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3d Tank Battalion (Forward)
3d Marine Division
FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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(2) Personnel and Administration
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1. In accordance with provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) through (10) are submitted.

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Designation Third Tank Battalion (Rein), Third Marine Division

Location

Headquarters, 3d Tank Battalion	Danang	AT 991710
"A" Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Danang	AT 946762
"B" Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Danang	BT 067719
"C" Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Chu Lai	BT 531094
"E" Company, 1st Tank Battalion	Chu Lai	BT 548060

Period covered by report

1-30 September 1965

Commanding Officer

Lt. Col. Milton L. RAPHAEL
(Assumed command 1 September 65)

Subordinate Commanders

Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Horace A. BERTRAND Jr.
"A" Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Fidelis W. JARNOT
"B" Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Arthur E. LEE
"C" Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Joe P. SANDERS
"E" Company, 1st Tank Battalion	Captain Allan W. LAMB

Principal Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major James G. DOSS Jr.
Battalion S-1	1/Lt. Donald J. ROBINSON II
Battalion S-2	1/Lt. Roger E. DAVIS
Battalion S-3	Captain John B. DONOVAN Jr.
Battalion S-4	Major Franklin W. COATES

Average Monthly Strength

Marine Officers	30
Marine Enlisted	673
Navy Officers	2
Navy Enlisted	12

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Broadly speaking, the Battalion's personnel picture continued to improve over the space of the current reporting period. Despite personnel losses through combat attrition and a homebound rotation draft, the Battalion's strength rose from a total count of 572 to a total of 719 officers and men. The net gain in this case may be explained partially through the joining of programmed replacements to this organization, but more important to the increase was the joining of "B" Company, First Tank Battalion heretofore attached to RLT-7. The joining of "B" Company, First Tank Battalion established this organization with four gun companies together with a fourth Flame Tank Section of 12 men. As a result, the battalion T/O was subsequently changed to reflect the figures of 46 officers and 742 enlisted Marines together with two naval officers and 17 navy enlisted. On 30 September 1965 the Battalion comprised 30 officers and 675 enlisted Marines together with two naval officers and 12 navy enlisted. Despite the overall improvement in the Battalion's personnel posture, however, a serious shortage in the 3531 field is being experienced. Administrative deadline of motor vehicles due to a lack of drivers seriously reduces this organizations ability to support its gun companies. Moreover the lack of an interpreter handicaps the Battalion Civil Affairs Program.

Personnel reporting over the period may be characterized as being somewhat untimely, however, this is primarily the result of the time and space factor which exercises much influence on the transmittal of reports and records under the present operating conditions. This command is now deployed over four enclaves encompassing some 270 kilometers and for this reason the flow of paperwork cannot be handled as expeditiously as in a garrison environment with subordinate units closely satellited around their battalion headquarters. The accuracy of personnel reports and other administration continues to be satisfactory.

Morale remains outstanding. Continued improvement of living conditions was evidenced during the current period. The addition of showers, a mobile PX, laundry facilities and more tentage has done much to build up the units morale. The fine quality and large quantity of food prepared and served by the battalion has been a large contributing factor to the high morale of the unit.

During the month of September religious services were provided for both Catholic and Protestant personnel. In addition the Battalion Chaplain conducted communion services and five weekday services. There has been a decided increase in church and chapel attendance.

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Unit discipline, like the unit's morale, is very good. The Battalion has experienced only two office hours during the month of September at Battalion level.

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On 25 September a tank, B-35, 3d platoon Bravo Company detonated a mine presumed to be made of a 105mm shell. The mine was offset (placed so that the detonating device is to the right or left of the mine) and detonated under the escape hatch of the tank. There was no damage to the vehicle and no crew injuries.

On 27 September 3d platoon Bravo Company found a new type of booby trap at BT 0363 presumably to be used against tank/vehicle mounted infantry and exposed crew. The trap is constructed with bamboo poles and barbed wire and utilizes hand grenades (see diagram).

On 26 September a tank, B-35, of 3d platoon Bravo Company was struck by an anti-tank round of undetermined caliber at coordinates (BT 067633). The tank was struck on the gun mantle and penetrated to the depth of 7 inches. Due to striking the heaviest armored part of the tank, the round did not completely penetrate the turret. The tank was able to continue operations. Because of the cover, the AT weapon caliber could not be specifically determined. The depth of the penetration indicates the weapon to be larger than a 57mm recoilless rifle, possibly a CHICOM RPG-2 rocket (Panzerfaust) or a 3.5" rocket.

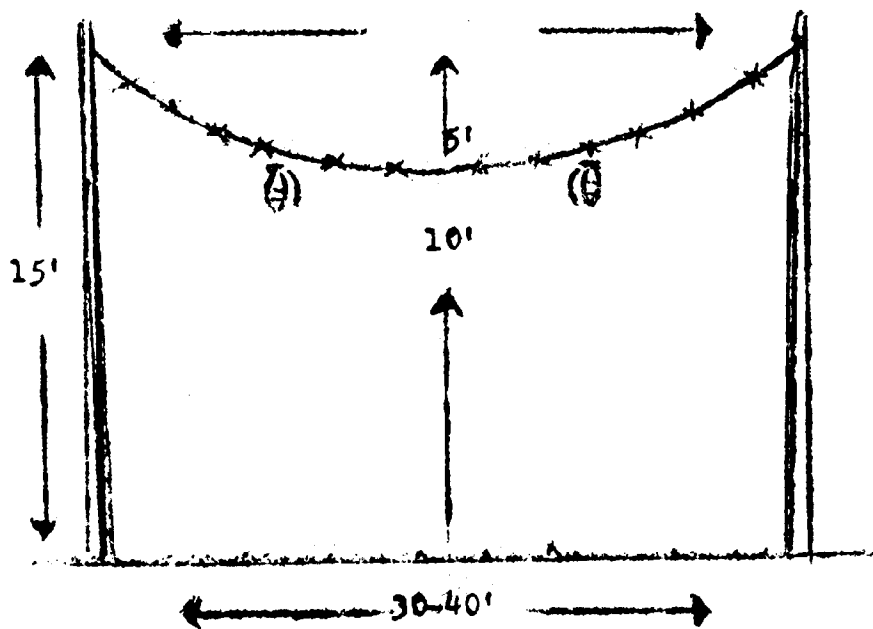
The greatest utilization of tanks and track vehicles has been in the Danang East area, BT 0470 - BT 0970 and BT 0461 - BT 1065. During the month of September tanks detonated one AT mine and have been struck by one anti-tank round. Intelligence reports have indicated a build up of AT mines in the area, but to date the mines have either not been employed or have been evaded by the anti-mine technique of the tank crews.

The greatest intelligence problem so far in Vietnam has been the lack of an interpreter at this Battalion. Effective use could be made of an interpreter, monitored by battalion headquarters and used for security purposes and other specific tasks.

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Training

The general state of training in all sections of the 3d Tank Battalion throughout the month of September 1965 was considered excellent. The immediate reaction of tank units to assigned missions indicated a high state of proficiency. Specifically tank fires against enemy positions were rapid and in nearly all cases first round accuracy was achieved. In order to maintain a constant state of readiness, training during the month concentrated in the following areas:

- a. Mechanical functioning and live firing exercises for all small arms, automatic weapons, and major caliber guns organic to the Tank Battalion. Headquarters personnel and those who had recently joined the Battalion received the most concentrated training particularly in the employment of defensive weapons.
- b. Terrain evaluation as it is effected by changing climatic conditions.
- c. Achievement of mutual supporting fires when tanks are operating on more than one axis.
- d. Conduct of the assault under conditions which require all openings in the tank hull to be completely closed.
- e. Communications security and the use of brevity codes and shackle sheets.

After three months experience in combat in Vietnam it has been determined that it is necessary to provide practical and realistic training concerning the special nature of the war here to newly joined personnel. Accordingly prior to reassigning personnel as replacements to the Gun Tank companies a forty hour training program will be conducted commencing during October 1965. This syllabus will include but not be limited to:

- a. Coordination with infantry units in close combat.
- b. Reconnaissance techniques particularly in locating suitable river fords, river crossings, and likely areas for anti-tank weapons and land mines.
- c. Modifications to driving techniques required by deep sand, steep slopes, flooded lowlands, and dense jungle.
- d. Location and removal of enemy anti-personnel explosive devices.
- e. Duties and responsibilities of tank liaison personnel.

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- f. Mechanical functioning and techniques of employment of tank and crew served weapons system in Vietnam.
- g. Communications security and voice-radio procedures.
- h. Hygiene and sanitation in the field environment.

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Tank Combat Operations

Throughout the month of September 1965 tank operations occurred on nearly a daily basis in the wide sandy coastal plain southeast of the city of Danang, Republic of Vietnam. During the last two weeks of August one platoon from Company B had operated in that area. However, the terrain proved to be so favorable for tank employment that the entire company was relocated to Marble Mountain (BT 070714) to allow expanded tank activity in pursuit of the Viet Cong.

With either a tank section or platoon in direct support, the two forward rifle companies of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines conducted tank-infantry patrols into the villages and hamlets north of grid line (BT 66) between the Song Vinh Dien and the South China Sea. On 1 September a patrol drew a very heavy volume of small arms fire near (BT 082695). The fire was returned, destroying two enemy positions and silencing the small arms. For the next few days the patrols continued daily activity leaving their defensive positions at dawn and returning during the early afternoon. Insignificant amounts of sniper fire occurred on each patrol but until 9 September, the location of the enemy could not be determined due to dense growth and the enemy's failure to give any evidence of his position. On 9 September the pattern of morning patrols was terminated and a seven tank patrol moved out at 1610H. At 1710H contact was made with a substantial enemy force near Tra Khe (3) (BT 081665). Tank fire was immediately returned and during the engagement the enemy suffered two KIA and twenty WIA by count. During the action a tank platoon sergeant was critically wounded with a gunshot wound in the back of the head which had passed through the ballistic helmet he was wearing and emerged under the right earphone. Enemy mortar fire was directed against the tanks at the beginning of the action. The tanks sustained no damage although the infantry mounted on the tank received a number of serious wounds.

Following this engagement the enemy forces, reported as a Battalion, moved out of the area to the west and no further contact was made until 11 September. At approximately 2000H 11 September a tank-infantry combat patrol encountered a small enemy force near (BT 042673) and (BT 043664). The targets were engaged by the tanks and the Viet Cong suffered two KIA.

On 12 September operational emphasis in the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines TAOR began to switch from aggressive combat patrolling to providing security for the rice harvest. Tanks were used to escort shipments of rice and to assist in sweep and clear operations over an extended area to prevent the Viet Cong from exacting their crop tax.

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Concurrent with these essentially defensive operations, tank crewmen conducted extensive foot reconnaissance patrols with infantry elements to determine routes of advance for future tank operations south of grid line (BT 66).

On 18 September tank-infantry patrols resumed along the eastern border of the coastal plain. Sniper fire was received from inland positions which were not accessible to the tanks or infantry due to intervening bodies of water. The same situation continued until 23 September when a large portion of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines and supporting weapons conducted a complete house to house search operation of the entire area north from grid line (BT 66) to (BT 70) between north south grid line (BT 07) and the Song Vinh Dien. Three Viet Cong were killed during this operation which found the entire tank company, reinforced, operating as a sweeping and blocking force along the entire east flank of the maneuvering infantry battalion. Reinforcing elements for this operation included an infantry platoon, an amphibian tractor platoon, and a section of Ontos all under the operational control of the Commanding Officer, Company B, 3d Tank Battalion.

On 25 September, responding to intelligence information that enemy units and explosives were located near grid square (BT 0565), tanks conducted two patrols into that area. At 0810H a large explosion occurred directly under the hull of a tank having been activated by an initiating device located under the track. The tank was jolted quite sharply although no personnel casualties were sustained and the tank proceeded on its mission. Both patrols received considerable small arms fire but no concentrations of Viet Cong could be located. One enemy was wounded and two suspects detained.

In following-up on the activity of 25 September a tank platoon size patrol moved to the extreme west of the sandy coastal plain during the morning of 26 September. Late in the afternoon while returning from their limit of advance, the tanks encountered a significant force at (BT 062635) near the hamlet of Phong Ho (1). Shortly after the fire fight began at 1538H an enemy anti-tank shell struck a tank slightly up and to the left of where the gun enters the main hull. Penetration was incomplete although two Marines were wounded in the action. Two other anti-tank rounds were fired at the tank and exploded under the hull without inflicting any damage. All indications were that the anti-tank weapon was probably a 57mm recoilless rifle fired from a covered and concealed position. During the intense action tanks fired at numerous enemy targets destroying a number of structures and ob- serving many enemy dead.

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Since the size of the infantry unit was small a search was not conducted and the tanks returned to their defensive positions just prior to darkness.

On 27 September another platoon size patrol entered Phong Ho (1) to again be met by determined and significant enemy strength. It appeared that the enemy was trying to maneuver the friendly forces into a trap. Accordingly contact was momentarily broken and the tanks moved north into a covered area awaiting reinforcements. At 1500H a seven tank unit with a complete infantry company returned to the scene of the previous action. A large volume of tank fire was directed on enemy positions and rather than fight the larger force the enemy withdrew to the north and west into dense hedgerows and trenches thus breaking contact with the Marine tank-infantry force. This last action was observed by the Tank Battalion Commander, airborne in an H-34 helicopter 1200 feet above the battle area. The Viet Cong suffered at least seven killed during this action in addition to the destruction of numerous defensive positions.

