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## PART I

3d MAR DIV (FWD)  
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## ORGANIZATIONAL 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 II

NARRATIVE 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 82mm 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 column 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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**PART III**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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2. ✓ After-action Reports (2)
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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 999675). 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 VIET 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 983692). 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. ~~SEARCHED~~ 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 (BT 037656). TK MACHINE GUN FIRE DESTROYED BUILDING. OTHER DAMAGE UNK.

SEARCH AND DESTROY OPER WILL CONT ON NIGHT OF 05 AUG.

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

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 051600H - 061600H  
(-)
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 PR 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 TAON.

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

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

5-7. MIG

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

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

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

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&amp;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&amp;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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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
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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SITREP

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 PHONG BAC (1) (AT 990712). CASUALTIES WERE TWO DOW AND EIGHTEEN WIA WHO WERE HELICOPTER 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, 2½ 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  
XOXXXXX
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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SITREP

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 SOUTHE 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 KORE.

5-8. NEG

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

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SITREP

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 CHAPLIN GAVE THIRTY PAIR RUBBER SHOWER SHOES TO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN VILLAGE AS PART OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROGRAM.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 121600H - 131600H

MEN

3. FIFTEEN FROM H&amp;S CO. PARTICIPATED IN RECONNAISSANCE PATROL WITH AT BN. ONE WIA FROM MORTAR ATTACK ON 9 AUG 65 DOW AT 120140H. PLT FR CO. K "B" CONT PATROLLING S AND W OF MARBLE MT.

4. AT 121700H FIFTEEN MEN FR H&amp;S CO. ACCCOMPANIED A SIMILAR NUMBER FR THE AT BN. ON A RECONNAISSANCE PARROL TO (AT 984703) TO DETERMINE CAUSE FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NBMBER 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 PI.

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 SOUTHERN 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. NEG

7. M-60 AND .50 CAL MG FIRING EXERCISE CONDUCTED AT HOA CAM TRNG ~~XXXX~~ 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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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 141600H - 151600H
3. RECD TWO RDS SA FIRE IN BN CP. CO. "A" CONDUCTED TK-INFANTRY PARTOL 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 PARTOL 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. PARTOL ACTIVITY TO CONTINUE.
- 5-9. NEG

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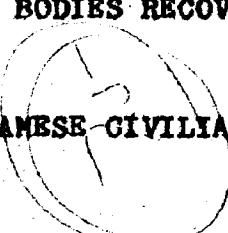
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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

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 FOHETY 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 SHOULDER. SA FIRE TANKS RETURNED FIRE LATER SEARCH REVEALED EXTENSIVE TRACES OF BLOOD. NO ENEMY BODIES RECOVERED. 

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 PR DURING THE 9 AUG ATTACK. SIX VC RAN OUT PR 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 MS (1) AND (2) ON 17-19 AUG.

9. NEG

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SITREP

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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TO: CG, THIRDMARDIV(FWD)

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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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 TO: CG, THIRDMARDIV (FWD)

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SITREP

1. ~~XXXX~~ THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 19600H - 201600H

3. CONDUCTED 26 MAN COMBAT PATROL AND ~~XXXXXX~~ AMBUSH ALONG NORTH BANK OF SONG CAM DRIVER.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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 TO: CG, THIRDMARDIV(FWD)

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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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TO: THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)

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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 PR 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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SITREP

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 F8U FR VMCG.

5-9. NEG

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 TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

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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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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 241600H - 251600H
- 3.-9. NEG

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 TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

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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 FR 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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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV(FWD)

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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 PHONG BAC (1).

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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 ~~VIETNAMESE~~ CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1)

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 TO: CO, THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

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SITREP

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 GS (BT 0669) AND BT (0769). BN CORPSMEN TREATED 30 VIETNAMESE.
4. THREE TKS FR CO. "B" ACCCOMPANIED BY AN AMTRAC AND TWO INFANTRY SQUADS FR CO. "A", 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONDUCTED AN ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE IN GS (BT 0669) AND (BT 0769) FR 310900H to 311300H. AT 311050H TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRED ON THE TKS. MG 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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COMPANY "A"  
 3d Tank Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Forward)  
 c/o FPC San Francisco, California 96601

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division  
 (Forward) (Attn: S-3)  
 Subj: Post-Operation; report of  
 Ref: (a) Sheets 6659III, 6658IV-Series L701-Maps Tourane  
 and Nong Son  
 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 proximence - mud, wet rice paddies, ~~water~~ 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) 945204 - 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 Guerrilla Warfare Capability

The route taken by "A" Co. traversed country that would afford excellent cover and concealment for guerrillas. Mines capable of disabling tanks could be easily employed as well as concealed recoilless 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 <sup>at</sup> on 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.

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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

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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 preferred. 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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3d Tank Bn  
DaNang, RVN  
181400H Aug 65

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 ~~■~~ 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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3d Tank Bn  
Da Nang, RVN  
201400H Aug 65

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 ArTrac Bn in blocking positions in Son Cau Do River.

### 3. Execution.

a. Concent 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.

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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Annex A- Patrol Overlay

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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 this 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 986699).

