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PART I

3d MAR DIV (FWD)
S+C # 1577-65ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit - Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division
2. Period Covered - 1-31 August 1965
3. Date of Submission - 8 September 1965
4. Commanding Officer - Lieutenant Colonel States R. Jones Jr.
5. Command Post - DaNang, Republic of Vietnam, Coordinates AT 988711
6. Subordinate Units
 - a. Headquarters and Service Company Captain Horace A. Bertrand
 - b. Company "A" Captain Fidelas W. Jarnot
 - c. Company "B" Captain Arthur E. Lee
 - d. Company "C" Captain Joe P. Sanders
 - e. Company "B", 1st Tank Bn. Captain Allan W. Lamb

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Mission Assigned

a. The Third Tank Battalion mission is to provide combat support for the Third Marine Division in current operations utilizing mobility, armor-protection, fire power, and shock action to close with and destroy enemy forces, fortifications, and materials. The Third Tank Battalion (-) Reinforced is in general support of the Third Marine Division with a Tank Company in direct support operational control of the Third Marines, a Tank Company in direct support operational control of the Ninth Marines, a Tank Company attached to the Fourth Marines, and a Tank Company (-) attached to the Seventh Marines.

2. Chronological Summary of Events

1 August 1965 - Company "B" conducted two fire missions in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines sweep and clear operations in Cam Ne (1). Targets were defensive bunkers and trenches located at AT 987683 and AT 987687. Both targets were damaged and one bunker was destroyed.

2 August 1965 - Company "A" in direct support of 3d Marines operation "Blast Out I" in southwest portion of DaNang TAOR. Company conducted patrol and sweeping operations on western flank with elements of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion. No enemy activity encountered.

3 August 1965 - Company "A" continued to provide tank support to 3d Marines operation "Blast Out I". Tanks were employed to clear village fortifications of booby-traps and anti-personnel mines. No enemy troop units were encountered. Company "B" conducted fire mission in support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines sweep and clear operations in Cam Ne (1). One bunker where automatic weapons fire was coming from was destroyed (AT 979675). During the evening Company "B" displaced to the Marble Mountain area in preparation for operations with the 1st Battalion 9th Marines.

4 August 1965 - Company "A" returned to Command Post from Operation "Blast Out I" after having provided security for two damaged LVTE-1's during the night of 3-4 August. Company "B" conducted tank-infantry sweep and clear operations south and west of Marble Mountain. Three tanks were temporarily mired in rice fields but were back in action in less than an hour. There was no enemy contact with the tanks although an LVT was extensively damaged when it struck a mine while operating with the tanks.

5 August 1965 - Company "B" continued the tank-infantry search and destroy operations southwest of Marble Mountain. Tank fire was used to destroy enemy bunkers, emplacements and trench lines. Tanks received a considerable amount of small arms fire from a fortified building at (BT 037656) shortly after noon. The structure was destroyed and the enemy small arms fire ceased as a result of the tank fire.

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6 August 1965 - Company "A" was assigned a mission to crush and burn a suspected enemy District Headquarters at (AT 876692). Upon reaching their destination they found the area deserted. A Flame Tank was used to destroy suspected enemy emplacements and meeting places in the immediate vicinity. Company "B" concluded its support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines sweep southwest of Marble Mountain without further enemy contact.

7 August 1965 - Company "A" continued to support search and destroy operations of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines near Cau Song (1) (AT 875695). Additional enemy emplacements were destroyed and the operation concluded during the early evening hours without enemy contact.

8 August 1965 - In response to a request from the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines tanks located at the Battalion Command Post conducted a fire mission against a known enemy ammunition storage area at (AT 987688). Eleven rounds were fired and the target was destroyed as well as the ammunition contained therein. The Battalion completed proficiency firing with all Command Post weapons. Medical personnel continued to provide first aid and basic treatment to the residents of the Hamlet of Phong Bac (1). This activity occurs approximately four times each week and attracts nearly half the village population of eighty.

9 August 1965 - Company "B" responded to a request for assistance from Company "B", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines which was under attack by small arms and automatic weapons. Tank fire was directed at the structure where the fire was coming from. A search of the area failed to reveal any enemy or weapons although spent cartridge cases from .30 caliber weapons were found. At 2330 the Battalion Command Post received a considerable amount of small arms and automatic weapons fire from positions directly in front of the southern portion of the perimeter. Within a very few seconds a heavy mortar barrage began landing throughout the Command Post area. Two living tents, the S-1 tent, and one defensive bunker received direct hits. The barrage lasted for approximately five minutes and approximately thirty rounds exploded within the perimeter and six in the Hamlet of Phong Bac (1). Muzzle flashes were seen coming from Yen Bac at (AT 984702) and Cam Ne (1) (AT 982694). The 60mm mortar rounds came from the first firing position and the 81mm mortar rounds were probably fired from the latter. An artillery fire mission was called on the suspected gun positions however due to the distance the results were not immediately known. The Battalion sustained twenty-three WIA, three of whom later died of wounds including the Battalion Adjutant. At 2338 emergency helicopter evacuation was requested.

10 August 1965 - At 0023 helicopters began arriving and all persons injured during the mortar attack were evacuated to the Third Marine Division hospital by 0050. Crater analysis revealed that the mortar rounds had come from the vicinity of the suspected gun position, however, a search by a patrol from the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines failed to discover any evidence of activity in those locations. The Battalion Command Post was reorganized and deeper and more heavily constructed bunkers were built. Company "B", operating with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines captured six Viet Cong near (BT 054697) and turned them over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation.

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11 August 1965 - Thirty-five Vietnamese were treated by Battalion Medical personnel and thirty pairs of shower shoes were distributed to the residents of Phong Bac (1). Company "B" captured clothing, ammunition, and other military items during a tank patrol south of Marble Mountain. At 2000 four rounds of sniper fire were received in the Battalion Command Post from positions near (AT 996712).

12 August 1965 - The Artillery Forward Observer assigned to the Tank Battalion observed numerous Vietnamese entering a small shrine 1000 meters forward of his position carrying long wooden boxes. A patrol was sent to the area in coordination with the Third Anti-Tank Battalion. No unusual activity was observed and the boxes could not be found.

13 August 1965 - Company "B" participated in a tank-infantry sweep in coordination with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines southwest of Marble Mountain. At (BT 069689) tank returned fire on a Viet Cong emplacement. One Viet Cong was wounded and was seen being dragged off by another. No further enemy activity occurred as the patrol continued its operations throughout the night.

14 August 1965 - Company "A" conducted tank-infantry patrol with elements of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines in western portion of TAOR. No enemy contact. Company "B" conducted search and destroy operations near Marble Mountain without contact. Battalion headquarters command post defense weapons were fired for training and proficiency of crew members.

15 August 1965 - Two rounds of small arms sniper fire were received in the Battalion Command Post area. Location of weapons could not be determined. Company "A" continued its patrol with the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. Sniper fire was received from a position near (AT 879689) however the area could not be searched due to dense underbrush.

16 August 1965 - At 2315 several voices shouting "You Die" were heard along the southern sector of the Battalion Command Post perimeter. This was followed by small arms and automatic weapons fire along all sides of the perimeter. Four 81mm mortar rounds fell along the eastern sector. Contact was broken when defensive automatic weapons returned a heavy volume of fire. The artillery forward observer called a fire mission at the suspected mortar position which resulted in six Viet Cong confirmed KIA. Reports indicated that approximately thirty Viet Cong were involved in the attack with approximately six automatic weapons being used. A late report from the Chief, Hieu Duc District indicated that twenty-six Viet Cong were killed by the artillery fire.

18 August 1965 - A twenty-six man patrol was conducted between 182200H and 190600H forward of the Battalion Command Post. No enemy activity noted. Company "C" reported that two of their tanks were extensively damaged during "Operation Starlight." The tanks had been involved in a very close and intense battle with the Viet Cong near Van Tuong. Tanks were damaged by anti-tank rockets, 81mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, and well aimed small arms fire. Due to fluid nature of the situation the exact disposition of the tanks was unknown at this time. Company "C" reported one KIA and seven WIA. Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion reported one flame tank damaged and four WIA.

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19 August 1965 - Company "C" sustained extensive damage on two tanks and moderate damage to three others during Operation "Starlight." One tank was damaged beyond repair and was destroyed by a demolition team. One other tank will require evacuation, remainder can be fully restored. Tanks destroyed numerous enemy fortifications, captured twenty-nine weapons and accounted for sixty-eight confirmed VC KIA.

20 August 1965 - A twenty-six man patrol was conducted from 200001H to 200600H in the area 2000 meters west of the Battalion Command Post. No enemy encountered.

21 August 1965 - A ten man ambush was established from 202200H to 210600H approximately 300 meters southeast of the Battalion Command Post. No enemy contact.

22 August 1965 - A twenty-six man combat patrol was conducted west and south of the Battalion Command Post. An ambush was established from 212130H until 220545 without enemy contact.

23 August 1965 - Company "B" guarded a downed friendly aircraft west of Marble Mountain. Upon removal of all required equipment the plane was destroyed by a flame tank.

25 August 1965 - The Vietnamese Regional Force Training Center (HOA CAM) immediately adjacent to the Tank Battalion's western perimeter was attacked by a Viet Cong force of unknown strength. No casualties occurred in the Battalion area. The training center sustained two KIA and thirty-seven WIA.

26 August 1965 - Three sniper rounds were received from positions directly south of the Battalion Command Post. Exact location could not be determined. No friendly casualties.

27 August 1965 - Company "B" while on search and destroy operation south of Marble Mountain received substantial small arms and automatic weapons fire. One Marine was WIA. Tank fire was returned on the sources of enemy fire, destroying the emplacement. Due to flooded area between tanks and target it was not possible to confirm enemy casualties.

28 August 1965 - Battalion Medical personnel continued to provide treatment to the residents of Phong Bac (1) immediately adjacent to the eastern sector of the Command Post area.


29 August 1965 - Company "B" conducted a patrol south of Marble Mountain with "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. Significant amounts of enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire were received by the tanks. Fire was returned resulting in three confirmed Viet Cong KIA. Addition casualties could not be confirmed since it was not possible to maneuver between the tanks and the main target area.

30 August 1965 - Three rounds of sniper fire were received in the southeast sector of the Battalion Command Post. Exact location of fire could not be determined. No friendly casualties.

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 31 August 1965 - Company "A" Command Post displaced to (AT 946761). Company "B" conducted a reconnaissance patrol near Marble Mountain. Light enemy resistance was encountered and the tanks sustained one WIA. Tank fire was directed at the enemy positions, however, enemy casualties could not be confirmed due to the situation which required the tanks to continue to cover their patrol route.

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1. 3D TK BN (FWD)
 2. 311600H JUL - 011600H AUG
 3. CO. "B" CONDUCTED TWO FIRE MISSIONS IN CAM NE (1) IN SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 9TH MAR.
 4. CO. "B" CONDUCTED TWO FIRE MISSION, 011310H - 011340H FIRING FR AT 988711 AGAINST SUSPECTED VIET CONG DEFENSIVE TRENCHES AND BUILDINGS IN CAM NE (1), AT 987683 AND 987687. ONE BUILDING DESTROYED, ONE DAMAGED. COMPLETE ABOVE GROUND COVERAGE ACHIEVED AS A RESULT OF TREE BURSTS, V.C. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES UNK.
 507. NEG
 8. CO. "A" WILL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF 1ST BN., 3D MAR. DURING OPERATIONS IN SW PORTION OF TAOR ON 2-3 AUG. SEVEN M48A3 GUN TKS AND THREE M67A2 FLAME TKS WILL BE UTILIZED.
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SITREP

1. 3D TK BN (FWD)
2. 011600H - 021600H
3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR MOVED FR COMMAND POST TO RENDEZVOUS POINT WITH ELEMENTS OF 3D RECON BN AT HILL 41 AND CONDUCTED PATROLLING AND SCREENING MISSIONS IN SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF TAOR.
4. AT 020630H CO. "A" (-)(REIN) CONSISTING OF SEVEN M48A3 GUN TKS AND THREE M67A2 FLAME TKS CONDUCTED AN ARMORED COLUMN FR COMMAND POST AT (AT 935645) TO RONDEVOUS POINT WITH ELEMENTS OF 3D RECON BN AT HILL 41 (AT 933633) 021046H, TWO PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FROM THE VICINITY OF HILL 41 SOUTH AND EAST TO (AT 933627) AND (AT 944633), 021320H TO 021538H, NO ENEMY ENCOUNTERED. COMMAND POST AND DEFENSIVE PERIMETER FOR THE NIGHT ESTABLISHED AT (AT 935645).
- 5-7. NEG
8. CO. "A" WILL CONT OPER IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR ON 3 AUG. ONE PLT WILL OPER AS A SCREENING FORCE ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY AND ONE PLT WITH FLAME TKS WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER ALONG THE WESTERN BANK OF THE SONG YEN RIVER IN COOR WITH CO. "B", 1ST BN, 3D MAR.
- CO. "B" WILL HAVE THREE M48A3 TKS AT (AT 988711) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT BY FIRE TO THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER OF THE 1ST BN, 9TH MAR IN CAM NE (1) AND (2) CO. "B" WILL BEGIN TO STAGE TKS FOR OPER PLANNED BY THE 2D BN, 9TH MAR IN THE SW PORTION OF THE TAOR ON 4 AUG.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 021600H - 031600H

3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR, OPERATION BLAST OUT I. CO. "B" ASSIGNED FIRE MISSION BY 9TH MAR. THIRTY VIETNAMESE TREATED BY CORPSMAN.

4. AT 030700H CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION AS PART OF OPERATION BLAST OUT I. NO ENEMY ENCOUNTERED. AT 031300H CO. "B" CONDUCTED ONE FIRE MISSION IN SUPPORT OF 1ST BN, 9TH MAR (AT 979675). ONE BUNKER DAMAGED.

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED 30 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN PHONG BAC (1).

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SITREP

1. 3D TK BN (FWD)

2. 031600H - 041600H

3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR CONCLUDED PARTICIPATION IN OPER BLAST OUT I. REQUIRED TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT AT 923658 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MECHANICALLY DISABLED LVT-1'S. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED ONE FIRE MISSION AGAINST VET CONG AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITION IN CAM NE (1) (AT 984693). CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT 2D BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED TANK-INFANTRY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN. THIRTY VIETNAMESE TREATED BY BN. CORPSMEN IN PHONG LE BAC (1).

4. CO. "A" CONCLUDED DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR OPERATION BLAST OUT I. DURING THE MECHANIZED COLUMN MOVEMENT BACK TO THE CP TWO LVT-1'S BECAME DISABLED AT (AT 923658). FOUR TANKS REMAINED AT THIS LOCATION OVER NIGHT TO PROVIDE SECURITY. RECOVERY OPERATIONS CONCLUDED AT 041415H AND COLUMN RESUMED MOVEMENT TO CP.

CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN CAM NE (1) AND (2) CONDUCTED ONE FIRE MISSION 031635H AT A VC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITION IN CAM NE (1) (AT 988692). AUTOMATIC WEAPON SILENCED OTHER DAMAGE UNKNOWN.

CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2D BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED TANK-INFANTRY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN, 040619H - 041600H. NO ENEMY CONTACT WITH TANKS.

5-8. NEG

9. THIRTY VIETNAMESE WERE TREATED BY BN. CORPSMEN IN PHONG LE BAC (1).

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2. 041600H - 051600H

3. CO. "A" RETURNED FR 3D MAR OPER BLAST OUT I. CO. "B" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 9TH MAR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER SW OF MARBLE MT. IN SEPARATE ACT SA AND AUTO WEAPONS FIRE WERE RECD FR VC POSITIONS NEAR MAN QUAN (1) (BT 049684) AND TU CAU (1) (BT 037656). MACH GUN FIRE RETURNED DESTROYING ONE BUNKER AND ONE BUILDING. OTHER EMPLACEMENTS DESTROYED AT (BT 055646). BN. CORPSMEN TREATED 40 VIET CIV.

4. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR OPER BLAST OUT I ESCORTED DAMAGED LVTEL TO (AT 903698). LVTEL WAS AGAIN DISABLED. INFANTRY PLT FR DELTA CO., 1ST BN., 3D MAR REMAINED BEHIND AS SECURITY. TANKS RETURNED TO CP AT 051840H.

CO. "B" CONT TANK-INFANTRY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER SW OF MARBLE MT. SA FIRE RECD FROM BUNKER AT (BT 049684) AT 050911H. TANK MACH GUN DESTROYED BUNKER. CO. "D", 3D RECON BN. CAPTURED ONE VCS AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION. AT 051000H TKS DESTROYED EMPLACEMENTS AND TRENCH LINES AT (BT 055646) AT 051234H TKS RECD CONSIDERABLE SA FIRE FR BUILDING AT (037656). TK MACHINE GUN FIRE DESTROYED BUILDING. OTHER DAMAGE UNK. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER WILL CONT ON NIGHT OF 05 AUG.

~~THE BN. CORPSMEN TREATED 40 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS FOR DIFFERENT ILLNESSES.~~
5-8. NEG

9. THE BN. CORPSMEN TREATED 40 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS FOR DIFFERENT ILLNESSES.

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2. 051600H - 061600H
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3. CO. "B" REMAINED OVER NIGHT IN VICINITY OF MARBLE MT. IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2D BN., 9TH MAR. CO. "B" (-) IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 3D MAR. TO DESTROY A VC DISTRICT HQ. THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS TREATED IN PHONG BAC (1) VILLAGE.

4. CO. "B" (-) REMAINED OVER NIGHT IN VICINITY OF MARBLE MT. IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2D BN., 9TH MAR AND CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER UNTIL APPROX 1200H. RECD AND RETURNED SA FIRE. CO. "B" (-) IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN, 9TH MAR FR 1200H AND FOR REMAINDER OF DAY CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER IN AREA SOUTH OF MARBLE MT. CO. "A" (-) IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 3D MAR TO DESTROY A VC DISTRICT HQ AT (AT 876692).

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9. BN. CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE FOR VARIOUS ILLNESSES,

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 061600H - 071600H

3. THREE TANKS FR CO. "A" CONT IN SUPPORT OF A PLT OF CO. "B", 1ST BN, 3D MAR DURING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAO.

CO. "B" HAD ONE PLT ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE SECURITY OF MCB-9 CP. BN CORPSMEN TREATED 35 VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (1).

4. THREE TKS FR CO. "A" CONT TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT TO A PLT FR CO. "B", 1ST BN., 3D MAR DURING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER NEAR CAU SONG (1) (AT 875692). PLANE TKS WERE EMPLOYED TO DESTROY SUSPECTED VC ENPLACEMENTS AND MEETING PLACES. TKS WILL RETURN TO CP BY 071830H.

COMPANY "B" HAD ONE PLT ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT MCB-9 CP, HOSE SITE AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS AT DANANG E COMPLEX.

5-7. MFG

8. SEVENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF M&S CO. WILL CONDUCT M-60 AND .50 CAL. MG FIRING EXERCISE AT/TO A CAM TRNG CENTER 080800H - 081100H.

9. BN. CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (1) (AT 994718).

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2. 071600H - 081600H

3. TK BN. HQ TKS CONDUCTED ONE FIRE MISSION AGAINST A VC AMMUNITION STORAGE EMPLACEMENT, (AT 987688). MG FIRING EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY H&S CO. THIRTY VIETNAMESE TREATED BY BN. MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FR CO, 2D BN., 9TH MAR, TK BN HQ TKS CONDUCTED A FIRE MISSION FIRING FR POSITIONS WITHIN THE BN CP. (AT 988711) AGAINST A VC AMMUNITION STORAGE EMPLACEMENT (AT 987688) AT 081310H. ELEVEN ROUNDS FIRED, TARGET DESTROYED.

5-6. NEG

7. M-60 AND .50 CAL. MG FIRING EXERCISE CONDUCTED AT HOA CAM TRNG CENTER BY H&S CO. 080800H - 081100H.

8. NEG

9. THIRTY RESIDENTS OF THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1) RECD MEDICAL TREATMENT FR BN. MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

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2. 081600H - 091600H
3. BN CORPSMEN TREATED 30 AND FED 50 VIETNAMESE.
- 4-8. NEG
9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED 30 AND FED 50 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1).

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 091600H - 101600H

3. AT 092330 SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECD ALONG THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE BN PERIMETER FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A MORTAR BARRAGE OF TWENTY RDS WITHIN THE CP. AN ADDITIONAL SIX TO TEN ROUNDS IMPACTED IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1). CASUALTIES, TWO DOW, EIGHTEEN WIA. TWO TENTS DESTROYED, TWO TRUCKS DAMAGED.

4. AT 092330H APPROX FIFTEEN RDS OF SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECD FR POSITIONS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE BN'S SOUTHERN PERIMETER. (AT 988708). AN INCOMING MORTAR BARRAGE COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY AND ENDED AT 2335H. TWENTY RDS OF 81MM AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE IMPACTED WITHIN THE CP FR (AT 986709) TO (AT 988712). OBSERVERS REPORTED TUBE FLASHES FR A TREE LINE ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER AT (AT 984702). IN ADDITION TO THE RDS WHICH IMPACTED WITHIN THE CP AT LEAST SIX ADDITIONAL RDS LANDED IN THE VILLAGE OF ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PHONG BAC (1) (AT 990712). CASUALTIES WERE TWO DOW AND EIGHTEEN WIA WHO WERE HELI-EVACUED BEGINNING AT 100020H AND ONE VIETNAMESE GIRL IN PHONG BAC (1) WOUNDED IN THE LEFT ARM. CRATER ANALYSIS DETERMINED THE LOCATION OF THE GUN POSITION TO BE AT (AT 982698). A SQUAD SIZED PATROL FR 2D BN, 9TH MAR SEARCHED THE AREA FR 100945H TO 101210H WITHOUT LOCATING ANY EVIDENCE OF MORTAR POSITIONS. IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONNEL CASUALTIES TWO GENERAL PURPOSE TENTS WERE DESTROYED AND TWO M-49, 2 1/2 TON, FUEL TANK TRUCKS WERE DAMAGED SLIGHTLY. AT 100345H TWO ROUNDS OF SA FIRE WERE RECD IN THE SW PORTION OF THE TAOR.