Recognizing that the Viet Cong preferred not to remain engaged with a tank force of platoon size or larger modifications were made to the tactical employment of tanks in the coastal plain on the evening of 27 September. Rather than having the tanks accompany the infantry on the same line, it was decided to have the infantry precede the tanks by at least 1000 meters. Once the infantry had located and isolated the enemy force, the tanks would maneuver rapidly from their concealed positions to the point of contact and bring their superior firepower and shock action to bear on the course of battle.

On 28 September an infantry squad patrol moved to (BT 103645) where they encountered heavy resistance. A tank reaction force located 1500 meters to the north responded rapidly, closed with the enemy before they could escape, and killed three and wounded two others. In this action there were no friendly casualties.

During the final two days of September Company B returned to a defensive posture and completed required maintenance services while planning continued tank operations south of grid line (BT 66).

Tank offensive operations for the remaining three companies of the Battalion were limited during the month of September 1965. Company A in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment positioned one tank on Hill 41 (AT 934663) and one tank on Hill 22 (AT 953667) in the southwestern portion of the DaNang enclave. The vital Nam O Bridge at (AT 929841) was defended by three tanks in coordination with a Vietnamese Regional Force Platoon.

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During September activity in the 3d Marines area was generally quiet except in the mountains to the west which are inaccessible to tanks.

The 3d platoon of Company A, attached to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at Phu Bai periodically occupied strong points on the highway 1 approaches to the TAOR. The assignment of the platoon as part of the Battalion reaction force remained the primary mission of this unit.

Company C, located at Chu Lai, maintained one platoon in direct support and under the operational control of each of the three Battalions of the 4th Marines. The first and second platoons occupied strong points along the MLR of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines and the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines. Each of these platoons was assigned the mission of providing harassing and interdiction fires into the dense jungle in the high ground west of the TAOR. Approximately twenty rounds of ammunition were expended each day by each platoon on three or four different target areas. The third platoon in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines embarked aboard ship on 5 September as part of the reserve element for Operation Piranha. Since the reserve elements were not committed the platoon returned to Chu Lai disembarking on 11 September. This platoon then assumed the function as the tank element in the Regimental reaction force while the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines was temporarily assigned to the DaNang enclave. On 22 September four tanks from this platoon crossed the Song An Tan River at (BS 494065) and occupied defensive positions on Hill 69 (BS 469069). These tanks occupy the most critical terrain feature in the Battalion's TAOR and are capable of providing direct fire support to all units on the MLR.

Company B, 1st Tank Battalion, attached to the Seventh Marines at Chu Lai participated in Operation Piranha from 5-11 September. Landing over Green Beach on the morning of 7 September the Company moved along the beach to the south to a point along a high escarpment at (BS 774858). Here the steep terrain prevented further inland movement. The Company remained in this location for the remainder of the operation providing direct fire support to the maneuvering infantry elements. Since opposition was scattered and weak the tanks were not required to fire and the Company returned to Chu Lai on the morning of 11 September. For the remainder of the month the company provided two tanks at the southern roadblock on highway 1 and retained the other tanks in the company as a reaction force.

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The Tank Battalion Command Post is on a high ridge line 800 meters north of the Song Cau Do River at (AT 988711). On the east is the village of Phong Bac and on the west the hamlet of Yen Bac. Fifteen hundred Vietnamese citizens reside within five hundred meters of the perimeter wire. All available evidence indicates that the indigenous personnel in this vicinity have been neutral in this war since their land is on the border between the strong government influence in DaNang and the long standing Viet Cong influence in the hamlets south of the river. The river system is the major means of communications into the interior where Viet Cong control is strongest. Accordingly enemy terrorism, threats, harassments, and propaganda have played a significant part in the lives of the nearby residents. This situation required that careful control be exercised in the immediate vicinity of the Battalion Command Post in order to gain the confidence of local residents and yet show a significant degree of force which would indicate to the enemy that this area was not a lucrative target. Under these circumstances patrol, ambush, and sweeping operations were modified in this particular area.

In coordination with the headquarters of the 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, the 9th Marine Regiment, and the Hoa Cam Regional Forces Training Center joint patrols were conducted on two occasions during the month of September. On 19 September a nearby village official was assassinated 800 meters from the Battalion Command Post. The Tank Battalion Headquarters Alert Force, composed of food services, maintenance, and supply personnel responded immediately and established a blocking position between the perimeter and the river to the south while a sweeping force from the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was helilifted into the area. The search and sweep operation failed to determine the identity or location of the assassin.

The next special operation occurred on 27 September when a reinforced squad from H&S Company again blocked the major avenues of approach and ingress from the local villages while a sweeping force composed of a squad of Regional Forces (RVN) and a squad from the 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, which had landed by amphibian tractor at (AT 975700), maneuvered in an easterly direction. This joint operation, which carefully considered the lives and property of the local residents, indicated that the enemy still retained some influence in this area but more importantly revealed, for the first time, that the nearby civilian population was beginning to accept and appreciate the protection and

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humane treatment provided by this and adjacent friendly units.

In another special operation an AN/TPS-21 was installed on the engine access doors of an M48A3 Tank. The tracking instrument was securely fastened to the vehicle with wire and sandbags. By being in such close proximity to the fire control system of the tank the deflection and elevation readings received by the AN/TPS-21 operator can be placed on the tank firing instruments without additional calculations. Six rounds of tank ammunition were fired during September using this system. Target surveillance could not be verified since the area was inaccessible due to dense jungle growth.

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Communications - Electronics

Battery life has been ~~out~~ considerably by the heat conditions in Vietnam. A possible remedy would be some type of refrigeration unit for battery storage in the Battalion. This problem exists throughout the Division.

During Operation Starlight the antenna mast base, MP-65, was damaged by shrapnel and small arms fire preventing radio communications. This difficulty was alleviated by placing a metal shield around the porcelain antenna base so as to prevent fragments or small arms from destroying effective communications.

The 3d Tank Battalion command post is on the MLR requiring the maintenance of numerous defensive positions and accordingly increased telephone communications. At present the phones in defensive positions are on temporary loan from other organizations. Operational commitments require the wide separation of the tank gun companies from the Tank Battalion headquarters. This situation has indicated a need for additional test equipment at the Tank Company level. Recommended T/E changes have been submitted for the companies to add one AN/URM-48 signal generator, one ME-25 volt meter, and one AN/URM-43 watt meter. With these new items of test equipment a 9.7 KW generator would be required.

A recommendation to include a AN/PRC-47 on the T/E for each Tank Company has also been submitted. This requirement was generated by the wide separation between companies in Vietnam and the necessity for reliable communications under all battle conditions.

It has been found that the use of brevity codes and authentication and shackle cypher systems are essential in this type of war. Increased training and use has proved to be invaluable to this battalion in insuring secure communications.

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1. During the month of September the availability and distribution of of Class I and III supply has been excellent. The availability of Class II has been fair except for selected items such as Pistol Holsters, the light weight tropical combat boot. Availability of Class II spare parts has been unsatisfactory. Supply of Class IV Fortification Materials has been very unpredictable and consequently the availability of it can not be counted upon. Class V availability has been excellent except for certain illumination items.

2. A definite fast wear trend in the life of Tank Track, Tank Track Sprockets, Batteries, and Torsion Bars is evident. The coral sand, the extreme temperature, and extensive operation has contributed to this trend. The stockage objective of these parts was not realistic, particularly in view of the excessive lead time involved in the chain of resupply and the operating environment in RVN. An up to date stockage objective is being established for all Tank and Motor Transport Spare Parts.

3. At this time there is no availability of many spare parts. Requisition and Tracer Action has been accomplished on every priority 02, 05 and some selected 12 and 17 priorities. An example of excessive lead time is as follows.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>No. of Requisitions</u>	<u>No. Filled</u>	<u>% Filled</u>
02	129	13	10.1
05	647	22	3.4
12	711	22	3.1
17	132	6	4.5

4. Generally Tank support has been provided when requested. However due to the short remaining life and non availability of such items as track, sprockets, and batteries, operational requirements must be screened to ensure a true necessity. Actually there are only 11 Tanks Deadlined. Six of these are B.Co. 1st Tank Battalion tanks which have a history of Fuel Injector Pump problems

5. Our success in providing Tank Support during this period of spare parts non availability is due to the outstanding preventive maintenance performed by the crew and the professional ability and ingenuity of the maintenance personnel of the Battalion.

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Prior to 21 September the battalion civil affairs program consisted mainly of a well organized medical treatment effort conducted by the Battalion Medical Officer and his assistants. Also during this period the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer organized specific projects with limited objectives. The main long range program has been the training of two civilian girls, ages 14 and 16 years, as nurses. Their performance has been favorably reported on by the Battalion Medical Officer.

The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer organized a party for the children of Phung Bac Hamlet (AT 989711) in celebration of CHILDRENS' TET, 10 September. Cookies, milk, candy and chewing gum were distributed to the children. Also a small amount of clothing, received through the Handclasp program, was distributed to the adults.

After 21 September the civil affairs program was expanded. On 24 September the Battalion Commander paid a social visit to the family of the Chief of Hoa Tho Village, Hoa Vang District. Later on he had a conference with the Chief to determine what assistance the 3d Tank Battalion could provide his village. It was decided that improvement of the village school was needed. The school has a student body of 150 and a faculty of 4 teachers. The curriculum is 1-4th grades. The biggest necessity is school supplies. The school also needs blackboards, roof repair and a concrete deck. Two blackboards and a large supply of chalk were presented to the school by the Battalion Commander on the following day. School supplies were ordered through CARE. It was decided to requisition cement and roofing tin through official channels of the Vietnamese government. A parallel requisition will be submitted through U.S. Advisory channels.

On 31 September the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer received 2000 lbs grain food, cooking oil, candy and soap from Division Civil Affairs. The commodities were provided by the Catholic Relief Society and will be distributed to the local villagers on an as needed basis.

Other than the treatment of superficial injuries, it is difficult to have an efficient civil affairs program without the use of a regular interpreter. So far the lack of an interpreter has delayed certain activities that could have been otherwise easily completed.

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- a. S-1 Journal
- b. S-2 Journal
- c. S-3 Journal
- d. S-4 Journal
- e. SITREPs (Unnumbered.)

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11320H	1	311300	Fm: CG III MAF, Free Mail Serv for RVN Public Law 89 & 32	STF
11520H	2		Convened informal one officer board of investigation to inquire into alleged homosexual act committed by a Naval person, one HM1 in BAS	
			2 September 1965	
20022H	1	10842Z	Fm USAF Hosp Clark AB RPI, Rpt BatCas (WEIREP) Lt SULLIVAN evac to CONUS (Hosp UNK) 1 Sep 65	STF STK
0900	2		Sent rpt of disciplinary action to DivLegal for the month of August	
			3 September 1965	
			No outstanding comments or incidents today	
			4 September 1965	
0800	1		Sent Sgt POWELL to confer with DivPerAFFO on personal matter	T
10800H	2	020254Z	Fm NAVMED: ADMIN TRIPLER GEN HOSP - 1st Lt SULLIVAN condition serious; PROG guarded. Now at TRIPLER Hosp	STF
11500H	3		Rec'd 1 SSgt and 5 1811's fr Div as replacements. Asg to ACo by endorsement	T
11500H	4	020714Z	Fm: USAF Hosp Clark AB, RPI PFC David WALLACE 2079571 scheduled to depart, flt NR 256 to USNH YOK Japan, non- battle casualty fr "A" Co	STF
11500H	5	030659Z	Fm: USAF Clark Hosp: Col Stephen SPAULDING 2051022 "B" Co battle casualty	STF

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				5 September 1965	
				No outstanding comments or incidents today	
				6 September 1965	
61300H				Fm: CO, 7thMar; Capt LAMB recommended for SILVER STAR medal for action on OPERATION STARLIGHT; copy of letter sent to selection board convening Oct.	ST
				7 September 1965	
803				Rec'd 2 3531 (2 PFC's) and 1 2841 (LCpl) and 1 3000 (PFC) assigned to H&S Company	T
				Joined #B" Co, 1stTkbN, now totally 3dTkbN for logistics and ADDCON by msg 050554Z SEP65 fm CG 3dMarDiv	SF
70910H		2	22147Z	Fm: CINCPACFLT - Free postage letter & Post Card processed and dispatched as Air Letter Mail	STF
				8 September 1965	
81300H		1	22116Z	Fm: CMC: CO auth prom to Sgt any Cpl whose composite score is equal to or above minimum score established by message	STF
				9 September 1965	
91510H		1	080021Z	Fm: NAVHOSP, Phila Pa; Sgt Robert B. JOHNSON, "B" Co admitted 4Sep65 by AirEvac fwd per seffects to Marla Liaison NAVHOSP Phila	STF
91850H		2		Fm: "B" Co, 3dTkbN: SSgt THIABEDEAUX, WIA 1800 at Marble Mountain, Evac by helio; admitted to "C" Med 1840; condition critical	STF