(2) Co. "M", 1st Bn., 3d Marines occupies defensive positions near Check Point (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 3d Tank 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/initial twilight. The patrol will rapidly disembark and move along the high ground to Check Point 3 remaining in this position until 202130Z 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	1Lt. D. HORRIS
(2) (3) Fire Teams	
(3) Machine Gun Squad	
(4) 3.5" Rocket Squad	
(5) Radio Operator	
(6) Corpsman	

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(7) (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.

c. Reports.

(1) Arrival at Check Points.

(2) Contact with the enemy.

(3) Loss of contact with the enemy.

b. 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)

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(9) Re-supply in an emergency only.

b. Navigation.

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

c. Uniforms.

(1) Combat uniform with steel helmet.

(2) Black jackets.

5. Communications.

a. Carried Int. Mac Net.

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

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

  
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Annex A - Patrol Overlay

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Hq. 3d Tank Bn (-) PMP  
 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 M60A3 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	EML	CIV
U.S. Military	25	394	0

b. Supply

(1) Unit Supplies

Class I	ITEMS	O/H	AUTH
	FOST	3 days	15 days
	"P"	3 days	15 days
	"A"	1 day	
	Fuel, tricane		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) <u>Problem supply items</u>			
a 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 stakes have hampered our efforts to improve our defenses.		
Class V	None		
b Medical Supplies - None			
c Local Procurement - N/A			
d Miscellaneous - None			

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3. Evacuation and Hospitalization

a. EWAC	AIR	SURF	A/V EVAC	RMT TO DUTY
WIA	0	0	0	0
KIA	0	0	0	0
Non-WIA	1	0	0	0

b. Hospitalization	O/H	In Use	Avail
Bed	4	0	4

4. Transportation

a. Water - No problem

b. Highway

(1) Availability

VRH TYPE	T/E SHORT	D/L ORG	FLD	AVAIL
M65	0	1	0	0
M37	0	1	0	2

Utilization	Log Lift	Tact Lift
Personnel	0	0
Cargo	45 Ton 5341 Cu	0 Ton 0 Cu
Distance	1128 miles	0

c. Pipeline - N/A

d. Air - N/A

e. Rail - N/A

5. Service. None6. Miscellaneous. NoneF. W. COATES  
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Da Nang RVN  
051800 Aug 1965

## ANNEX A to Periodic Logistic Report No. 4

1. Expended Ammunition

DOMAC	ITEM	QTY
X239	Ctg cal 30 Linked	8,000
C262	Ctg 90MM Cannister	30
C266	Ctg 90MM HE M71	99
C273	Ctg 90MM WP Smk	30
G395	Gren Hand Illum	16
U495	Flare Surface Trip	15

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ANNEX B to Periodic Logistic Report No. 4

1. Equipment Density Changes - None

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Hq. 3d Tank Bn (-)  
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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 05 from FISG. This problem will be closely watched.

d. Due to the inability of FISG 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, Tricane		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%

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	<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>AUTH</u>
Class III	Bulk Drum Packaged	4800 gal 30 days lube 30 days	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. EVAC	AIR	SURF	AW EVAC	RET TO DUTY
WIA	18	0	0	* 5
KIA	2	0	0	0
Non-Bat	0	0	0	1

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

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

4. Transportation

a. Water - No problem

b. Highway(1) Availability

VEH TYPE	T/E SHORT	DL	ORG	FLD	AVAIL
M37	0	0	0	0	3
M54	0	0	5	0	7

Utilization	Log Lift	Tact Lift
Personnel	0	0
Cargo	45 Ton 5341 Cu	0 Ton 0 Cu
Distance	1128 miles	0

c. Pipeline - N/A

d. Air - N/A

f. Rail - N/A

5. Service. No problem

6. Miscellaneous. The following government property was destroyed and/or damaged due to enemy mortar fire 9 August 1965.

ITEM	QTY	DISPOSITION
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, Pram	1	Destroyed
TENT, Fly	2	Destroyed
TENTS, assorted	19	Damaged (have been patched & repaired)
TRUCK, CAROO 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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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
C266	Ctg 90MM HE M72	67
C273	Ctg 90MM smk WP	12
0895	Gren, hand Illum	26
K922	Thickener incen oil M2 20 lb drum	33
L312	Signal, Illum WSP	20
L495	Flare, surface trip	10

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APPENDIX 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, or 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 M67A2 flame tanks were damaged. It is quite probable that 1 M48A3 and 1 M67A2 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 FISG 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	ITEMS	O/H	AUTH
Class I	MCI spn "A"	3 days 3 days 1 day	15 days 15 days 15 days
	Fuel, Trickane		15 days
Class II	Com T/E Init Allow Repair parts Consumables	90% 90% 75% 60%	100% 100% 100% 100%
	Engr T/E Init Allow Repair Parts Consumables	100% 98% 45% 90%	100% 100% 100% 100%
	GenSup T/E Init Allow Repair Parts Consumables	95% 85% 65% 70%	100% 100% 100% 100%
	MT T/E Init Allow Repair Parts Consumables	98% 98% 60% 90%	100% 100% 100% 100%
	Ord T/E Init Allow Repair Parts Consumables	96% 90% 50% 80%	100% 100% 100% 100%
Class III	Bulk Drum Packaged	4,800 30 days lube 30 days	7200 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 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

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

4. Transportation

a. Water - None

b. Highway

(1) Availability

<u>Veh Type</u>	<u>T/S Short</u>	<u>DL ORO FID</u>	<u>Avail</u>
M37	0	0 0	3
M54	0	0 6	9

(2) Utilization

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

c. Pipeline - N/A

d. Air - N/A

e. Rail - N/A

5. Service - No problem

6. Miscellaneous - None

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By direction

Hq. 3d Tank Bn. (-)  
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## APPENDIX A to Periodic Logistic Report No. 6

1. Ammunition Expended During Period

<u>DDNAC</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 Cannister	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
L195	Flare surface trip	24

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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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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 repaid 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.