5. 2 - NEG

6. 1 - NEG

8. CO. "B" WILL SUPPORT CLEAR AND HOLD OPER OF THE 2D BN. 9TH MARINES IN DUONG SON (2) AND GIANG DONG COMMENCING 110630H.

9. NEG

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 101600H - 111600H

3. CO. "B" OPERATING SOUTH OF MARBLE MT WITH CO. "B", 1ST BN, 9TH MAR APPREHENDED SIX VCS. BN CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE.

4. AT 101600H CO. "B" OPERATING SOUTH OF MARBLE MT WITH CO. "B", 1ST BN, 9TH MAR APPREHENDED FIVE VCS. AT 101730H ONE VCS APPREHENDED BY DISMOUNTED TANK CREWMEN IN A BUNKER AFTER BEING CHASED BY THE TANK. ALL SIX WERE LATER CONFIRMED VC WITH LAST ONE IDENTIFIED AS HARD ~~XXXX~~ CORE.

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1).

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 111600H - 121600H

3. TANK CREW OF CO. "B" FOUND BAG OF PLUGS FOR FUZE WELLS OF 105MM AND 155MM. THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE TREATED BY BN CORPSMEN. BN CHAPLAIN GAVE 30 PAIR OF RUBBER SHOWER SHOES TO VIETNAMESE.

4. TANK CREW OF CO. "B" PATROLLING SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN CAPTURED A CLOTH BAG OF FUZE WELL PLUGS FOR 105MM AND 155MM HOWITZER AMMUNITION NEAR MARBLE MT (BT 075708). ITEMS RECOVERED WERE TURNED INTO 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. NO OTHER ENEMY CONTACT.

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1). BN CHAPLAIN GAVE THIRTY PAIR RUBBER SHOWER SHOES TO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN VILLAGE AS PART OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROGRAM.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 121600H - 131600H
MEN
3. FIFTEEN FROM H&S CO. PARTICIPATED IN RECONNAISSANCE PATROL WITH AT BN. ONE WIA FROM MORTAR ATTACK ON 9 AUG 65 DOW AT 120140H. PLT FR CO. "B" CONT PATROLLING S AND W OF MARBLE MT.
4. AT 121700H FIFTEEN MEN FR H&S CO. ACCOMPANIED A SIMILAR NUMBER FR THE AT BN. ON A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL TO (AT 984703) TO DETERMINE CAUSE FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PERSONS AND MATERIAL ENTERING A BUILDING AT THAT LOCATION. PATROL RETURNED 121830H. RESULTS RPT BY AT BN. AT 121845H BN RECEIVED NOTICE THAT BN. ADJUTANT WIA DURING 9 AUG MORTAR ATTACK ON BN CP DOW AT 120140H AT CAB HOSP PT.
PLATOON FR CO. "B" CONT PATROL ACTIVITY S AND W OS MARBLE MT. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 131600H - 141600H

3. CO. "A" CONDUCTING TANK-INFANTRY PATROL WITH C-1-3 (AT 892678).
PLT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITH 1ST BN, 9TH
MAR SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FORTY VIETNAMESE. ONE
SEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL TREATED FOR DOG BITE.

4. CO. "A" CONDUCTING TANK-INFANTRY PATROL IN SOUTH PORTION OF ~~XXXXXX~~
TAOR WITH CO. "C", 1ST BN, 3D MAR AT 141600H LOCATED AT (AT 892678).
NO ENEMY CONTACT.

PLT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SOUTH OF
MARBLE MTN. AT 131745H TKS SPOTTED TWO VC WITH RIFLES AT (BT 069680).
ENEMY TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY TK MG. ONE VC WOUNDED AND CARRIED OFF BY
THE OTHER INTO THE NEARBY HAMLET. SEARCH FAILED TO LOCATE THE VC. BOTH
ARMED WITH U.S. TYPE CARBINE RIFLES.

5-6. NEG

7. M-60 AND .50 CAL MG FIRING EXERCISE CONDUCTED AT HOA CAM TRNG ~~XXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXX~~ CENTER BY H&S CO. 141400H - 141535H.

8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FORTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN PHONG BAC (1).
ONE SEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL GIVEN PENICILLIN. 400,000 UNITS AT 131630H AND
140800H FOR DOG BITE.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 141600H - 151600H
3. RECD TWO RDS SA FIRE IN BN CP. CO. "A" CONDUCTED TK-INFANTRY PATROL WITH C-1-3 (AT 879698). ENCOUNTERED ENEMY SNIPER FIRE.
4. RECD TWO RDS SA FIRE 142048H AT BN CP (AT988711). FIRE CAME FR SW OF CP LOCATION. CO. "A" CONDUCTED TK-INFANTRY PATROL IN S PORTION OF TAOR WITH CO. "C", 1ST BN, 3D MAR. AT 151320H, ENCOUNTERED ENEMY SNIPER FIRE (AT 879698). LOST CONTACT DUE TO HEAVY UNDER BRUSH. PATROL ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE.
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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 151600H - 161600H

3. CO. "A" CONCLUDED PATROL ACTIVITY IN WESTERN TAOR. CO. "B" ON PATROL W/B-1-9 SW OF MARBLE MTN. ONE MARINE WIA SA FIRE. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FOURTY CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "A" CONCLUDED PATROL ACTIVITY W/C-1-3 RECD ONE RD OF SA FIRE FOLLOWED BY SEARCH WHICH FAILED TO LOCATE SOURCE OF FIRE. CO. "A" TKS RETURNED TO CO. CP 160845H. CO. "B" ON PATROL W/B-1-9 SW OF MARBLE MTN. ONE WIA RIGHT SHOLDER. SA FIRE TANKS RETURNED FIRE LATER SEARCH REVEALED EXTENSIVE TRACES OF BLOOD. NO ENEMY BODIES RECOVERED. ~~(160900Z)~~

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FOURTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1).

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 161600H - 171600H

3. AT 162312H THE VC LAUNCHED A PROBE IN FORCE AGAINST THE TK BN CP. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY VC USED SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BRINGING FIRE INTO THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN FLANK OF THE BN CP (AT 988711). FOUR RDS OF 81MM MORTAR IMPACTED ALONG THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE CP. TWO RDS LANDED WITHIN AND TWO OUTSIDE THE DEFENSIVE WIRE. RIFLE AND MG FIRE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR TO THE VC FIRING POSITIONS. AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WAS FIRED AT (AT 985704), A SUSPECTED MORTAR FIRING POSITION, RESULTING IN SIX CONFIRMED VC KIA. CONTACT WAS BROKEN BY THE VC AT 162328H. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

4. AT 162312H APPROXIMATELY SIX VC APPROACHED THE DEFENSIVE WIRE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE BATTALION'S PERIMETER YELLING IN ENGLISH "YOU DIE". THIS GROUP THEN FIRED SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS INTO THE CP. SUBMACHINE GUN AND MACHINE GUN FIRE FR A TANK WAS RETURNED AND THREE VC WERE SEEN TO DROP AS THEY RAN BACK FR THE WIRE. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS INITIAL ACTIVITY THREE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS OPENED FIRE AT THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE PERIMETER HITTING ONE OF THE DEFENSIVE BUNKERS. ALMOST INSTANTLY ALONG A LINE FR (AT 990706) TO (AT 991718) SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WERE RECD IN THE CP. THEN FR A POSITION APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS TO THE SOUTH MORE SA BEGAN FIRING. AT 162320H FOUR RDS OF 81MM MORTAR IMPACTED ALONG THE EASTERN FLANK. TWO IMPACTED WITHIN THE CP IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER AND TWO IMPACTED OUTSIDE THE DEFENSIVE WIRE. RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RETURNED AT THE VC SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS AND ONE

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RD OF TK CANNISTER AMMUNITION WAS FIRED. AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED ON THE POSITIONS WHERE MORTARS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE FIRED FR DURING THE 9 AUG ATTACK. SIX VC RAN OUT FR THE WOODLINE AT (AT 985704) JUST AS A 105MM WP RD FIRED BY E BTRY 2D BN 12TH MAR IMPACTED NEAR THAT POSITION. TWO OBSERVERS NOTED THAT ALL SIX VC WERE HIT AND DROPPED INTO THE RICE FIELD. NO FURTHER MOVEMENT ACCURRED THIS POSITION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT. THE VC BROKE CONTACT AT 162328H. A SEARCH OF THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN FLANKS OF THE BATTALION AREA AT FIRST LIGHT 17 AUG REVEALED THREE POSITIONS WHERE THE VC WERE FIRING SA OR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. HOWEVER, NO TRACES OF BLOOD WERE FOUND.

5-7. NEG

8. CO. "B" TO PROVIDE SUPPORT BY FIRE TO OPERATIONS OF THE 2D BN 9TH MAR IN CAN NE (1) AND (2) ON 17-19 AUG.

9. NEG

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 171600H - 181600H

3.-7. NEG

8. TWENTY-SIX MAN PATROL FROM 182200H TO 190600H IN OS (AT 9870) IN
CONJUNCTION W/AT BN AND LVT BN.

9. NEG

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
 2. 181600H - 191600H
 3. TWO TKS CO. "B" IN SUPPORT OF 2/9 CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATION OF CAM NE (1) AND (2).
 4. TWO TKS CO. "B" PROVIDED SECURITY OF 2/9 OP ON HILL 47 DURING CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATION OF CAM NE (1) AND (2).
 - 5-7. NEG
 8. TWENTY-SIX MAN PATROL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR 182200H THROUGH 190600H IN GS (AT 9870) WAS POSTPONED UNTIL 192400H THROUGH 200600H.
 9. NEG
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SITREP

1. ~~THIRD~~ THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 19600H - 201600H
3. CONDUCTED 26 MAN COMBAT PATROL AND ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AMBUSH ALONG NORTH BANK OF SONG CAM D~~R~~IVER.
4. AT 192400H A 26 MAN RECONNAISSANCE PATROL MOVED FROM THE BATTALION CP TO AN AMBUSH POSITION AT (AT982701) REMAINING ~~XX~~ IN THAT LOCATION UNTIL 200600H. NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY OR MOVEMENT OF LOCAL VILLAGERS WAS NOTED. AFTER DAWN ON 20 AUG IT WAS NOTED THAT APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN PERSONS WERE LIVING IN THE HAMLET OF YEN BAC (1).
- 5-7 NEGATIVE
8. AN AMBUSH WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT (AT992706) FROM 202200H ~~TO~~ 210600H.
9. NEGATIVE.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 201600H - 211600H
3. AN AMBUSH WAS CONDUCTED AT (AT 992706) WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT.
4. TK BN. ESTABLISHED A TEN MAN AMBUSH AT (AT 992706) AT 202200H. THE AMBUSH STAYED IN POSITION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND WAS DEACTIVATED AT 210600H. NO MOVEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1) WAS NOTED AND THERE WAS NEG CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.
- 5-7. NEG
8. A TWENTY-SIX MAN COMBAT PATROL WILL DEPART THE CP AT 211900H ESTABLISHING AN AMBUSH AT THE RIVER CROSSING AT (AT 978701) AND RETURNING THE TK BN. AREA AT 220800H.
9. NEG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 211600H - 221600H
3. CONDUCTED COMBAT PATROL AND AMBUSH SOUTH AND WEST OF BN AREA. NO ENEMY CONTACT.
4. A TWENTY-SIX MAN COMBAT PATROL WAS CONDUCTED FR 211700H TO 220730H WEST THEN SOUTH FR THE BN CP. AN AMBUSH WAS ESTABLISHED AT 212130H AT (AT 978701). THE AMBUSH WAS DEACTIVATED AT 220545H WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT. THE PATROL RETURNED THROUGH THE HAMLET OF YEN BAC (1) AND NOTED THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE RESIDENTS APPEARED TO BE MUCH MORE FRIENDLY THAN WAS THE CASE PRIOR TO THE SECURING OF CAM NE (1) AND (2).

5-9. NEG

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TO: THIRD MARDIV(FWD)

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
 2. 221600H - 231600H
 3. CO. "B" FLAME TANK DESTROYED DOWNED FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT.
 4. CO. "B" FLAME TANK M67A2 WAS DISPATCHED TO VICINITY OF BA TUNG (1) HAMLET (BT 047702) TO DESTROY DOWNED FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT. AN P8U FR VMOJ.
 - 5-9. NEG
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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 231600H - 241600H
3. BN CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
- 4-8. NEG
9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1).

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2. 241600H - 251600H

3.-9. NEG

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 251600H - 261600H

3. RECD THREE RDS SA FIRE INTO BN DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. TREATED FORTY CIVILIANS IN HAMLET OF PHONG BAC.

4. RECD THREE RDS SA FIRE INTO THE BN DEFENSIVE PERIMETER PR VICINITY (AT 990708). NO CASUALTIES.

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FORTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC.

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C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 261600H - 271600H

3. CO. "B", 1ST PLT WHILE ON PATROL AND SEARCH OPERATION WITH 1/9
SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN RECD SA FIRE. TREATED VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "B", 1ST PLT WHILE ON PATROL AND SEARCH OPERATION WITH 1/9
SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN RECD SA FIRE FROM (BT 092654). FIRE WAS RETURNED
WITH 90MM, .30 AND .50 CAL. ONE MARINE WIA. NO KNOWN ENEMY CASUALTIES.

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-SIX VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF
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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
 2. 271600H - 281600H
 3. BN CORPMEN TREATED VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
 - 4-8. NEG
 9. BN CORPMEN TREATED ^{THIRTY} VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1)
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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 281600H - 291600H
3. PLT FR CO. "B" PARTICIPATED IN SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MTN WITH "A" CO., 1ST BN, 9TH MAR.
4. TANK PLT FR CO. "B" SUPPORTED SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS OF "A" CO. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. AT 291040H ONE TK RECD SA FIRE FR (AT 077680). MG AND SIX RDS OF 90MM AMMUNITION WERE RETURNED AT THE TARGET. DUE TO POOR TRAFFICABILITY AND REQUIREMENT TO CONTINUE ON SWEEPING MISSION THE RESULTS OF TK FIRE ARE UNK. THE PLATOON REACHED THE LOA WITHOUT FURTHER ENEMY CONTACT.
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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 291600H - 301600H

3. BN CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE. SMOCKS WERE PRESENTED TO TWO VIETNAMESE WOMEN.

4-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1). SMOCKS WERE PRESENTED TO TWO VIETNAMESE WOMEN BY THE CHAPLAIN FOR NURSES AIDS.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 301600H - 311600H
3. TK SECT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE IN QS (BT 0669) AND BT (0769). BN CORPSMEN TREATED 30 VIETNAMESE.
4. THREE TKS FR CO. "B" ACCOMPANIED BY AN AMTRAC AND TWO INFANTRY SQUADS FR CO. "A", 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONDUCTED AN ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE IN QS (BT 0669) AND (BT 0769) FR 310900H to 311300H. AT 311050H TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRED ON THE TKS. NINE AND SIX RDS OF 90MM AMMUNITION FIRED AT THE TARGET. NO FURTHER ENEMY CONTACT.
- 5-8. NEG
9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED 30 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1).

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 Encl: (1) Overlay - Route of advance

1. Composition

1. Headquarters M48A3
- 1 Blade tank M48A3
- 5 M48A3's
- 3 M67 Flame tanks
- 2 LVTEL Mine Clearing

2. Mission. D day direct support (OPCON) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion in search and clear operation. D day plus 1, 3 M67's, 1 M48A3 with blade, 2 LVTEL's attached to "B" Company 1/3 search and clear along western bank of Song Yen River. One platoon (reinf) direct support 1/3 during search and clear from high ground vicinity grid square 9364.

3. Trafficability

a. Generally the terrain was easily trafficable to tanks. There are areas where tanks are channelized. Limiting features encountered in order of prominence - mud, wet rice paddies, ~~or~~ areas seeming to support tanks on surface which collapse due to subsurface weakness, and steep banks or ditches.

b. Fords - Three fords were encountered on the Song Tuy Loan River.

(1) 945704 - Depth 1 foot to 3 feet. Crossed at 0730, 2100, and 1800 with depth varying little at each respective crossing. The river is crossed at a 45° angle. Width is approximately 50 meters. A sand bar island is located in middle of river. Eastern bank gentle slope and sandy. Western bank steep slope and can be slippery.

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Approx. 12' high. Caution; Bottom is sandy and firm but current shifts the sand. Swimmers must be utilized before crossing. Tide may have some effect on depth of water too.

(2) 927707 Depth 6" to 1'. Width 15 meters. Crossed at right angle. Both banks gently sloping and sandy. Bottom firm sand.

(3) 921707 Depth 6" to 2'. Width 20 meters. Crossed at gentle angle. Both banks gently sloping and sandy. Bottom firm sand. Swimmers advised-current could cause deeper hole near eastern bank.

c. Bridges:

No bridges were encountered on the route to and from the objective. On the road running N-S between grid lines 94 and 95 there are several small culvert/bridges which can be bypassed in between grid lines 66 and 64.

d. Roads:

Roads on the western side of the Song Yen River were not utilized except for short stretches between grid lines 66 and 64 as noted above. The road is trafficable to tanks, but north of grid line 66, the road was not reconnoitered.

4. Anti-tank Mines, Weapons, Road Blocks, and Ditches

None of the above were encountered. No AP mines encountered.

5. Enemy Guerilla Warfare Capability

The route taken by "A" Co. traversed country that would afford excellent cover and concealment for guerillas. Mines capable of disabling tanks could be easily employed as well as concealed recoil rifles and rocket launchers. Tanks are forced to travel the high ground where rocks and thick elephant grass and/or brush are abundant. The low ground consists mainly of prominent flooded rice paddies. Excellent fields of fire exist for tanks to shoot from the high ground to the low ground.

Hill 41 ^{at} the high ground in grid square 9364 affords a commanding view of the surrounding hills, mountains, and low ground. Direct fire can be employed in all directions from these areas.

6. Civilians

The local population seemed to be indifferent towards our presence. The elders were reticent at all times and the youngsters shy at first, but after the awesome pig iron monsters were in their area for some time, the kids were normally gregarious with an outstretched palm. I believe they would support both sides depending on who was present at the time.

I think the V.C. have quite a strong influence in the area due to their seeming omnipresence. All males of military age were apprehended and evacuated for questioning by 1/3 during the 2 day operation. Regimental S-2 could give more accurate data on this subject of support. Their indifference leads me to conclude that they would like to be left alone to their menial tasks.

7. Enemy

No enemy were encountered.

8. Observations plus Opinions ✓

a. Psychologically. Tanks can be used effectively in the Da Nang area. By their presence alone, they build confidence amongst the infantry, while at the same time, they shake the confidence of the enemy. It is not the quantity of tanks that is important. Psychologically one tank would suffice, but one could not support itself. An ideal composition for a tank/infantry search and clear operation would be comprised of 2 M67's, 2 searchlight M48A3's and dozer tank acting as the headquarters vehicle.

b. Size. The fewer the tanks, the better the support. In light of the paragraph above and considering tank trafficability, fewer tanks on an operation would mean quicker and more efficient support. The terrain encompassing the Da Nang area will support up to 5 tanks with greater ease than 6 or more. Mud is the greatest tank obstacle in this area. If tanks had to go through a muddy or wet soiled area, the chances are better that a small number would have more success than a large column of beetles. Usually the first 5 tanks can smoothly navigate these areas, and the following ones begin to bog down. This is costly in time and energy when speed and efficiency are essential. Consider also that usually the column must return by much the same route. The less a difficult area has been chewed up, the greater the chances are for a successful recrossing. Mobility is one of the pivotal points for tank support. Anything that could be done to increase our mobility should be attempted.

c. Searchlights. In a guerrilla war where most of the enemy contacts occur during the hours of darkness, early detection is essential and the ability to pick out targets is just as important. If more tanks equipped with searchlights were available, I believe tank support could be improved greatly.

d. Tank/Infantry Coordination

In the Republic of Vietnam half the battle on a tank/infantry coordinated sweep is fought before any enemy contact is made. This battle is the task the tanks face in reaching an objective. On every tank/infantry operation executed so far in Da Nang, almost without exception, the infantry has been

delayed at length due to tanks encountering problems with the terrain. If the decision is made in the planning stages to employ tanks, a more realistic and accurate approach should be taken in reaching conclusions as to ETA and support at the objective.

For example, on this operation, a column of 5 tanks as outlined in the psychology paragraph above would have been ideal, and all commitments could have been fulfilled on schedule. About half of the route of advance had been previously negotiated by a platoon of tanks. The route was fairly well mapped out and reconnoitered by helicopter. An ETA of 3 hours and 30 minutes was given. The first four tanks arrived at the rendezvous point in 4 hours and 30 minutes. The last elements arrived after 6 hours and 30 minutes had passed from time of departure. The advanced guard (3 tanks) encountered no difficulties and was delayed for over one hour by vehicles bogging down in the rear of the column. A platoon of tanks could have reached the objective intact and on schedule. The delays cost us valuable time needed for further reconnaissance of the area utilized during the second day of operations.

The real heart of the matter lies in the fact that no matter how thorough a reconnaissance is made by helicopter or foot, one cannot give an accurate estimate of time where tanks are concerned until the tanks have physically traversed the area in question. With time will come the experience of having penetrated most avenues available to tracked vehicles. Then accurate estimates can be proffered. Until then, I believe we must utilize smaller numbers of tanks in the Western portion of the Da Nang sector, and the infantry should be accurately aware of the problems we encounter in our movement to contact. All tank/infantry operations should allow for the possibility of tanks not being able to rendezvous with infantry, or at least plans should be flexible to allow for unforeseen delays caused by terrain difficulties.

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DaNang, RVN
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Patrol Order 1-65

1. Situation

a. Enemy forces. Local force guerilla units up to Company size have been known to operate in the patrol area. No units are known to be operating north of the Song Cau Do river east of the bridge at (AT 946699) and west of the highway 1 bridge at (AT 998707).

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th Marine OP located at (AT 975705). Unit includes two tanks and local security forces.

(2) Company "E", 2d Bn., 9th Marines conducting clearing and holding operations in Cam Ne (1) and (2).

(3) 4th Platoon, Company "B", 1st Am Trac Bn. in blocking positions in the Song Cau Do River from the intersection with the Song Yen River west to the Highway 1 bridge.

(4) Elements from 1st Bn., 9th Marines occupy defensive positions at the Highway 1 bridge.