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			9 September 1965	
092700H	3	081042Z	Fm: CG 3dMarDiv: Pers leaving RVN must convert MPC to dollars at DivDisb. No MPC outside RVN	STF
			10 September 1965	
100858H	1	918027Z	Fm: CG 3dMarDiv: Rpt Bat Cas (WELREP) SSgt THIBODEAUX "B" Co. head wound; condition critical	STF
101005H	2		Fm: CMC; ch 3 to MCO 1900.12 separation policy for regular MarCor personnel	STF
			11 September 1965	
			No outstanding comments or incidents today	
			12 September 1965	
			Fm: CG 3dMarDiv - WELREP on SSgt Raymond THIBODEAUX; condition serious; PROG fair evacuated to Clark AFB RPI 10 September 1965	STF
			13 September 1965	
	1		Promotion Board met at 1300 to consider meritorious pro- motion to 1Cpl & Cpl and to recommend to Div meritorious promotion to Sgt	SF
121330H	2	111131Z	Fm: USAF Hosp Clark; PFC Richard P. CLARK evac from Clark to CONUS via Travis on 10 Sept 1965	STF
			14 September 1965	
			No outstanding comments or incidents today	

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15 September 1965					
151200H		1	140034Z	Em: NAVHOSP, PNGLA: SSgt John E. CRABTREE admitted that hosp 31 Aug 65 req SRB, PersEff. Must await auth fr Div	STF
16 September 1965					
0900		1		CO conference for all SNCO and Officers in CP Area CP Security, supervision of troops	
17 September 1965					
170900H		1	151606Z	Em: USAF Hosp Clark AFB: Rpt of nonbattle casualty: PFC Leroy M. FLEAGLE, H&SCo, 3d Tk Bn ulcer on right eye, evac 11 Sep	STF
18 September 1965					
			181400H	Bn Prom Board met at 1400 to consider meritorious prom to LCpl & Cpl; recommendations fwd to Bn Cdr for approval	SF
19 September 1965					
190800H		1	130140Z	Em: CMC - Sole Surviving Son (unless waived) not eligible for service in WESTPAC	STF
20 September 1965					
200550H		1	190834Z	Em: USAF Hosp Clark AFB RPI: SHEATGALL, Claude C., LCpl 1699283 "B" Co, admitted with ear trouble fr "C" Med	STF
		2	1500	Rec'd nomination fr Companies for meritorious prom to PFC, LCpl & Cpl	SF
21 September 1965					
				No outstanding comments or incidents today	

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				22 September 1965	
		1		13th Air Force-S0237: trans PFC Dennis E. BYRNE, 2075815 USMC, "B" Co to Tripler USA Hosp for TDY 90 days off 25Aug65	STF
		2	1300	Prom Board met 1300 hours to consider PFC, LCpl & Cpl meritorious promotions. Recommendations forwarded to BnCO for approval. 17 Cpls, 40 LCpls & 1 PRS recommended	STF
				23 September 1965	
				No outstanding comments or incidents today.	
				24 September 1965	
24/1813H		1	222145Z	Fm: USAF Hosp, Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Depn son of Sgt Elton G. SEALES admitted with kidney disease. Presence not required, will advise	TF
				25 September 1965	
		1		BnCO approved recommendations of Prom Board for prom to LCpl & Cpl. CO desires warrants issued at ceremony by companies	STF
		2	1300	Rec'd 1 1802 Capt & 1 3002 Lt fr StagingBom Campen, Calif asg to H&SCo: Capt L.A. BRANDT asg as MaintO: 1st Lt R.E. DONNARD, asg as BnSupO	ST
		3	1300	BnCO referred to SCM Cpl Willis FORTSON, viol Art 89, 96 & 134 UCMJ. Referred Ser: 3-65	STF

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26 September 1965					
1500		1	261500	Fm: CO, BCo, 3dTks; Rpt. WIA case of LCpl Perry L. MCKEEL shrapnel, left shoulder, left arm and left chest from 57mm recoilless rifle which hit turret mantle on B-32 on operation by Marble Mountain	STF
262155H		2	241130Z	Fm: OIC SU#1 MARCO, Buckley AirNG Base, Colorado. PFC Samuel AGUILAR arr Fitzsimmons Gen Hosp 15 Sep fr Oakland Req whereabouts of per self & Pay record	STF
		3	1500	Rec'd Oct. Draft of 70 Marines	ST
27 September 1965					
		1	0800	Asg Oct. Draft to companies by endorsement: 50 men to H&SCo; 8 men to "A" Co; 5 men to "B" Co, 3dTks & 2 men to "B" Co, 1stTks	TE
28 September 1965					
280800H		1	270845Z	Fm: USAF Hosp, Clark AFB RPT WELREP on PFC Darrell E. PULLEY B Co admitted with GySgt Lateral MENISCUS	STF
		2	281400	BnAdj to attend Adj Conference at DivCP 29 Sep 65 1400	SF
280845H		3	270822Z	Fm: CG 3dMarDiv; Currency conversions RE MPC to Plasters facilities for; Conversion Officer; 2Lt D.P. BECKNER	ST
		4	1300	Rec'd 1 1802 Major fr I&I Stf 2dTkCo, USMCR, Boise, Idaho; J.G. DOSS Jr, asg as BnExecO	ST
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IN	OUT				
29 September 1965					
290420H		1	280755Z	Fms USAF Hosp, Clark AFB, RPI LCpl Keith L. GROVES admitted 27 Sep 65 fr "C" Med WIA in left shoulder, left arm & chest	STF
290800H		2	221950Z	Fm Fm: USNH PTSVA; req SerRec and PersEff re fwd case of PFC Richard CLARK & auth to award Purple Heart	STF
1400		4	1400	3d Div Adj conference at DivCP Officers Mess; attended by 1st Lt D.J. ROBINSON II, Bn Adj	STF
30 September 1965					
300530H		1	301500H	Fm: SSC-6 req 1 Sgt 3531 ASAP req reply	STF
1 October 1965					
	0909	1		Fm: SS1: neg on SSC-6 301500 SSC-6	STF
1900		2	1900	Rec'd 1 1802 Lt fr TVS, Cam Pen Calif; J.R. GLOVER asg to "C" Co at Chu Lai	ST
				Fm: SS1 to SSB6; Bn WO conference at 1300 Bn CP, rpt to CP by 1200	

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292400 Sep65
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Time In	Serial Ordn	Serial Number	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0800	1	300650	Monroe Weather Report	S-F
0810	2	292400	9th Marines ISUM # 82	M-S-F
1900	3	301800	Monroe Weather Report	S-F

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Time		Serial Number	Time Marker	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0900		1	280812	Monroe weather report	S-F
1400		2	272400	9th Marines ISUM # 81	E-S-F
1900		3	281830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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Time		Serial	Name	Incidents, Crises, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Number	Dated		
0800		1	270700	Monroe weather report	S-F
1300		2	262400	9th Marines ISUM # 80	M-S-F
	1400	3	271400	Report on new type of booby trap	S-F
1900		4	271800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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Time	Serial	Photo	Incidents, Sights, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Number		
0800		1	260700 Monroe weather report	S-F
1400		2	252400 9th Marines ISUM # 79	M-S-F
1930		3	261900 Monroe weather report	S-F
2030		4	262100 Report from Senator 2 The 105th & the 106th Bns of the 343rd Div reported at Coord (BT 046618) moved to coord(AT 980625) at 261800H then to Coord (AT 980650) Mission believed to attack Hoa Cam trng center. They are armed with (2) 81 MM Mortars (2) 60 MM Mortars (4) MG (9) BAR's and small arms F/6 report	M-S
2300		5	262215 From Monroe Fragmentation Grenades carried by children	S-F

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 212400 Sep65
 252400 Sep65

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Time		Serial No	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0730		1	250655	Monroe weather report	S-F
1500		2	242400	9th Marines ISUM # 78	M-S-F
1900		3	251845	Monroe weather report	S-F

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0800		1	230700	Monroe weather report	S-F
1700		2	222400	9th Marines ISUM # 76	M-S-F
1830		3	231800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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 212400 Sep65
 222400 Sep65

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Time		Serial Number	Time date	Incidents, Causes, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0730		1	220642	Monroe weather report	S-F
1400		2	212400	9th Marines ISUM #75	M-S-F
1900		3	221830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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202400 Sep65
212400 Sep65

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Time		Serial	Time	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Number	Minute		
0815		1	210710	Monroe weather report	S-F
1300		2	202400	9th Marines ISUM # 74	M-S-F
1900		3	211815	Monroe weather report	S-F

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192400 Sep65
202400 Sep65

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Time		Serial Number	Time date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0800		1	200735	Monroe Weather report	S-F
1300		2	192400	9th Marines ISUM # 73	M-S-F
0600		3	201900	Monroe weather report	S-F

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182400 Sep65
192400 Sep65

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Time		Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0740		1	190733	Monroe weather report	S-F
1400		2	182400	9th Marines ISUM #182400	M-S-F
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172400 Sep65
182400 Sep65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	Time /Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0730	1	180710	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800	2	171930	From Monroe report on personnel with hazardous duty restrictions	S-F
0900	3	171436Z	From CG III MAF Challenges and Password codes	S-F
1400	4	172400	9th Marines ISUM # 71	M-S-F

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Time		Serial	Name	Incidents, Captures, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Number	Dated		
0800		1	170700	Monroe weather report	S-F
1100		2	170600	9th Marines ISUM #70	M-S-F

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Place dated	Incidents, Comments, etc.	Action taken
0800		1	160750	Monroe weather report	S-F
1400		2	160600	9th Marines ISUM # 69	M-S-F

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142400 Sep65
152400 Sep65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0800 1500	1 2	150730 150600	Monroe weather report 9th Marines ISUM #68	S-F M-S-F

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Time		Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0900		1	130840	Monroe weather report	S-F
1600		2	130600	9th Marines ISUM # 66	M#S#F

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In	Time	Serial	Index	Action
	Out			
	0900	1	140818	Monroe weather report
	1500	2	140600	9th Marines ISUM #67
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112400 Sep65
122400 Sep65

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Time		Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Factors, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0955		1	120800	Monroe weather report	S-F
1600		2	120600	9th Marines ISUM # 65	M*SF

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
102400Sep65
112400Sep65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
11000	1	110958	Monroe weather report	S-F
1200	2	110600	9th Marines ISUM #64	M-S-F

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092400 Sep65
102400 Sep65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	File Number	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0845 1530	1 2	100733 100600	Monroe weather report 9th Marines ISUM #63	S-F M-S-F

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082400 Sep65
092400 Sep65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	When Entered	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0740	1	090732	Monroe weather report	S-F
1400	2	090600	9th Marines ISUM #62	I-S-F
1500	3	080904	3d MarDiv Daily weather forecast format	F

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In	Out	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0800		1	080737	Monroe weather report	S-F
1230		2	080600	9th Marines ISUM #61	M-S-F
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062400 Sep65
072400 Sep65

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Time In	Out	Serial Number	Name Initial	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0910		1	070903	Monroe Weather report	S-F
1345		2	070600	9th Marines ISUM # 60	M#S-F
1700		3	070615	CG III MAF reported challenge and password compromise	S-T-F

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052400 Sep65
062400 Sep65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
1010	1	061000	Monroe weather report	S-F
1350	2	060345Z	Monroe map requirements request for	F
1430	3	041115Z	CG 3d MarDiv message Intelligence info from civil affairs source	S-F
1520	4	060600	9th Marines ISUM # 59	M-S-F
1830	5	061815	Monroe weather report	S-F

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In	Time	Serial	Who	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
	0930	1	050900	Monroe weather report	S-F
	1400	2	050600	9th Marines ISUM # 58	M-S-F

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032400 Sep65
042400 Sep65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Video Number	Incidents, Comments, etc.	Action taken
0945		1	040945	Monroe Weather report	S-F
1200		2	041200	From Monroe-Reporting Enemy statistics	S-F
1500		3	040600	9th Marines ISUM # 57	M-S-F
2115		4	042115	From Senator 2 Hoa Vang district Hq reported 1 VC Squad will set up 4 mines at Coord AT 968760, 974670, 970666 & 976664 purpose to sabotage Tanks and LVT'S B-2 rating	M-S-F

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022400 Sep65
032400 Sep65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Unit	Incidents, Comments, etc.	Action Taken
1000		1	030245Z	Monroe Weather report	S-T-F
1200		2	030600	9th Marines ISUM # 56	S-M-F

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Time	Serial	Class	Incidents, Cases, etc.	Action taken
0830	1	020810	Monroe Daily weather report	S-F
1200	2	020600	9th Marines ISUM # 55	M-S-F

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Time	Serial	Time	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action
In	Out	Entered		
0830	1	010830	Monroe weather report 010600 to 011800	S-F
1700	2	310600	9th Marines ISUM # 54	M-S-F
1745	3	011720	Senator 2 reported Secret Service agents source informs(1) VC Commando Plt. (suicide plt) went from Diem Son Coord AT 960640 to AM TRAC coord AT 967665 at 311800H. They continued to Hoa Phinh Village direction. Plt leader's hiding places are unknown, they are equipped with thompsons and mines and will attack USMC Installation at Hoa Cam Trng Center	S

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010001H Sep 65 to
012400H Sep 65

IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
						M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0005			001	010005H	Fr SSB. B-3 SITREP. Situation all secure.	S
0150			002	010150H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			003	010400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0605			004	010605H	34 reported all secure.	S
0945			005	010945H	Fr SSB. B-3 SITREP. Two tanks and two LVTs in support of one infantry platoon. (BT 069688)	S
1545			006	011545H	Bn Corpomen treated 40 Vietnamese.	S
2045			007	012045H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200			008	012200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			009	012400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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022400H Sep 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	020200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	020400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	020600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0910		004	020910H	Fr 34. Two VCS were observed in the hamlet of Cam Ne (1) vicinity by Yankee-1 bunker.	S
0955		005	020955H	Fr SSB. B-3 SITREP. B-34 and B-35 on sweep with 2d platoon, "A" Company. No enemy contact.	S
1435		006	021435H	Fr SSB. B-3 SITREP. Two tanks swept south with 2d platoon, "A" Company. Light enemy contact.	S
2000		007	022000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		008	022200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		009	022400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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032400H Sep 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	030200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	030400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	030600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1115		004	031115H	Fr SSB. B-3 SITREP. B-34 and B-35 on sweep with 1 squad and 1 LVT from "D" Company. B-35 sweeping area for A.P. mines. B-41, B-42 and F-33 moving Company "A" to new location.	S
1510		005	031510H	Fr SSB. B-2 SITREP. Two tanks with "D" Company. Patrol 2000 meters in front of French Fort.	S
1810		006	031810H	34 reported all secure.	S
1950		007	031950H	Fr 34. LVT moving up river.	S
2000		008	032000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		009	032200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		010	032400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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042400H Sep 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0150		001	040150H	34 reported all secure.	S S S S S S S
0400		002	040400H	34 reported all secure.	
0600		003	040600H	34 reported all secure.	
2000		004	042000H	34 reported all secure.	
2200		005	042200H	34 reported all secure.	
2400		006	042400H	34 reported all secure.	
0800		007	040800H	LATE ENTRY. 34 fired 14 men with the M-79.	

