during the reporting period.
9. Significant Transportation Problem Areas. None.
10. Other Items of Interest. Specific effort continues to be directed toward preparation for the forthcoming monsoon season. In this report, much is required for cantonment maintenance. Construction material, particularly lumber, remains in short supply. This material will become more and more vital as CONEX containers are turned-in. At present a Butler building for a covered maintenance area is under construction and is a significant contribution toward monsoon preparations and the maintenance effort.

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ITEM	FSN	SHORT	NOT SHORT	IMPACT
Pistol Cal .45	1005-726-5655		X	
Concertina	5660-371-9494	X		Minimal
Stake, Barbed Wire	5660-262-9914		X	
Battery BA 386	6135-858-5712		X	
Battery 6TN	6140-057-2554	X		Critical
Wire WD 1/TT	6145-160-7795	X		Minimal
Wire WD 1/TT	6145-226-8812			
Wire WD 1/TT	6145-243-8466			
Lamp	6240-635-9800		X	
Armor Body Upper	8470-576-4193	X		Not immed. critical
Armor Body Upper	8470-576-4194	X		Not immed. critical
Armor Body Upper	8470-576-5195	X		Not immed. critical
Green Towel	7210-227-1524	X		Minimal
Green Underclothes	All sizes	X		Minimal
Tent G. P.	8340-543-7787	X		Minimal
Nitrogen	6830-264-9086	X		Critical
Acetylene	6830-264-6755	X		Critical
Oxygen	6830-169-0800	X		Critical
Hydrogen Technical	6830-292-0132		X	
Helmet Covers	8415-261-6833		X	
Grenade Carriers	8465-261-5801	X		Minimal
Lightweight Utilities	All Sizes		Not Applicable	
Tires 1100X20	2610-540-4724		Not Applicable	
Tires 900X20	2610-204-4008		Not Applicable	
Spare Parts F/Refrig.			X	

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CIVIC ACTION

On 23 March 1967, the 1st Tank Battalion assumed the Civic Action area of responsibility that had been administered by the 3rd Tank Battalion until their move to Phu Bai. The entire 3rd Tank Battalion Civic Action Team was transferred to the 1st Tank Battalion for the purpose of providing for a continuation of underway programs. The most important of these programs is the pig breeding farm and five lesser pig farms. These farms have been stocked with 24 american yorkshire pigs and 38 more pigs are slated for arrival from different sources within the next two months. The purpose of this project is three fold:

- (1) to develop the idea that capitalism is a workable and profitable economic system.
- (2) to help establish an economic base upon which the citizen of Phong Bac through their own efforts can better their community.
- (3) by achieving the above goals the people of Phong Bac will be in a better position from which to make their choice between the government and the Viet Cong.

This Battalion will also be temporarily monitoring the medcap and Civic Action program currently underway in the villages of Yen Bac and Cam Hoa. The 1st A.T. Battalion will make Civic Action, as well as Medical personnel available to this battalion.

On the 27th of March, the 1st Tank Battalion relinquished control of the village of Hoa An to the Mobile Construction Battalion 4. The Civil Affairs Officer of the relieving unit was thoroughly briefed on the programs in progress. At the time this Battalion left the village it was felt that significant progress had been made and that the peoples attitude toward self-help and their government had greatly increased.

During the period 18 March to 25 March, the C.A. Officer, Lt. RAY attended a five day Advisor Orientation Course in Saigon. The course was designed to familiarize the student with overall goals and organizations of the free world forces in Vietnam.

During the month of March there were two unfortunate incidents of concern to this Battalion. On 4 March a P.F. went to the home of another P.F. in Hoa An to collect a gambling debt. Upon being informed by the debtor that he was unable to pay the debt, the man threw a fragmentation grenade into the house, resulting in the death of two persons and injury to sixteen others, several of which were critically wounded. The evacuation and ensuing investigation was conducted by the 1st M.P. Battalion. On 22 March a tank from the 1st Tank Battalion, returning to the C.P. from a sweep operation, sideswiped a Vietnamese bus. The result of the collision was one dead, 10 injured and extensive damage to the bus. The 1st Tank Battalion took immediate steps to indemnify the victims and it is felt that this prompt action did much to prevent adverse opinion among the local populace. An investigation is currently underway and foreign claims for damages are being processed.

