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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (9) 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	AT 067719
C Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Chu Lai	BT 531094
B Company, 1st Tank Battalion	Chu Lai	BT 548060

Period covered by report 1-31 October 1965

Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Milton L. RAPHAEL

Subordinate Commanders

Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Horace A. BERTRAND, Jr.
A Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Fidelas W. JARNOT
B Company, 3d Tank Battalion	Captain Arthur E. LEE
C Company, 3d Tank Battalion	1st Lieutenant James D. SPARKS
	1-4 October - Acting
	Captain Eldon L. ERICKSON
	5-31 October
B Company, 1st Tank Battalion	Captain Allan W. LAMB

Principal Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major James G. DOSS Jr.
Battalion S-1	1st Lieutenant Donald J. ROBINSON II
Battalion S-2	1st Lieutenant Roger E. DAVIS
Battalion S-3	Captain John B. DONOVAN Jr.
	1-21 October
	Major Hurdle L. MAXWELL
	22-31 October
Battalion S-4	Major Franklin W. COATES

Average Monthly Strength

Marine Officer	33
Marine Enlisted	730
Navy Officer	1
Navy Enlisted	12

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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OCTOBER 1965 SUMMARY
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battalion's personnel posture continued to improve over that of the previous reporting period. The Battalion reached a peak strength on 31 October of 35 Marine Officers and 743 Marine Enlisted, together with 1 Naval Officer and 15 Naval Enlisted. The Battalion's enlisted strength was very favorable compared to the T/O, however, the Battalion remains 11 Officers short of the T/O. In many cases this shortage has necessitated some officers carrying forth the duties normally performed by two officers, however, this has in no way reduced effectiveness nor the quality of work and there appears to be no problem in the accomplishment of the mission because of it.

The Battalion is presently experiencing an almost critical shortage in the O1 occupational field. The shortage of trained clerks (O141s) has handicapped our administrative effort and this shortage coupled with the time and space factor discussed in the last report has presented no small problems. The accuracy of personnel reports and other administration continues to be satisfactory but only marginally so. Replacements in this field are badly needed, however, none seemingly are to be had in the entire division. A critical problem area is the lack of a trained Legal Clerk (O121).

The Battalion has had within the last month two Summary Courts-Martials, and one Special Court-Martial. The two Summary Courts were inherited from Company "B", 1st Tank Battalion (Joined last reporting period) and involves the wrongful taking and wrecking of a M-54, 6X6 truck. Aside from this, unit discipline has been very good.

Morale remains outstanding. Continued improvement of living conditions was evidenced during the current period. The Battalion Special Services Officer has set up shop in an M-105 trailer and has dispensed a wide variety of items ranging from games to athletic gear. Every Sunday, weather permitting, a softball game has been scheduled and appears well received by the men. To the recreation building established for the men has been added a tape recorder and a record player together with assorted games and magazines. A movie projector has been acquired for evening films.

Religious services were provided for both Catholic and Protestant personnel.

The Battalion Civil Affairs Program was very active this month. Two to three times a week the Battalion Medical Team sends the Doctor and several assistants to the HOA THO village school house to treat the sick and lame in the Tank Battalion TAOR. In general the people are suffering from lack of cleanliness, improper diet, and such major sicknesses as malaria, impetigo, infection from cuts that have been improperly cared for. Through a continuing medical assistance program we have been able to notice a decided improvement in the overall health standard of the villagers.

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With the distribution of goods through the village chiefs, the Battalion has developed a certain rapport with these people. The people are always happy to see us regardless of wheather we are bringing them presents or not.

Again this month we have had the problem of no interpreter. This makes it extremely difficult to communicate with the people and much more could be done if an interpreter was available.

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INTELLIGENCE

Throughout the month of October 3d Tank Bn. units operating in parts of the Danang Enclave have been hindered by mines. Generally the mines have been of local type construction and were effective in disabling vehicles, though none were destroyed. Almost all of them contained between ten and fifteen pounds of TNT or black powder and employed the pressure-electrical type detonating system. This system has several variations, but basically consists of two boards held apart by wedge shaped pegs at either end. On the inboard side of the boards there is a woven network of wire generally forming consecutive diamonds, the tops of which are offset slightly from the bottom to insure a good electrical connection.