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	050200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	050400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	050600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1800		004	051800H	Fr SSA. "A" Co. SITREP. Four tanks fired .30 and .50 Cal Machine Guns for training.	S
2000		005	052000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		006	052200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2220		007	052220H	Fr 34. Hotel-52 reported seeing two men cross clearing in front of tank about 100 meters away. Yankee-2 reports unusual noise coming from village below position.	S
2230		008	052230H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported talking and clanging of metal in village below Yankee-1 position.	S
2300		009	052300H	Fr 34. Hotel-52 reported light blinking in village, two people with light.	S
2400		010	052400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	060200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	060400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	060600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1035		004	061035H	Smokeroom will receive an anti-aircraft mount for .50 Cal machine gun from Heavyfist.	S
1105		005	061105H	Fr Shove-3. Operation Order 331-651 ready for pick-up.	S
	1420	006	061420H	To Monroe. Acknowledge receipt of Operation Order 331-65 this date.	S
1500		007	061500H	Bn Corpsmen treated thirty vietnamese in the Hamlet of Phong Bac (1).	S
1605		008	061605H	Fr SSB. Tank stuck at (BT 077688). Receiving sniper fire. Fire returned results unknown.	S
1815		009	061815H	Fr SSB. Downed tank has been pulled out. Is now being towed to Redwood Alpha CP. Receiving heavy sniper fire.	S
2000		010	062000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		011	062200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		012	062400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
0200		001	070200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	070400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	070600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0630		004	070630H	Fr SSB. B-3 SITREP. Operation (BT 076690). Three tanks supported recon and infantry mission south of Tra Que village (BT 093671) supported also north of village and west of Song Can Bein River (BT 077688).	S
	1010	005	071010H	To SSB-6. Request you maintain 24 hour radio guard this net until completion of OP Piranha pass to SS-3. All available info concerning plattsburg Brave Operations.	S
1048		006	071048H	Fr 34. Small Arms fire coming from the south side of the Song Cau Do in the direction of the Bn. CP.	S
1530		007	071530H	Fr SSB. B-2 SITREP. Three tanks with A-1-9. Three tanks with C-1-9. No enemy contact.	S
2045		008	072045H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		009	072200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		010	072400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	080200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	080400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	080600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0815		004	080815H	Fr SSB. B-33 and B-34 are on operation with Red-wood "C". ET of completion 1300H.	S
1115		005	081115H	Fr SSB-2. Present location 1500 meters east of Marble Mtn. Recd SA fire. Moved into area and secured same. One civilian wounded.	S
1800	1910	006	081800H	34 reported all secure.	S
		007	081910H	To SSA, SSB, SSC, Platsburg-B. Mod to SITREP. Complete and detailed information on all operations and training be submitted to Sharpshooter-3 by 1500 daily.	S
2000		008	082000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2139		009	082139H	Fr SSB-6. Have contacted B-35. No enemy contact. Reports all secure.	S
2150		010	082150H	Fr SSB-6. No contact with two "B" Co. tanks in support of "A" Co. or two "B" Co. tanks in support of "C" Co. All secure. No enemy contact.	S
2200		011	082200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2203		012	082203H	Fr SSC. Possibility SSC-3 tanks will return to CP this evening.	S
2215		013	082215H	Fr SSB-6. Have established contact with all "B" Co. units. All secure. No enemy contact. No contact with "B" Co. control unit.	S
2400		014	082400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
0200		001	090200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	090400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	090600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1330		004	091330H	Fr SSC-5. All vehicles committed. Light section from SSC-1 at (AT 610420) in support of India Co. All other vehicles committed with Sudden Death and Warehouse at (AT 583004). SSB-3 still not ashore.	S
1500		005	091500H	Fr SSA-6. Status and situation of "A" Co. remains the same. "A" Co. 3d Recon Bn patrol on hill 41 possibly delayed 24 hours.	S
1615		006	091615H	Fr SSB-6. Four tanks with SSB-2 is operating with A-1/9. B-3A with three tanks is operating with D-1/9.	S
1800		007	091800H	Fr SSC. Headquarters platoon on operation with Bendix and element SS Swain against VC position at (AT 585011). Sent remaining vehicles to (AT 557010) as a blocking force. First platoon section supported India 3/4 to cover a retraction by LVT across the Song Tra Bong River at (AT 613020).	S
1915		008	091915H	Fr SSB-6. Spot report. Enemy contact, enemy retreated, have now linked up with friendly troops on left. Number of enemy unknown.	S
1920		009	091920H	Fr SSB-6. Spot reportt Heavy enemy contact. 1 WIA	S
1935		010	091935H	Fr SSB-6. No situation report as of now.	S
	1945	011	091945H	To SSB-6. B-2A condition is reported as good.	S
2000		012	092000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2030		013	092030H	Fr 34. Four men moving east to west on north side of river.	S
2040		014	092040H	Fr SSB. Situation under control.	S
2100		015	092100H	Fr Iron Tree-3. Previous report of tank on fire erroneous. Flame tank firing.	S
2130		016	092130H	Fr 34. Two men moving in same position as 2030H.	S
2200		017	092200H	34 reported all secure.	S

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2220		018	092220H	Fr SSB-6. B-33, B-34, and B-35 began sweep with infantry at 2200H. One tanker WIA. Not evacuated.	S
2330		019	092330H	Fr Shove-7. "B" Co. WIA in condition critical.	S
	2345	020	092330H	To SSB-6. Request info required by Shove-7.	S
345		021	092345H	Fr SSB. Info request furnished.	S
2355		022	092355H	To Shove-7. Info submitted.	S
2400		023	092400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0010		001	092347H	Fr SSB-6. Sweep began with B-31, F-31, B-21, and B-24 in direct support of Redwood-A at 1530H for LOD (BT 080699) sweeping to (BT 082675). Secured sweep at 2300H. B-21, and F31 returned to "B" Co. CP. B-24 and B-31 remained at A-1/9 CP.	
0200		002	100200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		003	100400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		004	100600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0920		005	100920H	Fr Senator-3. Div approved moving tanks off Monkey Mtn. May leave requirement to replace them with "A" Co. or Hq tanks.	S
1645		006	101645H	Fr SSA. Continuing Q service on tanks. All secure.	S
2040		007	102040H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		008	102200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		009	102400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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110001H Sep 65 to
112400H Sep 65

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	110200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	110400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	110600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1035		004	111035H	Fr SSB-6. B-2 presently at (BT 085675). Standing by ACP. No enemy contact. All secure.	S
1500		005	111500H	Fr SSB-6. "B" Co. cprpsmen treated 15 civilians.	S
1830		006	111830H	Fr SSB-6. SSB-2 on recon patrol at 1534H (BT 091669). Returned 1655H. No enemy contact. All secure.	S
2000		007	112000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2110		008	112110H	Fr SSB-6. B-3A with two tanks went on combat patrol with Delta-3 from (BT 043663) to (BT 043664). Engaged enemy targets (BT 042673) and (BT 043664). Targets destroyed, 2VC KIA.	S
2200		009	112200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2325		010	112325H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported several occasions observing individuals in fields and entering bamboo grove. Unknown if persons were armed.	S
2330		011	112330H	Smokerroom CP recd three rds SA fire from Phong Bac.	S

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120001H Sep 65 to

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0001		001	120001H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported seeing 3 or 4 people across his direct front, about 600 meters out.	S
0010		002	120010H	Fr 34. Reported movement in front of Yankee position. Fired one round. Negative results.	S
0015		003	120015H	Fr 34. H-51 reported two men crossing the clearing in front of tank, went into house in Phong Bac.	S
0125		004	120125H	Fr SSB-6. B-2 now employed at A-1/9 CP. Recd six rounds mortar fire. No casualties. No tank damage.	S
0155		005	120155H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		006	120400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		007	120600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1310		008	121310H	Fr SSC. "C" Company held firing exercises on 1st Bn., 4th Marines Range of all crewserve and T/O weapons.	S
1430		009	121430H	Fr Shove-3. There will be no further committment for tanks on Monkey Mountain.	S
1635		010	121635H	Fr SSB-6. All B-2 tanks have returned to A-1/9 CP. Captured one VCS; turned over to 3/9.	S
1740		011	121740H	Fr SSA. All platoons remain in same disposition.	S
1800		012	121800H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000		013	122000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		014	122200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2314		015	122314H	Fr SSB. All secure. No enemy contact.	S
2400		016	122400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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132400H Sep 65

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	130200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	130400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	130600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0910		004	130910H	Fr SSB-6. Company will conduct sweep north from present positions on Gridline 66 to LOD for operation conducted 11 Sep 65. Mission involved protection of rice crop in that area. Will send copy of OpOrder today.	S
1800		005	131800H	Fr SSB-3. B-35 and B-34 completed sweep with "D" Company at 1700H. No enemy contact.	S
1900		006	131900H	Fr SSC. Normal operation. Treated five Vietnamese children for minor cuts. 1st Plt. in direct support of 1/4. 2d Plt. in direct support of 2/4. 3d Plt. in direct support of 3/3.	S
2010		007	132010H	34 reported all secure.	S
2145		008	132145H	Fr Senator-3. ARVN will be loading ammo at (AT 965726) 14-17 Sep 65.	S
2150		009	132150H	Fr SSB. Approximately 2050 recd light SA fire.	S
2200		010	132200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		011	132400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	140200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	140400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	140600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0755		004	140755H	Fr Senator-3. 14 Sep 65 from 0800 to 1130H, Hoa Cam will search Yen Ne Bac at (AT 980705 - AT 980701). S	S
1540		005	141540H	Fr SSB. B-24 and B-23 commenced sweep with A-1/9. (BT 091669) to (BT 100650). Details later.	S
2000		006	142000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2140		007	142140H	Fr SSB-6. B-2 and B-3 all secure. No enemy contact.	S
2200		008	142200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		009	142400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	150200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	150400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	150600H	34 reported all sedure.	S
1200		004	151200H	Fr SSB. B-34 and B-35 on sweep with D-1/9.	S
1625		005	151625H	Fr SSB. Situation normal. No enemy contact.	S
1800		006	151800H	34 reported all secure.	S
1945		007	151945H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		008	152200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		009	152400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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162400H Sep 65

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	160200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	160400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	160600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1350		004	161350H	Fr SSB. B-34 and B-35 leaving "D" Company CP at 1330H for recon patrol to find route for tanks to position (BT 036678).	S
1500		005	161500H	Fr SSB-6. B-34 and B-35 now at position (BT 076678). No enemy contact. Situation normal.	S
1815		006	161815H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported boat crossed from north side of river to south side, approximately 15 men got out, boat returned to north bank. About 13 men went into village. A covered basket was taken from boat and into woods. Blackbox-3 notified.	S
2000		007	162000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		008	162200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2210		009	162210H	Fr SSB-6. At 2005H B-21 received SA fire. No casualties.	S
2400		010	162400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	170200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	170400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	170600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0915		004	170915H	Fr SSC. Hq supply and maintenance work. 1st Plt. and 2d Plt. in same locations. Fired H&I fire in GS's (AT 3909 and 4008, 3700, 3601 and 3701).	S
1530		005	171530H	Fr SSC. 1st Plt. direct support of Pied Piper. 2d Plt. in direct support of Sudden Death. 3d Plt. still in Warehouse CP.	S
1535		006	171535H	Fr SSB. B-32 and B-34 on recon patrol with D-6 (AT 652043) and (AT 667053).	S
1600		007	171600H	Fr SSA. 1st Plt. disposition same. Intentions are to move two more tanks to hills 41 and 22 with approval of CO 1/1. 2d Plt. unchanged. Two Cpls. attending VC mine and booby trap school.	S
1925		008	171925H	Fr SSB. B-32 and B-34 in support of one Plt. of "D" Company, 1/9 aboard LVT's.	S
2000		009	172000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2010		010	172010H	Fr SSB. B-32 and B-34 have returned to "D" Company CP. All Secure. No enemy contact.	S
2200		011	172200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		012	172400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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180001H Sep 65 to
182400H Sep 65