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In the month of March, the Civil Affairs Section joined two Vietnamese nurse trainees. At the present time these nurses are to be utilized for med-cap. Future plans include staffing a dispensary in the village on a permanent full time basis with Vietnamese medical personnel.

Projects completed during the month of March were the bridge and culvert project and the beginning of the English Language Classes in Hoa An. During March, construction was began on the dispensary at Hoa An. Projects completed during the month in Phong Bac was the pig breeding farm. Although some work remains to be done, it is considered to be operational. At the present time there are 14 Yorkshire pigs at the pig breeding farm. On 9 March, movies were shown to the villagers by members of the 244th PYSOPS Battalion. There were approximately 600 persons in attendance. On March 11, the C.A. Team visited the Hoa Phat School and observed the students reciting the RVN pledge of allegiance. ISO photographers were there to record the event.

On March 8th, an inspection of the Civil Affairs Section was conducted by Major MCGILL from G-5. The result of the inspection was considered to be satisfactory.

During the month of March, seven loads of scrap lumber was delivered to the hamlet chief for distribution to needy villagers and 100 school kits were passed out to needy school children. Also delivered to the village chief during the month was 16 sections of steel culvert and six bags of cement for use on the bridge and culvert project. 12 bags of cement was delivered to begin construction on the dispensary.

Current planning for future projects in Phong Bac include extension of the fishing project, construction of a hamlet office and dispensary and the formation of a Farmers Association and Cooperative.

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ADMINISTRATION

Company A (REIN), 1st Tank Battalion is within the Chu Lai Tactical Area of Responsibility. This Company has a strength of three Marine Officers, 117 Marine Enlisted, and one Navy Enlisted. The 1st Tank Battalion retains administrative control of Company A.

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PERSONNEL

The 1st Tank Battalion is currently in personnel category C-1, with a chargeable strength of 29 Marine Officers, 634 Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer, and 8 Navy Enlisted. This is compared to an authorized manning level of 36 Marine Officers, 598 Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer, and 14 Navy Enlisted.

During the month of March the Battalion joined 4 Marine Officers and 43 Marine Enlisted. Six Marine Officers were transferred and 69 Marine Enlisted were transferred.

The following MOS's are considered critical:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>M/L</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>
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2867	01	00

Three breaches of discipline occurred during the month of March.

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The weather for March was extremely dry with a recording of precipitation of .16 inches. This is compared with a recording of .31 inches of rain which fell in the preceding month. This lack of precipitation has sustained the trafficability of both roads and terrain.

Within the DaNang TAOR, the 1st Tank Battalion was involved in 75 incidents with the Viet Cong. The results of this action accounted for 51 Viet Cong KIA confirmed, 27 Viet Cong KIA probable, and 11 Viet Cong captured.

The Anti-Tank mine activity continued at a high rate. There were 8 mine incidents, seven of which caused damage to the tanks. The mines employed by the Viet Cong ranged from dud projectiles to wooden box type mines containing TNT of local Viet Cong manufacture. The sizes of the mines varied from 25 to 100 pounds of explosives causing from light to extensive damage to the tanks. Some indicators to watch for in mined areas are:

- (1) Absence of villagers and children where they normally would be, and
- (2) Unusual objects on road or tank trail such as rocks stacked up or sticks laying in a pattern. These are V.C. warning devices.

During the month, a Company B Tank on a night patrol was ambushed by a V.C. unit of unknown size. The ensuing reaction by the Tank/Infantry team resulted in the capture of a considerable amount of weapons and gear and documents of intelligence value. The contents of the documents revealed that the V.C. unit involved was part of the V-4 Company of the 402nd Sapper Battalion with plans to attack the Hoa Cam ARVN Training Center.

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-4)

Subj: Logistics Summary Report

Ref: (a) Div O 4400.19  
(b) CG, 1st MarDiv msg 280325Z Nov 66  
(c) CG, 1st MarDiv msg 190319Z Mar 67

Encl: (1) Critical Supply Items

1. The following report covering the period 282400H February 1967 to 312400H March 1967 is submitted in accordance with reference (a) through (c)

2. Logistics Situation. During the reporting period a normal logistics function has continued with particular emphasis in the area of tank maintenance, motor transport maintenance, supply responsiveness, and cantonment improvement. Continued improvement is noted in all areas with the exception of tank maintenance which has declined in responsiveness due to nonavailability of critical parts. Improvement of the cantonment area continues with emphasis on drainage, storage, and maintenance facilities but this effort is retarded by lack of construction material and hardware items.