The boards themselves vary in length from 3' to 10'. Earlier in the month the shorter type boards were being used almost exclusively. In the latter stages of the reporting period the longer boards became more evident. This was probably due to the fact that several of these detonating devices were not tripped by tanks passing over them.

The mines themselves are usually placed just inside the track expected to be taken by the tank. The charge appears to be directed up and outboard so as to apply maximum power against the track and roadwheels. The charge is powerful enough to blow roadwheels off and in one case blow the escape hatch out. No hull damage has been sustained and very little damage has been done to the track itself.

A list of Essential Elements of Information was published and spot reports forms drawn and sent out to all the Tank companies. By reemphasizing the importance of intelligence and the exchange of information between companies and the battalion our efficiency will be improved. We are attempting to achieve timely dissemination to the companies of all information we receive.

As in the past several months this battalion has been greatly handicapped in its operation by lack of an interpreter. Information which may have been extremely beneficial in the execution of operation has been denied due to a lack of communications between ourselves and the Vietnamese people.

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In order to maintain the maximum possible degree of combat readiness all sections and subordinate units of the 3d Tank Battalion continued to emphasize realistic and practical general military and technical training related to combat operations in Vietnam. A three week course, designed and supervised by the Battalion Operations Section, was conducted on the duties and procedures employed by Reconnaissance Liaison Teams. Approximately ten percent of the command attended a two day course conducted by the 3d Engineer Battalion on the identification, removal, and destruction of Viet Cong mines and booby traps. The Battalion Medical Instruction Team continued to give bi-monthly instruction on first aid and hygiene to all subordinate units. Vehicle and communication equipment waterproofing instruction was conducted by contact instruction teams from Fleet Marine Force Pacific.

The Battalion continued its procedure of monthly test and range firing of all crew served weapons employed in the command post defense. In addition each company conducted range firing on the caliber 45 submachine gun and individual T/O weapons.

It has been determined that gunnery instruction is the most important phase of continued and daily training in Vietnam. Accordingly a syllabus on a complete course of tank gunnery is in preparation with initial emphasis being given to crew procedures during the conduct of indirect fire.

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UNCLASSIFIEDTank Combat Operations

Again during the month of October 1965 the majority of tank offensive operations were conducted by B Company in the coastal plain southeast of Danang. On 6 October 1965 a platoon from B Company was placed in direct support of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines operating in the center portion of the southern flank of the Danang enclave. The remainder of the company remained in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

On seventeen occasions during the month tanks from B Company were assigned missions in support of sweep and clear operations or patrols. On five occasions tank alert forces were committed to actions against enemy forces. During the course of the month over twenty Viet Cong defensive installations were destroyed and approximately thirty-five enemy troops were killed as a result of tank machine gun or main armament fire. On the night of 27-28 October, following an enemy attack on the Danang East Airfield, tanks were committed to action against retreating Viet Cong forces moving in sampans along the coast. Six targets were engaged, three sunk and two others extensively damaged.

A Company remained in direct support of the Third Marines occupying strongpoints along the MLR and providing rapid reaction alert forces. Since the situation in the Third Marines TAOR was relatively stable tanks were committed on only three occasions. A two tank patrol was conducted to the most southwesterly sector of the TAOR to the hamlet of An My (3). No enemy activity was noted. On 30 October 1965 at 0200 a large attack against A Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines located at Hill 22 (AT 953667) was launched by the Viet Cong. The tank located on this position was slightly damaged by two 57mm recoilless rounds and a direct hit from a mortar shell. The tank remained operational, fired nineteen major caliber rounds, and killed between six and eight Viet Cong. Concurrently the tank in support of M Company, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines on Hill 41 (AT 934663) directed ten rounds of 90mm High Explosive ammunition, at a range of 1200-1500 meters, against two confirmed enemy mortar positions neutralizing their fires completely. At 2200 on 30 October a tank reaction force at the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines was committed against a substantial probe being launched near the Battalion's Command Post. Three 90mm cannister rounds were directed against the enemy and contact was broken. The 3d Platoon, A Company, attached to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at Phu Bai conducted a two day mechanized patrol to the western portion of the TAOR on 5-6 October. There was no enemy activity during this action. During the remainder of the month the platoon provided blocking forces along Highway 1.