(5) 3d Tank Bn. and 3d Anti-Tank Bn. occupy defensive positions on the ridge line north of the Song Cau Do River (AT 986699) to (AT 990699).

2. Mission. To conduct a combat patrol south and west of the Tank Bn. defensive positions to prevent enemy infiltration into nearby friendly installations and to kill or capture the enemy.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operations. Under cover of darkness a combat patrol consisting of elements of the 3d Tank Bn, 3d Anti-Tank Bn., and 1st Am Trac Bn. will move from the IP ~~and~~ south and west along established trails to an ambush position at (AT 982702). The patrol will remain overnight in the ambush position returning to the IP at first light the following day. See Annex A.

b. Composition of the Patrol.

- (1) Patrol Leader SSgt. WALLACE
- (2) (3) Fire Teams
- (3) Machine Gun Squad
- (4) 3.5" Rocket Squad

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(5) Radio Operator

(6) Corpsman

(7) Four ARVN soldiers or PF's

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day 18 August 1965

(2) H-Hour 2200H

(3) RVN personnel to be placed under tactical direction of fire team leaders.

(4) Smoking or fires are not authorized during hours of darkness.

(5) Visual contact between members of the patrol will be constantly maintained.

(6) In the event the ambush is exposed the patrol will remain in position until first light on 19 August 1965.

(7) Targets will be confirmed prior to engagement.

(8) Fire will not be directed toward any friendly position and no targets will be engaged south of the Song Cau Do River.

(9) Rules of engagement remain in effect.

d. Reports.

(1) Arrival at checkpoints.

(2) Enemy contact.

(3) Loss of contact with the enemy.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Supply.

(1) Rations (one MCI per man)

(2) Ammunition (basic allowance plus each fire team leader will carry two frag grenades with spoons taped)

(3) Water (Two canteens per man)

(4) Medical Supplies (each man carry jungle kit)

(5) Resupply in an emergency only.

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b. Evacuation.

(1) By helicopter - mark landing zone with yellow smoke.

c. Uniforms.

(1) Combat uniform with steel helmet.

(2) Flak jackets.


5. Communications.

a. Guard Bn. Tac Net.

b. Maintain radio silence in the ambush unless position is exposed.

c. Patrol to be equipped with yellow smoke, green smoke, and white star clusters.

ANNEX A - Patrol Overlay.


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Patrol Order 2-65

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Local force guerilla units have been known to operate in the patrol/ambush area. No enemy units are known to be operating in this area at this time.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines at Highway 1 Bridge.

(2) 2d Bn, 9th Marines in Cam Ne (1) and Cam Ne (2).

(3) 3d Tank Bn and 3d AT Bn occupy defensive positions on ridge line north of Song Cau Do.

(4) 4th Platoon, Company "B", 1st AnTrac Bn in blocking positions in Song Cau Do River.

2. Mission. To conduct a combat patrol to the ambush site where the patrol will establish a position to prevent enemy infiltration and kill or capture the enemy.

3. Execution.

a. Concert of Operations. At 202200H an ten man patrol/ambush will move south from the Tank Bn. command post approximately 200 meters, then east for 350 meters along established trails to an ambush site at (AT 993706). The patrol will remain in the ambush site overnight returning to the IP at first light 21 August 1965.

b. Composition of the Patrol.

(1) Patrol/Ambush Leader Sgt. BRISKY

(2) Two Automatic Riflemen

(3) One Machine Gunner

(4) One Assistant Machine Gunner

(5) Three Riflemen

(6) One Radio Operator

(7) One Corpsman

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Smoking and fires are not authorized.

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(2) Every attempt will be made to capture the enemy before engaging him by fire.

(3) Visual contact will be maintained between members of the patrol at all times.

(4) In the event the ambush is exposed, the patrol will remain in position until first light 21 August 1965.

(5) Fire will not be directed toward any friendly unit and no targets will be engaged south of the Song Cau Do River.

(6) Prescribed rules of engagement remain in effect.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Supply.

(1) Rations (one MCI per man)

(2) Ammunition (basic allowance plus ambush leader will carry two frag grenades with spoons taped)

(3) Water (two canteens per man)

(4) Medical (each man carry jungle kit)

(5) Resupply in an emergency only.

b. Evacuation. From Tank Bn. helipad.

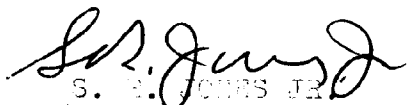
c. Uniforms.

(1) Combat uniform with steel helmet.

(2) Flak jackets.

5. Communications.

a. Radio silence at all times except to report enemy contact or requirement for augmenting forces or additional medical assistance.


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3d Tank Bn
DaNang, RVN
210900H Aug 65

Patrol Order 3-65

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Local force guerilla units have been known to operate in the patrol area. No units are known to exist in this area at this time.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 2d Bn., 9th Marines located in Cam Ne complex, south of the Song Cau Do River, and at the highway 1 bridge (AT 997706).

(2) 3d Tank Bn, and 3d Anti-Tank Bn. occupy defensive positions on the ridge line north of the Song Cau Do River from (AT 986699) to (AT 980699).

(3) Co. "M", 1st Bn., 3d Marines occupies defensive positions near Huei Lam (3) (AT 955690) and Cam Hoa (1) (AT 964706).

(4) Hoa Cam Training Center occupies an outpost at (AT 979707).

2. Mission. To conduct a combat patrol south and west of the 3d Tank Bn. defensive positions to prevent enemy infiltration and to kill or capture the enemy.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operations. (See Annex A) The patrol will assemble in the 2nd Bn. CP area and board motor vehicles at sunset 21 August. The vehicles will follow a route north then west of the Hoa Cam Training Center, turn east along the MSR reaching Check Point 1 during late evening/nautical twilight. The patrol will rapidly disembark and move along the high ground to Check Point 3 remaining in this position until 212130H at which time it will move to establish an ambush at Check Point 4. The patrol will remain in the ambush position throughout the night. At first light the patrol will sweep the area between Check Point 4 and Check Point 6 returning to the CP by 220800H.

b. Composition of the Patrol.

(1) Patrol leader

Lt. D. MORRIS

(2) (3) Fire Teams

(3) Machine Gun Squad

(4) 3.5" Rocket Squad

(5) Radio Operator

(6) Corporal

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(2) (4) ARVN soldiers from Hoa Cam Training Center

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D - Day 21 August 1965

(2) H - Hour 1830H

(3) ARVN personnel to be placed under tactical direction of fire team leaders.

(4) Patrol briefing at Tank Bn. S-3 at 211730H.

(5) Patrol leader insure that interpreter is present during briefing and patrol.

(6) Smoking and fires are not authorized during hours of darkness.

(7) Visual contact will be maintained between members of the patrol at all times.

(8) Every attempt will be made to capture the enemy prior to engaging him by fire.

(9) ARVN personnel will be instructed to signal Marine members of the patrol prior to engagement.

(10) Rules of engagement remain in effect and no targets will be engaged south of the Song Cau Do River.

(11) In the event the ambush is exposed the patrol will reorganize into a defensive posture and remain in position until first light.

d. Reports.

(1) Arrival at Check Points.

(2) Contact with the enemy.

(3) Loss of contact with the enemy.

e. Administration and Logistics.

a. Supply.

(1) Rations (One MCI per man)

(2) Water (Two canteens per man)

(3) Medical Supplies (Each man carry jungle kit)

(4) Ammunition (Basic allowance plus two frag grenades per fire team leader)

(5) Resupply in an emergency only.

b. Evacuation.

(1) By helicopter - mark landing zone with yellow smoke.

c. Uniforms.

(1) Combat uniform with steel helmet.


(2) Dark jackets.

5. Communications.

a. Guard for Tac Net.

b. Maintain radio silence in ambush position except to report enemy contact.

c. Patrol to be equipped with, yellow smoke, green smoke, illumination grenades.


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Annex A - Patrol Overlay

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Hq. 3d Tank Bn (-) FMF
Da Nang RVN
051800 Aug 1965

Periodic Logistic Report No. 4

Period Covered - 291800 July 1965 to 051800 Aug 1965

Ref: (a) FO 4000.1

1. Logistic situation at end of period.

a. Company "C" (-)(Rein), 3d Tank Bn. (attached to the Third Marines) is experiencing a great deal of trouble maintaining tank mobility due to poor condition of tank track. There are 3033 Shoe, track assembly's for M48A3 Tank on requisition. If this track is not forth coming in the near future "C" Company will be forced to dead line tank operation in Chu Lai. Track, Road Wheels, Sprockets and Torsion Bars will bear close scrutiny in the environment tanks are now operating.

b. The 3d Plt, "C" Company, 3d Tank Bn in Phu Bai is in poor condition maintenance wise. Two Final Drives gave out this week. One was repairable. A maintenance contact team and spare parts are staged and prepared to go to Phu Bai to assist this Plt. However the transportation means of getting them there is a problem due to the weight of the spare parts.

c. Again spare parts seems to be the main problem area. Requisitions for these items are not being filled. At the rate tank units are consuming spare parts they will be inoperable in three months unless relief is not forth coming.

2. Supply

a. Supported strength

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Personnel | OFF | REL | CIV |
| U.S. Military | 25 | 394 | 0 |

b. Supply

(1) Unit Supplies

| | | | |
|---------|---------------|--------|---------|
| Class I | ITEMS | O/H | AUTH |
| | MSI | 3 days | 15 days |
| | "B" | 3 days | 15 days |
| | "A" | 1 day | |
| | Fuel, tricone | | 15 days |

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| | ITEMS | O/H | AUTH |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Class II | Comm T/E | 90% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 90% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 80% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 80% | 100% |
| | Engr T/E | 100% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 45% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 95% | 100% |
| | GenSup T/E | 95% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 90% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 75% | 100% |
| | MT T/E | 98% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 60% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 95% | 100% |
| | Ord T/E | 96% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 90% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 40% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 80% | 100% |
| Class III | Bulk | 4800 gal | |
| | Drum | 30 days lube | 30 days |
| | Packaged | 30 days | 30 days |
| Class IV | Reports submitted as required. | | |
| Class V | Basic allowance plus 7 days on hand. | | |

(2) Problem supply itemsa Class I None

Class II Limited supply of Pistol Holsters - 169 on requisition since 4 April 1965.

Class III None

Class IV Limited supply of sand bags, barbed wire and metal steaks have hampered our efforts to improve our defenses.

Class V None

b Medical Supplies - Nonec Local Procurement - N/Ad Miscellaneous - None

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3. Evacuation and Hospitalization

| | | | | | |
|----|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| a. | <u>EVAC</u> | <u>AIR</u> | <u>SURF</u> | <u>A/N EVAC</u> | <u>RET TO DUTY</u> |
| | <u>MIA</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>KIA</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>Non-kat</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

| | | | | |
|----|------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| b. | <u>Hospitalization</u> | <u>C/H</u> | <u>In Use</u> | <u>Avail</u> |
| | <u>Bed</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4</u> |

4. Transportation

a. Water - No problem

b. Highway(1) Availability

| | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>VEH TYPE</u> | <u>T/E SHORT</u> | <u>D/L ORG</u> | <u>FLD</u> | <u>AVAIL</u> |
| <u>M54</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>8</u> |
| <u>M37</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2</u> |

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Utilization</u> | <u>Log Lift</u> | <u>Tact Lift</u> |
| <u>Personnel</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| <u>Cargo</u> | <u>45 Ton 5341 Cu</u> | <u>0 Ton 0 Cu</u> |
| <u>Distance</u> | <u>1128 miles</u> | <u>0</u> |

c. Pipeline - N/A

d. Air - N/A

e. Rail - N/A

5. Service. None6. Miscellaneous. None

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Da Nang RVN
051800 Aug 1965

ANNEX A to Periodic Logistic Report No. 4

1. Expended Ammunition

| DORAC | ITEM | QTY |
|-------|--------------------|-------|
| A209 | Ctg cal 30 Linked | 8,000 |
| C262 | Ctg 90MM Cannister | 30 |
| C266 | Ctg 90MM HE M71 | 99 |
| C273 | Ctg 90MM WP Smk | 30 |
| G095 | Green Hand Illum | 16 |
| M495 | Flare Surface Trip | 15 |

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Da Nang RVN
051800 Aug 1965

ANNEX B to Periodic Logistic Report No. 4

1. Equipment Density Changes - None

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Da Nang RVN
121800H Aug 1965

Periodic Logistic Report No. 5

Period covered: 051800H- 121800H Aug 1965

Ref: (a) FO 4000.1

1. Logistic Situation at end of Period

a. A lack of building materials has curtailed our efforts to build adequate ammunition and POL storage bunkers. Ammunition is dug in, however the tops are open and vulnerable to high angle fire weapons. Gasoline tankers are staged in "A" Company, 3d Tank Bn's area nightly until adequate protection for them can be provided. Proper storage of supplies in the field will not be adequate during the rainy season unless these materials are forthcoming.

b. The Table of Organization M4237 calls for 2 Officers and 43 enlisted men in the Tank Battalion Supply Platoon. At this time this organization has 2 officers and 21 enlisted. The T/O calls for 8 Sgts and above. This organization has 4 Sgts and above. Due to enemy action on 9 August, the Unit Supply Clerk 3041, who maintained this organization's fiscal records was lost. Most of the remaining personnel in the platoon are untrained. Due to the amount of supply work demanded by this battalion and because of the tactical requirements imposed on H&S Company of this battalion, the Supply Platoon is having an extremely difficult time performing its supply mission and at the same time maintaining its portion of the Company's defensive positions. Enough trained personnel to bring the supply platoon up to at least its manning level of 2 officers and 28 enlisted is required.

c. There seems to be a problem of procuring CO2 for fire extinguishers. Tanks must have CO2 extinguishers mounted at specified locations within the tank for safe operation. At this time some tanks are operating without a complete set of extinguishers. This organization has the capability of recharging the extinguishers however CO2 is not available in this area. On 8 August this organization requisitioned 5 bottles (250 lbs) on a priority O5 from FLSG. This problem will be closely watched.

d. Due to the inability of FLSG to support tank units with spare parts at this time in Chu Lai and Phu Bai, this battalion has been issuing spare parts to these units from its operating stock. Transportation of these items to the units has been a constant problem. A QySgt., 2149 has been appointed as the battalion contact man between the battalion and these two units. His main duties consist of performing liaison with the various transportation agencies to ensure transport of the parts. He has been fairly successful however it is essential that he be physically present at the embarkation point to ensure loading.

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c. During the early hours of darkness on 9 August the Bn CP and H&S Company was subjected to a heavy enemy mortar attack. Fortunately damage to supplies and equipment was not nearly as severe as it could have been. Rounds that impacted within the motor pool inflicted minor damage such as holes in radiators, fenders and puncturing of tires. All vehicles can be repaired pending availability of radiators. None of the operating stock was destroyed. The S-1/S-4 tent did receive a direct hit and consequently damage to the office equipment stated in paragraph 6, was severe.

2. Supply

a. Supported Strength

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) Personnel | OFF | ENL | CIV |
| U. S. Military | 22 | 357 | 0 |

b. Supply

| (1) Unit Supplies | ITEMS | O/H | AUTH |
|-------------------|----------------|--------|---------|
| Class I | MCI | 3 days | 15 days |
| | "B" | 3 days | 15 days |
| | "A" | 1 day | |
| | Fuel, Trioxane | | 15 days |
| Class II | Comm T/E | 90% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 90% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 75% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 80% | 100% |
| | Engr T/E | 100% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 45% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 90% | 100% |
| | GenSup T/E | 95% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 85% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 85% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 70% | 100% |
| | MT T/E | 98% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 60% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 90% | 100% |
| | Ord T/E | 96% | 100% |
| | Init allow | 90% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 50% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 80% | 100% |

| | <u>ITEMS</u> | <u>O/H</u> | <u>AUTH</u> |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Class III | Bulk | 4800 gal | |
| | Drum | 30 days lube | 30 days |
| | Packaged | 30 days | 30 days |
| Class IV | Reports submitted as required. | | |
| Class V | BA + 7 days on hand | | |

(2) Problem Supply Items

a Class I None

Class II Limited supply of Pistol Holsters still exists - 169 on requisition since 4 April 1965.

Class III None

Class IV Limited supply of sand bags, barbed wire and metal stakes still hamper our efforts to improve our defenses to the fullest.

Class V None

b Medical Supplies - None

c Local Procurement - N/A

d Miscellaneous - None

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization

| a. | <u>EVAC</u> | <u>AIR</u> | <u>SURF</u> | <u>AW EVAC</u> | <u>RET TO DUTY</u> |
|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| WIA | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | * 5 |
| KIA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Bat | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

* 1 WIA not evacuated - returned to duty. Total 19 WIA, 2 KIA.

| b. | <u>Hospitalization</u> | <u>O/H</u> | <u>INUSE</u> | <u>AVAIL</u> |
|----|------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Bed | 4 | 0 | 4 |

4. Transportation

a. Water - No problem

b. Highway(1) Availability

| <u>VEH TYPE</u> | <u>T/E SHORT</u> | <u>DL</u> | <u>ORG</u> | <u>FLD</u> | <u>AVAIL</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| M37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| M54 | 0 | 0 | 5 | | 7 |

| <u>Utilization</u> | <u>Log Lift</u> | <u>Tact Lift</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Personnel</u> | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Cargo</u> | 45 Ton 5341 Cu | 0 Ton 0 Cu |
| <u>Distance</u> | 1128 miles | 0 |

c. Pipeline - N/A

d. Air - N/A

f. Rail - N/A

5. Service. No problem6. Miscellaneous. The following government property was destroyed and/or damaged due to enemy mortar fire 9 August 1965.

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>QTY</u> | <u>DISPOSITION</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|
| TYPEWRITER, Non port | 3 | Destroyed (1 replaced) |
| REPRODUCTION MACHINE, stencil process | 1 | Destroyed |
| THERMOFAX COPIER | 1 | Destroyed |
| EMBOSSER PRINTER | 1 | Destroyed (replaced) |
| TENT, GP | 2 | Destroyed |
| TENT, Fram | 1 | Destroyed |
| TENT, Fly | 2 | Destroyed |
| TENTS, assorted | 19 | Damaged (Have been patched & repaired) |
| TRUCK, CARGO M54 | 2 | Damaged (Shrapnel holes in radiators body & flat tires) |
| TRUCK, TANKER M49 | 1 | Damaged (Same as M54) |

Appropriate paper work has been initiated for replacements.

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By direction

Hq. 3d Tank Bn (-)
 Da Nang RVN
 121800H Aug 1965

ANNEX A to Periodic Logistic Report No 5

1. Expended Ammunition

| <u>DODAC</u> | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| A175 | Ctg cal .45 | 250 |
| A576 | Ctg cal .50 linked | 250 |
| G266 | Ctg 90MM HE M71 | 67 |
| G273 | Ctg 90MM smk WP | 12 |
| G895 | Gren, hand illum | 26 |
| K922 | Thickener incen oil M2 20 lb drum | 33 |
| L312 | Signal, illum WSP | 20 |
| L195 | Flare, surface trip | 10 |

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ANNEX B to Periodic Logistic Report No 5

1. Equipment Density Changes. None

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Hq. 3d Tank Bn. (-)
Da Nang RVN
121800H - 191800H Aug 1965

Periodic Logistic Report No. 6

Period Covered - 121800H - 191800H August 1965

Ref: (a) FO 4000.1

1. Logistic Situation at end of Period

a. An all out effort on the part of every member of this command has resulted in a 100% improvement in the defense posture of the command. However a lack of building materials has seriously curtailed our efforts to improve the badly needed ammunition and POL storage facilities, to build a Command Bunker, & to build adequate storage facilities for supplies and spare parts.

b. The report of 12 August 1965 mentioned the problems of the supply section's personnel requirement, the procurement of CO2 for fire extinguishers, and the transportation of spare parts to tank units in Vietnam. These problems still exist.

c. Indications are that the extent of equipment and vehicular damage and loss due to the action south of Chu Lai is heavy. First reports disclose that 5 M48A3 gun tanks and 2 M57A2 flame tanks were damaged. It is quite probable that 1 M48A3 and 1 M57A2 are damaged to the point that they must be surveyed. It is possible that some of the other tanks damaged will also be declared unserviceable. A LTI Team made up of members of this command and a 1st Echelon Tank Maintenance Man 2149 from FISO will go to Chu Lai and inspect the damaged tanks. Exact information on the extent of damage will be provided upon their return. Upon determination of damage this organization will take action to requisition replacement tanks if required. It is also our intent to request permission to replace unserviceable parts with serviceable parts on those tanks that are declared unserviceable.