Encl 2-4"

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>
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KIA	3	0	0	0
WIA	18	0	0	11
Nonfat	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, FMF  
 3d Marine Division (Fwd), FMF  
 c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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 3Sep65

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Battalion, FMF  
 Subj: After Operation Report, Operation Starlite  
 Ref: (a) Map, VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS 1701 Sheets 6757 II, 6757 III, and  
 6756 I

1. Units.

CeB(-), 1stTkBn, FMF  
 3dPlat, CeA, 3dTkBn, FMF  
 Sec. 2dPlat, CeO, 3dTkBn, FMF

a. CeB(-) 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 USM

3. Date. 18 August 1965.

4. Time. Approximately 0900-2400.

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

6. Casualties. USMC 1 KIA 13 WIA.

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

8. Scheme of Maneuver. Companies of BMT 2/4 and BMT 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, weeded 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 weeded knoll, or hedge-row 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 ~~Han Khe~~ 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 CP 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 CP 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. B55 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 CP.

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

At approximate coordinates 703928 the gun tank stepped 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 foot 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 KIA-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, storage 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 amm. The bases of the shell cases had swollen out over the deck hold downs of the ready racks. It was assumed that any amm stored under the turret deck, nearer to the heat source, would be in even more dangerous condition.

As requested, engineers blew the amm 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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TIME IN - OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS 1-8 Aug 65 No outstanding comments or incidents	ACTION TAKEN
2330	1	92330	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 VC Med by helicopter. 1stLt D.J. ROBINSON asg as BnAdj by BnCo. Lt Col JONES, 1stSgt HINGSTON asg as S-1 Chief. SSgt PEREZ jd to S-1 Section fm DefBn. Records & Files badly scattered & partially destroyed by blast. Desks & equip damaged.	S+F
00505H	1	100154Z	10 August 1965 Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt Bat Cas 1stLt Ronald C. KRAUS, WIA	S+F
101246H	2	100144Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt of Death LCpl Anthony DEVERS, DOW	S+F
101342H	3	100144Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt of Death LCpl Leslie J. HILDENBRAND DOW	S+F
101530H	4		N/A	
102135H	5	100150Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt of Bat Cas SSgt John E. CRABTREE, WIA	S+F
102138H	6	100148Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt Serious Illness; Sgt Donald E. WINGERT, Heart Attack & WIA	S+F
102145H	7	100156Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt Bat Cas 1stLt Daniel H. SULLIVAN, WIA	S+F
102150H	8	100152Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt Bat Cas PFC Richard P. CLARK, WIA	S+F

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112045H	1	110345Z	11 August 1965 Fm CG, 3dDiv, WELREP 1stLt D.H. SULLIVAN, 1stLt R.C. KRAUS, condition Critical; PFC CLARK, Serious	STF
121010H	1	290314Z	12 August 1965 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	STF
122225H		120640Z	Fm CO, 3dTkBn, Promotion Quotas for 2dPit BCo, 1stTkBn with BLT 3/7	STF
122357H	3	120804Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, WELREP; SSgt CRABTREE removed from serious list, prog GOOD	TSF
122352H	4	121558Z	Rpt of death supplementary on Ron KRAUS	TSF
131536H	1	111207Z	13 August 1965 Fm SECNAV- priv owned auto on PBSO (INSTRUCTIONS FOR)	TSF
1305220F(as of)		110518Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv - DivStaff Off asg	TSF
1500	2		Wkly rpt gains & losses sent to Div	F
1500			Periodic personnel rpt sent to Div	F
151642H			15 August 1965	
151642H	1	112225Z	Fm SECNAV - Col selections BnCO, LtCol JONES, Selected for colonel	STF
151642H	2	120216Z	Fm CG, 3dDiv, Rpt of WIA in RVN	STF
151642H	3	120538Z	WELREP - Fm CG, 3dMarDiv PFC George SHOOK & Sgt Donald E. SINGER	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 (MLF), 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 Pt, 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, GtSgt STACEY, SSgt WARNER, SSgt PEREZ	SF

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200910Z	1	203501	20 August 1965 Req search for Lt. MASSIE's pers effects; Fm CQ, 3d TkBn	F
201220	2	201220	Fm CQ, "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, 2078191/ 1811, Sgt Edward V. SIPEL, 1426293/1811, Cpl James B. THOMPSON, 2047813/1811, Cpl James E. WILLIAMS, 1992339/1811 all fr. "C" Co 3d Tkbs WIA. Four cas fr. "B" Co, 1st Tkbs WIA S	
201530	3		Rec'd 2 PFC/2141 fr OKI on fit, 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 Lai 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 Tkbs Cas confirmed; Cpl W.L. VICKEY, PFC V.R. <del>XXXXXX</del> STANFORD, PFC HEARN, all WIA	