3. Supply and Distribution

a. Critical Items. See enclosure (1).

b. Significant Problem Areas. A trend still exists toward the nonavailability of certain motor transport and tracked vehicle repair parts. Supply response is improving at a slow pace. At present there is one operative compressor (M-3) for Flame Tank support in the DaNang TOAR. It is anticipated that at least one additional compressor will be received in the immediate future. There is a critical shortage of bulbs for the 18 inch searchlights and aggressive follow-up supply action is being taken (see enclosure (1)). The command is short one M-51 VTR that is due for replacement from R&E assets. There is a distinct shortage of left hand torsion bars that aggressive supply action has failed to alleviate. Acetylene has been in a critical status requiring unreasonable conservation and rationing.

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4. Maintenance.

a. Maintenance effort is successful within the Command and continuing effort is made to improve the quality of maintenance. The effort has been hampered by two factors:

(1) Personnel assignment is generally adequate from a billet point of view; however, the productive effort is reduced by security requirements levied on the various maintenance and supply sections.

(2) Since the last R&E tank was received on 1 March 1967 there has been a drop in tank maintenance production due to nonavailability of certain suspension parts. The R&E program permitted latitude in the selective interchange of parts and this source is not presently available. Even though the deadline rate has increased this is not considered significant enough to impair the Command's efficiency. During the period of this report, six M-48A3 tanks sustained ~~mine~~ damage.

b. Significant Problem Areas. There are no significant maintenance problem areas other than as discussed in paragraph 3. above.

c. Major Items of Equipment.

T/A#	ITEM	AUTH	O/H	OPER READY	NORS	NORM
50140	HPCU	2	1	1		
51090	Truck, 3/4 T, M-37	3	3	3		
51480	Truck, 2 1/2T, M-49	7	7	7		
51180	Truck, 5T, M-54	38	37	35		2
51670	Truck, 5T, M-62	2	2	1		1
51570	Truck, 1/4 T, M-38A1	21	20	18		2
20810	PU-239	1	1	1		
20945	PU-482	1	1			
21954	AN/GRC-125	15	0			
22040	AN/MRC-83	2	2	2		
22050	AN/MRC-87	1	1	1		
22052	AN/MRC-109	1	1	1		
22054	AN/MRC-110	5	5	5		
22101	AN/PRC-25	15	15	15		
22105	AN/PRC-47	1	1	1		
22650	SB-22/PT	2	2	2		
61810	M-48A3 Tank	53	50	35	5	10
61820	M-67A2 Flame Tank	9	9	5	1	3
61280	M-51 VTR, Retriever	4	3	1		2
31700	TD-15 Tractor	1	1	1		
21960	AN/MRC-36	6	6	6		
61565	Xenon Searchlight	53	15	15		
61560	18 inch whitelight	18	29	21	8	

5. Other Services. Troop services are satisfactory and continued improvements are effected as material becomes available. A new COC bunker was constructed during the period in order to accomodate additional functions related to Southern Sector Defense.

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6. Advanced Planning. Advanced planning includes concentrated effort in the areas of maintenance and supply. In addition, specific effort is directed toward preparation for the next monsoon season.

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1. The Battalion Training Program. Continued to emphasize tank training with special emphasis on tank gunnery. Ranges available for firing the main tank guns continued to be limited in their availability due to friendly forces operating in range impact areas.

2. Weapons Safety Training. The Battalion Weapons Safety Training Program was conducted weekly and continued to emphasize familiarization with safety in the handling of all the small arms utilized within the Battalion.

3. Troop Indoctrination and Orientation. Indoctrination and Orientation lectures were presented to all newly joined personnel during the month of March. Weapons safety training and familiarization firing of all small arms weapon organic to the Battalion were included in this program. The range facilities of the ARVN Hoa Cam Training Center were utilized for all small arms weapons firing.

4. Officers and Staff NCO Schools. Two periods of instruction for Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers were conducted.