2. Supply

a. Supported Strength

| (1) Personnel | <u>Off</u> | <u>Enl</u> | <u>Civ</u> |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| U. S. Military | 25 | 377 | 0 |

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b. Supply

(1) Unit Supplies

| | <u>ITEMS</u> | <u>O/H</u> | <u>AUTH</u> |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Class I | MCI | 3 days | 15 days |
| | "B" | 3 days | 15 days |
| | "A" | 1 day | |
| | Fuel, Tricorens | | 15 days |
| Class II | Comm T/E | 90% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 90% | 100% |
| | Repair parts | 75% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 80% | 100% |
| | Engr T/E | 100% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair Parts | 45% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 90% | 100% |
| | GenSup T/E | 95% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 85% | 100% |
| | Repair Parts | 85% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 70% | 100% |
| | MT T/E | 98% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 98% | 100% |
| | Repair Parts | 60% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 90% | 100% |
| | Ord T/E | 96% | 100% |
| | Init Allow | 90% | 100% |
| | Repair Parts | 50% | 100% |
| | Consumables | 80% | 100% |
| Class III | Bulk | 4800 | 7200 |
| | Drum | 30 days lube | 30 days |
| | Packaged | 30 days | 30 days |
| Class IV | Reports submitted as required | | |
| Class V | BA + 7 days on hand | | |

(2) Problem Supply Items

| | | |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| <u>a</u> | Class I | None |
| | Class II | Limited supply of 782 gear |
| | Class III | None |

Class IV This organization has requisitions in for 114 rolls of barbed wire, 17,000 sand bags, 100 rolls concertina wire and 168 stakes. None have been received.

| | | |
|----------|-------------------|------|
| | Class V | None |
| <u>b</u> | Medical Supplies | None |
| <u>c</u> | Local Procurement | N/A |
| <u>d</u> | Miscellaneous | None |

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization

| | | | | | |
|----|------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| a. | <u>EVAC</u> | <u>AIR</u> | <u>SURF</u> | <u>A/W EVAC</u> | <u>RET TO DUTY</u> |
| | <u>VIA</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | KIA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Non-Bat | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| b. | <u>Hospitalization</u> | | | <u>O/H</u> | <u>In Use</u> |
| | <u>Ded</u> | | | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | | | | | <u>Avail</u> |
| | | | | | <u>4</u> |

4. Transportation

a. Water - None

b. Highway

(1) Availability

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>Veh Type</u> | <u>T/E Short</u> | <u>DL</u> | <u>ORG</u> | <u>FLD</u> | <u>Avail</u> |
| M37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| M54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 |

(2) Utilization

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Personnel</u> | <u>Log Lift</u> | <u>Tact Lift</u> |
| | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Cargo</u> | 45 Ton 5341 Cu | 0 Ton 0 Cu |
| <u>Distance</u> | 1128 miles | 0 |

c. Pipeline - N/A

d. Air - N/A

e. Rail - N/A

5. Service - No problem

6. Miscellaneous - None

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ANNEX A to Periodic Logistic Report No. 6

1. Ammunition Expended During Period

| <u>DODAC</u> | <u>NOMENCLATURE</u> | <u>QTY</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|
| A127 | Ctg 7.62MM linked | 9,400 |
| A130 | Ctg 7.62MM 5rd clip | 3,360 |
| A209 | Ctg cal 30 linked | 12,750 |
| A475 | Ctg cal 45 ball | 250 |
| A576 | Ctg cal 50 linked | 5,200 |
| C262 | Ctg 90MM Canister | 28 |
| C266 | Ctg 90MM HE M71 | 23 |
| C273 | Ctg 90MM smk WP | 2 |
| G890 | Gren, hand Frag | 75 |
| H600 | Rkt, 3.5 HEAT | 8 |
| H602 | Rkt, 3.5 smk WP | 2 |
| U195 | Flare surface trip | 34 |

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Da Nang RVN
191800H Aug 1965

ANNEX B to Periodic Logistic Report No. 6

1. Equipment Density Changes

a. 1 M48A3 mount-out tank Ser No. 202158 issued to Company "B" 1st Tank Battalion for replacement of submerged vehicle Ser No. 192912.

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LOGSUM #7

101800H-241800H August 1965

1. Headquarters 3d Tank Battalion (-)
2. N/A
3. 988711
4. 10 July 1965
5. N/A
6. Supply Distribution

a. General Status

(1) The general availability and distribution of Class I, III and V classes of supply is excellent.

(2) The general status of Class II is considered fair except in regards to tank spare parts which is unsatisfactory. This problem is covered in paragraph 6.b.(1) below.

(3) Availability and distribution of Class IV supplies is unsatisfactory. This organization has requisitioned 144 rolls of barbed wire, 17,000 sand bags, 100 rolls of concertina wire and 168 stakes. None have been received. Further amplification to this problem is contained in paragraph 6.b.(2) below.

b. Significant Problem Areas

(1) Tank 2nd echelon spare parts are not being delivered. Tanks are operating with faulty, and sometimes unserviceable, equipment due to non-availability of spare parts. The reason is that FLSG does not have the Tank Battalions usage data of spare parts. 3d FSR does have this data. This organization has taken steps to assist 3d FSR in identifying tank peculiar spare parts for the purpose of expediting this information to FLSG.

(2) Through the process of borrowing sand bags, wire, and metal stakes from other units we have succeeded in building a good defense for the Battalion CP. These items will be repayed when they are received. There still remains a critical requirement for better ammunition, fuel and supply storage facilities. A requirement also exists for a dug in Battalion CP. These requirements are held up pending receipt of required Class IV items.

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7. Maintenance

a. General Status

(1) The maintenance capabilities of this Battalion is excellent pending availability of Tank and Vehicular spare parts. Maintenance Contact Teams travel to Chu Lai and Phu Bai with available parts to assist tank units in these areas.

b. Significant Problem Areas

(1) Spare parts as stated in paragraph 6.b.(1) above.

(2) Track and suspension systems of tanks are wearing out faster than anticipated due to sand, lava rock and heat. This problem is being watched very closely.

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. N/A

11. Medical

a. General Status. Very Good.

b. Evacuation Status.

| | <u>Air</u> | <u>Surf</u> | <u>AW Evac</u> | <u>Ret to Duty</u> |
|--------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| KIA | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WIA | 18 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| NonBat | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

c. Significant Problem Areas. None.

12. N/A

13. N/A

14. N/A

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COMPANY B
1st Tank Battalion, FMP
3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMP
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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3Sep65

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Battalion, FMP
Subj: After Operation Report, Operation Starlite

Ref: (a) Map, VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS L701 Sheets 6757 II, 6757 III, and 6756 I

1. Units.

CoB(-), 1stTkbN, FMP
3dPlat, CoA, 3dTkbN, FMP
Sec. 2dPlat, CoC, 3dTkbN, FMP

a. CoB(-) consisted of one (1) Gun Tank, three (3) Flame Tanks, and a VTR, M51.

2. Total Strength.

3 Officers USMC
43 Enlisted USMC
1 Enlisted USN

3. Date. 18 August 1965.

4. Time. Approximately 0900-2400.

5. Place. Vicinity of Hamlet Complex An Cuong (1) and (2).

6. Casualties. USMC 1 KIA 13 WIA.

7. Organization. The Tank elements of B1F-7 were organized into three separate increments. The Section of 2d Platoon, Company C was attached to B1F 2/4. The 3d Platoon of Company A was attached to B1F 3/3. Company B (-) was with Headquarters, B1F-7 in a General Support Role.

8. Scheme of Maneuver. Companies of B1F 2/4 and B1F 3/3 advanced abreast on the left of the regimental zone (see overlay). The boundary between Companies was the streamline. Due to trafficability the tanks of both units advanced generally along the same axis.

9. Terrain. The area was primarily rolling, wooded or brush covered interspersed with dry crop fields, wet rice paddies, and paddy dikes. The dry crop fields were set apart by hedgerows of small trees and brush ranging from six (6) to ten (10) feet high.

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10. Trafficability. With the exception of the wet rice paddies and the streamline areas, movement was fair to good. The dry crop fields were generally at different levels and movement through the hedgerows was slow until it was determined how much lower the next field was.

11. Observation. Direct line of sight rarely exceeded two (2) to three (3) hundred meters. Most often, either a tree line, a wooded knoll, or hedgerow restricted visibility to fifty (50) or one hundred (100) meters.

12. General. At approximate coordinates 700925 the advancing companies, with supporting tanks, came under enemy small arms, mortar, and anti-tank fire. Enemy positions were well concealed. The action continued between the first point of contact through the streamline and paddy area to approximate coordinates 702930. Near this point A34 was put out of action by Anti-Tank fire at close range. The Section of Company C Tanks assisted in evacuating the crew and returned to the defensive perimeter of Headquarters Company 2/4 at approximate coordinates 703926. Two Tanks of 3d Platoon, Company A, having lost contact with supported infantry, also returned to the area of the perimeter. A35 had previously had track problems and returned to the beach in company with A33.

During this time RIF-7 Headquarters was moving into a OP at approximate coordinates 709927. Situation reports from the companies in contact had not been received and neither their position nor situation was known.

At approximately 1100, India Company 3/3 requested a Flame Section at their position. India Company was in contact with the enemy, but reported the route between them and RIF-7 OP was clear. The Flame Section moved out in company with five (5) LVT's with resupply for India Company. The Flame Tanks had not been assigned as escorts for the resupply column, but since going to the same destination, moved out together.

The column passed the area in which Company H 2/4, with supporting tanks, were engaged by a matter of meters. The column proceeded to approximate coordinates 700931 and was hit by small arms, mortars, and Anti-Tank weapons. B55 was put out of action and the wounded crew evacuated. The LVT's, attempting to get cover, drove into the rice paddies and bogged down. B53 having expended the .30 Cal. ammunition, with the .50 Cal. out of action, and the driver wounded by blown out fragments of the driver's periscope, broke contact and returned to RIF-7 OP.

A company of BLT 3/3 was mounted on LVT's and with B51 moved out to the point of contact.

At approximate coordinates 703928 the gun tank stopped to fire .30 Cal. at enemy running across the front. While firing, B51 was hit by Anti-Tank fire from the direct front. The Anti-Tank fire continued, from a well concealed position, at and over the tank into the LVT column that had closed up behind. When the column dispersed the gun tank again came under fire from the right flank before pulling back into a covered position. 90mm fire returned was limited to cannister since friendly positions were not known. When the Anti-Tank positions could not be determined by a feet reconnaissance contact was broken.

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A further attempt was made to relieve the column. At approximately 1600, Company L 3/7 with B51, A33, and the VTR moved north and then west to approximate coordinates 702932. Contact was made with the enemy. By the time the Company could advance it was too dark to determine the exact position of the column.

Radio contact was made between A33 and A32. It was reported that they had not had enemy contact for several hours. With the two elements separated by a rice paddy running five (5) to six (6) hundred meters long, contact was again broken at approximately 2340.

Early on the morning of 19 August 1965 the wounded were evacuated by helicopter. Two Companies of 3/7 with B51, A33, and the VTR moved into the area shortly thereafter. Evacuation of the dead and burial of enemy dead was accomplished. Recovery of vehicles was started. One LVT was recovered from the paddy and all tanks returned to RMA-7 CP. On 20 August 1965, recovery of the remaining vehicles was accomplished except for one LVT and A34. Both the LVT and tank had received multiple Anti-Tank and mortar hits. Both had burned in excess of thirty-six (36) hours.

Upon personal inspection by the Company B Commander it was determined that A34 was not of sufficient salvage value to risk attempting to evacuate or cannibalize it. Both fuel tanks, when ruptured, had burned. The engine compartment was completely gutted. The right track was burned off. The right air cleaners, stowage boxes, and fenders were fused together from the heat. The left side had been hit, and though not burned, was of little value. In the turret the radio was melted in a mass. The deciding factor was the condition of the 90mm ammo. The bases of the shell cases had swollen out over the deck held down by the ready racks. It was assumed that any ammo stowed under the turret deck, nearer to the heat source, would be in even more dangerous condition.

As requested, engineers blew the ammo in place.

13. Remarks. The account as relates to the initial activities of both Company A and Company C was compiled from reports of participants. The account as relates to Company B results primarily from the participation of the Company B Commander.

LESSONS LEARNED

1. As a result of a very brief planning period and the attachment into three (3) tank elements there was a total lack of coordination except spontaneous assistance as the situation developed.

RECOMMENDATION: That in future operations of this nature Tank units be placed in direct support under central control and coordination of the Regimental Tank Officer.

2. That in the absence of knowledge of friendly troops' disposition the main gun of a tank cannot be fired without danger to friendly troops.

RECOMMENDATION: That subordinate unit situation reports be accurate and

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frequent enough to determine their disposition in so far as the situation permits.

3. That in the type of terrain in which this action took place it is not only possible, but probable, that the enemy can position a strong force in between two advancing elements.

RECOMMENDATION: That units requesting support from the rear provide necessary guides and/or security into their position as the situation and terrain dictates.

4. That when an infantry unit with attached tanks continues to advance through terrain impassable to tanks the tank unit loses contact and becomes an easy target for Anti-Tank weapons.

RECOMMENDATION: That if a tank unit cannot continue the advance the supported unit must give specific instructions as to a rally point, another unit location or leave them adequate security to provide close in Anti-Tank defense.

5. That in an area where concealment favors the defender tanks are particularly vulnerable to close in Anti-Tank fire.

RECOMMENDATION: That in terrain encountered in this operation infantry precede tank elements until the absence of Anti-Tank positions is assured.

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| | | | 1-8 Aug 65 | |
| | | | No outstanding comments or incidents | |
| 0330 | 1 | 02330 | 9 August 1965 VC Atk - 81mm Mortar, Direct hit on S-1 Section BnAdj, 1stLt KRAUS, WIA & S-1 Chief, SSgt CRABTREE, WIA, Evac fm Bn area to "C" Med by helicopter. 1stLt D.J. ROBINSON assg as BnAdj by BnCO, LtCol JONES, 1stSgt HINGSTON assg as S-1 Chief, SSgt PEREZ id to S-1 Section fm DefBn. Records & Files badly scattered & partially destroyed by blast. Desks & equip damaged. | S+F |
| | | | 10 August 1965 | |
| 100505H | 1 | 100154Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt Bat Cas 1stLt Ronald C. KRAUS, WIA | S+F |
| 101246H | 2 | 100144Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt of Death LCpl Anthony DEVERS, DOW | S+F |
| 101342H | 3 | 100144Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt of Death LCpl Leslie I. HILDENBRAND DOW | S+F |
| 101530H | 4 | | N/A | |
| 102135H | 5 | 100150Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt of Bat Cas SSgt John E. CRABTREE, WIA | S+F |
| 102138H | 6 | 100148Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt Serious Illness: Sgt Donald E. WINGERT, Heart Attack & WIA | S+F |
| 102145H | 7 | 100156Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt Bat Cas 1stLt Daniel H. SULLIVAN, WIA | S+F |
| 102150H | 8 | 100152Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt Bat Cas PFC Richard P. CLARK, WIA | S+F |

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| | | | 11 August 1965 | |
| 112045H | 1 | 110345Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, WELREP 1stLt D.H. SULLIVAN, 1stLt R.C. KRAUS, condition Critical; PFC CLARK, Serious | S+F |
| | | | 12 August 1965 | |
| 121010H | 1 | 290314Z | Fm CINCPACFLT, Cas Rpt for NavPers in SE Asia | |
| 121846H | 2 | 112056Z | Fm USAFHosp, Clark AFB, PI Rpt of Death, 1stLt Ronald C. KRAUS, DOW | S+F |
| 122225H | | 120640Z | Fm CO, 3d TKBn, Promotion Quotas for 2d Plt BCo, 1st TKBn with BLT 3/7 | STF |
| 122357H | 3 | 120804Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, WELREP; SSgt CRABTREE removed from serious list, prog GOOD | TSF |
| 122352H | 4 | 121558Z | Rpt of death supplementary on Ron KRAUS | TSF |
| | | | 13 August 1965 | |
| 131536H | 1 | 111207Z | Fm SECNAV - priv owned auto on PBSO (INSTRUCTIONS FOR) | TSF |
| 1305220F (as of) | | 110518Z | Fm CG, 3d Div - Div Staff Off asg | TSF |
| 1500 | 2 | | Wkly rpt gains & losses sent to Div | F |
| 1500 | | | Periodic personnel rpt sent to Div | F |
| | | | 15 August 1965 | |
| 151642H | 1 | 112254Z | Fm SECNAV - Col selections BnCO, LtCol JONES, Selected for colonel | STF |
| 151642H | 2 | 120216Z | Fm CG, 3d Div, Rpt of WIA in RVN | STF |
| 151642H | 3 | 120538Z | WELREP - Fm CG, 3d Mar Div PFC George SHOOK & Sgt Donald E. WINGERT | STF |

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| | | | 15 August 1965 | |
| 1645 | 4 | | Sent Semi-Monthly Personnel Status Report | E |
| | | | XXXX 16 August 1965 | |
| 161100H | 1 | 030124Z | Fm CG III MAF, ABBREV for NAVSUPP Activity Danang changed to NAVSUPPACT, Danang | STF |
| 161300 | | | BnCO Conference - Stress Security & Reporting unusual events on sighting (NLF), police of CP area | |
| | | | 17 August 1965 | |
| 170330H | 1 | 150900Z | Fm CG, 3dMarDiv, Special Incident rpt Marine vs civilian | STF |
| 171200H | 2 | 160810Z | Fm CG, 3dMarDiv; request mast with CG, FMFPAC | STF |
| 171300H | 3 | | BnCO Conference - Security on Perimeter | STF |
| | | | 19 August 1965 | |
| 190910H | 1 | | Fm CG, 3dMarDiv @ Rpt from DivHosp Lt THOMPSON in surgery, WIA, Sgt MCQUEARY & Lt LITTLE, evac to Clark AFB Hosp PI, all evacuees in GOOD condition | |
| 191530H | 2 | 190200Z | Fm CG, 3dMarDiv, Rpt of death KIA, Cpl William C. LAIDLAW, 1965561/1811, "C" Co, killed by enemy while in action in CHU LAI, RVN in Op Starlight | SF |
| 19035H | 4 | PRI 170210Z | Fm CG, 3dMarDiv - Pers asg as voyage staff; 1stLt KLABOUGH, MSgt TOLAR, C1Sgt STACEY, SSgt WARNER, SSgt PEREZ | SF |

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| 200910Z | 1 | 20350H | 20 August 1965 Req search for Lt MASSIE's pers effects; Fm CO, 3d TkbN | F |
| 201220 | 2 | 201220 | Fm CO, "C" Co via S-3 - Pers Cas on OPERATION STARLIGHT -- Cpl William C. LAIDLAW, 1966556/1811, KIA, 2Lt Peter D. LITTLE, 089961/1802 WIA; 2Lt Ky L. THOMPSON, 090305/1801, WIA; SSgt Charles W. MALETTE, 1092640/ 1811, Cpl James R. THOMPSON, 2057813/2841, Sgt Daniel H. MCQUEARY, 1460259/2149, PFC Daniel M. YODER, 2074124/1811, Cpl Charles L. DENTON, 2074191/ 1811, Sgt Edward V. SIPEL, 1426293/1811, Cpl James B. THOMPSON, 2047813/1811, Cpl James E. WILLIAMS, 1992339/1811 all fr "C" Co 3d Tks WIA, Four cas fr "B" Co, 1st Tks WIA | S |
| 201530 | 3 | | Rec'd 2 PFC/2141 fr OKI on flt, tr by endorse to "C" Co, 3d TkbN | F |
| 1600 | 4 | | Sent Wkly rpt of gains & losses to Div & also Periodic Personnel Rpt | F |
| 1610 | 5 | | CWO PEARCE rpt to Air Freight for trans to CONUS, detached this unit | |
| 1610 | 6 | | CO, CCo, confirmed Chu La casualties; Cpl W.C. LAIDLAW, KIA, Cpl J.B. THOMPSON, WIA, Lt P.D. LITTEE, Lt K.L. THOMPSON, SSgt C.C. MALETTE, Sgt E.V. SIPEL, Sgt MCQUEARY, Cpl J.E. WILLIAMS, Cpl C.L. DENTON, PFC D.M. YODER, all WIA. BCo, 1st Tks Cas confirmed; Cpl W.L. VICKEY, PFC V.R. HXXRXX STANFORD, PFC HEARN, all WIA | |

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| 211300H | 1 | 211300H | BnCO's Conference - CO is of opinion we can resume normal routine - Monday; Liberty, beach runs & movies resume. Bn Executive & Special Staff briefed on CHINE Operation by S-3. | |
| 211630 | 2 | | Rec'd Cpl/3531 & 2 LCpl/2141 fr OKI on flt - Sent to H&S for overnight billeting ASG BY ENDORSE | F |
| 121630 | 3 | | Summary Court held by Major F.W. COATES, BnS-4 on PFC G.R. MCKAY, viol Art 148, UCMJ | F |
| 22 August 1965 | | | | |
| 221410H | 1 | 141720Z | Fm CMC - MCO 1900.12 Ch 1, Voluntary & Involuntary extensions | STF |
| 221437H | 2 | 210830Z | Fm CG, 3dMarDiv - Add Cpl CARRILLO & PFC STUDEBAKER to voyage staff | STF |
| XXXXXXXX 221430H | 3 | 192330Z | Fm CMC MCO 1900.12 Ch 2 Separation policy MC Regular Pers | |
| 23 August 1965 | | | | |
| 232234H | 1 | 230824Z | Fm USAFHosp ClarkAFB, PI Rpt of BatCas(WELREP) 1stLt Daniel H. SULLIVAN condition satisfactory but still on serious list, PFC Richard P. CLARK, satisfactory but still on serious list | STF |
| 24 August 1965 | | | | |
| 241030H | 1 | 140059Z | F, CINCPACFLT & Hostile fire pay for ships | SF |

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| | | | 25 August 1965 | |
| 251130Z | 1 | | Fm CO, 3d TkBn - Request canc of SSgt WARNERS orders by reason of undue hardship | SF |
| 251324H | 2 | 190355Z | Pers cas tr Danang | SF |
| 251347H | 3 | 241820Z | Fm USAFHopp, Clark AFB, PI Rpt Bat Cas (WELREP) PFC Richard Clark removed fr serious list | STF |
| 251423H | 4 | 141659Z | Fm CG - when Background Investigations required | SF |
| 251430H | 5 | 170548Z | CINCPACFLT - Project GEMINI | STF |
| | | | 26 August 1965 | |
| 260335H | 1 | 171750Z | Fm CNO - Separation policy RegNavPers | SFT |
| 260938H | 2 | 132213Z | Fm SecNav - Separation policy for RegNav & MarCor pers | SFT |
| 260938H | 3 | 211759Z | Fm CINCPACFLT - Lack of banking facilities in RVN | SF |
| | | | 27 August 1965 | |
| 272056H | 1 | 242130Z | Fm SecNav - Volunteers for South Vietnam tour extension (request) | S&F&T |
| 271005H | 2 | 251245Z | Fm CMC - Selection Board for Off for Prom and cont- inuation on active list, extended zone for Maj to 1196 on Capt list | S&F&T |
| 272030H | 3 | 190214Z | Fm CG3dMarDiv - Voluntary Ext of OS Tour | S&F&T |
| 272121H | 4 | 240353Z | Fm Camp Butler - Rpt of Cas Arrival - Sgt Daniel H. MCQUEARY 1450257 | S&F |