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			21 August 1965	
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 DIA NE Operation by S-3	
211630	2		Rec'd Cpl 3531 & 2 LCpl 2141 fr OKI on flt - Sent to H&S for overnight billetting 1SG BY ENDORSE F	
121630	3		Summary Court held by Major F.W. COATES, BnS-4 on PFO G.R. MCKAY, viol Art 115, UCMJ F	
			22 August 1965	
221410H	1	141720Z	Fm CMC - MCO 1900.12 Ch 1, Voluntary & Envoluntary extensions	STF
221437H	2	210830Z	Fm CG, 3dMarDiv - Add Cpl CARRILLO & PFC STUDEBAKER to voyage staff	STF
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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 BattCas(WELREP) 1stLt Daniel H. SULLIVAN condition satisfactory but still on serious list, PFC Richard P. CLARK, satisfactory but still on serious list	STF
24			24 August 1965	
241030H	1	140059Z	F, CINCPACFLT x 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 USAFHQD, 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 CG 3d MarDiv - Voluntary Ext of OS Tour	S&F&T
272121H	4	240353Z	Fm Camp Butler - Rpt of Cas Arrival - Sgt Daniel H. MCQUEARY I450257	S&E

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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 1Sept65, Increase HPP 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&F&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	230558Z	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 *** Adm McDONALD sends	S&F&T

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200900H	1	201318Z	Fm DA CofS USAArmy - Congratulations on Operation STARLIGHT, Gen JOHNSON sends	S&F&T
1100	2		Sent Semi-Monthly Personnel Status Report to Div	F
			31 August 1965	
210515H	1	301318Z	Fm CG 3d MarDiv Q 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	
200223H	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 DivLegal	
			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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012400H Aug65  
022400H Aug65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
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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S-2 3d Tank Bn  
022400H Aug65  
032400H Aug65

Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0900		1	011310Z	CG III MAF Photo/Imagery Inter- peration Report 37-65	F
0900		2	011328Z	CG III MAF Photo/Imagery Inter- peration 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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S-2, 3d Tank Bn  
 032400H Aug 65  
 042400H Aug 65

In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
	1025H	1	041025	Intelligence from Monroe 2 indicates minefield located at coord BT 034688 and BT 030675 type unknown	M-S-F
	1155H	2	041155	JVT hit AT mine Coord BT 07696 reported by SSB-6	F
	1600H	3	0300302	CG III MAF Message (Passwords effective 081201H Aug 65)	F
	1610H	4	0300327	CG III MAF Message (Password Codes effective 081201H)	F
	1630H	5	0213582	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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8-2 3d Tn R Bn  
052400h Aug 65  
052400h Aug 65

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0900		1	040900	CG III MAF message (supplementary challenge and passards)	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)	
0950		4	011320Z	CG III MAF Isum 83	F
0950		5	081330Z	CG III MAF Isum 84	MFS
		6	030950Z	C G III MAF Isum 85	MSF
0950		7	050950Z	SSB6 reports suspected minefield destroyed Vic coord BT049681	MSF
1150		8	051150Z	SSB1 reports enemy SA fire coord BT055646. Engaged one enemy emplacement, destroyed trenchline	S
1220		9	051220Z	SSB6 reports infantry hit by SA at village coord BT048655	SF
1230		10	051230Z	SSB6 reports B2 leaving assembly area. Receiving SA fire from house vic BT037656. Fire return- ed.	
1600		11	040900	9th Marines Intelligence Summary # 26	SF
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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052400 Aug65  
062400 Aug65

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

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072400 Aug65  
082400 Aug65

In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
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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092400 Aug 65

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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 Mortar fire approx 20 rds mixed from vicinity of Coord AT 980700	
2335		6	092335	MORTREP	F

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D92400 Aug 65  
102400 Aug 65

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In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
	0745	1	00745	12th Marine crater analysis team in area.	
	11000	2	00600	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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 102400 Aug65  
 112400 Aug65

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In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
1530		1	110600	9th Marines ISUM # 33	I-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 IIAF ISUM # 90	M-S-F
		6	091312Z	CG 3d MAF ISUM # 91	M-S-F
2000		7	112000	Received one round of sniper fire from Coord 996712	

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112400 Aug 65  
122400 Aug 65

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

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122400 Aug65  
132400 Aug65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
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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 132400 Aug65  
 142400 Aug65

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Time	Serial	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Number		
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	031130Z	CG III MAF Challenge & Password	F

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142400 Aug65  
152400 Aug65

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Time	Serial	ISUM	Receivants, Caliber, exca.	Action
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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152400 Aug 65  
162400 Aug 65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date dated	Incidents, Comments	Action taken
1530		1	160600	9th Marines ISUM # 38 Shove 3 reported Hoa Vang District Hq reports C/1 VC Bn moved in Hoa Jan village BT 040680,050680 040670 & 050670 w/81 MM mortar & BAR'S told people in the village M-S to move out Thanht Huy source also informed 1 VC unit of this Bn have moved to BT 633725 in order to fire 82 MM into USMC positions BT 022730 VC wish to do this to have propaganda for 18 Aug 1965.	M-S-F
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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172400 Aug65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date Cited	Incidents, Occurrences, etc.	Action taken
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 BMFMA 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 Fatiges and Helmets and carry a heavy assortment of weapons.	M-S
2235		4	172235	Senator 2 reports that Senator Baley 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 C1T 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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In	Out	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Changes, etc.	Action Taken
1500		1	180600	9th Marines ISUM # 40	
1745		2	181730	Shove 2 reports Capt Wilks of I Corps reported VC Bn Coord BT 0670 to 0670	M-S-F 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 knifes. one man used knife to make old man pick up log.	M-S
1745		3	151256Z	III MAF IR 55-65	
1745		4	142330Z	III MAF IR 54-65	F