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Helicopters in  
Vietnam

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Use of Naval  
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Lt. COMINGS  
(Naval Gunfire  
Liaison Officer  
1st MarRegt)

5. Technical Training. MOS Training was conducted by the various platoons and sections in H&S Company.

6. Unit Training. The gun companies conducted training in tank subjects and general military subjects in addition to weekly weapons safety training. The gun companies spent an exceptionally large amount of time in operating with their respective units to which assigned. The reduction in rainfall has resulted in a better operational condition of the terrain leading to more enhanced mobility and flexibility in the employment of tanks.

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a. Commander, Southern Sector, Operation Order 1-67 was disseminated to all tenant and adjacent units of the Southern Sector.

b. Three search and clear and one reconnaissance missions were executed in response to intelligence reports of enemy presence in or adjacent the Southern Sector TAOR.

c. Day and night patrols, ambushes, OP's, LP's and checkpoints were coordinated and supervised by the Battalion Command Operations Center.

d. Civic Action Activities instigated by the former Sector Commander were carried on and built upon with the cooperation and support of all tenant units.

9. Anti-Tank Activities. There were a total of eight mine incidents during the month of March. All mines being detonated by tanks. Seven of the mines damaged the tanks, the eighth detonated but caused no damage to tank or crewmen. Company B detonated five mines in the 1st Marines and 26th Marines sectors of the TAOR.

Company B, 3rd Tank Battalion detonated one mine in the 9th Marines sector of the TAOR.

Company C detonated two mines in the 1st Marines Sector of the Division TAOR. One mine detonated failed to cause any damage to vehicle.

In most cases the mines consisted of a very large explosive charge which caused moderate to extensive damage to the tank suspension system. Injuries to tank crew members were light as a result of mine explosions. Three crewmen were wounded by sniper fire during one of the mined tank recovery operations.

10. Viet Cong Box Score for March.

	<u>Co. B</u>	<u>Co. B (3rd TkbN)</u>	<u>Co. C</u>
VC KIA Confirmed	13	14	24
VC KIA Probable	7	8	12
VC KIA Captured			11

11. Patrolling. Day and night patrols were scheduled around the Battalion Command Post. During March there were 22 ambush patrols and 13 reconnaissance patrols dispatched from the Battalion Command Post. Three day-light OP's were maintained on the Command Post Perimeter.

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Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT DATA

- A. Significant Operations Conducted
- B. Casualties Sustained
- C. Civic Action
- D. Administration
- E. Personnel
- F. Intelligence
- G. Logistics

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**UNCLASSIFIED SECRET**SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

At 011615H a tank from the 1st Platoon, Company C, in support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines during Operation "Lafayette", detonated a mine in the vicinity of BT 095620. No one was injured. The tank sustained light damage to the right suspension system.

At 011845H the 3rd Platoon, Company B, in position at AT 934663 received approximately 70 rounds of automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of AT 929669. Tanks fired 50 rounds .50 Caliber and 550 rounds of .30 Caliber into the suspected enemy positions. Search of the area was made and evidence of blood was found. Two Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 031300H the 3rd Platoon, Company B, in position at AT 946575 received 250 rounds of automatic fire from the vicinity of AT 954656 and AT 957663. Tanks returned fire and subsequent search of the area revealed evidence of blood. Four Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 040922H a tank from the 2nd Platoon, Company B in support of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines during Operation "Gulf", detonated a mine at AT 854850. Three tank crewmen were injured. One crewman was medevac to 1st Medical Battalion and two were non-medevac. Tank suffered moderate damage.

At 051000H the 3rd Platoon Company B at AT 933667 received 150 rounds of automatic rifle fire from the vicinity of AT 935674. Tanks fired seven rounds of 90mm HE. Search of the area revealed two Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 070800H a tank from the 1st Platoon, Company C, in support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines during Operation "Lafayette", initiated the fuse of a mine at AT 108615. The mine failed to detonate. The mine consisted of about 45 pounds of TNT, wrapped in plastic and placed in a 12" X 12" wooden box and buried in sandy terrain, six inches below the surface. The mine was turned over to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines S-2.