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| | | | 27 August 1965 | |
| 270925H | 5 | 230920Z | Fm CMC - WELL DONE on Operation STARLIGHT W.M. GREENE Sends | S&F&T |
| 1630 | 6 | | Lt KLABOUGH rpt for voyage staff, detached this unit | |
| | | | 28 August 1965 | |
| 280820H | 1 | 232255Z | Fm SecNav - Military Pay increase eff 1 Sept 65, Increase HFP to \$65.00 | S&F&T |
| 280820H | 2 | 250840Z | Fm CINCPACFLT - Congratulations on Operation STARLIGHT; Adm JOHNSON sends | S&F&T |
| 280820H | 3 | 250838Z | Fm CTF Seven Six - Operation STARLIGHT, RAdm WHIZEN sends | S&F&T |
| 280820H | 4 | 250838Z | Fm CGFMFPAC, Visit to 3dMarDiv & comments on Operation STARLIGHT, Gen KRULAK sends | S&B&T |
| 1100 | 5 | | Sent Sept Rotation Draft (210th) to stage at Air Freight for embarkation on USNS SULTAN | |
| 1300 | 6 | | Rec'd Incoming Draft of 47 men, (asg by memo endorsement for month of September | |
| | | | 29 August 1965 | |
| 290740H | 1 | 230550Z | Fm CGUSARV - Congratulations on Operation STARLIGHT Victory Gen NORTON sends | S&F&T |
| 291150H | 2 | 271148Z | Fm CG3dMarDiv - Separation for Reg Nav Pers | S&F&T |
| 291620H | 3 | 250834Z | Fm CNO - WELL DONE on Operation STARLIGHT and Adm McDONALD sends | S&F&T |

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| | | | 30 August 1965 | |
| 300900H | 1 | 201318Z | Fm DA CofS US Army - Congratulations on Operation STARLIGHT, Gen JOHNSON sends | S&F&T |
| 1100 | 2 | | Sent Semi-Monthly Personnel Status Report to Div | F |
| | | | 31 August 1965 | |
| 310515H | 1 | 301318Z | Fm CG3dMarDiv 9 Free Mail Service for Vietnam | S&F&T |
| 311520H | 2 | | Change of Command Ceremonies LtCol S.R. JONES JR detached & proceeding to MCS QUANTICO, Va for duty. LtCol M.L. RAPHAEL assumed command of 3d Tank Battalion | S&F&T |
| | | | 1 September 1965 | |
| 20022H | 1 | 108422 | Fm USAFHosp Clark AFB PI Rpt Bat Cas (WELREP) Lt SULLIVAN evac to CONUS (Hosp unk) 1 Sept 1965. | S&F&T |
| 0900 | 2 | | Sent Report of Disciplinary Action for August to Div Legal | |
| | | | 2 September 1965 | |
| 11320H | 1 | 311300Z | Fm CG IIIMAF, Free Mail Service for RVN, Public Law 89 & 32 | S&F&T |
| 11520H | 2 | | Convened informal board of Investigation to inquire into alleged homosexual act committed by a Naval person & one HMI in BAS | |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 300518Z | CG 3d MarDiv Message DTG 300518Z | S-F |
| 1500 | | 2 | 0900H | CO 9th Marine ISUM # 23 | M-S-F |
| 1600 | | 3 | 1200H | CG III MAF INTSUM # 82 | M-S-F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 011310Z | CG III MAF Photo/Imagery Inter- operation Report 37-65 | F |
| 0900 | | 2 | 011328Z | CG III MAF Photo/Imagery Inter- operation Report 38-65 | F |
| 1500 | | 3 | none | CO 9th Marines SIR dtd 2Aug65 | M-F |
| 1545 | | 4 | 020900H | CO 9th Marines ISUM # 24 | M-S-F |
| 1600 | | 5 | 030900H | CO 9th Marines ISUM # 25 | M-S-F |

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| 1025H | 1 | 041025 | Intelligence from Monroe 2 indicates minefield located at coord BT 034688 and BT 030675 type unknown | M-S-F |
| 1455H | 2 | 041455 | JVT hit AT mine Coord BT 07696 reported by SSB-6 | F |
| 1600H | 3 | 030030Z | CG III MAF Message (Passwords effective 081201H Aug65) | F |
| 1610H | 4 | 030032Z | CG III MAF Message (Password Codes effective 081201H) | F |
| 1630H | 5 | 021358Z | CG III MAF Photo/Imagery Interpretation report 39-65 | M-S-F |
| 1634H | 6 | 041634 | SSB-1 Reports No VC contact & no fortifications found in villages Villages deserted except for women and young children | S-F |
| 1655H | 7 | 041655 | SSB-5 Reports heavy caliber fire encountered at coord 065695 (1) one slug dug out of track 50 caliber type | S-F |

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| 0900 | | 1 | 040900 | CG III MAF message (supplementary challenge and passwords) | F |
| 0910 | | 2 | 050910 | SSB6 reports receiving SA fire from bunker coord 049681 | MSF |
| 0915 | | 3 | 050915 | SSB5 reports no enemy contact at village coord 054697. Enemy fortifications limited. (barbed wire and panji pits) | F |
| 0950 | | 4 | 011320Z | CG III MAF Isum 83 | MFS |
| 0950 | | 5 | 021330Z | CG III MAF Isum 84 | MFS |
| | | 6 | 030950Z | C G III MAF Isum 85 | MSF |
| 0950 | | 7 | 050950H | SSB6 reports suspected minefield destroyed Vic coord BT049681 | MSF |
| 1150 | | 8 | 051150H | SSB1 reports enemy SA fire coord BT055646. Engaged one enemy emplacement, destroyed trenchline | S |
| 1220 | | 9 | 051220H | SSB6 reports infantry hit by SA at village coord BT048655 | SF |
| 1230 | | 10 | 051230H | SSB6 reports B2 leaving assembly area. Receiving SA fire from house vic BT037656. Fire returned. | SF |
| 1600 | | 11 | 040900 | 9th Marines Intelligence Summary # 26 | M-S-F |
| 1600 | | 12 | 050900 | 9th Marines Intelligence Summary # 27 | M-S-F |
| 1610 | | 13 | 051523 | Shove 2 reports infiltration of VC at coord AT 955700, AT 963699 AT 955705 | M-S-F |
| 1700 | | 14 | 041112Z | CG III MAF INTSUM 86 | M-S-F |

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| Time In Out | | Serial Number | Time dated | Incidents, Orders, etc. | Action taken |
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| 0213 | | 1 | 060213 | SSB reports receiving light S/A fire from right front of position Coord BT 065687 | M |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 0730 | | 1 | 060900 | 9th Marines ISUM # 28 | M-S-F |
| 0730 | | 2 | 070900 | 9th Marines ISUM # 29 | M-S-F |
| 1400 | | 3 | none | 2d & 3d Plt Co D 3d Recon Bn action report of 5 Aug 65 | S-F |
| 1800 | | 4 | 080900 | 9th Marines ISUM # 30 | M-S-F |

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| 1100 | | 1 | 060120Z | III MAF Photo/Imagery Interpretation Report 41-65 | M-F |
| 1110 | | 2 | 070014Z | III MAF Photo/Imagery Interpretation Report 42-65 | M-F |
| 1115 | | 3 | 080946Z | III MAF Photo/Imagery Interpretation Report 47-65 | M-F |
| 1600 | | 4 | 090900 | 9th Marine ISUM # 31 | M-S-F |
| 2330 | | 5 | 2230 | Received 60MM & 81 MM Motar fire approx 20 rds mixed from vicinity of Coord AT 980700 | |
| 2335 | | 6 | 092335 | MORTREP | F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 0745 | | 1 | 100745 | 12th Marine crater analysis team in area. | |
| 11000 | | 2 | 100600 | 9th Marines ISM # 32 | M-S-F |
| 1430 | | 3 | none | Mortar Report and Crater Analysis | M-S-F |
| 1848 | | 4 | 101848 | Suspected 100 VC reported by ARTY FO Coord 964675 | M-S |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 1530 | | 1 | 110600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 33 | M-S-F |
| 1600 | | 2 | 050958Z | CG 3d MAF ISUM # 87 | M-S-F |
| | | 3 | 061320Z | CG 3d MAF ISUM # 88 | M-S-F |
| | | 4 | 071336Z | CG 3d MAF ISUM # 89 | M-S-F |
| | | 5 | 081356Z | CG 3d MAF ISUM # 90 | M-S-F |
| | | 6 | 091312Z | CG 3d MAF ISUM # 91 | M-S-F |
| 2000 | | 7 | 112000 | Recieved one round of sniper fire from Coord 996712 | |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 1400 | | 1 | 120600 | 9th Marine ISUM #34 | M-S-F |

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| 0745 | | 1 | 130745 | 3d Lvt's reported three VCS in area of CP suspects were taken to ITT for interrogation | S |
| 1600 | | 2 | 130600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 35 | M-S-F |

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| In | Out | Number | MM/YY | | |
| 1400 | | 131058 | 131058 | CG III MAF IR 51/65 | F |
| 1400 | | 2 | none | CG III MAF Photo data overlay | F |
| 1900 | | 3 | none | CROWD 2 reported through Smoke Room Alpha One white man and one Negro was sighted wandering in the vicinity of Coord AT 963765 Both men were seen running toward tall grass when a USMC Truck Approached, Negro 5'11" 30 yrs of age 230 lbs dressed in old type MC utilities and old army baseball cap, white man 6' 180 lb 30 yrs of age wearing utilities neither men were armed. | S-F |
| 2000 | | 4 | 140600 | 9th Marine ISUM # 36 | S-M-F |
| 2000 | | 5 | 131130Z | CG III MAF Challenge & Password | F |

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| 1500 | | 1 | 150600 9th Marines ISUM #37 | S-M-F |
| 1600 | | 2 | 101340Z CG III MAF INTSUM #92 | S-M-F |
| | | 3 | 111650Z CG III MAF INTSUM #93 | S-M-F |
| | | 4 | 121412Z CG III MAF INTSUM #94 | S-M-F |
| 2300 | | 5 | 152310 Senator 2 reported Hoa Vang Agent reported VC know Marines stay in bunkers in LaBong Coord AT 980670 (4) night guerrillas from Tong Song have placed mines Coord AT 980680 AT 990680 AT 980670 and AT 990670 will attack USMC pos in the future VC uses railroad ties and rails to cover tunnels this material reported coord AT 993685. VC have dug trenches HAO PHAI area with positions for mortars plan to mortar areas AT 986720 AT 999703 and Hoa Cam Trng Center | S-M-F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 1530 | | 1 | 160600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 38 | M-S-F |
| 2135 | | 2 | 162135 | Shove 3 reported Hoa Vang District Hq reports C/1 VC Bn moved in Hoa Lan village RT 040680, 050680 040670 & 050670 w/81 MM mortar & BAR'S told people in the village to move out Thanh Huy source also informed 1 VC unit of this Bn have moved to BT 633725 in order to fire 81 MM into USMC positions BT 022730 VC wish to do this to have propaganda for 18 Aug 1965. | |
| 2315 | | 3 | 162315 | Several voices came from vicinity of Phong Bac saying Marines you die small arms reported coming into Tank Bn perimeter from Coord AT 993704 at least (6) automatic weapons approx 30 personnel (4) grenades were received. | S |

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| 1600 | | 1 | 171600 | Senator 2 reports that the FO of "P" Btry observed 16 people dressed in black and white walked into wooded position Coord 987702 | M-S |
| 1700 | | 2 | 170600 | 9th Marines ISUM #39 | M-S-F |
| 1830 | | 3 | 171600 | Shove 2 reported that PFC Cook HMM 361 was told by RVN boy age 10 His father carries a pistol when he works in the field, father also carries a rifle that he took from a VC he killed. The boy told Cook the VC would attack west side of the airbase on 17Aug65. Conversation took place at the 2nd refreshment stand north of BMMFA 513 CP. In addition a driver HMM 361 reported during AM 17Aug Civil Activity was below normal in Dogpatch | S |
| 1845 | | 4 | 171845 | Senator 2 reported Hoa Bang district Headquarters agent have informed Hoa Bang at 171500H (1) VC Bn hiding at Coord AT 984692. This Force is dressed in Fatuges and Helmets and carry a heavy assortment of weapons. | M-S |
| 2235 | | 4 | 172235 | Senator 2 reports that Senator Bailey states that civilians are moving into area Coord AT 990730 & 990720 they are friendly but but ARVN are moving armored vehicles into the area. | S |
| 2325 | | 5 | 172325 | Yacht 3 reported from 3d Clt translation of VC Document. VC have planted mines in 3 different locations along road vicinity of Hom Na Coord BT 029691. Document referred only to general area. | M-S- |

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| 1500 | | 1 | 180600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 40 | M-S-F |
| 1745 | | 2 | 181730 | Shove 2 reports Capt Wilks of I Corps reported VC Bn Coord BT 0470 to 0670 | M-S |
| 1745 | | 3 | 181640 | Shove 2 reports Recon reported 60 to 70 people, of which 15 were young men cutting wood Coord BT 066713, wearing normal Vietnamese dress, equipt with cutting knives. one man used knife to make old man pick up log. | M-S |
| 1745 | | 3 | 151256Z | III MAF IR 55-65 | F |
| 1745 | | 4 | 142330Z | III MAF IR 54-65 | |

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| 1500 | | 1 | 190600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 41 | M-S-F |
| 1530 | | 2 | 131055Z | III MAF IR 52-65 | F |
| 1530 | | 3 | 142332Z | III MAF IR 53-65 | F |
| 1530 | | 4 | 180932Z | III MAF IR 59-65 | F |
| 1600 | | 5 | 131058Z | III MAF IR 51-65 | F |
| 1600 | | 6 | 151258Z | III MAF IR 56-65 | F |
| 1605 | | 7 | 151256Z | III MAF IR 55-65 | F |
| 1700 | | 8 | 161434Z | III MAF ISUM #89 | M-S-F |
| 1700 | | 9 | 131330Z | III MAF ISUM #95 | M-S-F |
| 1701 | | 10 | 141310Z | III MAF ISUM #96 | M-S-F |
| 1705 | | 11 | 151310Z | III MAF ISUM #97 | M-S-F |
| 1710 | | 12 | 171350Z | III MAF ISUM #99 | M-S-F |

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| 1600 | | 1 | 200600 | 9th Marines ISUN | M-S-P |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 1600 | | 1 | 210600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 43 | M-S-F |

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| 1600 | | 1 | 220600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 44 | M-S-F |

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| 1600 | | 1 | 230600 | 9th Marines ISUM #45 | M-S-F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 1600 | | 1 | 240600 | 9th Marines ISUM #46 | M-S-F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 0955 | | 1 | 0955 | Weather report from Monroe | S-F |
| 1155 | | 2 | 310600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 53 | M-S-F |
| 1745 | | 3 | 310704Z | III MAF Message Challenge and Password Compromised | S-T |
| 1750 | | 4 | 311710 | Monroe 2 conference of all S-2 at 1030 2 Sep65 | F |

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| 1100 | 1 | 250600 | 9th Marines 1SUM # 47 | H-S-F |

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| 0100 | | 1 | 260100 | Yankee 6 reports 3 rounds of sniper fire received from village of Phong Bac. | S |
| 1300 | | 2 | 260600 | 9th Marines 1SUM # 48 | M-S-F |

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| 0020 | | 1 | 270020 | Monroe reported to switch to alternate password and Counter- sign | T-F |
| 1100 | | 2 | 270600 | 9th Marines ISUN # 49 | M-S-F |

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| 1100 | | 1 | 280600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 50 | M-S-F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| 1100 | | 1 | 290600 | 9th Marines ISUM # 51 | M-S-R |
| 2340 | | 2 | 292340 | Senator 2 reported that a Student Demonstration in Da Nang will take place at 0930 30 Aug 65. They may continue for the rest of the week. They are being held in support of demonstrations in Hue last week. | S |

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| 1500 | | 001 00300600 | | 9th Marines ISUM #52 | M-S-F |

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| 0003 | | 001 | 010003H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 0200 | | 002 | 010200H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 0400 | | 003 | 010400H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 0609 | | 004 | 010600H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| | 1100 | 005 | 011100H | To SmkA-6. Use of dozer tank fr SmkB approved. Y-VTR will be avail. Want hourly SITREP over Bn Cmd Net during operation. | | S |
| | 1105 | 006 | 011105H | To: SMK B-6 Detach B-24 to SMK A at 011400H. Take SMK BVTR on operation. Desire hourly SITREP over Bn Cmd Net during operation. B-1 detached from SMK A, attached SMK B. | | S |
| | 1107 | 007 | 11107H | To: Senator -3 Request permission to fire Tanks on targets being bombed by F4B AC to South of TkBn. | | S |
| 1122 | | 008 | 011122H | Fr: Senator -6 Negative on fire request however, Tanks will have priority on any targets developed in CAM NE complex this afternoon or tonight. | | S |
| 1134 | | 009 | 011134H | To: SMK B dispatch liaison man to other side of river to direct tank fire, Come up on CoCmd Net. | | S |
| 1310 | | 010 | 011310H | SMK B Commenced firing at targets at Cor. 987683 and 987687. | | S |
| 1340 | | 011 | 011340H | SMK-B Secured firing continuing mission no casualties as yet. | | S |
| 1750 | | 012 | 010750H | Fr: Shove -3 ask information on task organization of Co-C: Informed him of plans to redesignate when 3/3 does. | | S |
| 2000 | | 013 | 012000H | SMK 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 2025 | | 014 | 012026H | Fr Shove 2 confirmed info-indicate 19 T.H. Bn. w/possible 3-105 How. located 5-10 mi radius Hoi An | | F |
| 2200 | | 015 | 012200H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |

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| | | | | S-3 Section 3d Tank Bn Vietnam 020001H Aug 65 to 030001H Aug 65 | M-map S-staff T-troops F-file |
| 0001 | | 001 | 020001H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0200 | | 002 | 020200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 003 | 020400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 004 | 020600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0658 | | 005 | 020658H | Fr Senator-3 to Smk-3. Oper order to be picked up for Smk and Smk B. Dispatched driver and OP Chief to Senator. | S |
| 0820 | | 006 | 020820H | Recall from Senator-3A, direct fire support for 3 Aug 65. Send FO team to Senator-3 by 1000 2 Aug. | S |
| 0835 | | 007 | 020835H | SSA-6 to SS-3. Have crossed the ford. Had difficulty w/LVT. Are proceeding OK. | F |
| 0955 | | 008 | 020955H | Fr SSA-6. Temporarily delayed w/broken down Tank. Are underway present position 895694. | F |
| 1030 | | 009 | 021030H | LATE ENTRY: Fr Stakeout to SS. 1-VC com. approx. 150 men. 1-MG and 60mm Mortars. Coor 924674 to 943663. Waiting engage marines. | S |
| 1200 | | 010 | 021200H | Fr SS to SSA, notified of 009 entry. | S |
| 1235 | | 011 | 021235H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. All tanks arrived at position. No enemy contact. | F |
| 1246 | | 012 | 021246H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Have rendezvous w/Scat-6 nothing unusual to report. We went through your enemy coor and there was no foundation. Later we will send 1 or 2 patrols out. | F |
| 1302 | | 013 | 021302H | Fr SSB-5, 9th Mar. Frag order 7-65 to be executed on 3 Aug requiring direct fire support fr tanks located at Bn. CP liaison team to work at 1/9 FDC to be located on Hill 47 and FO team to be with sweeping rifle company. | F |
| 1359 | | 014 | 021359H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. I am on patrol south of our rendezvous position. Will return to rendezvous position in approx 1 hour. Nothing unusual to report. | F |
| 1431 | | 015 | 021431H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Returning to our rendezvous for tonight. Our present position is coor 933627. Nothing unusual to report. | S |
| 1710 | | 016 | 021710H | To SSA-6. At what coor will your defense be established for the night? | S |

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| 1715 | | 017 | 021715H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Two beetles have thrown track. be repaired in approx 30 min and then will return to CP for the night. | Will |
| 1725 | | 018 | 021720H | SSA-2 coor for tonights CP is coor 935645. | S |
| 1730 | | 019 | 021720H | CO. Corpsmen treated 30 Vietnamese civ Phong Bac. (1) | F |
| 1836 | | 020 | 021836H | Fr SSA-6 setting CP positions for night. No enemy contact. Situation the same. | S |
| 2005 | | 021 | 022005H | Fr SSA-6 Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. | S |
| | | 022 | 022005H | SR-34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2055 | | 023 | 022055H | Fr Crowd-3. Four VC w/rifles working fr west of Hoa Cam training center. | S |
| 2110 | | 024 | 022110H | Fr SSA-6. All secure. No enemy contact. Nothing unusual to report. | S |
| 2150 | | 025 | 022150H | SR-34 called stated, Post #2 ignited a flare. Thought there was movement in front of post. Neg results when flare was ignited. | S |
| 2155 | | 026 | 022155H | Fr SSA-6. Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. All secure | S |
| 2200 | | 027 | 022200H | SR-34 reposted all secure. | S |
| 2250 | | 028 | 022250H | Fr SSA-6. Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. Nothing unusual to report. | F |
| 2345 | | 029 | 022345H | Fr SSA-6. Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. Nothing unusual to report. | F |

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| 0008 | | 001 | 030008H | Sk-34 to Sk-3. reports all secure. | | S |
| 0100 | | 002 | 030100H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. | | S |
| 0155 | | 003 | 030155H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. | | S |
| 0200 | | 004 | 030200H | Sk-34 to Sk-3. reports all secure. | | S |
| 0400 | | 005 | 030400H | Sk-34 to Sk-3. reports all secure. | | S |
| 0401 | | 006 | 030401H | Fr SSA-6 to SSA-3. Situation remains the same. No enemy contact. | | S |
| | 0401 | 007 | 030401H | Fr SS-3 to SSA-6. No 0300H sitrep received. Sentry apparently asleep. No acknowledgement to message. | | S |
| 0600 | | 008 | 030600H | Fr Sk-34 to Sk-3. reports all secure. | | S |
| 0700 | | 009 | 030700H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. We are in progress of linking up with pretext B. No action, nothing unusual to report. | | S |
| 0740 | | 010 | 030740H | Fr SMKB-6 to Senator-3. has revised plan and now wants a section fr Co. "A" to cover on airfield. | | S |
| 0925 | | 011 | 030925H | Fr SSA-6. Request Hq VTR stand by for immediate operations to assist Co. "A". | | S |
| 1015 | | 012 | 031015H | Fr SSA-6. Reports Foxtrot-22 broken right final drive at coor 938644 towing back to his position. Progress is satisfactory. | | S |
| 1100 | | 013 | 031100H | Alfa-8. Disabled tank at Alfa-6 position. Tow bar can be helo lifted in. Can get back w/out VTR coor 928644. | | S |
| | 1120 | 014 | 031120H | Fr SRA to Bailey-14. Request for Helo Assistance Neg. | | S |
| | 1110 | 015 | 031110H | To SSA-6. Unable to get helicopter to bring tow bar to Alfa-6 position request you inform Alfa-6 and determine if he requires a LVTR-1. | | S |
| 1115 | | 016 | 031115H | Fr SSAR. They are going to bring in disabled vehicle themselves. I was told to notify A-43 to proceed to meet him at 3d river crossing. | | S |
| 1145 | | 017 | 031145H | Fr SSA-6. Presently working right bank with pretext B. Things going okay. Nothing unusual to report. | | S |