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 182400 Aug65  
 192400 Aug65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Marked	Incidents, Codes, etc.	Action taken
1500		1	190600	9th Marines ISUM # 41	M-S-F
1530		2	13131055Z	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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S-2 3d Tank Bn  
192400 Aug65  
202400 Aug65

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In	Out	Serial	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action
1600		1	200600	9th Marines ISUM	M-S-F

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202400 Aug 65  
212400 Aug 65

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Time In	Out	Serial Number	Date Recorded		
1600		1	210600	9th Marines ISUM # 43	M-S-F

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212400 Aug65  
222400 Aug65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date Issued	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken M-S-F
1600		1	220600	9th Marines ISUM # 44	

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S-2 3d Tank Bn  
222400 Aug 65  
232400 Aug 65

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Time In	Out	Serial Number:	Date:	Incidents, Crashes, etc.	Action taken
1600		1	230600	9th Marines 1SUM #45	M-S-F

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232400 Aug65  
242400 Aug65

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Time In	Ort Number	Serial Number	Type Date	Incidents, Cdr, etc.	Action taken
1600	1	240600		9th Marines ISUM #46	M-S-F

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 302400 Aug65  
 312400 Aug65

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Time In	Out	Serial Number	Date dated	Incidents, Captures, etc.	Action taken
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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S-2 3d Tank Bn  
242400 Aug65  
252400 Aug65

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Time	Serial	Category	Headquarters, Camps, etc.	Action Listed
1100	1	250600	9th Marines 1SUM # 47	H-S-F

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252400 Aug65  
262400 Aug65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	Date Entered	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action 140741
0100	1	260100	Yankee 6 reports 3 rounds of sniper fire received from village of Phong Bac. 9th Marines 1SUM # 48	S
1300	2	260600		M-S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn  
262400 Aug65  
272400 Aug65

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Time In	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action T-F
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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272400 Aug65  
282400 Aug65

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Time In	Serial No.	Date Received	ISUM	9th Marines ISUM # 50	M-S-F
1100	1	280600			

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282400 Aug65  
292400 Aug65

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Time	Serial	ISUM	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action
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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S-2 3d Tank Bn  
292400 Aug 65  
302400 Aug 65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date dated	Incidents, Comments, etc.	Action taken
1500		1	10300600	9th Marines ISUM #52	M-S-F

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC	S-3 Section 3d Tank Bn Vietnam 010001H Aug 65 to 020001H Aug 65	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				M-map S-staff T-troops F-file	25 Aug 65
0003		001	010005H	34 reported all secure.		S
0200		002	010200H	34 reported all secure.		S
0400		003	010400H	34 reported all secure.		S
0600		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		S
2200		015	012200H	34 reported all secure.		S

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. S-3 Section 3d Tank Bn Vietnam 020001H Aug 65 to 030001H Aug 65	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
IN	OUT				
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. Temporaily 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 to engage marines.	S
1200	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 trachdevezous 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 rondevezous position. Will return to rondevezous position in approx 1 hour. Nothing unusual to report.	F
1431		015	021431H	Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Returning to our rondevezous for tonight. Our present position is coor 933627. Nothing unusual to report.	F
1710	1710	016	021710H	To SSA-6. At what coor will your defense be established for the night?	S

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN			
					M-map	S-staff	T-troops	F-file
1715		017	021715H	Fr SSA-6 to SS-3. Two beetles have thrown track. To 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	F		
1730		019	021720H	CO. Corpsmen treated 30 Vietnamese civ Phong Bac. (1)	S			
1836		020	021836H	Fr SSA-6 setting OP positions for night. No enemy contact. Situation the same.	S			
2005		021	022005H	Fr SSA-6 Situation remains the same. No enemy contact.	S	S		
2055		022	022005H	SR-34 reported all secure.				
		023	022055H	Fr Crowd-3. Four VC w/rifles working fr west of Hoa Cam trainingcenter.	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	S		
2200		027	022200H	SR-34 reposted all secure.				
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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				INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. S-3 Section 3d Tank Bn Viet Nam 030001H Aug 65 to 032400H Aug 65	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG		
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.	SS
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 <del>pretext</del> 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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IN	OUT				M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1155		018	031155H	Fr SMKA. Stated one VTR was leaving CP to go re-r retrieve Foxtrot-22.	
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 ren- dezvous 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 LMG 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 which they are working on. The other has a broken idler arm, which we will try to fix thru field expedience. I to a $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 Civilians 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
1805	1802	040	031802H	To SSA-6. Req No. Inf and troops w/you.	S
		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. Eta45min.		S		
		2055	063	032050H	To SSA-2. Dir place 3 Gun Tanks AirBase. Remain position until relieved 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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2112	2110	065	032110H	SB to SBY-20 Via SSA-6. Rep crew and parts arrive yr position 040700H. Mark LZ yellow smoke.	S	S	S	
2130		066	032112H	SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same.				
2155		067	032130H	Fr SSA-2. All tks in tk park.				
f		068	032155H	Fr SSB. All tks in CP perimeter defense. Coor for oper comp.				
2158		069	032158H	Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same.				
2200		070	032200H	34 reported all secure.				
2255		071	032255H	Fr Dream-3. ETA of heli be at 1100 instead of 0700.				
2300		072	032300H	Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Situation remains the same.				
2310		073	032310H	To SSA-6. Heli change of time. 0700 to 1100. Rec Veh sooner is possible.				
2355		074	032355H	34 reported all secure.				