At 110700H a 1st Platoon, Company C tank in blocking position at BT 098635 observed three Viet Cong in two boats at BT 097638. The tank fired five rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one boat destroyed, two Viet Cong KIA confirmed and one Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 131700H a 1st Platoon, Company C tank in a blocking position at BT 119619 observed one Viet Cong in the vicinity of BT 122618. The tank fired two rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 132030H a 3rd Platoon, Company B tank at AT 944704 in blocking position at Tuy Loan Bridge observed several Viet Cong in the vicinity of AT 944708. The Tank fired five rounds of 90mm WP, one round of 90mm HE and 150 rounds of .50 Caliber machine gun fire. A search of the area revealed one Viet Cong KIA confirmed and two Viet Cong KIA probable.

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At 161230H a tank from the 1st Platoon, Company C at BT 129633 fired on several Viet Cong in boats in vicinity of BT 151634. The tank fired eight rounds of 90mm HE resulting in two Viet Cong KIA confirmed, one Viet Cong captured and two Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 161415H two tanks from the 2nd Platoon, Company B at AT 997576 were requested to fire into enemy position at AT 000579. The tank fired five rounds of 90mm WP and one round of 90mm cannister resulting in two Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 170955H a 2nd Platoon, Company C tank in support of Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines detonated a mine at BT 065662. There was no damage to the tank or personnel. The mine appeared to be a 105mm projectile and was electrically detonated. The tank continued on its mission.

At 221415H a tank from the 3rd Platoon Company C at BT 088670 observed three Viet Cong at BT 082674. The tank fired three rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 221300H a section of tanks from Company C at BT 132618 fired into suspected enemy sniper positions at BT 132618. Tanks fired six rounds of 90mm HE and two rounds of 90mm WP. There was one USMC WIA non-medevac resulting from flash burns from the main gun. Search was not conducted due to mission.

At 231210H a tank from the 2nd Platoon, Company C at BT 105628 while in a blocking position observed three Viet Cong running at BT 104622. The tank fired two rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 231345H a 2nd Platoon, Company C tank at 066660 received sniper fire from BT 068663. The tank fired two rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 231730H a Company B tank in support of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines delivered fire on five Viet Cong at AT 851509. The tank fired eight 90mm WP and five HE resulting in five Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 241100H a Company B tank in support of Company F, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT 502867. The tank fired two 90mm HE resulting in two Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 241930H two tanks from Company C observed three Viet Cong moving at AT 074635 and AT 071624. The tanks fired 150 rounds of .30 Caliber and one round of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed and one Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 171525H the 2nd Platoon, Company B at AT 998584 and AT 000582 observed enemy movement at AT 998596 and AT 003586. The tanks fired nine rounds of 90mm HE resulting in five Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

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At 181030H a tank from the 1st Platoon, Company B detonated a mine at AT 873829. Two crewmen were injured, one was medevac. The damage to the tank was extensive. The mine was estimated to consist of 30 pounds of TNT. The tank was retrieved to Hill 190.

At 191300H a section of tanks from the 2nd Platoon Company B at coordinates AT 008583 and BT 009581 recieved small arms fire while on patrol at AT 008592 and AT 999592. The tanks fired 19 rounds of 90mm HE resulting in two Viet Cong KIA confirmed.

At 202145H a tank from the 3rd Platoon, Company B at AT 926690 received 100 rounds of small arms fire from AT 922689. The tank fired 400 rounds of .30 Caliber machine gun fire resulting in one Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 211424H a 2nd Platoon, Company B tank at BT 983583 received several sniper rounds resulting in one USMC WIA medevac. The tank fired three rounds of 90mm HE, five rounds of M-79 and 35 rounds of small arms fire with inconclusive results due to darkness.

At 211755H a tank from the 3rd Platoon, Company C at BT 084669 in support of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, located nine Viet Cong at BT 084669. The tank fired five rounds of 90mm HE resulting in four Viet Cong KIA confirmed and four Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 251300H Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines requested tank support at AT 925927 where they were engaged in a firefight with approximately 50 Viet Cong positioned at AT 946524. The tanks fired 33 rounds of 90mm HE and two rounds 90mm WP resulting in seven Viet Cong KIA confirmed and eight Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 251930H a 2nd Platoon, Company C tank at BT 078602 observed four Viet Cong running in vicinity of BT 069602. The tank fired 11 rounds of 90mm HE resulting in two Viet Cong KIA confirmed and two Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 262100H a 3rd Platoon, Company B tank at AT 944705 observed a boat and one Viet Cong at AT 940707. The tank illuminated the target and fired 300 rounds of .30 caliber resulting in one Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 271800H a 2nd Platoon Company B tank moving into position at AT 992578 detonated a mine, resulting in moderate damage to the suspension system and one USCM WIA non-medevac.