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	180200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	180400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	180600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0945		004	180945H	Fr SSB. B-32 and B-34 departed D-6 CP 0715H. Going to (BT 067661) to act as reaction force and evacuate one WIA. No enemy contact.	S
	0950	005	180950H	To SSC and B Co., 1st Tank Bn. Authority has been granted to supplement first aid kits carried on Tracked Vehicles with morphine. Are your vehicles so equipped? If not, request to know if you can acquire morphine packages in your locality. If not 3d Tank Bn will supply. Instructions on control will follow.	S
1010		006	181010H	Fr SSB-6. B-32 and B-34 moved out 0615H to assist "D" Company 1/9. One WIA.	S
1010		007	180945H	Fr SSB-6. B-32 and B-34 to water point with D-6. Carrying two VC KIA. Bodies from (BT 067661).	S
1610		008	181500H	Fr SSC. 1st Plt. same position. Light section with Sudden Death at CP. Heavy section with Sudden Death "G". 3d Plt. with Warehouse CP.	S
1610		009	181525H	Fr SSC. Ref msg. 181505H. Up to this time have been able to obtain morphine on as needed basis. If problems develop will contact Battalion Hq.	S
1800		010	181800H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000		011	182000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		012	182200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		013	182400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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192400H Sep 65

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	190200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	190400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	190600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0935		004	190935H	Fr SSB. B-21 making sweep (BT 0965) 1000H.	S
0935		005	191535H	Fr Senator-3. Visiting village chief of Hoa Thi was killed at (AT 987708). Believed twelve VC still in area.	S
1537		006	191537H	34 100% alert.	S
1542		007	191542H	Reaction force committed a blocking force. Senator 3 notified.	S
1610		008	191610H	Patrol now in blocking position. Infantry landed by helo.	S
1617		009	191617H	Recalled for reaction force.	S
1625		010	191625H	SS Patrol. Infantry now sweeping area. Returning to CP.	S
1800		011	191800H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000		012	192000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		013	192200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		014	192400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	200200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0345		002	200345H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 heard noise resembling driving stakes in the village south of CP.	S
0600		003	200600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1120		004	201120H	Fr SSB. B-31 and B-32 in support of D-1/9. Moved out 0930H to (BT 067654). No enemy contact.	S
1415		005	201415H	Fr Senator-3. Security platoon will pass through our area at 1430H to search Phong Bac. If assistance is required, provide.	S
1420		006	201420H	34 alerted to provide security for 9th Mar security platoon on sweep of Phong Bac area.	S
1500		007	201500H	Fr Senator-2A. Not going to make sweep. Secured security positions.	S
1620		008	201620H	Fr SSC. All .50 Cal firing completed. Fired H&I fire in GS 4017, 3805, 3701, 5700, 3601. Have reconed area around hill 39, GS 4606 and route to that area for possible operation with Warehouse.	S
1955		009	201955H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000		010	202000H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported shot fired in village directly in front of position.	S
2050		011	202050H	Fr SSB. Tanks returned from patrol at 1800H, recieved sniper fire, unable to return fire, could not locate target.	S
2200		012	202200H	Fr SSB. All secure, no enemy contact.	S
2200		013	202200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		014	202400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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212400H Sep 65

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	210200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	210400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	210600H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0800	004	210800H	To SSB and Platsburg-B. It is requested you comply with CG Msg 180526Z. Requested by 221200H.	S
1130		005	211130H	Requested medical evac from Senator. Shove-3 notified. Non-battle casualty.	S
1140		006	211140H	Helo evac arrived.	S
1545		007	211545H	Fr SSC. First platoon heavy section moving to (AT 520072). Second platoon fired at same target as yesterday. Third platoon on recon of ford at AT 4950 with Engineers.	S
2000		008	212000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2015		009	212015H	Fr SSB. All secure. No enemy contact.	S
2010		010	212010H	Fr 34. Firing south of river left front of Yankee 1 and 2. Black Box-3 notified.	S
2400		011	212400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	220200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	220400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	220600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0800		004	220800H	Fr SSC. Ref your 210800H. CG Msg 180526Z not available yet.	S
1600		005	221600H	Fr Black Box. One platoon from 2/9 and one platoon of ARVN will conduct sweep from bridge on Highway one west to GL 98 north of Song Cau Do river.	S
1800		006	221800H	Fr Black Box. Sweep completed.	S
1930	1930	007	221930H	To SSB. Interrogatory. Do plans for 23 Sep remain same. Do you require any additional assistance.	S
1945		008	221945H	Fr SSB. Coordination and liaison complete.	S
1952		009	221950H	Fr SSB. Plans same. No additional assistance needed at this time.	S
2005		010	221345H	Fr SSC. Hq C-42 with heavy section of C-3 going to hill 69. C-6 and two frogmen helping with fording at 4950.	S
2010		011	222010H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		012	222200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		013	222400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	230200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	230400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	230600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1843		004	231843H	Fr SSB. Results of today's sweep and clear operation with 1st Bn., 9th Mar. 650 at collection point, 350 recd medical treatment. 15 VCS (female) 1 VCC (female), 10 VCC (male), and 3 VC KIA. Tanks and supporting units had negative contact.	S
1850		005	231850H	Fr SSA. H-53 (VTR) loaned to Battalion Maintenance for assisting in "Q" service being performed.	S
2000		006	232000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		007	232200H	Fr SSB. Approximately 2110H B-1/9 CP received 6 rounds SA sniper fire. At 2125 received 4 more. No casualties to tank and infantry personnel.	S
2210		008	232210H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		009	232400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
0200		001	240200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	240400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	240600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1111		004	241111H	Fr Senator-3. Request one M48A3 tank and crew for static display for Gen.Thi at Senator CP on 29 Sep. Dress rehearsal 28 sep 1200H. Lt. MORRIS is officer in charge.	S
1820		005	241820H	Fr 34. Reported three people (1) armed traveling in a northeasterly direction.	S
	1825	006	241825H	To Senator-3. Senator-3 and bridge platoon notified of three people and direction of travel.	S
2000		007	242000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2025		008	242000H	Fr SSB. Intelligence information received from village chief that 40 AT mines were received by boat this AM at (BT 095658). Operation plans follow. Bravo units will depart "B" CP at 0430 25 Sep with four tanks. Will proceed to Redwood B-6 CP. Tanks will join up with Redwood B-6 for aggressive moves to (BT 095658) for sweep, search and recon mission. Extent of southern advance unknown.	S
2200		009	242200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		010	242400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
0200		001	250200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	250400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	250600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0858		004	250858H	Fr Senator-3. "B" Company tank hit mine near (BT 097685). No damage to vehicle or personnel.	S
0903		005	250903H	Fr Senator-3. Static display on 29 Sep to have a narrative type presentation rather than technical. Firepower employment are the main areas of concentration.	S
1005		006	251005H	Fr Senator-3. The date of 29 Sep is postponed, planning conference will go 26 Sep.	S
1500		007	251500H	Fr SSC. First platoon no contact. Second platoon H&I fired 0200-0600 GS 3601-3701. Third platoon; rocks were thrown at heavy section-illumination was used neg results.	S
1805		008	251805H	Fr SSA. Third platoon Hue Phu Bai this morning plan on firing flame tank in vicinity of regimental CP at 261300H if wind and weather are favorable.	S
1845		009	251845H	34 reported all secure.	S
1850		010	251850H	Fr SSB. B-35 hit mine at (BT 059652). Mine was off-set detonation type initiated under track and exploding under hull. Sand entered escape hatch but nothing else significant occurred. The tank continued on and completed its mission. Tank patrol with "B" Co., 1st Bn., 9th Mar wounded and captured one VC and captured one VCS. VC WIA was part of a 50 man force with the mission of ambushing "D" Co., 1st Bn., 9th Mar. "B" Company will repeat today's patrol at 260430H.	S
2000		011	252000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		012	252200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		013	252400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	OUT				
0200		001	260200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	260400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	260600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1550		004	261550H	Fr SSB. B-35 hit by 3.5 rocket at (BT 062635). Two WIA. Tank operational. Remains engaged against enemy. Med evac requested for WIAs.	S
	1555	005	261555H	To Senator-3. Informed of Ser No. 004.	S
	1600	006	261600H	To Shove-3. Informed of Ser No. 004.	S
	1605	007	261605H	To SSA. Request you send Marine to Whale to determine identity of WIA.	S
1625		008	261625H	Fr SSB-1. WIAs were from Irontree Delta, not SSB.	S
	1628	009	261628H	To Senator-3. Informed of Ser No. 004.	S
1637		010	261637H	Fr SSB-3A. B-35 had gun shield blown off with 6" penetration. Driver wounded in shoulder and chest evacuated.	S
1640		011	261640H	Fr SSA-16. SSB WIA, McKeel, Perry L. 2056320 wound shrapnel left shoulder, left arm, left chest Condition unknown until X-ray complete.	S
1642		012	261642H	Fr SSB-3A. Expended 50, 90mm rounds.	S
1647		013	261647H	Fr SSB-3. Hit by 57mm. Destroyed 25 enemy installations approx 15 VC KIA unconfirmed.	S
1750		014	261750H	Fr SSB-1. B-35, B-32, and B-34 on armored recon patrol with one squad infantry looking over terrain for future operations. B-35 on high ground hit by 57mm RR which moved back into village on reverse slope. B-32 and B-34 in to help assist B-35 which couldn't move because of driver wounded. Not enough infantry to react at that time. Heavy SA fire received. Tanks returned 90mm fire which neutralized all firing.	S
1825		015	261825H	Fr RWD-3. Time 261545H at (BT 067633). Personnel riding on tank injured by 57mmRR fired from trench line. Round detonated on left side of gun cover. Wounding one infantryman and tank driver. VC ran to reverse slope. Second tank pursued. SA received, returned by infantry and tankers.	S

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1845		015	261845H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		016	262200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2220		017	262220H	Fr Monroe. Sveral children have been reported turning over fragmentation grenades to Marines of this command. Possibility exists that the fuse mechanism on the grenades could be tampered with to remove the delay increments. Recent reports indicate possible use of children by VC. Simular incidents should be reported this command immediately.	S
2400		018	262400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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TIME		SERN	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
					M - Map S - Staff T - Troops F - File
0200		001	270200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	270400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	270600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1210		004	271210H	Fr Senator-3. Has SSB been receiving RR fire? SSB Req artillery fire at (BT 064627).	S
	1212	005	271212H	To SSB. Have you been receiving RR fire?	S
	1213	006	271213H	To SSB. What is requirement for artillery fire you requested.	S
1220		007	271220H	Fr SSB. Three tanks departed from D-1/9 CP at 0900 with two squads to (BT 069652). Received heavy SA fire and Rifle grenade fire. Have taken one pris- nor. Returning to D Company CP. Expended 24 round of HE and WP. Five VC were seen as they were blown in the air. Due to the extreme heavy volume of SA fire the infantry strength was considered in- sufficient to sweep the area. The tanks returned at 271215H.	S
1435		008	271435H	Fr SSB. Tanks committed this morning have been reinforced with four others for a total of seven. These tanks and a substantial force of infantry from "D" Company CP at 271330H for (BT 063637) to again engage enemy in Phong Ho (1). Irontree-6 called artillery prep fires on the positions prior to tanks entering the area.	S
2000		009	272000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200		010	272200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		011	272400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0200		001	280200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	280400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	280600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1040		004	281040H	Fr SSB. At 280830H three B-2 tanks scrambled to support one squad of infantry from B-1/9 pinned down at (AT 103645). All B tanks are now at B-1/9 CP No injury to B-2 personnel, all tanks operational. Three VC KIA. Two VC WIA.	S
1055		005	281055H	Fr Heavyfist-6. There is a colonel from G-3 HQMC aboard who is interested in employment techniques for Ontos and Tanks. He will visit Heavyfist shortly and may then visit Smokerroom.	S
	1415	006	281415H	To SSC. Request you submit report required by Shove Msg 260354Z (CONFIDENTIAL) to Smokerroom NLT 2 Oct. 65.	S
1640		007	281500H	Fr SSA. No change. All secure.	S
1800		008	281800H	Fr Happyage-B. Two tanks from 2d Plt. are dead-lined, one for starter, the other with a fuel pump. This platoon which is attached to Task Force Alpha near Qui Nhon has fired 150 90mm rds while engaged in action against the enemy with elements of the 1st Army Division and the 1st Armored Cavalry Division (Airmobile) north of Qui Nhon.	S
1700		009	281700H	Fr SSC. Two tanks returning from Hill 69 became stuck in the river. Both available VTR's used - both broke final drive nuts and bolts. Both M48-A3 tanks require generators. All vehicles now in proper areas.	S
2015		010	282015H	Fr Fertilizer-3. Request indirect illum from tks.	S
2055		011	282055H	Fr Senator-3. Confirmed seven VC KIA at bridge.	S
2100		012	282100H	Fr Wagonmaster-3A. FO team on way to Sharpshooter position.	S
2230		013	282230H	Fr Wagonmaster. FO team will remain two or three days.	S

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TIME		SERN	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2245		014	282245H	Fr 34. One incoming round from Yen Bac vicinity. 34 reported all secure.	S
2400		015	282400H		S