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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 Monroe-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 received no enemy fire.	S
1100	1209	022	041100H	023	041209H	Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Same as entry 040405H To SSA-6. Airstrike being called approx 4000 meters NW of your position. Yellow marker panels on your veh. Aero-observer knows position.	S 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 S
1318		028	041318H			Fr SSA-6. SITREP. Same as entry 040405H.	S S S
1320		029	041320H			Fr SSA-6. Approx time of depart 30min.	S S S
1324		030	041324H			Fr SSA-6. Are monitoring Pretext Delta net.	S S S
1330		031	041330H			Fr SSB-6. Joined w/SSB-2. 3 prisoners taken. Move out in 20 min.	S S S
1415		032	041415H			Fr SSA-6. Moving out. Informed Pretext and Pretext D-6 Who we are to rendezvous with.	S S S
1455		033	041455H			Fr SSB-6. Coor 070696 LVT hit mine.	S S S
1505		034	041505H			Fr SSA-6. Expect to rendezvous w/Pretext Delta.	S S S
1512		035	041512H			Fr SSB-6. Req S-3 to contact Blackbox-4.	S S S
1515	1515	036	041515H			To SSB-6. What time will oper conclude. Are tanks operational.	S 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 <del>fixed</del> 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 fuelpump.		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		
2200	2117	065	042117H	To SSB. Secure from net untill 050600H.		S		
		066	042200H	34 reported all secure.		S		

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0002		001	050002H	34 reported all <del>secure</del> .	S
0200		002	050200H	34 reported all <del>secure</del> .	S
0315		003	050315H	34 reported movement at post #1. Flare thrown. Neg.	S
0400		004	050400H	34 reported all <del>secure</del> .	S
0600		005	050600H	34 reported all <del>secure</del> .	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-1. 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	1000	013	051000H	Fr SSB-6. SPOT REPORT. 4 rds 90mm fired. Minefield destroyed.	S
		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 regardes 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		024	051245H	Fr SSB. Village tanken under fire. Cont thru village.	S
	1250	025	051250H	To SSB-6. Keep us informed of all details of B-2.	S
		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. R1/3n 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
		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
1720	1706	038	051706H	To SSB-6. What are plans for tonight.	S
		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		030	051930H	Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-5 located approx 071685. Position set up for night. No action anticipated. 34 reported all secure.		S	S	
2000		041	052000H	Fr SSB-5. SITREP. Situation remains the same.		S	S	
2004		042	052004H	Correct R-051920H to read coor 065687.		S	S	
2110		043	052110H	Fr SSB-6. SITREP. B-5 set in with "E"Co. All other units secure.		S	S	
2210		044	052210H	34 reported all secure.		S	S	
2210		045	052210H	Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same.		S	S	
2300		046	052300H	Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same.		S	S	
2352		047	052352H	Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation remains same.		S	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.	
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 distract 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 SSR. 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. 34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
0155		002	070155H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
0355		003	070355H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
0555		004	070555H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
1025		005	071025H	Fr SrA-3. SITREP. VTR has reached position. A-3 and Beatnik are moving to contact VC at 878678.	S	S	S	S
1635		006	071635H	Fr SSA. All veh repaired. Proceeding to CP. ETA 1800	S	S	S	S
1735		007	071735H	Fr SSA. Returning to Bn CP in one hour.	S	S	S	S
1815		008	071815H	Fr SSA. SITREP. Situation all secure.	S	S	S	S
1820		009	071820H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
1950		010	071950H	Fr SSB-1. Have made liaison w/B-2 BT 042690. Situation secure.	S	S	S	S
2000		011	072000H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
2035		012	072035H	34 reported one rd SA fire from trees forward Y-2.	S	S	S	S
2205		013	072205H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S

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

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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.	
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 CP at 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	2345	007	092335H	Firing ceased and casualties began arriving BAS.	S
		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.	
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 LCPL 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 WIAs. 20 WIAs'.	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	0722	012	100720H	Fr Whale-16. All wounded except 2 DOW still alive.	S
		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 WIAs 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.	SS
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	1202	025	101140H	Fr 34. Dd found in front of bunker Yankee 1 post.	S
		026	101202H	Fr Shove-3. For anyone requesting news info. Reply light casualties and no Numbers.	S
	1325	027	101325H	Fr <del>Waggon</del> Master-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. KARNE.	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 Catured 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.	SS