At 271830H a 2nd Platoon Company C tank in a blocking position at BT 174598 observed three Viet Cong running across their front in the vicinity of BT 071601. The tank fired 2 rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed, one Viet Cong KIA probable and one Viet Cong captured.

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At 300900H a reconnaissance patrol of combined H&S Company Marines and Popular Forces conducted a patrol of the Southern Sector of the 1st Division TAOR. The patrol resulted in one ARVN deserter apprehended and turned over to local authorities.

At 300900H a 2nd Platoon Company B 3rd Tank Battalion detonated a mine at AT 984383. There were no casualties but extensive damage was done to the suspension system.

At 301515H at Company B tanks in support of the recovery of a mined tank detonated a mine at AT 984583 resulting in no casualties and light damage to the tank.

At 302210H a 1st Platoon Tank, Company B at AT 899821 received four rounds of small arms fire from the vicinity of AT 896824. The tank fired 30 rounds of 90mm HE resulting in one Viet Cong KIA confirmed and one U.S. carbine captured.

At 301600H a tank recovery vehicle from Company B 3rd Tank Battalion at AT 984583 received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT 928587 resulting in three WIA USMC. Two of the WIA's were medevac, one was non-medevac. Tank security vehicles fired 37 rounds of 90mm HE and 3000 rounds of .30 caliber at suspected enemy positions in order to secure landing zone for medevacs.

At 301315H a section of Company C tanks at AT BT 057637 observed several Viet Cong wearing green and Black uniforms crossing the river at BT 058628 and BT 060615. Tanks fired 10 rounds of 90mm HE resulting in seven Viet Cong KIA confirmed and one Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 311645H a flame tank attached to Company B detonated a mine at AT 958671 resulting in extensive damage to the right suspension system. There were three USMC WIA, one of which was medevac.

At 311705H a 3rd Platoon, Company B section of tanks in support of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines on a relief mission at AT 958677 received undetermined amount of automatic fire from the vicinity of AT 957681. Tanks fired 112 rounds of 90mm HE and 1950 rounds of .30 Caliber resulting in two Viet Cong KIA probable.

At 312300H a Company B tank on a night patrol was fired on at AT 923674 with an undetermined amount of small arms fire coming from the vicinity of AT 921673. The tank fired four rounds of 90mm WP, two rounds of 90mm HE and 500 rounds of .30 caliber resulting in four Viet Cong KIA confirmed and the capture of one 81mm mortar, one .32 caliber pistol, three chioom grenades and various documents.

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CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

During the month of March this Battalion had eight Marines medically evacuated. During the month of March this Battalion had 17 Marines medically evacuated for non-battle reasons.

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CRITICAL ITEMS LIST

RUC	FSN	NOUN NAME	QTY	DOC#	DDD	PRI	HOLDER	FOLLOW UP ACTION
21410	4110-289-7966	Refrigerator, 100 cuft	1	43811	227	02	02	MCSC BARSTOW passed demand to CMC on 14 Feb. No status furnished by CMC.
21410	6830-264-6755	Gas, Acetylene	2025	35372	071	02	01	C1 passed as J1-7 to BARSTOW 18 April
21410	6830-169-0800	Gas, Oxygen	2200	51019	080	05	02	1st tracer to C2 on 29 April
21410	6830-245-0199	Gas, Carbon Dioxide	643	51019	065	05	02	J1-6 partial receipt, balance obl. 18 April
21410	6830-577-4623	Gas, Nitrogen	1760	46223	285	02	02	1st tracer to BARSTOW on 12 April 1967
21410	6240-752-2570	Lamp, F/18" Searchlight	5	51254	070	02	02	Passed as J1-7 on 13 Mar to C1. C1 advised no record of reqn. C2 requested to resend to C1 on 28 April
21410	4940-014-0496	Cleaner, Steam	1	51108	103	05	02	L1-blank. (Issue document out 24 March)

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