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IN	OUT				
0200		001	290200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	290400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	290600H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000		004	292000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2145		005	292145H	Fr 34. Reported red flare in area east of water point.	S
	2150	006	292150H	To Senator-3. Informed of entry Ser No. 005.	S
2200		007	292200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		008	292400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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302400H Sep 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0200	0305	001	300200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0300		002	300300H	Fr 34. Reported green flare near bridge and WP.	S
		003	300305H	To Senator-3. Informed of Ser No. 002.	S
0400		004	300400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		005	300600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0810		006	300810H	Fr SSC-6. Cannot depart prior to 1430H from this CP due to transportation problem. Will arrive ASAP.	S
0915	1120	007	300915H	Fr Dream-4. LVTs will be removed from Tank Bn CP 2 Sep 65.	S
		008	301120H	Army advisors from Hoa Cam ask for assistance in destroying suspected VC tunnels. One M67A2 and one M48A3 tanks were sent out. An ARVN officer decided against using flames because of houses in area upon arrival.	S
1750		009	301750H	Fr SSB-2. "B" Company tanks are located 1000 meters south of French Bunker. Assisting LVT that hit a mine.	S
1800		010	301800H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000	2030	011	302000H	34 reported all secure.	S
20		012	302030H	To SSC. Have FLSU inspect C-31 to determine whether or not the vehicle was or was not submerged. No reports will be made until they make a decision. You are directed to use C-42 only when there is a tactical requirement which cannot be met through other available means. The C02 charging unit will remain at your CP.	S
2200		013	302200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		014	302400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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Time		Serial Number	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				M-map S-staff T-trps F-file
0830	1400			1 September 1965 Class IV field Fortifications Material Requirement, submitted to G-4 file 1400.	
	1500			Combat essential deadline report submitted to G-4	
				2 September 1965	
	0900			DivMTO arrived for inspection of motor vehicles and records	
	1000			Telephoned neg report to G-4 in regards to light weight utilities ripping in crotch due to presperation	
	1100			Dispatched TD-15 to 9thMar C.P. to level small area	
	2000			Contact team to Chulai - SSgt. Collins, Sgt Powell and Zuenga. Dispatched vehicle to DaNang M.P. Station to pick up Cpl. Hebert- Hebert detained for an offense-not known at this time.	
				3 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date	

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In	Out				
				4 September 1965	
	0800			Sgt Brisky to ChuLai with spare parts for weapons	
	0900			B-42 USMC//201933 reported submerged 0730 Marble Mtn. Area-	
				Submerged to Turret Ring- Dis-	
				patched H-53 to help retrieve same.	
	1230			Dispatched A-43 to assist in retrieving B-42 as per requested	
				Also borrowed 500' 2" cable from various sources to assist.	
	1315			SSgt. Edwards to ChuLai with Metal guards for antenna bases on Tanks	
1500				Sgt. Brisky returned from ChuLai	
1800				B-42 retrieved from submergision	
				Vehicle submerged over 12 hours-	
				Evac to 5th Echelon as per TI-8005-25/9. Vehicle at FISG.	
				5 September 1965	
	0800			Investigation started on B-42 submerision.	
				6 September 1965	
	0800			B.Co. Hq displacing C.P. Moving to vicinity of Marble Mt.	

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In	Out				
1800				7 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date	
1800				8 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date	
1920				9 September 1965 Preliminary report- 1800 SSgt. R.I. THIDODEAUX-W.I.A.-Emergency medical supplies and air Evac requested-Evac to C.Med.-SSgt J.T.Wilson-WIA-returned to duty	
0745	1525			10 September 1965 B.Co. requests 1 gas tanker and 24 cans Napalm. Request can not be fulfilled-No priority for river crossing. SS-3 requests 1 MRC/36 and 2 radio operators and SSBLA be dispatched to SSB CA ASAP SS-3 requests following radio equip. for SSB 1 RT 108, 2 RT 66, 1 AM 65, 1 RT 70-SS6 authorizes substitution of any equip in C.P. to meet this requirement.	
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1635					

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1915	1710			MRC/36, SSBLA, 2 operators and radio equip on the way. Trying to get priority for tanker Gas Tanker arrived SSB C.P.- Request same in morning.	
	1045			11 September 1965 SS-4 to SSB-Can not get refueler to your c.p. until late this evening. I say again, can you get fuel from elements of denote A, Bmpatic, or Iron Tree. I would appreciate an effort in this regard. If you can not let me know ASAP. E SSB to SS-4 Be advised we have enough fuel to mix Flame Tank, Cancel fuel Tanker. SSB5 called-gas obtained from MAG 11.	
1259				12 September 1965	
1330				No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
1800				13 September 1965	
1800				No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	

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In	Out				
	0730 1230			14 September 1965 Two M-54's to 3d Mtrs for use S-4 Maj Coates and S-3 Capt. Donovan to Chu Lai.	
1600				15 September 1965 S-4 Maj Coates returned to BnCP	
1800				16 September 1965 No outstanding Comments or incidents this date.	
	1330			17 September 1965 Equipment Density Report and Ammo Expenditure Report Submitted.	
1800				18 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
1800				19 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	

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1800	1145			20 September 1965 No ourstanding comments or in- cedents this date.	
				21 September 1965 Cpl. B.G.SHUMACHER-air evac to C Ned. Non-Bat Casualty-Extent of injury not known.	
1800				22 September 1965 No outstanding comments or in- cedents this date.	
1800				23 September 1965 No outstanding comments or in- cedents this date.	
1800				24 September 1965 No ourstanding comments or in- cedents this date.	
1400				25 September 1965 LCpl. T. McKEEL-WIA-Evac B.Co.	

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In	Out				
1800				26 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
1800				27 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
1800				28 September 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 311600H AUG - 011600H SEP
3. TK SECT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED ARMORED SWEEP SOUTH OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OF "A" CO., 1ST BN, 9TH MAR. AT 010940H RECD SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FR (BT 082695). RETURNED MG AND EIGHT RDS OF 90MM AMMUNITION. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FORTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
4. TK SECT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED ARMORED SWEEP SOUTH OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OF "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. AT 010940H APPROX THIRTY RDS OF SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECD BY THE TKS. TWO STRUCTURES AT (BT 082695) WHERE THE FIRE WAS COMING FR WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY TK MG AND CANNON FIRE. BOTH STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND NO OTHER ENEMY CONTACT OCCURED. THE TKS RETURNED FR THE SWEEP AT 011100H.
- 5-8. NEG
9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED FORTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1).

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 012400H- 021800H
3. BN OP AT (AT 987710) OBSERVED VIETNAMESE THROW GRENADE IN TREE LINE AT (AT 987695).
4. AT 020910H TK BN OP AT (AT 987710) OBSERVED THREE VIETNAMESE DRESSED IN BLACK PEASANT CLOTHING WITHOUT WEAPONS RUNNING FR WEST TO EAST NEAR (AT 987695). ONE WAS SEEN THROWING AN OBJECT WHICH THEN EXPLODED IN THE TREE LINE. THE THREE INDIVIDUALS THEN DISAPPEARED INTO CAM NE (1). NO FURTHER ACTIVITY NOTED.

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

SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 021800H - 031800H

3. TWO TKS FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED SWEEP SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN WITH A SQUAD OF INFANTRY FR "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MARINES. TKS HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT. BN DOCTOR AND CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE.

4. AT 030800H TWO TKS FR CO. "B" ACCOMPANIED BY AN LVT AND A SQUAD OF INFANTRY FR "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED A SWEEP 2000METERS SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. AT 031050H TWO INFANTRYMEN WERE WOUNDED BY AN AP MINE WHICH EXPLODED NEAR (BT 088992). FURTHER SEARCH OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA BY THE TKS FAILED TO DETONATE ANY OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

5&6. NEG

7. H&S CO. CONDUCTED LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION ON MECHANICAL FUNCTIONING AND EMPLOYMENT OF M-79 40MM GRENADE LAUNCHER.

8. NEG

9. BN DOCTOR AND CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1). ONE TREATED FOR URINARY INFECTION, ONE TREATED FOR ARTHRITIS, ~~NINE~~ THREE TREATED FOR BRONCHITIS, AND TWENTY ~~FOR~~ FOR BOILS AND MINOR SORES.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 051800H - 061600H

3. PLT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED SWEEP SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. TKS RECD SMALL ARMS SNIPER FIRE. FIRE RETURNED, RESULTS UNK. THIRTY VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (1) RECD MEDICAL TREATMENT FR BN SURGEON.

4. A PLT FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED A SWEEP IN THE SAND FLATS SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. AT 061500H THE TKS RECD SEVERAL ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. TANK FIRE WAS RETURNED ON THE TARGET. RESULTS OF THE ACTION ARE INCOMPLETE.

5-8. NEG

9. THERE WERE THIRTY VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (1) ^{THAT} RECD MEDICAL TREATMENT FROM BN CORPSMEN AND SURGEON. FOUR FOR INTESTINAL WORMS, ONE BRONCHITIS, AND TWENTY-FIVE FOR SKIN INFECTIONS.

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2. 061800H - 071600H

3. CO. "B" OPERATED SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN WITH "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. AND "C" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. NO ENEMY CONTACT. CO. "A" CONDUCTED A NIGHT FIRING EXERCISE UTILIZING SEARCH LIGHT TRNG REQUIRED ON .50 CAL. AA WEAPON, AND MOUNTS COMPLETED. BN CORPSMEN AND BN SURGEON TREATED 100 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "B" OPERATED SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN WITH "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR AND "C" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR (BT 092671) AND WEST ALONG SONG CAU BEIN RIVER (BT 077688). NO ENEMY CONTACT.

5&6. NEG

7. CO. "A" CONDUCTED A NIGHT FIRING EXERCISE 1900H - 2200H UTILIZING TK MOUNTED SEARCH LIGHT. REQUIRED TRNG ON .50 CAL. AA WEAPON AND MOUNTS COMPLETED.

8. NEG

9. BN SURGEON AND CORPSMEN TREATED 100 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1). FIVE FOR BRONCHITIS, SIX FOR URI, TEN FOR GASTRITIS, AND SEVENTY-NINE FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 071800H - 081600H

3. CO. "B" CP RELOCATED. BN SURGEON AND CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4&5. NEG

6. CO. "B" CP HAS RELOCATED TO (BT 066719) IN THE MARBLE MTN AREA.

7&8. NEG

9. BN SURGEON AND CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1). FOUR FOR URI, FIVE FOR IMPEDTIOO, THREE FOR HEADACHES, AND EIGHT FOR INFECTIONS.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 081800H - 091600H
3. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR.
4. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN.
- 5-7. NEG
8. RECON TEAM FR CO. "A" WILL ACCOMPANY "A" CO., 3D RECON BN ON RECON PATROL IN VICINITY OF GS (AT 9366) TO DETERMINE SUITABILITY OF AREA FOR TANK EMPLOYMENT.

9. NEG

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 091800H - 101600H

3. CO. "B" IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WITH "A" CO., 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MAR. AND "D" CO., 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MAR. SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MTN. BN SURGEON AND CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE CIVILIANS. CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER GAVE OUT 700 COOKIES AND MILK TO THE CHILDREN OF PHONG BAC (1).

4. CO. "B" IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WITH "A" AND "D" CO., 1ST BN, 9TH MAR SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MTN. RECD HEAVY ENEMY SA FIRE. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH .30 CAL, .50 CAL, AND 90MM WEAPONS. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNK WITH SEVERAL ENEMY BUNKERS DESTROYED. TWO CO. "B" MARINE WIA'S.

5-7. NEG

8. RECON TEAM FROM CO. "A" DUE TO ACCOMPANY CO. "A", 3D RECON BN ON RECON PATROL IN VICINITY OF GS (AT 9366) DELAYED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

9. BN SURGEON AND CORPSMEN TREATED THIRTY-FIVE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1). TWO FOR PNEUMONIA, THIRTY FOR SKIN BOILS AND ULCERS, ONE FOR HEADACHE, TWO FOR ARTHRITIS.

THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER DISTRIBUTED MILK AND 700 COOKIES TO THE CHILDREN AND CLOTHING TO ADULTS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC (1) IN COMMEMORATION OF CHILDREN TET DAY.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 101800H - 111600H

3. CO. "A" PROVIDED DIRECT TANK SUPPORT TO THIRD MARINES. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MARINES PROVIDED TANK SUPPORT OF COMPANIES "A" AND "D" ON MOVEMENT SOUTH TO EAST-WEST GRID LINE 66 IN THEIR TAOR. MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 15 VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF XOM DA ME (BT 066715).

4. CO. "A" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THIRD MARINES FURNISHING ONE PLATOON AS A REACTION FORCE IN THE NORTHEAST SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAOR AND ONE PLATOON AS A BASE OF FIRE FOR PATROL ACTIVITIES OF THE 1ST BN., 1ST MARINES. CO. "B" SUPPORTED THE OPERATIONS OF COMPANY "A" AND COMPANY "D" OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES ON THEIR CLEAR AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO EAST-WEST GRID LINE (BT 66). THERE WAS NO INCIDENTS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

5-8. NEG

9. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MARINES ARRIVED IN VIETNAM THE RESIDENTS OF XOM DA ME RECD CIVIL AFFAIRS ASSISTANCE AS AN INITIAL PROJECT THE BATTALION ESTABLISHED A LIMITED AID STATION AT (BT 066715) AND ATTRACTED 15 VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF THAT HAMLET. TO ASSIST THE DANANG USOM SPONSORED HOSPITAL, THE BATTALION SURGEON AND HIS ASSISTANTS VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSES AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF VERY SERIOUS PATIENTS WHO ARE IN NEED OF THE MOST COMPLETE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 111800H - 121600H

3. BN CP RECD THREE RDS OF SA FR POSITIONS IN PHONG BAC (1) (AT 989712). CO "A" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" CONDUCTED TWO PATROLS WITH ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR.