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| 1155 | | 018 | 031155H | Fr SMKA. Stated one VTR was leaving CP to go retrieve Foxtrot-22. | S |
| 1205 | | 019 | 031205H | Fr SSB-6. Infantry receiving small arms fire SSB awaiting fire mission. None as yet. | S |
| 1205 | | 020 | 031205H | Fr SSA. VTR-3 A-43 on route to prearranged rendezvous point with contact when A-43 arrives. | S |
| 1300 | | 021 | 031300H | Fr SSB. Fire mission fr hill 47 at targets coor 979675. | S |
| 1305 | | 022 | 031305H | Fr SSA-6. Situation remains unchanged. Flame tanks working with Pretext, other tanks working same place as this morning. | S |
| 1310 | 1310 | 023 | 031310H | Fr SSB. Fire mission completed. | S |
| | | 024 | 031310H | To SSA-6. Request location by grid coor of flame tanks and dozer. | S |
| 1317 | | 025 | 031317H | Fr SSA-6. Approximate position of flame tanks coor 955653. | S |
| 1420 | | 026 | 031420H | Fr SSA-6. We just received word to return some tanks back to CP. A-22 will return with disabled tank. I will remain in present position until tanks with infantry join me in approximately 30 minutes. VTR not at our position but we spotted him in spot where he is supposed to be. | S |
| 1445 | | 027 | 031445H | Fr SSB-6. Standing by awaiting fire mission. Shove-6 and Senator-6 arrived our position. Infantry receiving no small arm fire at this time. | S |
| 1445 | | 028 | 031445H | Fr Peep Sight-3. One VC company estimated at 100 men armed with 60mm Mortar and LEG vicinity at coor 970667 and 973665. Second Co. with same weapons vicinity at coor 974680 and 979677 believe VC intend to attempt to intercept Marines on operation now in progress rated as (C-2) Peep Sight-3 3d Marines has been notified. | S |
| 1630 | | 029 | 031630H | Fr SSA-6. Two LVT's have track trouble one thrown w ich they are working on. The other has a broken idler arm, which we will try to fix thru field expedience. I to a 1/2 hour to repair. Our position is (923658). Pretext unit has returned some infantry and engineer troops with LVT's therefore I am not worried. | S |

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| 1640 | | 030 | 031640H | Fr SSB-6. 90MM guns have fired into suspected VC auto rifle emplacements. 81MM Mortar fired at same fire mission as soon as LVT's leave. | S |
| 1650 | | 031 | 031650H | Fr SSB will not come upon Bn net until reached. Contact F.O. Bravo. | S |
| 1700 | | 032 | 031700H | Corpsmen treated 30 Vietnamese Civil/ i ans in village of Phong Bac (1). | S |
| 1705 | | 033 | 031705H | Fr SSB-6. Continue to fire on suspected VC auto weapon position with 90MM - 105MM - 81MM. | S |
| 1710 | 1710 | 034 | 031710H | To SSAR. Request you contact SSA. Tell him to bring copies all FSR work orders to SS-3. | S |
| | 1725 | 035 | 031725H | Fr SSA-2 to SSA-6. Information SS-3. We are at coor (897674). We will be getting underway to CP approx 05 Min. Alfa-43 and disabled tank will accompany me. | S |
| 1730 | | 036 | 031730H | Fr SSAR to SS-3. Inform S-4, B-25 needs 34 HE rounds. | S |
| 1731 | | 037 | 031731H | SSB-5 to SS-3. Contact SS-4 send military police to 9th Mar CP, 1 hour. | S |
| 1748 | | 038 | 031748H | Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. LVTE-1 w/broken track will be ready to go in approx 15 min, LVTE-1 w/ broken idler arm will be approx 30 min, possibly longer. | S |
| 1758 | | 039 | 031758H | Fr SSA-2. Delayed 15 min. Trouble getting up hill. | S |
| | 1802 | 040 | 031802H | To SSA-6. Req No. Inf and troops w/you. | S |
| 1805 | | 041 | 031805H | Fr SSA-6. LVTE-1 track rep. LVTE-1 idler arm still no est time ready. | S |
| 1815 | | 042 | 031815H | Fr SSA-6. Ans. to 031802H. 13 Inf. - 6 Eng. enough for security. | S |
| | 1817 | 043 | 031817H | To SSA-6. Stakeout-6 on way your position. SITREP ASAP. | S |
| 1825 | | 044 | 031825H | SSA-6 to SSA-2, Info SS-3. LVT progress good. Underway 30 min. | S |
| 1835 | | 045 | 031835H | Fr SSA-2. Same coor. ETD 05 min. | S |

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| 1840 | | 046 | 031840H | Fr SSR. Underway. | S |
| 1912 | | 047 | 031912H | Fr SSA-6 to Crowd: Info SS-3. Tanks rep in 30 min. Remain in position overnight. | S |
| | 1915 | 048 | 031915H | To SSA-6. Remain overnight AT 923658. Is position secure. | S |
| | 1920 | 049 | 031920H | To SSA-6 Fr SSA-2. 500 meters fr last night position. Remain untill VTR and Disabled Tank Catches up. | S |
| 1930 | | 050 | 031930H | Fr SSA-6. Recon of Area. Our position (926656). Position is secure. | S |
| | 1935 | 051 | 031935H | To SSA-2. How many tanks are w/you. No. of veh ret to CP. | S |
| 1940 | | 052 | 031940H | Fr SSA-2. Full Plt and VTR w/tank. ETA 60 min. | S |
| | 1943 | 053 | 031943H | To SSA-2. Inform SS of last crossing on river. | S |
| 1950 | | 054 | 031950H | Fr SSB. B-41 and B-25 are waiting to cross river. | S |
| | 1950 | 055 | 031950H | To SSB. B-42 unable to join you tonight. | S |
| 1955 | | 056 | 031955H | To SSA-6 Fr SSA-2: Info SS-3. VTR/tank ret to CP. One tank to CP, other tank move out in 30 min. Coor (935711). | S |
| 2005 | 2005 | 057 | 032005H | To SSA-6. No support avail. Heli landing to your NW. DONOT contact. Remain on Bn. and Co. nets. Send SITREPS hr. | S |
| 2010 | | 058 | 032010H | SB-3 to SBY-20 Via SSA-6. Req spare parts? Directed to come on Slaveborn Bn. Command Net. | S |
| 2013 | | 059 | 032013H | To SKR-3. 34 all secure. | S |
| 2020 | | 060 | 032020H | SBY-20 to SB. IN morn need R-1 and two stub shafts w/beg. | S |
| 2030 | | 061 | 032030H | To SSA-6. Tank repaired, ret to CP. | S |
| 2050 | | 062 | 032050H | SSA-6 Info SS-3. All tanks crossed river. Eta 45min. | S |
| | 2055 | 063 | 032050H | To SSA-2. Dir place 3 Gun Tanks AirBase. Remain position until releived by 3 tanks fr SSB on 4 Aug. | S |
| 2100 | | 064 | 032100H | Fr SSB. Picked up tanks, Danang ferry. Position Bn. CP. | S |

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| | 2110 | 065 | 032110H | SB to SBY-20 Via SSA-6. Rep crew and parts arrive yr position 040700H. Mark LZ yellow smoke. | S |
| 2112 | | 066 | 032112H | SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same. | S |
| 2130 | | 067 | 032130H | Fr SSA-2. All tks in tk park. | S |
| 2155 | | 068 | 032155H | Fr SSB. All tks in CP perimeter defense. Coord for oper comp. | S |
| 2158 | | 069 | 032158H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same. | S |
| 2200 | | 070 | 032200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2255 | | 071 | 032255H | Fr Dream-3. ETA of heli be at 1100 instead of 0700. | S |
| 2300 | | 072 | 032300H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same. | S |
| 2310 | | 073 | 032310H | To SSA-6. Heli change of time. 0700 to 1100. Rec Veh sooner is possible. | S |
| 2355 | | 074 | 032355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0003 | | 001 | 040003H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains same, no enemy contact. | S |
| 0100 | | 002 | 040100H | Fr SSAR. SITREP. Situation remains same, no enemy contact. | S |
| 0205 | | 003 | 040205H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0300 | | 004 | 040300H | Fr SSAR. SITREP. Situation Remains same. No enemy contact. | S |
| 0405 | | 005 | 040405H | Fr SSAR. SITREP. Situation remains same. No enemy contact. | S |
| 0410 | | 006 | 040410H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0500 | | 007 | 040500H | Fr SSAR. SITREP. Same as entry 040405H. | S |
| 0600 | | 008 | 040600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 009 | 040600H | Fr SSB. STARTED convoy fr beach. | S |
| 0605 | | 010 | 040605H | Fr SSAR. SITREP. Same as entry 040405H. | S |
| 0615 | | 011 | 040615H | Fr SSB. Tks are staged. Will cross LD in 02 sec. | S |
| 0645 | | 012 | 040645H | Fr SSB. Have reached new CP. Setting in. | S |
| 0705 | | 013 | 040705H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same, no enemy contact. Waiting for R-1 and parts. | S |
| 0715 | | 014 | 040715H | Fr SSB-6. Crossed LD at 0619, SSB-2 w/recon, jump off at 0641. SSB-5 moving to obj "B" w/Co. E. SSB-1 w/H Co. In position to attack obj. | S |
| 0815 | | 015 | 040815H | Fr SSB-6. SSB-5 moving S. to find river crossing. SSB-1 unit approx. 20 meters fr village, infantry attached to SSB-1 sweeping village now. SSB-1 unit approx 300 meters fr this position. | S |
| 0850 | | 016 | 040850H | Fr SSA-6. LVTR-1 has arrived this position. | S |
| 0855 | | 017 | 040852H | Fr SSB-6. SSB-5 w/E Co. in obj. position to attack "B". SSB-1 approx 500 meter S. of obj "A" commanding sweep of obj "A". | S |
| | 0920 | 018 | 040902H | To SSA-6. How long to rep damaged LVT. | S |
| 0925 | | 019 | 040925H | Fr SSA-6. LVTR-1 arrived. Maint 0 est rep by 1200. | S |
| | 1025 | 020 | 040950H | To SSB-6. Intelligence fr Monoe-2 indicated mine-field located BT 034688 and BT 030675. Type UNK. | S |

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| 1025 | | 021 | 041025H | Fr SSB-6. SSB-5 has Tks on line ready to move toward obj. "B". E Co. following tks SSB-1 and SSB-2 have recieved no enemy fire. | S |
| 1100 | 1209 | 022 | 041100H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Same as entry 040405H | S |
| | | 023 | 041209H | To SSA-6. Airstrike being called approx 4000 meters NW of your position. Yellow marker panels on your veh. Aero-observer knows position. | S |
| 1212 | | 024 | 041212H | Fr SSA-6. Will display orange panels. | S |
| 1215 | | 025 | 041215H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 coor 085680. Village deserted. Only position foxholes. B-5 position same. Three tanks stuck. Assistance fr LVTR-1. | S |
| | 1230 | 026 | 041230H | To SSA-6. Stakeout desires that Slaveborn come up on 42.0 & contact Pretext. D-6 Who is N of your position. you are to rendezvous w/unit for return to CP. | S |
| 1245 | | 027 | 041245H | Fr SSA-6. Expect to move out in 15 Min. Unable to contact Pretext Delta. | S |
| 1318 | | 028 | 041318H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Same as entry 040405H. | S |
| 1320 | | 029 | 041320H | Fr SSA-6. Approx time of depart 30min. | S |
| 1324 | | 030 | 041324H | Fr SSA-6. Are monitoring Pretext Delta net. | S |
| 1330 | | 031 | 041330H | Fr SSB-6. Joined w/SSB-2. 3 prisoners taken. Move out in 20 min. | S |
| 1415 | | 032 | 041415H | Fr SSA-6. Moving out. Informed Pretext and Pretext D-6 Who we are to rendezvous with. | S |
| 1455 | | 033 | 041455H | Fr SSB-6. Coor 070696 LVT hit mine. | S |
| 1505 | | 034 | 041505H | Fr SSA-6. Expect to rendezvous w/Pretext Delta. | S |
| 1512 | | 035 | 041512H | Fr SSB-6. Req S-3 to contact Blackbox-4. | S |
| 1515 | 1515 | 036 | 041515H | To SSB-6. What time will oper conclude. Are tanks operational. | S |
| 1520 | | 037 | 041520H | Fr SSB-6. Oper will conclude 051500H VTR awaiting fuel. | S |
| 1555 | | 038 | 041555H | Fr SSA-6. LVT broke idler arm again. recommend be towed by two tks. ETD 60 min. | S |

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| 1605 | | 039 | 041605H | Fr SSA-6. Req you send VTR to meet us. | S |
| 1605 | | 040 | 041605H | Fr SSR. One plt fr Pretext D will remain w/LVTs' | S |
| 1620 | | 041 | 041620H | Fr SSR. SSA-43 going out to meet SSA-3. | S |
| 1623 | | 042 | 041623H | Fr SSB. Present position is coor 048688. | S |
| 1634 | | 043 | 041634H | Fr SSB-1. Present position 500 meters S. of obj "C". No VC Contact. Sweeping toward obj "C". | S |
| 1640 | | 044 | 041640H | Fr SSA-6. Have towed LVT to coor 903698. Est. time for repair. 24 Hours. | S |
| | 1642 | 045 | 041642H | To SSA-6 Return to CP. Leave infantry and rations with LVT's. | S |
| 1655 | | 046 | 041655H | Fr SSB-5. At location coor 065695. Encounter heavy fire. | S |
| | 1715 | 047 | 041715H | To SSB-6. What vehicle requires fuel pump. | S |
| 1725 | | 048 | 041725H | Fr SSA-6. Returning to CP. | S |
| 1730 | | 049 | 041730H | To SS-3. Bn Corpsmen treated 40 Vietnamese civilian. | S |
| 1755 | | 050 | 041755H | Fr SSB. Will inform you of vehicle concerning fuel pump. Have no comm at present. | S |
| 1805 | | 051 | 041805H | Fr SSB-5. B-41 and B-33 are enroute to assist B-43. | S |
| 1810 | | 052 | 041810H | Fr SSB-1. Secure on obj. "C". Troops low on water. | S |
| 1815 | | 053 | 041815H | Fr SSB-6. Req mech fuel pump for B-43. | S |
| 1818 | | 054 | 041818H | Fr SSA-6. B-42 enroute to Bn CP. Have crossed river. | S |
| 1840 | | 055 | 041840H | Fr SSA-6. B-42 to SSA CP then to Bn CP. | S |
| | 1910 | 056 | 041910H | To SSB-1. Meet MCB-9 CP AT 0772 at 2000 to pick up fuel pump and water. | S |
| 1930 | | 057 | 041930H | Fr SSB-1. Will not proceed to MCB-9. Road mined. | S |
| 2000 | | 058 | 042000H | Fr SSB-5. Drop fuel pump off at MCB-9. | S |
| 2008 | | 059 | 042008H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2012 | | 060 | 042012H | Fr SSB. B-43 in perimeter defense. Fuel line rep. | S |
| 2033 | | 061 | 042033H | To SSB. Can any tanks return to MCB-9 tonight. | S |
| 2035 | | 062 | 042035H | Fr SSB. Can not return to MCB-9. Set up in defense. | S |
| 2036 | | 063 | 042036H | Fr SSB. Roger your last. Attempt to contact MCB-9. | S |
| 2115 | | 064 | 042115H | Fr SSB. Have got spare parts and fuel. | S |
| | 2117 | 065 | 042117H | To SSB. Secure from net untill 050600H. | S |
| 2200 | | 066 | 042200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0002 | | 001 | 050002H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0200 | | 002 | 050200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0315 | | 003 | 050315H | 34 reported movement at post #1. Flare thrown. Neg. | S |
| 0400 | | 004 | 050400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 005 | 050600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0610 | | 006 | 050610H | Fr SSB-1. Enroute to Marble Mt. | S |
| 0725 | | 007 | 050725H | Fr SSB-1. Arrived obj 0650H. COOR 033687. | S |
| 0750 | | 008 | 050750H | Fr SSB. B-5 and infantry have started sweep of vill | S |
| 0810 | | 009 | 050810H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-43 and 2 tks in support of LVTs Coming to coor. 073708. | S |
| 0825 | | 010 | 050825H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-2 mission. Screen axis along gridline 068. | S |
| 0911 | | 011 | 050911H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. Recd SA fire fr bunker coor. 049684. Returned SA fire. Captured 1 VCS. | S |
| 0915 | | 012 | 050915H | Fr SSB-5. SITREP. Sweeping village coor 054697. | S |
| 1000 | | 013 | 051000H | Fr SSB-6. SPOT REPORT. 4 rds 90mm fired. Minefield destroyed. | S |
| | 1000 | 014 | 051000H | To SSB-6. Identify infantry units operating w/B-2, B-1 and B-5. | S |
| 1015 | | 015 | 051015H | Fr SSB-6. To your last; B-2 - Recon, B-1 - H Co., B-5 - E Co. | S |
| 1145 | | 016 | 051145H | Fr SSB-6. Turning payroll into disbursing. | S |
| 1150 | | 017 | 051150H | Fr SSB-7. SITREP. Engaged enemy emplacement coor 055646. Destroyed by .50 cal and M-79. Staged at coor. 037656. | S |
| 1155 | | 018 | 051155H | Fr SSB-7. SITREP. Infantry beginning to sweep village. Will render supporting fire. | S |
| | 1205 | 019 | 051205H | To SSB-6. What will be deployment of "B" Co. veh at end of operation? | S |
| 1220 | | 020 | 051220H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-1 same position as Before. | S |
| 1222 | | 021 | 051222H | Fr SSB-6. In regard to RAPP. It will be impossible to replace him until after problem. | S |
| 1230 | | 022 | 051230H | Fr SSB-6. SPOT REPORT. Moving out of assembly area. Receiving heavy SA fire fr house. | S |

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| 1245 | | 023 | 051245H | Fr SSB-6. B-6A not at present position. Will advise to deployment and to pay ASAP. | S |
| 1245 | 1250 | 024 | 051245H | Fr SSB. Village tanken under fire. Cont thru village. | S |
| | | 025 | 051250H | To SSB-6. Keep us informed of all details of B-2. | S |
| 1255 | | 026 | 051255H | Fr SSB-6. B-2 recd SA fire from village. Secured village. Leaving assy. area. | S |
| 1440 | | 027 | 051440H | Fr SSB-5. Terrain 200 meters S of stream running fr 050707 to 056700 impassable to B-5 and C units. | S |
| 1445 | | 028 | 051445H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-2 location 1000 meters in front of Marble Mt. Moving W and NW of TAOR. | S |
| 1450 | | 029 | 051450H | Fr SSB- 6. SITREP. B-1 and Infantry Sweeping Village. | S |
| 1523 | | 030 | 051523H | Fr Shove-2. B1/3n making adjustments in defense for possible VC recon party of 10 men w/SA in Hoa Cam Area. Coor (AT 955700)(AT 963699)(AT 955705). | S |
| 1601 | | 031 | 051601H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-2 tks arrived French Fort. B-2 tks will stage at MCB-9. B13 Returning to Marble Mt. to make overlay for tonights operation. | S |
| | 1615 | 032 | 051615H | To SSB-6. Requirment for one SSB Plt w/Redwood for operation on 6 Aug. | S |
| | 1632 | 033 | 051632H | To SSB-6. Will pay B-1. | S |
| 1636 | | 034 | 051636H | Fr SSB. Req to know where A-6 is and when he will pay. | S |
| | 1639 | 035 | 051639H | To SSB. A-6 will pay at MCB-9 CP. Will arrive approx. 60 min. | S |
| 1650 | | 036 | 051650H | Fr SSB. B-1 will be approx 10 mi. fr this position in VC area when A-6 arrives. | S |
| | 1650 | 037 | 051650H | To SSB-6. Yr 051601H said would be at Marble Mt. Send messenger to MCB-9 to inform A-6. | S |
| | 1706 | 038 | 051706H | To SSB-6. What are plans for tonight. | S |
| 1720 | | 039 | 051720H | Fr SSB-6. B-2 has completed operation. 3 tks will return to MCB-9. B-1 will establish defensive position w/H Co. Coor 056685 and 034682. B-5 will establish defence with E Co. Coor 070704 and 056685. Comm established at French Fort. | S |

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| 1930 | | 040 | 051930H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-5 located approx 071685. Position set up for night. No action anticipated. | S |
| 2000 | | 041 | 052000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2004 | | 042 | 052004H | Fr SSB-5. SITREP. Situation remains the same. Correct R-051920H to read coor 065687. | S |
| 2110 | | 043 | 052110H | Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-5 set in with "E"Co. All other units secure. | S |
| 2210 | | 044 | 052210H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2210 | | 045 | 052210H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 2300 | | 046 | 052300H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 2352 | | 047 | 052352H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |