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0200	001	110200H	34 reported all secure.		S S S
0400	002	110400H	34 reported all secure.		S
0600	003	110600H	34 reported all secure.		
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	To 34. HE Rd in ea. gun. Safety on. All people in positions. Come upon radio 1930 for radio check.		SS
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.		SS
2000	008	112000H	Reed sniper fire fr position (AT 996712).		
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 S
2150	010	112150H	34 reported all secure.		SS
2215	011	112215H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Activity around temple. Not believed to be VC. All secure.		SS
2218	012	112218H	Fr Blackbox-5. Ask for fire support into Cam Ne.		
2310	013	112310H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. All secure. No enemy contact.		
2355	014	112355H	34 reported all secure.		
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.	S
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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					M - Map	S - Staff	T - Troops	F - File
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.				
) 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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					M	S	T	F
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. Retriver to be dispatched 150730H for Assist.		S		
1905		009	141905H	Fr SSA. Infantry have dismounted veh and are proceeding 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.				
0520		005	150520H	Fr Senator-3. Fr Houang Dist Hq at 0530 houang Sub Sector will conduct police oper of Phong Bac 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. B12 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 Bll 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. 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
2310		025	152310H			34 reported all secure.	S
2335		026	152335H			34 reports that Y-3 reported person seen observing area fr 2300-2340.	S
2340		027	152340H				S

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					M - Map	S - Staff	T - Troops	F - File
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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					M	S	T	F
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 966633). 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) Refered 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. 34 reported all secure.	S
2000		009	182000H	Fr Senator-3. Overlay recd concerning sweep of near by villages recd at 2010.	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. MALLET, Sgt. LAVELLO, 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. SIPELI 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 ricoches 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.			F
2358		022	182358H	Fr SSB. SITREP. Situation all secure.		S S	

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0200		001	190200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	190400H	34 reported all secure.	S
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
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. LAIDLAW, 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. 34 reported all secure.		
2000	012		192000H	Fr Blackbox-3. Called and said could not get M79	S	
2050	013		192050H	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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202400H Aug 65

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IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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 <del>and</del> secured.	S
0720		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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210001H Aug 65 to  
212400H Aug 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN			
					M	-	Map	
					S	-	Staff	
					T	-	Troops	
					F	-	File	
0155		001	210155H	34 reported all secure.				
0400		002	210400H	34 reported all secur <del>o</del> .				
0600		003	210600H	34 reported all secure.				
1955		004	211955H	34 reported all secure.				
055		005	212055H	Fr SSY-7. At check point 4. Senator 3 notified.				
2255		006	212255H	34 reported all secure.				

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0035		001	220035H	34 reported all secure.	S
0200		002	220200H	34 reported all secure.	SS
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.	SS
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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 232400H Aug

TIME IN      OUT				SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
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.	
0020				002	230020H	34 reported all secure.	S
200				003	230200H	34 reported all secure.	S
200				004	230200H	Fr SSB. Still no contact w/B-1. Securing net till 240600H.	S
0600				005	230600H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200				006	232200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2355				007	232355H	34 reported all secure.	S

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
0145		001	240145H	34 reported all secure.	S S S S S S
0355		002	240355H	34 reported all secure.	
0600		003	240600H	34 reported all secure.	
1800		004	241800H	34 reported all secure.	
2000		005	242000H	34 reported all secure.	
2150		006	242150H	Fr Senator-3. SA fire recd in ammo dump fr III MEF trash dump.	
2200		007	242200H	34 reported all secure.	
2400		008	242400H	34 reported all secure.	

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 252400H Aug 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
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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 262400H Aug 65

TIME IN      OUT				INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, FTC.	ACTION TAKEN
					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.	
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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 272400H Aug 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN			
					M	S	T	F
0005		001	270005H	34 reported all secure.		S		
0220		002	270200H	34 reported all secure.		S		
0400		003	270400H	34 reported all secure.		S		
0600		004	270600H	34 reported all secure.		S		
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. Bn Corpsmen treated 26 Vietnamese civilians.		S		
1530		006	271530H	34 reported all secure.		S		
2000		007	272000H	Fr SSB. B-1 SITREP. Situation all secure.		S		
2135		008	272135H	34 reported all secure.		S		
2150		009	272150H	Fr Shove-4. Was Dozer tank used in Starlight oper?		S		
2215		010	272215H	34 reported all secure.		S		
2350		011	272350H			S		

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282400H Aug 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	S S S S S
0200		001	280200H	34 reported all secure.		
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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					M - Map	S - Staff	T - Troops	F - File
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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302400H Aug 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN			
					M	S	T	F
0200		001	300200H	34 reported all secure.		S	S	S
0350		002	300350H	34 reported all secure.		S	S	S
0600		003	300600H	34 reported all secure.		S	S	S
2030		004	302030H	Fr 34. Recd 3 rds SA tracer fire in SE sector fr vicinity of bridge.		S	S	S
2035		005	302035H	Notified Senator-3 of entry 302030H.				
2200		006	302200H	34 reported all secure.				
2355		007	302355H	34 reported all secure.				