4. AT 112330H ~~XXXXXX~~ THREE RDS OF SA FIRE WERE RECD IN THE BN CP FR A FIRING POSITION LOCATED IN PHONG BAC (1) (AT 989712). DEFENSIVE FIRES WERE NOT RETURNED SINCE THE EXACT POSITION OF THE SNIPER COULD NOT BE POSITIVELY DETERMINED. THERE WAS FAR GREATER THAN NORMAL MOVEMENT ON ALL SIDES OF THE PERIMETER THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE NIGHT ALTHOUGH NO FURTHER FIRING OCCURRED. CO. "A" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR PROVIDING SECURITY AT THE NAM O BRIDGE. CO. "A" CONDUCTED TWO COMBAT PATROLS WITH THE FORWARD COMPANIES OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. THE FIRST PATROL WITH "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR ENCOUNTERED NO ENEMY ACTIVITY. THE SECOND PATROL MOVED ALONG A LINE FROM (BT 043663) TO (BT 043664) BEGINNING AT 111530H. THROUGHOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE PATROL ENEMY SA AND SNIPER FIRE WERE RECD BY THE TANKS. TARGETS WERE IDENTIFIED AND TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY THE TANKS AT (BT 042673) AND (BT 043664) RESULTING IN TWO CONFIRMED VC KIA. THE PATROL RETURNED TO ITS CP LOCATION AT 112000H.

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2. 121800H - 131800H

3. HQ COMMANDANT CONDUCTED HELO RECON PATROL OF TAOR. CO. "A" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" CONDUCTED SWEEP NORTH OF GRID LINE 66. ONE VC KIA AND ONE VCS CAPTURED. BN CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. HQ COMMANDANT CONDUCTED A HELO RECON PATROL OF TAOR SOUTH OF TK BN CP. CO. "A" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" CONDUCTED SWEEP ~~NORTH~~ NORTH OF GRID LINE 66 WITH CO. "A" AND CO. "D" OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. MISSION TO SAVE RICE CROP. ONE VC KIA AND ONE VCS CAPTURED.

5-8. NEG

9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC. ALL WERE TREATED FOR SORES AND ULCERS.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 131800H - 141800H

3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1/1. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1/9. BN CORPSMEN TREATED VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. CLASS ON COMM SECURITY CONDUCTED.

4. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF SQUAD SIZE PATROL FR 1/1 WITH TWO TANKS. SA FIRE RECD. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH .50 CAL MG. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. NO KNOWN ENEMY CASUALTIES. CO. "B" CONDUCTED SWEEP AND DESTROY MISSION WITH A-1/9. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

5&6. NEG

7. CLASS ON COMM SECURITY CONDUCTED FOR ALL BN OFFICER AND STAFF NCO'S IN DANANG AND CHU LAI ENCLAVES. FIFTY CAL MG FIRING AT GROUND TARGETS COMP BY ALL UNITS IN CHU LAI.

8. NEG

9. BN SURGEON AND CORPSMEN TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC. FOUR FOR BRONCHITIS, TWO FOR WORMS, FOUR FOR HEADACHES AND FORTY FOR SKIN DISEASES AND BOILS.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 141800H - 151800H
3. TWO TKS FR CO. "B" ON SWEEP AND DESTROY WITH D-1/9. CLASS CONDUCTED BY BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL.
4. TWO TKS FR CO. "B" ON SWEEP AND DESTROY MISSION WITH D-1/9. SA FIRE RECD. NINTY MM FIRE RETURNED. NO KNOWN ENEMY CASUALITIES.
- 5&6. NEG
7. CLASS CONDUCTED BY BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON COMMON CASUALITIES OCCURED BY TANK PERSONNEL IN COMBAT AND EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF SAME.
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2. 151800H - 161800H
3. CO. "B" OPERATING WITH D-1/9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC. LECTURE AND FIELD EXERCISE ON M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER.
4. TWO TKS FROM CO. "B" CONDUCTING AN ARMORED ROUTE RECONNIASSANCE WITH D-1/9 FR (BT 036678) TO (BT 076678). NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED. PATROL STILL IN PROGRESS.
- 5&6. NEG
7. LECTURE AND FIELD FIRING EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED ON M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER.
8. NEG
9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 120 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC. TWELVE FOR BRONCHITIS, FOUR FOR CARBUNCLES, AND 104 FOR SKIN DISEASES AND SORES.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 161800H - 171800H

3. COMPANIES "A" AND "B" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MARINES RESPECTIVELY. COMPANY "B" PROVIDED TWO TANKS FOR AN ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE PATROL WITH "D" COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES.

4. COMPANY "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MARINES. COMPANY "B" FURNISHED TWO TANKS TO "D" COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES FOR AN ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE FROM (BT 043652) TO (BT 053667). PATROL IS STILL IN PROGRESS. NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED AT THIS TIME.

5&6. NEG

7. HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL RECEIVED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOLLOWED BY FIELD FIRING OF THE M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER. COMPANY "A" PERSONNEL ATTENDED MINE AND BOOBY TRAP COURSE CONDUCTED BY 3D ENGINEER BATTALION.

8. NEG

9. THIRTY-FIVE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (1) WERE TREATED BY BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL. TWO FOR BRONCHITIS, THREE FOR CONJUNCTITIS, AND THIRTY FOR SKIN DISEASES AND SORES.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 171800H - 181800H

3. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D AND 9TH MAR. RESPECTIVELY. CO. "B" PROVIDED TWO TKS AS REACTION FORCE WITH D-1/9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL CONDUCTED CLASS FOR H&S CO. PERSONNEL. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO "B" PROVIDED TWO TKS AS A REACTION FORCE TO SUPPORT D-1/9 AT (BT 064661). TKS REMOVED BODIES OF VC KIA FROM ACTION WITH D-1/9 AND RETURNED THEM TO MARBLE MTN AREA ALONG WITH CAPTURED EQUIPMENT.

5&6. NEG

7. HQ PERSONNEL RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM BN. MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON COMMON INJURIES RECEIVED BY TK PERSONNEL IN COMBAT. H&S CO. AND CO. "A" WILL CONDUCT M60 MG AND M14 FAM FIRING 191400H TO 191800H.

8. NEG

9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC. FOUR FOR RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, TWO FOR CONJUNCTIVITIS AND FORTY-FOUR FOR SKIN INFECTIONS.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 181800H - 191800H

3. RESPONDING TO A REPORT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF A NEARBY VILLAGE CHIEF AT (AT 987708), THE ALERT FORCE FROM BN HQ WAS COMMITTED AS A BLOCKING FORCE AT 191535H ON A LINE FROM (AT 988709) TO (AT 988702) TO PREVENT MOVEMENT WEST FROM PHONG BAC (1) (AT 988706). CO. "A" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR PROVIDING FIRE SUPPORT FR POSITIONS ON HILLS 41 AND 22 TO PATROLS IN LA CHAU (3) (AT 957680) AND LA BONG (3) (AT 965679). CO. "B" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTING A TANK-INFANTRY PATROL TO GS (BT 1164) FR 191000H TO 191210H. NO ENEMY CONTACT. AT 191400H CO. "B" TANKS WERE COMMITTED AS A BLOCKING FORCE FOR SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS OF "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR AT (BT 048655). NO ENEMY CONTACT.

4. AT 191530H THE BN RECD A REPORT THAT THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA THI VILLAGE WHO WAS VISITING IN PHONG BAC (1) (AT 988706) HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED NEAR (AT 987708). WITHIN FIVE MINUTES THE BN ALERT FORCE WAS DEPLOYED INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS ON A LINE FR (AT 988709) TO (AT 988702). ALL FOOT TRAFFIC WAS STOPPED AND IDENTIFIED AND THE POSITIONS MAINTAINED UNTIL A MANUEVER ELEMENT OF THE 2D BN., 9TH MAR WAS HELIEFTED INTO POSITION AT 191610H AT WHICH TIME THE ALERT FORCE RETURNED TO POSITIONS WITHIN THE PERIMETER.

CO. "A" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR PROVIDING FIRE SUPPORT TO UNITS OF THE 1ST BN., 1ST MAR DURING THEIR PATROL ACTIVITIES IN LA BONG (3) (AT 965679) AND LA CHAU (3) (AT 957680).

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CO. "B" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR AND CONDUCTED A TK-INFANTRY PATROL ALONG THE SHORE LINE SOUTHEAST OF MARBLE MTN TO OS (BT 1164). THE PATROL DEPARTED AT 191000H AND RETURNED AT 191210H WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ENEMY ACTIVITY. LATER AT 191400H CO. "B" ACTED AS A BLOCKING FORCE FOR A SWEEP CONDUCTED BY "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR OCCUPYING POSITIONS AT (BT 048655). THE TKS REMAINED IN POSITION UNTIL THE SWEEP WAS ~~CONCLUDED~~ AT 191600H. NO ENEMY CONTACT. **CONCLUDED**

5&6. NEG

7. HQ AND SER CO. AND CO. "A" CONDUCTED M-60 MG FIRING EXERCISES AT HOA CAM TRNG CENTER FROM 191400H TO 191500H.

8&9. NEG

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 191800H - 201800H
3. CO. "A" AND "B" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY. CO. "B" PROVIDED TWO TKS TO SUPPORT PATROL ACTIVITIES OF "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR.
4. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR PREPARED ADDITIONAL TKS FOR OPERATIONS WITH THE 1ST BN., 1ST MAR AT HILL 41 AND HILL 22 SOUTH OF THE SONG TUY LOAN. CO. "B" FURNISHED TWO TANKS TO "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR FOR A PATROL FROM THE COMPANY'S CP POSITION TO (BT 067654). THE PATROL WILL REMAIN IN POSTION UNTIL 202300H. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORTED AT THIS TIME.

5-9. NEG

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 201800H - 211800H
3. CO. "A" AND "B" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY. CO. "A" PROVIDED ONE LIGHT TANK FOR 1/1 CP. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
4. CO. "A" IN SUPPORT OF 3D MAR PROVIDED ONE LIGHT TANK FOR ILLUM AT 1/1 CP. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.
- 5-8. NEG
9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC. THIRTY-NINE FOR SKIN INFECTIONS, FOUR FOR CONJUNCTIVITIS, THREE FOR GASTRO-INTESTINAL UPSETS, AND FOUR FOR UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 211800H - 221800H

3. CO. "A" AND "B" CONT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY. CO. "B" PREPARING FOR SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS WITH 1ST BN., 9TH MAR ON 23 SEP. BN HQ PERSONNEL PROVIDED BLOCKING POSITIONS FOR SWEEP OPERATIONS OF THE 2D BN., 9TH MAR NEAR PHONG BAC (1) (AT 994703).

4. CO. "A" CONT TO PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR ON HILLS 41 AND 22 IN THE 1ST BN., 1ST MAR TAOR AND AT THE NAM O BRIDGE IN THE 2D BN., 3D MAR TAOR. CO. "B" COMPLETED FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR AN OPERATION WITH THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR ON 23 SEP. UPON REQUEST OF THE 9TH MAR THE SOUTHERN ~~XXXXXXXX~~ PORTION OF THE BN. CP PERIMETER WAS FULLY MANNED AS A BLOCKING FORCE FOR A SWEEP THROUGH THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF PHONG BAC (1) AND YEN BAC HAMLETS BY ELEMENTS OF THE 2D BN., 9TH MAR.

5-7. NEG

8. CO. "B" WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR TAOR EAST OF THE SONG VINH DIEU. THE ENTIRE CO., REINFORCED BY INFANTRY, AM TRAC, AND ANTI-TANK ELEMENTS WILL ACT AS A X MOBILE BLOCKING AND SCREENING FORCE ALONG THE EASTERN PLANK OF THE BN. CLEARING OPERATION.

9. NEG

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 221800H - 231800H

3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" IN BLOCKING POSITION SUPPORTING 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY-EIGHT VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MARINES. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY. CO. "B" WITH FIFTEEN TANKS REINFORCED BY INFANTRY, AMTRACS, AND ANTI-TANKS MAINTAINED MOBILE BLOCKING POSITIONS ON LINE (BT 058660) TO (BT 048685) WHILE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS EAST OF THE SONG VINH DIEN. TANKS HAD NEGATIVE ENEMY CONTACT.

5-8. NEG

9. BN SURGEON AND CORPMEN TREATED FIFTY-EIGHT VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (1) AT (AT 999711). TWO FOR BRONCHITIS AND FIFTY-SIX FOR SKIN DISEASES AND BOILS.