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| 0001 | | 001 | 060001H | 34 reported all secure. | F |
| 0205 | | 002 | 060205H | 34 reported all secure. | F |
| 0213 | | 003 | 060213H | Fr SSB-1. SITREP. RECD light SA fire fr right front B-5 situation same as before. | S |
| 0400 | | 004 | 060400H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains secure. | S |
| 0405 | | 005 | 060405H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0605 | | 006 | 060605H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 0700 | | 007 | 060700H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 0800 | | 008 | 060800H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 0813 | | 009 | 060813H | Fr SmkA-6. Two Flm tks and one gun tk has mission to destroy VC distrect Hq. (AT 876692). | S |
| 0900 | | 010 | 060900H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 1105 | | 011 | 061105H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. | S |
| 1215 | | 012 | 061215H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same. Need rations. | S |
| 1245 | | 013 | 061245H | Fr SSA-3. Are in attack. Delay was infantry. | S |
| | 1325 | 014 | 061325H | To SSB-5. Return to MCB-9 with tanks. Returning to Bn CP. | S |
| 1330 | | 015 | 061330H | Fr SSB-5. Req your last msg means we are detached? Infantry req we escort back to bridge. | S |
| 1345 | | 016 | 061345H | Fr SSB-6. Will be at French Fort for pay call. | S |
| | 1350 | 017 | 061350H | To SSB-6. A-6 will pay at 1800. | S |
| 1800 | | 018 | 061800H | Fr SSB. Returned to MCB-9. Secured for day. | S |
| 2020 | | 019 | 062020H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2025 | | 020 | 062025H | Fr SSB-1. SITREP. Situation remains all secure. | S |
| 2200 | | 021 | 062200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 022 | 062400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0100 | | 001 | 070100H | Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Request VTR at first light. Will hold position w/B-1 at 877693. "A" Co. send VTR. | S |
| 0155 | | 002 | 070155H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0355 | | 003 | 070355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0555 | | 004 | 070555H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1025 | | 005 | 071025H | Fr Sra-3. SITREP. VTR has reached position. A-3 and Beatnik are moving to contact VC at 878678. | S |
| 1635 | | 006 | 071635H | Fr SSA. All veh repaired. Proceeding to CP. ETA 1800 | S |
| 1735 | | 007 | 071735H | Fr SSA. Returning to Bn CP in one hour. | S |
| 1815 | | 008 | 071815H | Fr SSA. SITREP. Situation all secure. | S |
| 1820 | | 009 | 071820H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1950 | | 010 | 071950H | Fr SSB-1. Have made liasion w/B-2 BT 042690. Situation secure. | S |
| 2000 | | 011 | 072000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2035 | | 012 | 072035H | 34 reported one rd SA fire from trees forward Y-2. | S |
| 2205 | | 013 | 072205H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0005 | | 001 | 080005H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0200 | | 002 | 080200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 003 | 080400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 004 | 080600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1300 | | 005 | 081300H | Fr Blackbox-6. Req tk fire(AT 987688). Fired 11 rds. Target destroyed. | S |
| 1825 | | 006 | 081825H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2025 | | 007 | 082025H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2200 | | 008 | 082200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2358 | | 009 | 082358H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 090200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 090400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 090600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2000 | | 004 | 092000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2020 | | 005 | 092020H | Fr SSB-1. 1715H, 2d Plt, 1/9 under SA while bathing in river. Supply LVT leaving 2d Plt CP under auto SA fire. Fire returned. B-14 & B-15 moved out to suppress the SA fire. Came fr house. Two men ran fr house. Fire was delivered to village. No bodies found. All units returned to CPat 1855. | S |
| 2330 | | 006 | 092330H | Recd SA fire followed immediately by approx 20 rds of 60mm and 81mm mortar. Muzzle blast reported fr vic of Yen Bac at approx (AT 984702). Two areas hit (AT 988711) and (AT 991710). | S |
| 2335 | | 007 | 092335H | Firing ceased and casualties began arriving BAS. | S |
| | 2345 | 008 | 092345H | To Senator-3. Notified of attack and request for medical assistance. One doctor and four corpsmen sent. | S |
| | 2346 | 009 | 092346H | Request for helicopter evacuation fr Bailey 14. | S |

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| 0020 | | 001 | 100020H | Gen Walt called talked to SR-6 about attack. | S |
| 0023 | | 002 | 100023H | Helicopters began arriving at Dream. | S |
| | 0048 | 003 | 100048H | Mortar report sent to Shove-3. | S |
| 0050 | | 004 | 100050H | Last helicopter departed with casualties. | S |
| 0145 | | 005 | 100145H | Recd call fr hosp that Cpl L.I. HILDENBRAND, 1846759 had DOW at 0130. | S |
| 0225 | | 006 | 100225H | Recd call fr hosp that LT CPL P.A. DEVERS, 1973523 had DOW. Both Hildenbrand and Devers Chaplains services prior to death. Both Lt. Sullivan and Lt. Kraus recd last rites fr Catholic Chaplain. | S |
| 0230 | | 007 | 100230H | Recd call fr Gen Walt to SR-6. | S |
| 0245 | | 008 | 100245H | Fr Senator-3. Auth news release of light casualties. | S |
| 0300 | | 009 | 100300H | Fr Whale-16. Names, diagnosis, prognosis and condition of WIA's. 20 WIA's. | S |
| 0710 | | 010 | 100710H | Fr Senator-3. Request type of RDS report and condition of Sgt. Wingert. | S |
| 0714 | | 011 | 100714H | Recd call fr Liaison at hosp that substantial no. of wounded would be returned to Bn. | S |
| 0720 | | 012 | 100720H | Fr Whale-16. All wounded except 2 DOW still alive. | S |
| | 0722 | 013 | 100722H | To 34. All Marines on line day or night will wear helmets during night and helmet liners during day and flak jackets. | S |
| 0800 | | 014 | 100800H | Fr Whale-16. All WIA will remain at hosp until this afternoon, with possible release of a few at time. | S |
| 0745 | | 015 | 100745H | LATE ENTRY: Crater analysis team fr 12th Mar confirmed both 60mm and 81mm rounds hit area. | S |
| 0805 | | 016 | 100805H | Fr Whale-16. Lt. Kraus out of OR and Lt. Sullivan in OR. | S |
| 0810 | | 017 | 100810H | Bn corpsmen and interpreter sent to Phong Bac (1) to check on reported injured civilian. 5 RDS of mixed 60mm and 81mm hit village. | S |
| 0840 | | 018 | 100840H | Fr 34. Post Y-1 reported 106 RR spotting .50 Cal rds coming fr road bed across river. | S |
| | 0841 | 019 | 100841H | To Blackbox. Notified of 100840H. | S |

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| 0910 | | 020 | 100910H | Fr 34. Reported Sgt. J.G. HAWLEY released fr hosp. | S |
| 0920 | | 021 | 100920H | Fr Senator-3. Sqd size patrol fr 2/9 on E side of our perimeter. Will be there all morning. | S |
| 1017 | | 022 | 101017H | Fr Shove-3. Approved Trng for 14 Aug. | S |
| 1055 | | 023 | 101055H | Fr Air Officer G-3. Inquired about time lapse of heli evac for WIA. | S |
| 1135 | | 024 | 101135H | Fr Whale-16. Lt. KRAUS and Lt. SULLIVAN on critical list. SSGT. CRABTREE serious. | S |
| 1140 | | 025 | 101140H | Fr 34. Dud found in front of bunker Yankee 1 post. | S |
| | 1202 | 026 | 101202H | Fr Shove-3. For anyone requesting news info. Reply light casualties and no Numbers. | S |
| | 1325 | 027 | 101325H | Fr Wagonmaster-3. Auth FO to report Tk Bn CP tonight. | S |
| 1750 | | 028 | 101750H | Fr Whale-16. Following personnel to be evac, Lt. SULLIVAN, SSGT CRABTREE, AGELLOR, MAJ. JONES, SGT SMITH, CLARK, LT. KARNES. | S |
| 1848 | | 029 | 101848H | Fr Art FO. Called fire mission. Suspected 100 VC. (AT 964675) | S |
| 1900 | | 030 | 101900H | Fr Senator-3. Patrols out tonight. One 10 man patrol at 2400H - 0400H. (AT 984701) - (AT 985701) Two 10 man patrols at 2100H - 0400H. (AT 968719) (AT 793718) | S |
| 2000 | | 031 | 102000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2052 | | 032 | 102052H | Fr SSB-6. At 1600H B14 and B15 Captured 5 VC. At 1730 6th VCS were captured by B11 and B13 in bomb shelter. No casualties. | S |
| 2150 | | 033 | 102150H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2355 | | 034 | 102355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 110200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 110400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 110600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1610 | | 004 | 111610H | BAS treated approx 35 Vietnamese in vil of Phong Bac (1). Chaplain gave out 30 pair of shower shoes. | S |
| | 1810 | 005 | 111810H | To 34. HE Rd in ea. gun. Safety on. All people in positions. Come upon radio 1930 for radio check. | S |
| 1825 | | 006 | 111825H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1935 | | 007 | 111935H | Fr Senator-3. Hoa Cam will have 2 patrols of 10 and 12 men respectfully at 2400H -0400H. | S |
| 2000 | | 008 | 112000H | Recd sniper fire fr position (AT 996712). | S |
| 2025 | | 009 | 112025H | Fr SSB-1 SITREP. At 1600 2d Plt., Co. "B", 1/9 found a VC pack containing clothes, rations, papers, expended ammo, canteen, gun powder, camo covers. B15 found bag of plugs for fuze wells of 105mm and 155mm. All secure and no enemy contact. | S |
| 2150 | | 010 | 112150H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2215 | | 011 | 112215H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Activity around temple. Not beleived to be VC. All secure. | S |
| 2218 | | 012 | 112218H | Fr Blackbox-5. Ask for fire support into Cam Ne. | S |
| 2310 | | 013 | 112310H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. All secure. No enemy contact. | S |
| 2355 | | 014 | 112355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 015 | 112400H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. All secure. No enemy contact. | S |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 120200H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 0400 | | 002 | 120400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 120600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0715 | | 004 | 120715H | Fr Senator-2. Req Grid Coor for sniper rds approx 2000. Ans. 996712. | S |
| 1530 | | 005 | 121530H | Fr Wagonmaster-2. FO rpts 20-35 people entering house 1000 meters to right front of his position carrying several long boxes of diff shapes. None brought out of houses. (AT 978703). | S |
| 1615 | | 006 | 121615H | Tk Bn furnished 3d AT Bn 15 men for 30 man patrol. | S |
| 1800 | | 007 | 121800H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1830 | | 008 | 121830H | Patrol returned. No enemy contact. | S |
| 1900 | | 009 | 121900H | Fr Senator-3. ARVN patrol. 2300-0430. 1 Sqd. (AT 977704) (AT 983702). | S |
| 2000 | | 010 | 122000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2200 | | 011 | 122200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 012 | 122400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0155 | | 001 | 130155H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 130400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1543 | | 003 | 131543H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Started sweep of village at 1330 with Bravo-2 Infantry. All secure. No enemy contact. | S |
| 1730 | | 004 | 131730H | BAS treated 30 civilians in village. Chaplain gave out 31 pair of shower shoes. | S |
| 2000 | | 005 | 132000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2025 | | 006 | 132025H | Fr SSB. B-1 SITREP. At 1745 B11 & B15 on patrol with 3d Plt, Co. "B", 1/9. 2 VC hit by B11. One carried off by other. (BT 069686) | S |
| 2040 | | 007 | 132040H | Fr Shove-3. One rd incoming mortar hit (980695). Twenty VC seen in area of (971693). Fire mission. | S |
| 2110 | | 008 | 132110H | Fr SSB. B-1 SITREP. Situation all secure. | S |
| 2130 | | 009 | 132130H | Fr Senator-5. Had we been gassed? | S |
| 2135 | | 010 | 132135H | Fr Dream-3. They had been hit by CS gas. | S |
| 2140 | | 011 | 132140H | Fr HeavyFist. Mortar position coor change. (AT 980695) | S |
| 2205 | | 012 | 132205H | Fr SSB. B-1 SITREP. Situation all secure. ETA CP 0145. | S |
| 2255 | | 013 | 132255H | Fr SSB. SITREP. All B Co. Situation all secure. | S |
| 2355 | | 014 | 132355H | Fr SSB. B11 and B13 still on sweep. | S |
| 2400 | | 015 | 132400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0200 | 001 | 140200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0350 | 002 | 140350H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | 003 | 140600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1000 | 004 | 141000H | Fr SSB. B-1 SITREP. Fr 140001 to 141000H. No enemy contact. | S |
| 1400 | 005 | 141400H | Fr 34. To range to FAM fire M-60 and .50 Cal. | S |
| 1535 | 006 | 141535H | Fr 34. Returning and securing fr firing. | S |
| 1615 | 007 | 141615H | Fr SSA. No enemy contact (AT 895665). | S |
| 1830 | 008 | 141830H | Fr HMM-161. Request retriver to pull out downed heli. Retrifer to be dispatched 150730H for Assist. | S |
| 1905 | 009 | 141905H | Fr SSA. Infantry have dismounted veh and are proceed- ing W in valley (876652). Expected to return at 1900. | S |
| 1955 | 010 | 141955H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2200 | 011 | 142200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2300 | 012 | 142300H | Fr SSA. SITREP. Prearranged point all secure. | S |

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| 0010 | | 001 | 150010H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0015 | | 002 | 150015H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation all units secure. | S |
| 0200 | | 003 | 150200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 004 | 150400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0520 | | 005 | 150520H | Fr Senator-3. Fr Houang Dist Hq at 0530 houang Sub Sector will conduct police oper of Phong Bao hamlet (AT 998714). Purpose to find out VC participating in killing of hamlet. | S |
| 0600 | | 006 | 150600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0815 | | 007 | 150815H | Fr SSA-1. Postion 0800H, 100 meters S. of Bivouac area. Are awaiting heli. | S |
| 0940 | | 008 | 150940H | Fr Yacht-5. Sending out patrol. 12-14 men. Assisted by popular forces. | S |
| 0950 | | 009 | 150950H | Fr Shove-3. Recd call of suspected tank burning, was neg. LVT burning. Crew members slightly burned. | S |
| 1327 | | 010 | 151327H | Fr SSA. SITREP. Position (AT 879698). Encountered enemy sniper fire. | S |
| 1400 | | 011 | 151400H | Fr SSB-1. At 0930 LVT hit two AT mines. They were about 200 meters apart. Three crewmen had 3d degree burns. Road checked by engineers. Search indicated no VC. (083697). | S |
| 1400 | | 012 | 151400H | Fr SSB-1. Bl2 has broken torsion bar. Req replace. | S |
| 1615 | | 013 | 151615H | Fr SSA. Recd 1 rd SA fire. No chase, heavy underbrush. | S |
| 1620 | | 014 | 151620H | Fr SSA. Location (901702). No enemy contact. | S |
| 1700 | | 015 | 151700H | BAS corpsmen treated 40 civilians. Attitude good. | S |
| 1730 | | 016 | 151730H | Fr SSA. Have reached destination. (AT 898697). No enemy contact. SITREP every two hours. | S |
| 1815 | | 017 | 151815H | Fr SSB. Two tks to 9th Mar ammo dump. | S |
| 1820 | | 018 | 151820H | Fr 34. Y-6 reported auto rifle firing into AmTrac. | S |
| 1945 | | 019 | 151945H | Fr SSB-5. Two tks, 3d Plt. (AT 981732). All secure. | S |
| 1946 | | 020 | 151946H | Fr Senator-2. ARVN troops in Phong Bac (1) all night. 34 informed. | S |

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| 2025 | | 021 | 152025H | Fr SSA. CP (AT 898697). No enemy contact. | S |
| 2145 | | 022 | 152145H | Fr SSB-5. Have one WIA. Evacuated. S. of Marble Mtn. | S |
| 2150 | | 023 | 152150H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2210 | | 024 | 152210H | Fr SSB-1. SITREP. At 1925 3d Plt, "B" Co., 1/9 came under SA fire fr approx 3 gun positions. Returned fire. No. of enemy unk. 1st Plt "B" Co., 1/9 came under SA fire. At 1900 B11 and F32 moved out to 3d Plt. Maint man left in 1st Plt CP to man PRC-8. No enemy contact in 3d Plt. sector. | S |
| 2310 | | 025 | 152310H | Fr Senator-2. Hoa Vang agent report VC know Marines stay at bunker, La Bong (AT 980670). Four nights mines placed (AT 980680) (AT 990680) (AT 980670) (AT 990670). VC use railroad ties and rails to cover tunnels. (AT 993685). VC have positions for mortars in Hoa Phai area. Plan to mortar (AT 986720) (AT 999703) and Hoa Cam Trng Center. | S |
| 2335 | | 026 | 152335H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2340 | | 027 | 152340H | 34 reports that Y-3 reported person seen observing area fr 2300-2340. | S |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 160200H | 34 reports all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 160400H | 34 reports all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 160600H | 34 reports all secure. | S |
| 0735 | | 004 | 160735H | Fr SSA. Left bivouac area. (AT 903702). Recd small amount sniper fire fr our N W across river. Returning to CP. | S |
| 0835 | | 005 | 160835H | Fr SSA. Tanks ready to make last river crossing. No enemy contact. ETA CP 0845H. | S |
| 2000 | | 006 | 162000H | 34 reports all secure. | S |
| 2005 | | 007 | 162005H | Fr Senator-3. Hoa Cam Trng Center has 200 man tactical road march fr trng center to small French fort. Time of Completion 2000 to 2300. | S |
| 2055 | | 008 | 162055H | Fr SSB. 2d Plt. Co. "B", w/1/9. Recd 2 rds SA fire at approx 2015H. | S |
| 2135 | | 009 | 162135H | Fr Shove-3. Hoa Vang Dist Hq reports fol With C-1 rating. VC Bn moved in Hoa Lan village (BT 040680) (BT 050680) (BT 050670) 300 men w/ 81mm mortar and Bar. Told village to move to Thanh Thuy. One small VC unit moved to (BT 033725) in order to fire 81mm into USMC positions (BT 022730). For propaganda. | S |
| 2200 | | 010 | 162200H | 34 reports all secure. | S |
| 2215 | | 011 | 162215H | Fr SSB. Tanks in defensive position. All secure. | S |
| 2315 | | 012 | 162315H | Fr 34. Several voices came fr village on S of perimeter saying "Marine You Die". SA fire into AT Bn perimeter. Auto fire into Tk Bn perimeter. (AT 993704). SA fire fr Phong Bac (1) (AT 986708). No casualties. At least six auto wep, 30 personnel on E. flk, 4 gren (two inside, two outside perimeter) thrown at Tk Bn positions. Artillery called by FO. | S |

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| 0150 | | 001 | 170150H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0355 | | 002 | 170355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0430 | | 003 | 170430H | Fr Senator-2. Req info on last night fire fight. | S |
| 0550 | | 004 | 170550H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0905 | | 005 | 170905H | Fr SSB. 1/9 requested other tk be sent to Marble Mtn. | S |
| 2015 | | 006 | 172015H | Fr Heavy Fist-2. One VC Co. (AT 975665) w/60mm & 81mm mortars, 125 men. One VC Co. Same. 120 men. | S |
| 2100 | | 007 | 172100H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2120 | | 008 | 172120H | Fr Senator-2. 172040H Hoa Vang Dis Hq reported one VC Co. moved fr (AT 956643) to (AT 956633). CO Nguyen Doa. Weapons unk. | S |
| 2125 | | 009 | 172125H | Fr DivSupOff. to Lt.Col. Jones. Will replace Lt. Rick with Capt. Frazier. Lt. Rick to Recon. Capt Frazier has experience. Will report at 0730. | S |
| 2150 | | 010 | 172150H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2235 | | 011 | 172235H | Fr Senator-2. Bailey states civilians moving into area (AT 990730) & (AT 990720). Friendly but ARVN are moving armored veh into area. | S |
| 2325 | | 012 | 172325H | Fr Yacht-3. Trans of VC Coc. VC have mined 3 diff locations along road vicinity of Hom Na (029691) Referred to General Area. | S |
| 2350 | | 013 | 172350H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0145 | | 001 | 180145H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 180400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1135 | | 003 | 181135H | Fr SR "B". C-22 and C-24 disabled by 57mm RR fire. | S |
| 1230 | | 004 | 181230H | Fr Shove-3. C-22 and C-24 are back in action. | S |
| 1300 | | 005 | 181300H | H&S Co. Plans to conduct 26 man patrol. 182200H to 190600H w/AT Bn and LVT Bn. | S |
| 1315 | | 006 | 181315H | Fr Shove-3. To SK "C". Tks damaged, 57mm. Damaged repaired. No known casualties. | S |
| 1510 | | 007 | 181510H | Fr SK "C". Two "C" tks damaged, C-22, C-24. Tks operative, radios damaged, casualties occurred during operation. Lt. THOMPSON-WIA, SSgt. MALETTE-WIA, Sgt. CIPAL-WIA, Sgt. McQUEARY-WIA. | S |
| 1900 | | 008 | 181900H | Fr CO Co. "C". "B", 1st Tks W/2d & 3d Plt. fr CO Co. "C", 3d Tks and Flm Sec are engaged in oper S. of Chu Lai. Info 2 Flm Tks burning, Status unk. One KIA-Cpl LAIDLAW fr 1st Plt Co. "A" 3d Tk Bn. | S |
| 2000 | | 009 | 182000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2010 | | 010 | 182010H | Fr Senator-3. Overlay recd concerning sweep of near by villages recd at 2010. | S |
| 2020 | | 011 | 182020H | Fr Co. "C". Fol people evac to DaNang C&C. Lt. Thompson, Sgt. MALLETT, Sgt. IAVELLO, Sgt. McQUEARY. | S |
| 2030 | | 012 | 182030H | Fr Senator-3. Auth delay of SR patrol 24 Hrs. | S |
| 2045 | | 013 | 182045H | Fr Co. "C". Lt. THOMPSON, Sgt. McQUEARY, and Sgt. SIPELLI evac to C&C, DaNang. Appears now that tks were hit by 3.5 R/L. Copy of Sgt. McQUEARY's orders taken to him. Lt. MASSEY replace Lt. THOMPSON | S |
| 2120 | | 014 | 182120H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation all secure. | S |
| 2200 | | 015 | 182200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2207 | | 016 | 182207H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation all secure. | S |
| 2308 | | 017 | 182308H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation all secure. | S |
| 2330 | | 018 | 182330H | Fr 34. Reported a group of men in front of position. | S |
| 2345 | | 019 | 182345H | Fr 34. Recd richoches fr accross river. Returned 12 rds. | S |
| 2347 | | 020 | 182347H | FO called Wagonmaster FDC. Patrol in Yen Bac area. | S |