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 312400H Aug 65

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					M	-	Map	S	-	Staff	T	-	Troops
0200		001	310200H	34 reported all secure.			S			S			
0400		002	310400H	34 reported all secure.			S			S			
0600		003	310600H	34 reported all secure.			S			S			
1010		004	311010H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Three tks and 1 amtrac on recom patrol. Have 2 squads infantry and F6 and FAC team with us. Return CP at 1100H.			S			S			
1600		005	311600H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Tks fired on by enemy. Fired 6 rds 90MM HE and .50 call. Probable 11 VC KIA.			S			S			
1620		006	311620H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 SITREP. Have 2 tks with 1/1 south of Song Ty Lon River.			S			S			
2200		007	312200H	34 reported all secure.			S			S			
2400		008	312400H	34 reported all secure.			S			S			

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In	Out				M-map S-staff T-trps F-file
	1500			1 August 1965 Expended 57 Rds Ctg 90MM HE M71 B Co 9 Gren. Hand Illum H&SCo 2 Flare, Surface, H&SCo Trip	S-F
	1700			2 August 1965 No outstanding comments or incendents 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 30Cal Linked B 7 Green Hand Illum. H&S 6Flare, Surface, H&S Trip	S-F
	1500			4 August 1965 Expended 42 Rds Ctg 90MM HE M71 B 6 Green, Hand, H&S Illum H&S 9 Flare, Surface, H&S Trip	S-F

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	1700			5 August 1965 No outstanding comments or F incidents this date	
	1500			6 August 1965 Expended 25 Thickener incen S-F oil M2 A	
	1000			7 August 1965 Comm Contact Team Returned F From Chu Lai.	
	1500			Expended 8 thickener incen oil M2 B S-F 6 Green hand Illum H&S	
	0600			8 August 1965 GySgt MacLean to Phu Bai With Track, Final drive, Sprockets and other spare parts. Expended 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	S-F
	1500			5 Man working Party to FLSG	
	2330				F

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0900				9 August 1965 1 Non-Battle Evac Returned to duty Received Mortar fire for approx. 15 min. Approx 20 to 30 Rds. Sustained Casual Through out CP Ammount not known at this time.	F S-F
2330				Casualties arriving B.A.S. Air evac requested	S-F
2350	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 1st Lt. R. C. KRAUS- Evac- DOW 12Aug65 1st Lt. 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. BOCCINFUSO- Evac LCpl. L.J. HUBBARD- Evac	S-F

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				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. _____ Procured 2,000 sand F bags from 3d Marines. Will be used to improve perimeter Procured 3 truck loads 12"X F 12"X10" Timbers will be used as cross members for implac- ments. 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.	
0630					
1320					
1400	1500				

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1730				Reports of damaged property S-F are as follows: 3 Typewriter NonPost-des 1 Mimeograph Mach.-des 1 Thermotax Copier- des 1 Embosser Printer- des 2 Tent G.P.- des 1 Tent Pram - des 2 Tent Fly- des 19 Tents Assorted- damaged repairable 2 truck cargo M54- damaged repairable 1 truck, tanker M49-damaged repairable Appropriate procedures set in motion for replacement of destroyed equipment.	
0835				11 August 1965 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. LCpl. W. H. MAUR	S-F
1000					F
1600				12 August 1965 Personnel that delivered	S-F

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				M/0 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 130734Z 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 recon w/5-3, XO B Co, & BCo Maint SNCO reviewed 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 VTR's back in CP 1 WIA Vicinity Marable Mts BCo 3d Tk Bn Cpl S. A. SPALDING- Evac	F
1900					
	1330			16 August 1965 Equipment Density Report Submitted to 3d MAF Sgt. J.L. RYALS-returned to duty	F
1700					
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					
	1300			18 August 1965 Procured following class IV items for CP defense. 1000 metal stakes; 30 rolls barbwire; 50 rolls concentina 5 Mount-out tank positioned	F

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1500				on perimeter of defense All refuelers off deadling LCpl L.J. HUBBARD-returned to duty	
1600				LCpl S.B. WELCH- returned to duty-Non-bat casualty- shrapnel 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. McQuery-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	
0920				Cpl E.C. DANIELS- returned to duty	
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. CG msg 190200Z Aug65 Report KIA on 18Aug65 Cpl. W.C. LAIDLAW-KIA- CCo 3dTK Bn 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)	
0800					
1220					

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In	Out				M-map S-staff T-trps F-file
1900				Total casualties sustained by 3d Tk Bn as of this date are as follows: KIA-4; WIA-28; 10 returned to duty 1 Non-bat frag wound- returned to duty.	
	1300			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	
1700				22 August 1965 GySgt MacLEAN, SSgt COLLINS returned from Chu Lai with LTI's on damaged and des Tanks	
2100				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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In	Out				M-map S-staff T-trps F-file
				from C.O. Tk Bn to CMC- destroyed and damaged tanks check both above Msgs for full particuâars.	
1400				24 August 1965 Checked on air transp for shipment of spare parts to Chu Lai and Phu Bai- Negative Results.	
1400	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 & 201898 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 NCO in charge Estimated time of return unknown	

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In	Out				
1500				27 August 1965 Following casualties rept Marble Mts Sgt R.B. JOHNSON-WIA-Evac BCo Pfc J. BOCCINFUSO-Returned to duty H&S	
1600					
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 incendents this date	
1530				31 August 1965 Change of Command cerimoney LtCol M.L. RAPHEAL relieved LtCol S.R. JONES JR.	

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