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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)
2. 231800H - 241800H
3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR.
4. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR MAINTAINED THREE TKS IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS NEAR NAM O BRIDGE AND ONE PLATOON IN POSITIONS ALONG THE M/R OF THE 1ST BN., 1ST MAR. CO. "B" REORGANIZED AFTER OPERATIONS WITH 1ST BN., 9TH MAR ON 23 SEP AND PREPARED FOR RESUMPTION OF EXTENSIVE TK PATROL ACTION IN THE EXPANDED PORTION OF THE TAOR.
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1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 241800H - 251800H

3. CO. "A" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" PROVIDED TKS FOR PATROL ACTIVITIES OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. AT 250810H CO. "B" REPORTED THAT ONE TK HAD DETONATED AN OFF-SET ELECTRICALLY ACTIVATED ANTI-TANK MINE. NO DAMAGE OCCURRED TO THE TK AND THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED EIGHTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "A" CONTINUED TO DEFEND PORTIONS OF THE 3D MAR TAOR WITH PRIMARY TK EFFORTS DEVOTED TO SECURITY AT THE NAM O BRIDGE AND HILLS 41 AND 22. CO. "B" CONDUCTED TWO PATROLS IN THE EXPANDED PORTION OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR TAOR. AT 250810H CO. "B" REPORTED THAT A TK HAD STRUCK A MINE AT (BT 059652). THE MINE WAS ELECTRICALLY ACTIVATED AND EXPLODED UNDERNEATH THE MAIN HULL. ALTHOUGH THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION CAUSED THE TK TO LIFT OFF THE GROUND THERE WAS NO PENETRATION AND THE PATROL CONTINUED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. A SECOND PATROL OPERATING WITH "B" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE SOUTH AND EAST OF PRESENT FORWARD POSITIONS. THE PATROL ASSISTED THE INFANTRY IN SUPPRESSING SNIPER FIRE AND IN THE CAPTURE OF ONE VC WIA AND ONE VCS.

5-8. NEG

9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED EIGHTY VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1). FOUR FOR BRONCHITIS, SIX FOR URI, AND SEVENTY FOR SKIN INFECTIONS AND BOILS.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 251800H - 261800H

3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. TANK PATROL WITH "B" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR FR 260430H TO 261000H TO GS (BT 0964) HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT. AT 261538H ONE TK OPERATING WITH "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR WAS STRUCK BY AN ANTI-TANK ROCKET WOUNDING TWO MARINES ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT (BT 062635).

4. CO. "A" REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR CONDUCTED A PATROL FR POSITIONS IN VICINITY OF MARBLE MTN SOUTH TO GS (BT 0964). THE PATROL ENCOUNTERED NO ENEMY ACTIVITY AND RETURNED TO THEIR POSITIONS AT 261000H. AT 261538H A TK OPERATING ON A PATROL WITH "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR WAS STRUCK BY AN ANTI-TANK ROCKET AT (BT 062635). THE TK WAS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED ALTHOUGH TWO MARINES WERE WIA REQUIRING HELO-EVAC.

5-9. NEG

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SITREP

- THIRD TK BN (FWD)
- 261800H - 271800H
- CO. "B" CONDUCTED TWO PATROLS SOUTH AND EAST FROM THEIR POSITIONS AT MARBLE MTN ENCOUNTERING SUBSTANTIAL RESISTANCE IN PHONG HO (1) (BT 063637). THE FIRST PATROL CONSISTING OF THREE TANKS RECEIVED A LARGE VOLUME OF SMALL ARMS AND GRENADE FIRE AT THE SAME LOCATION WHERE A TANK WAS DAMAGED BY A 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ON 26 SEP. (BT 062635). TWENTY-FOUR RDS OF TANK AMMUNITION WERE FIRED AT ENEMY TARGETS WITH FIVE CONFIRMED VC KIA. THE SECOND AND LARGER PATROL CONSISTING OF SEVEN TANKS RETURNED TO PHONG HO (1) AT 271515H WITH A REINFORCED INFANTRY PLATOON. AGAIN ENEMY RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED TO THE SOUTH AND EAST OF THE HAMLET. EXTENT OF CASUALTIES SUFFERED BY THE VC ARE NOT KNOWN SINCE THE SWEEPING UNIT HAD NOT REPORTED AS OF 271625H. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED EIGHTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
- CO. "B" CONDUCTED TWO TANK COMBAT PATROLS SOUTH THROUGH THE SAND FLATS TO THE EAST OF THE SONG VINH DEEN TO PHONG HO (1) (BT 062632). AT 271010H THREE TANKS REACHED (BT 063637) AND RECEIVED A VERY HEAVY AMOUNT OF SA, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN ADDITION TO TEN GRENADES. THE TANKS IMMEDIATELY RETURNED FIRE ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS AND THE ENEMY FIRE CEASED. FIVE VC WERE SEEN TO BE BLOWN INTO THE AIR ABOVE THE RIDGE LINE TO THE EAST OF THE HAMLETS AT THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE ENEMY FIRE WAS COMING FROM. SINCE THE SUPPORTING INFANTRY CONSISTED OF ONLY TWO SQUADS CONTACT WAS BROKEN AND THE AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED. ONE VCC WAS TURNED OVER TO S-2, 1ST BN, 9TH MAR. AT 271330H SEVEN TANKS AND A REINFORCED INFANTRY PLATOON AGAIN CONDUCTED A COMBAT PATROL INTO THE SAME VICINITY.

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AGAIN LARGE AMOUNTS OF SA AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WERE RECEIVED. NEAR (BT 063637). SOURCES OF ENEMY FIRE WERE AGAIN NEUTRALIZED AND NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND FORTIFICATIONS WERE DESTROYED. AT 271625H THE PATROL WAS CONTINUING WITH THE SWEEPING INFANTRY FORCE MOVING THROUGH THE HAMLET WITH A TANK BLOCK TO THE SOUTH AND EAST. EXTENT OF CASUALTIES SUFFERED BY THE VC NOT REPORTED AT THIS TIME.

5-8. NEG

9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED EIGHTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1). FORTY-ONE FOR EELPETIGO, THIRTY FOR BOILS AND LACERATIONS, FIVE FOR WORMS, FOUR FOR ABDOMINAL PAIN, ONE FOR BRONCHITIS, TWO FOR URI, ONE FOR TONSILLITIS, AND ONE FOR GONARRHEA.

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

SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 271800H - 281800H

3. ONE REINFORCED SQUAD FR H&S CO. PARTICIPATED IN A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION IN CAM HOA (1) (AT 975703) AND YEN BAC (1) (AT 985701). CO. "B" COMMITTED THREE TKS TO REINFORCE A SQUAD FR "B" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR WHICH WAS RECEIVING HEAVY SA FIRE AT (BT 103645). COMBINED TK AND INF UNITS KILLED THREE VC, WOUNDED TWO OTHERS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED NINETY-THREE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. ONE REINFORCED SQUAD FR H&S CO. PARTICIPATED IN A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION WITH 3D ANTI-TK BN. IN THE HAMLETS OF CAM HOA (1) (AT 975703) AND YEN BAC (1) (AT 985701). THE PATROL CAPTURED EIGHT VCS. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED IN SITREP BY 3D ANTI-TK BN. AT 280830H CO. "B" PROVIDED A HEAVY SECTION OF TKS AS A REACTION FORCE TO REINFORCE A SQUAD FR "B" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR WHICH WAS RECEIVING HEAVY RESISTANCE NEAR (BT 103645). THE TKS JOINED THE SQUAD WITHIN MINUTES AND THEIR FIRE CAUSED THE ENEMY TO BREAK CONTACT. AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION THE VC SUFFERED THREE KIA AND TWO WIA.

5-8. NEG

9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED NINETY-THREE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF CAM NE. EIGHTY FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISORDERS, ONE FOR BURN ON FOREARM, ONE TRAUMATIC AMPUTATION LEFT ARM, ONE FOR INTESTINAL PARESITES, TWO FOR GASTROENTRITIS, TWO FOR PNEUMONIA, FOUR FOR BRONCHITIS, AND TWO FOR TONSILLITIS. THIRD TK BN CO MEET WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA THO

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VILLAGE (AT 998711) AND DISCUSSED THE 3D TK BN CIVIL ACTION PROGRAM. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WERE THE MEDICAL PROGRAM AND THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL. PLANS WERE MADE FOR MUTUAL AID IN SCHOOL GROUND IMPROVEMENT AND THE PROCURING OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

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

SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 281800H - 291800H

3. AT 282015H A TK IN THE BN COMMAND POST PROVIDED ILLUMINATION TO ELEMENTS OF THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR WHO WERE RECEIVING ENEMY FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE AND WATER POINT AT (AT 998707). CO. "A" REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR AND CO. "B" REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 654 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. THE SECURITY ELEMENT OF THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR AT THE HIGHWAY ONE BRIDGE AT (AT 998707) REQUESTED THAT A TANK EQUIPPED WITH A SEARCH-LIGHT PROVIDE ILLUMINATION INTO THE AREA EAST OF THE BRIDGE WHERE ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WERE FIRING FR. THE ILLUMINATION COMMENCED AT 282015H AND SECURED AT 282028H WHEN ARTILLERY ILLUMINATING FLARES ASSUMED THE MISSION. CO. "A" AND "B" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG THE MLR.

5-8. NEG

9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 654 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGES OF THAUM DONG AND PHONG BAC. 400 WERE GIVEN VITAMINS FOR MALNUTRITION, 151 FOR SKIN INFECTIONS AND BOILS, NINETY-FOUR FOR URI, THIRTY-NINE FOR WORMS, THIRTY FOR DIARRHEA, TWO FOR GC, AND ONE FOR EL&R. THE BN CO PAID A SOCIAL CALL ON THE HOA THO VILLAGE CHIEFS FAMILY. AFTER THE VISIT THE BN CO PRESENT PHONG BAC HAMLET SCHOOL WITH A BLOCKBOARD AND A SUPPLY OF CHALK.

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IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN CLOSED FOR A YEAR AND THROUGH NEW OPENING WAS IN BAD NEED TO TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES. IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE ROOF NEEDED REPAIRED AND A FLOOR INSTALLED. SCHOOL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH (CARE). CEMENT AND SHEET METAL ARE BEING REQUESTED THROUGH HOA VANG DISTRICT WITH THE AID OF THE U.S. ADVISERS. PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT THROUGH USE OF AN INTERPRTER; HOWEVER WHEN AN INTERPRTER IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE CIVIL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS GREATLY HAMPERED.

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1. THIRD KKK TK BN (FWD)
2. 291800H - 301800H
3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY-FOUR VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
4. CO. "A" REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HILL 41 AND HILL 22 IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND AT THE NAM O BRIDGE (AT 928841). AN AN/TPS-21 HAS BEEN INSTALLED WITH A DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM OF THE TANK ON HILL 41 IN A MANNER WHICH WILL ALLOW INSTANTANEOUS ALIGNMENT OF THE GUN WITH ELECTRONICALLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST SUCH COORDINATED EMPLOYMENT IN THE MARINE CORPS. CO. "B" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR WITH FOUR TANKS ASSIGNED DUTY AS A MOBILE REACTION UNIT WITH CO. "B" AND CO. "D".
- 5-8. NEG
9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY-FOUR VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA VANG. FIFTY WERE GIVEN VITAMINS FOR MALNUTRITION AND FOURTEEN FOR URI, FOUR FOR WORMS, TWELVE FOR HEADACHE, AND TWENTY-FOUR FOR SORES.
THE BN CIV AFFAIRS OFFICER PICKED UP 2000 LB OF ~~KKKK~~ BULOAR WHEAT AND CORN MEAL, EIGHT BOXES OF SOAP, CANDY, SOCCER BALLS, AND DOLLS FROM DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS. ARTICLES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS UNDER THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM.

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SECTION XI

Company C (Rein) 3rd Tank Battalion, FTF

1. Organizational data:

a. This company is reinforced with a flame tank section consisting of three flame tanks. We are in general support of the 4th Marines, with tank platoons in direct support of 1/4, 2/4 and 3/3.

b. This report covers the period of 1 September to 30 September 1965.

c. Company C was commanded by Captain Joe F. SAUNDERS during the reporting period. Other by billet assignments were:

Executive Officer - 1st Lieutenant James D. SPARKS
First Sergeant - 1st Sergeant Donald R. ARGETSINGER
Gunnery Sergeant - Master Sergeant David BLANCO

d. Our average monthly strength was 4 officers and 108 enlisted.

2. Significant events:

A great deal of our efforts during the month as a result of participation in Operation Starlight, which occurred 18-25 August, were directed at getting our M48A3 tanks back in shape to perform our mission. Of significant value was the speed with which we received replacement vehicles for those lost or destroyed through enemy action. On 1 September we had two replacement tanks, complete, for the two M48A3's we lost on Starlight. This was the first time for many years that a tank company has operated at such a great distance from the parent battalion. Even with the lack of parts experienced, we have in many cases fabricated parts to keep 3 platoons of tanks on the MLR with the infantry. Almost all of our vehicles are in prepared revetments along the MLR. Range Cards have been maintained by every vehicle and tanks have fired numerous H&I fire missions in support of the infantry battalions. Nearly every night the 18" tank searchlights were used to illuminate along the MLR. On 12 September we completed 10 hours of training and fam firing of the 50 caliber machine gun as per current instructions.

On 23 September we attempted for the first time to ford tanks across the Song An Tan River. Extensive reconnaissance work was done prior to fording. The purpose was to provide tanks to the infantry unit on the Hill 69 complex, (I Company 3/3). We forded with no problems. A tank bulldozer M-8 was used at Hill 69 to improve the existing access road and to dig revetments for future positions. Four antipersonnel mines were detonated by the tanks during the period of 25 to 27 September. We completed the reconstruction of the access road at Hill 69, and the tank dozer and another tank, were brought back across the Song An Tan. However the channel had changed some but the result at present is that both tanks to become mired in the middle of the river, the tide was rising and one tank, A-31, became partially submerged before it could be retrieved. Trafficability of terrain is our biggest obstacle in performing our mission.

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We have begun to work on this obstacle by reconnaissance of trafficable routes for tanks within the TAOR. Overlays of trafficable areas have been started and should be ready sometime in October.

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