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| 2352 | | 021 | 182352H | Fr SRA. Senator-3. No friendly patrol in area N. of river. | S |
| 2358 | | 022 | 182358H | Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation all secure. | S |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 190200H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 0400 | | 002 | 190400H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 0650 | | 003 | 190650H | Fr Smk "C". No new info recd fr Quang Ngai. It appears that all tks can move under own power. Report of Flm tks on fire not confirmed. Casualties remain 1-KIA, 4-WIA. Known tk damage 1 tur inoperative 2 radios damaged. | S S |
| 0840 | 0 | 004 | 190840H | Fr Shove-3. Req for use of Hoa Cam Trng Cen on 21 Aug disapproved. Resubmit in Sept. | S |
| 0910 | | 005 | 190910H | Fr Smk Y-5. Report fr Div hosp. Lt. THOMPSON in surgery, Sgt. McQUERY and Lt. LITTLE have been evac to CAB, PI. One other Sgt fr Smk C has been evacuated. Unable to determine his name. All evac in good condition. | S |
| 0920 | | 006 | 190920H | Fr Smk "C". One flm tk destroyed, two tanks immobilized-contact team is going to their position to determine extent of damage. It appears that H-2-4 and supporting tks met heaviest resistance on oper. Unaware that Lt. LITTLE was WIA. | S |
| 1217 | | 007 | 191217H | Fr Smk "C". "C"-6 has gone to RLT-7 to determine situation. Lt. SPARKS will assume command of 3d Plt. Gy Sgt. DAUGHERTY will assume command of 2nd Plt. Both have gone to RLT-7. Have not recd M-51 Track fr "B" Co., 1st Tk Bn. | S |
| 1305 | | 008 | 191305H | Fr Senator-3. Patrol scheduled to leave 192200H will not leave till 192400H. All concerned notified. | S |
| 1323 | | 009 | 191323H | Fr Heavyfist. Heavyfist will use one tk fr 3d Tk Bn. defense in Heavyfist defensive positions. | S |
| 1448 | | 010 | 191448H | Fr Shove-3. One Flm destroyed, One Flm damaged, Two tks (M48A3) inoperative at Quang Ngai. | S |
| 1735 | | 011 | 191735H | Fr Smk "C"-6. Status of Tanks, A-31 penetration radios damaged, operational; A-32 damaged, extent unk; A-33 undamaged; A-34 burned out, ammo has not exploded; may be destroyed and abandoned; A-35 evac now aboard ship; C-22 turret frozen, can | S |

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| | | | | maneuver; C-24 searchlight destroyed by SA, otherwise operational. One Flm tk fr B. Co. 1st Tks destroyed and another damaged. Tks have killed many VC and destroyed several fortifications. HE, WP, and 30 Cal. MG were primary weapons used. Smk C has following known casualties: Lt. THOMPSON, SSgt. MALETTE, Sgt. McQUERY, Sgt. CIPAL, Lt. LITTLE WIA; Cpl. LAIDLOW, KIA; Pfc or Lcpl YODER, WIA; but location unk. Crew of Flm Tk fr "B" Co. 1st Tks may have boarded an LVT. One member of another Flm Tk crew of "B" Co. 1st Tks was evac. Name and status unk. "B" Co. 1st Tks has 4 known WIA and 1 KIA/WIA at this time. | |
| 2000 | | 012 | 192000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2050 | | 013 | 192050H | Fr Blackbox-3. Called and said could not get M79 tonight would try again tomorrow. | S |
| 2145 | | 014 | 192145H | Fr Blackbox-3. They will have 6-8 trucks coming in fr across river bringing troops to Wagonmaster Echo's position. Will probably be two trips made. | S |
| 2200 | | 015 | 192200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2350 | | 016 | 192350H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2355 | | 017 | 192355H | Fr Yankee-7. Patrol departed CP Proceeding to preplanned position. | S |

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| 0033 | | 001 | 200033H | Yankee-7 at Check Point 1. | S |
| 0038 | | 002 | 200038H | Yankee-7 at Check Point 2. | S |
| 0210 | | 003 | 200210H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 004 | 200400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0620 | | 005 | 200620H | Patrol Departed ambush site. | S |
| 0640 | | 006 | 200640H | Patrol has reached Check Point 4. | S |
| 0645 | | 007 | 200645H | Patrol has returned to CP and secured. | S |
| 1220 | | 008 | 201220H | Fr Smk C-6. Following casualties confirmed. KIA - 1., WIA - 13. Some damage to tks. | S |
| 2200 | | 009 | 202200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2145 | | 010 | 202145H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 011 | 202400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0155 | | 001 | 210155H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 210400H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 210600H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 1955 | | 004 | 211955H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |
| 2055 | | 005 | 212055H | Fr SSY-7. At check point 4. Senator 3 notified. | | S |
| 2255 | | 006 | 212255H | 34 reported all secure. | | S |

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| 0035 | | 001 | 220035H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0200 | | 002 | 220200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 003 | 220400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 004 | 220600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0720 | | 005 | 220720H | Fr SSY-7. Patrol and ambush returned to CP. No enemy contact. Senator-3 notified. | S |
| 1330 | | 006 | 221330H | Fr SSB-1. At pres time am standing by downed aircraft. Pilot evaced. (BT 047702) Req you notify SS-6. Will await further instructions. | S |
| 1335 | | 007 | 221335H | Fr SSB-1. Situation all secure. No enemy contact. Awaiting airwing to pickup gear fr aircraft. | S |
| 2005 | | 008 | 222005H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2200 | | 009 | 222200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2230 | | 010 | 222230H | Fr SwkB. Lost radio contact w/B-1 at 2200. Will notify Swk-3 when contact reestablished. | S |

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| 0010 | | 001 | 230010H | Fr SSB. Still unable to transmit to B-1. Can rec. Periodically will man net all night or until comm is reestablished. | S S S S S S |
| 0020 | | 002 | 230020H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 200 | | 003 | 230200H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 200 | | 004 | 230200H | Fr SSB. Still no contact w/B-1. Securing net till 240600H. | |
| 0600 | | 005 | 230600H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 2200 | | 006 | 232200H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 2355 | | 007 | 232355H | 34 reported all secure. | |

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| 0145 | | 001 | 240145H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0355 | | 002 | 240355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 240600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1800 | | 004 | 241800H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0000 | | 005 | 242000H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2150 | | 006 | 242150H | Fr Senator-3. SA fire recd in ammo dump fr III MEF trash dump. | S |
| 2200 | | 007 | 242200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 008 | 242400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0155 | | 001 | 250155H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 250400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0555 | | 003 | 250555H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1800 | | 004 | 251800H | BAS treated 40 civilians in Phong Bac (1). | S |
| 2015 | | 005 | 252015H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2155 | | 006 | 252155H | Fr SSB-6. A company sized attack fr VC in the Marble Mtn Area is expected. Word fr Senator-3. | S |
| 2200 | | 007 | 252200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2255 | | 008 | 252255H | SmkR-6 and Y-1 observed approx 3 mortar rds followed by SA fire, fired toward or in the vicinity of hill 47. | S |
| 2355 | | 009 | 252355H | LtCol. Rapheal called. Rds in 252255H entry hit (9771) 1/3 (ARVN manned) outpost. 2-KIA 4 or 5 WIA. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | M - Map | S - Staff |
| | | | | | | T - Troops | F - File |
| 0100 | | 001 | 260100H | Fr Yankee-6. Reported 3 Sniper rds recd fr village at bottom of hill to our south. No casualties. | | | S |
| 0115 | | 002 | 260115H | Fr Blackbox-3. Our light tank illuminating patrol south of bridge. | | | S |
| 0200 | | 003 | 260200H | 34 reported all secure. | | | S |
| 0400 | | 004 | 260400H | 34 reported all secure. | | | S |
| 0545 | | 005 | 260545H | Fr Bravo-6. Reported small fire in mess hall. May delay chow. | | | S |
| 0600 | | 006 | 260600H | 34 reported all secure. | | | S |
| 1905 | | 007 | 261905H | Fr Senator-3. Hoa Cam patrolling the following area (975701-985701) 2200 to 0400. Ambushes at following (967719-963720) and (964708-968703). Dream and Heavyfist notified. | | | S |
| 2000 | | 008 | 262000H | 34 reported all secure. | | | S |
| 2200 | | 009 | 262200H | 34 reported all secure. | | | S |

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| 0005 | | 001 | 270005H | 34 reported all secure. | S S S S |
| 0000 | | 002 | 270200H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 0400 | | 003 | 270400H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 0600 | | 004 | 270600H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 1230 | | 005 | 271230H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. At 1025H B-1 units came under SA fire at (086658). Number of rds fired and type of weapon is unk. One-WIA. WIA evac. Patrol con't. Returning to CP. ETA 1220H. | |
| 1530 | | 006 | 271530H | Bn Corpsmen treated 26 Vietnamese civilians. | S S S S S S |
| 2000 | | 007 | 272000H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 2135 | | 008 | 272135H | Fr SSB. B-1 SITREP. Situation all secure. | |
| 2150 | | 009 | 272150H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 2215 | | 010 | 272215H | Fr Shove-4. Was Dozer tank used in Starlight oper? | |
| 2350 | | 011 | 272350H | 34 reported all secure. | |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 280200H | 34 reported all secure. | S S S S S S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 280400H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 0600 | | 003 | 280600H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 1958 | | 004 | 281958H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 2200 | | 005 | 282200H | 34 reported all secure. | |
| 2400 | | 006 | 282400H | 34 reported all secure. | |

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| TIME | | SERNO | DTG | INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC. | ACTION TAKEN |
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| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0200 | | 001 | 290200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0355 | | 002 | 290355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0555 | | 003 | 290555H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0820 | | 004 | 290820H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. "A" Co. 1/9 captured 7VC and 1 weapon. Two VC KIA. Necessary to leave bodies at site. | S |
| 1000 | | 005 | 291000H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Located (085680). No enemy contact. No women or children custody and no men military age. VC KIA in 290820H (095663). Time 0650 | S |
| 1045 | | 006 | 291045H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. B-12 recd fire fr rice paddy. Fired 6-90MM HE rds at target. | S |
| 1130 | | 007 | 291130H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Enemy contact broken. Enemy fire fr (BT 077680). No enemy contact. | S |
| 1227 | | 008 | 291227H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Position is 300 meters south of French Fort which is LOA. No enemy contact. | S |
| 1400 | | 009 | 291400H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Sweep complete. Position LOA. Awaiting air evac for infantry casualty who stepped on mine. | S |
| 1955 | | 010 | 291955H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2200 | | 011 | 292200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 012 | 292400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| 0200 | | 001 | 300200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0350 | | 002 | 300350H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 300600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2030 | | 004 | 302030H | Fr 34. Recd 3 rds SA tracer fire in SE sector fr vicinity of bridge. | S |
| 2035 | | 005 | 302035H | Notified Senator-3 of entry 302030H. | S |
| 2200 | | 006 | 302200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2355 | | 007 | 302355H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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 312400H Aug 65

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| IN | OUT | | | | |
| 0200 | | 001 | 310200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0400 | | 002 | 310400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 0600 | | 003 | 310600H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 1010 | | 004 | 311010H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Three tks and 1 amtrac on recon patrol. Have 2 squads infantry and FO and FAC team with us. Return CP at 1100H. | S |
| 1600 | | 005 | 311600H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Tks fired on by enemy. Fired 6 rds 90MM HE and .50 cal. Probable 11 VC KIA. | S |
| 1620 | | 006 | 311620H | Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Have 2 tks with 1/1 south of Song Ty Lon River. | S |
| 2200 | | 007 | 312200H | 34 reported all secure. | S |
| 2400 | | 008 | 312400H | 34 reported all secure. | S |

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| | 1500 | | | 1 August 1965 Expended 57 Rds Ctg 90MM HE M71 B Co 9 Gren. Hand Illum H&SCo 2 Flare, Surface, Trip H&SCo | S-F |
| | 1700 | | | 2 August 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date | F |
| | 1500 | | | 3 August 1965 Expended 43 Rds Ctg 90MM Cannister M336 B 30 Rds Ctg 90MM SMK WP B 8,000 Rds Ctg 30 Cal Linked B 7 Green Hand Illum. H&S 6 Flare, Surface, Trip H&S | S-F |
| | 1500 | | | 4 August 1965 Expended 42 Rds Ctg 90MM HE M71 B 6 Green, Hand, Illum H&S 9 Flare, Surface, Trip H&S | S-F |

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| | 1700 | | | 5 August 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date | F |
| | 1500 | | | 6 August 1965 Expend 25 Thickener incen oil M2 | S-F A |
| | 1000 | | | 7 August 1965 Comm Contact Team Returned From Chu Lai. | F |
| | 1500 | | | Expend 8 thickener incen oil M2 6 Green hand Illum H&S | S-F B |
| | 0600 | | | 8 August 1965 GySgt MacLean to Phu Bai With Track, Final drive, Sprockets and other spare parts. | S-F |
| | 1500 | | | Expend 38 Ctg 90MM HE M71 H&S 4 Ctg 90MM SMK WP H&S 2 Ctg 90MM Canister H&S 3 Ctg 90MM Heat A 29 Ctg 90MM HE M71 A 11 Ctg 90MM SMK WP | |
| | 2330 | | | 5 Man working Party to FLSG | F |

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| 0900 | | | | 9 August 1965 1 Non-Battle Evac Returned to duty | F |
| 2330 | | | | Received Mortar fire for approx. 15 min. Approx 20 to 30 Rds. Sustained Casualties through out CP Ammount not known at this time. | S-F |
| 2350 | | | | Casualties arriving B.A.S. Air evac requested | S-F |
| | 0005 | | | 10 August 1965 Casualties loaded on trucks and taken to LPH AmTrac Area: Casualties resulting from 9 Aug attack are as follows: Maj. D.E. JONES- Evac 1stLt. R. C. KRAUS-Evac- DOW 12Aug65 1stLt. D.H. SULLIVAN-Evac GySgt. J.R. WHITWORTH-Evac LCpl. R.P. CLARKE-Evac Sgt. J.G. HAWLEY-Evac- Returned to duty Cpl. E.C. DANIELS- Evac Cpl. M. CRUZ- Evac- Returned to duty Sgt. J.L. RYALS- Evac Pfc. J. BOCCHINFUSO- Evac LCpl. L.J. HUBBARD- Evac | S-F |

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| 0630 | | | | Cpl. L.I. HILDENBRAND- Evac DOW-10Aug65 | |
| | | | | LCpl. J. LADUCA-EVAC- Returned to duty | |
| | | | | LCpl. W.H. MAUR- Evac | |
| | | | | LCpl. A.B. ODETTE-Evac- Returned to duty | |
| | | | | Sgt. D.E. WINGERT-Evac | |
| | | | | LCpl. P.A. DEVERS-Evac DOW-10Aug65 | |
| | | | | Pfc. S.AGUILAR- Evac | |
| | | | | LCpl. M.L. BRADLEY* Treated and returned to duty | |
| | | | | SSgt. J.E. CRABTREE JR-Evac | |
| | | | | Sgt. W.S. SMITH JR- Evac | |
| | | | | Estimates of damaged prop- F erty being collected: will | |
| | | | | be reported as soon as pos. | |
| 1320 | | | | same . Procured 2,000 sand F bags from 3d Marines. Will | |
| | | | | be used to improve perimeter | |
| 1400 | | | | Procured 3 truck loads 12"X F 12"X10" Timbers will be used | |
| | | | | as cross members for implace- ments. | |
| | 1500 | | | MTO ordered to stage Port- able gasoline storage tank& gasoline Refueler in "A"Co 3d Tk.Bn.CP Area until in- direct fire threat is over or suitable implacements for same are provided. | |

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| 1730 | | | | <p>Reports of damaged property are as follows:</p> <p>3 Typewriter NonPort-des</p> <p>1 Mimeograph Mach.-des</p> <p>1 Thermotax Copier- des</p> <p>1 Embosser Printer- des</p> <p>2 Tent G.P.- des</p> <p>1 Tent Pram - des</p> <p>2 Tent Fly- des</p> <p>19 Tents Assorted- damaged repairable</p> <p>2 truck cargo M54- damaged repairable</p> <p>1 truck, tanker M49-damaged repairable</p> <p>Appropriate procedures set in motion for replacement of destroyed equipment.</p> | S-F |
| 0835 | | | | <p>11 August 1965</p> <p>Notified by CG via G-4 to order enough searchlights to mount on all tanks. Bn Supply notified to submit Pri O2 Regn for same following WIA's returned to duty this date.</p> <p>LCpl. W. H. MAUR</p> | S-F |
| 1000 | | | | | F |
| 1600 | | | | <p>12 August 1965</p> <p>Personnel that delivered</p> | S-F |

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| In | Out | | | | |
| | | | | M/O TK #202158 for replacement of TK#192912 BCo 1st Tk Bn at Qui Nhon returned to area. Replacement vehicle shipped 9Aug65 | |
| 0730 | | | | 13 August 1965 Received CG 3d MarDiv Msg 1307342 concerning Equip Density Report Required by 16 Aug 1965 | F |
| | 1400 | | | Periodic Logistic Report #5 submitted to G-4. | F |
| 1500 | | | | GySgt. J. R. WHITWORTH Returned to duty | |
| 1730 | | | | 14 August 1965 HMM Requested M51 VTR to lift out engine of downed Helicopter in 1/3 area and put in new engine. Immediate areial reconn w/5-3, XO B Co, & BCo Maint SNCO revieled M51 could do the job. | F |
| | 0730 | | | 15 August 1965 BCo VTR departed for downed Helicopter. | F |
| | 1400 | | | TK Maint VTR dispatched to downed Helicopter to Pull | F |

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| 1600 | | | | BCo VTR out of rice patty Helicopter repaired- both | F |
| 1930 | | | | VTR's back in CP 1 WIA Vicinity Marable Mts BCo 3d Tk Bn Cpl S. A. SPALDING- Evac | F |
| | 1330 | | | 16 August 1965 Equipment Density Report Submitted to 3d MAF | F |
| 1700 | | | | Sgt. J.L. RYALS-returned to duty | F |
| 2330 | | | | Received small arms fire and mortar fire from enemy forces. No indication as to size of force. Small arms and 90MM fire returned Qty expended will be determined ASAP | |
| | 0730 | | | 17 August 1965 Truck load of spare parts & Track on way to Chu Lai by L.S.T. | F |
| 1000 | | | | 18 August 1965 Procured following class IV items for CP defense. 1000 metal stakes; 30 rolls barbwire; 50 rolls concertina 5 Mount-out tank positioned | F |
| | 1300 | | | | |

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| 1500 1600 | | | | on perimeter of defense All refuelers off deadlining LCpl L.J. HUBBARD-returned to duty LCpl S.B. WELCH- returned to duty-Non-bat casualty- shrapanel wounds caused by accidental discharge. | |
| 0920 | | | | 19 August 1965 Report from Div Hosp. reve- aled following: Lt. THOMPSON-WIA-in surgery Lt. LITTLE-WIA-Evac to Clark P.I. Sgt. McQueeny-WIA-Evac to Clark-P.I. Sgt -WIA-Evac- Name unknown at this time. One M67A2 destroyed-two M48A3 immobilized-Extent of damage not known-contact team will check these out- Not confirmed. All above information received con- cerns CCo 3dTk Bn attached to 4th Marines Chu Lai Cpl E.C. DANIELS- returned to duty | |
| 0920 | | | | | |
| 1000 | | | | | |

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| 0730 | | | | 20 August 1965 DivOrd requested extent of damage to tanks in Chu Lai. Gave above infor. still not confirmed. | |
| 0800 | | | | CG msg 190200Z Aug65 Report KIA on 18Aug65 Cpl. W.C. LAIDLAW-KIA- CCo 3dTK Bn | |
| 1220 | | | | Following confirmed casul- ties in Chu Lai Sector: CCo 3dTK Bn Cpl W.C. LAIDLAW- KIA Lt K.L. THOMPSON- WIA Lt P.D. LITTLE- WIA SSgt C.C. MALETTE- WIA Sgt E.J. SIPEL- WIA Sgt McQUERY- WIA Cpl J.B. THOMPSON-WIA Cpl J.E. WILLIAMS-WIA LCpl C.L. DENTON-WIA Pfc D.M. YODER JR-WIA B Co 1stTk Bn Casualties Confirmed Cpl W.L. VICKERY- WIA Pfc V.R. STANFORD- WIA Pfc J.E. HEARN-WIA Pfc R.E. MYERS- WIA Preliminary report on B Co 1stTk Bn tanks reflect 2 M67A2's extensively damaged one operational (Not confirmed) | |

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| 1900 | 1300 | | | Total casualties sustained by 3dTk Bn as of this date are as follows: KIA-4; WIA-28; 10 returned to duty 1 Non-bat frag wound-returned to duty. | |
| 1700 | | | | 21 August 1965 Contact team from Bn Maint Consisting of following Personnel: GySgt. MacLean, SSgt Collins, GySgt Hamilton sent to Chu Lai to determine the extent of damage to vehicles. 4th echelon man from FLSU Chu Lai to Assist. Sgt. D.E. WINGERT-returned to duty | |
| 2100 | | | | 22 August 1965 GySgt MacLEAN, SSgt COLLINS returned from Chu Lai with LTI's on damaged and des Tanks | |
| 1615 | | | | 23 August 1965 MSG#230630Z confidential from C.O. Tk Bn to C.O. 4th & 7th Marines-Exchange of tank Parts. MSG#230635Z confidential | |

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| 1400 | | | | from C.O. Tk Bn to CMC- destroyed and damaged tanks check both above Msgs for full particulars. | |
| 1400 | | | | 24 August 1965 Checked on air transp for shipment of spare parts to Chu Lai and Phu Bai- Negative Results. | |
| | 1800 | | | 25 August 1965 Checked on shipping of Mount-out Tanks to Chu Lai with other spare parts- G-4 confirmed 1 LSU. 2 Mount-out tanks USMC No's 201886 & 201892 departed Tk Bn C.P. on way to Chu Lai These vehicles to be maint- ained as Mount-out Tanks. 1 for C.Co 3dTk Bn and 1 for B.Co 1st Tk Bn | |
| | 1800 | | | 26 August 1965 Contact team to Chu Lai GySgt MacLEAN N60 in charge Estimated time of return unknown | |

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| 1500 | | | | 27 August 1965 Following casualties rept Marble Mts Sgt R.B. JOHNSON-WIA-Evac BCo | |
| 1600 | | | | Pfc J. BOCCHINFUSO-Returned to duty H&S | |
| 1800 | 1600 | | | 28 August 1965 Contact team returned from Chu Lai Base Leading report submitted to G-4 | |
| | 1400 | | | 29 August 1965 Contact team to Phu Bai. ETR unknown | |
| 1700 | | | | 30 August 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date | |
| 1530 | | | | 31 August 1965 Change of Command ceremony LtCol M.L. RAPHEAL relieved LtCol S.R. JONES JR. | |