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C Company, attached to the 4th Marines, continued to maintain defensive positions at strongpoints along the Regimental MLR and to provide one tank platoon as part of the alert force near the Chu Lai Airfield. On 18-19 October one platoon was used as a convoy escort and reserve security force during Operation Triple Play in the far northeastern portion of the Chu Lai enclave. During the enemy infiltration of the airfield on the night of 27-28 October the reaction force was committed for a search and clear operation which resulted in two enemy killed.

B Company, 1st Tank Battalion, attached to the 7th Marines supported sweep and clear operations within the TAOR and continued to provide tanks at the southern roadblock on Highway 1 during the hours of darkness. Arrangements were completed to conduct indirect fire into the highground in the southwestern portion of the Regimental TAOR. Initial fire missions will be conducted in early November 1965. The 2d Platoon, B Company, 1st Tank Battalion remained on detached duty with Field Forces, Vietnam at Qui Nhon in the II Corps tactical zone.

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UNCLASSIFIEDSpecial Operations

During October 1965 elements from Headquarters and Service Company conducted frequent patrols up to eight hundred meters in all directions from the Battalion Command Post. In addition, on 2 October the Battalion provided a twenty-eight man blocking force for a sweep and clear operation by the Vietnamese 11th Ranger Battalion along the northern bank of the Song Cau Do river. Listening posts and ambushes were also established as part of the Battalions perimeter defense.

The Commanding Officer, 9th Marines, within whose TAOR the Tank Battalion Command Post is located, assigned the security and coordinating responsibility of the area formed by the Command Posts of the 3d Tank Battalion, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, and 3d Motor Transport Battalion to the Commanding Officer of the 3d Tank Battalion. In this capacity the Battalion Commander is responsible for the tactical integrity of the terrain within effective small arms or automatic weapons range of the barrier wire which is placed in front of the four Battalions. As part of the security system, a joint reaction force is being established which will be capable of employment both within and outside of the area occupied by the four Battalions.

During the period 29-31 October a liaison officer was assigned to assist the Senior Advisor, Vietnamese 4th Armored Cavalry Regiment, during this units operations in the coastal plain from Marble Mountain to Hoi An. The extensive experience of B Company, 3d Tank Battalion in this locality was of considerable benefit during this operation which marked the first use of the M-41 tank in the I Corps area.

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Communications-Electronics

A communications bunker was completed to provide protection for the radio central. A 7.4 KW generator has been installed to provide power for the radio central. This greatly reduces battery requirements. Arrangements have been made to procure a generator to provide emergency power for the radio central in the event the main generator becomes inoperative due to enemy action.

A Single Side Band circuit, AN/PRC-47, provides a reliable administrative channel for communications with Co. "C", which is attached to 4th Marines. The range of this circuit is 45 miles. An AN/PRC-41, has been installed inside a tank turret for air and armour coordination. This necessitated the machining of an antenna mounted external on the tank turret.

The LFTU Water Proofing team visited the C.P. and conducted classes on Water Proofing of Communication Electronic equipment. A FMF PAC Contact team conducted classes on SSB and FM radio equipment for the battalion's communications personnel. On 5 different occasions radio operators accompanied short range patrols and good voice communications were maintained.

At the present time, some organic EE-8 and TA-312/PT phones are being used on the perimeter defense loop. Although this decreases the number of phones available for normal internal command post use, it is necessary, for maintenance of maximum practicable defenses for the C.P. A T/E change has been submitted requesting TA-1/PT sound power phones for use on the perimeter loop. Trunk lines between this battalion and several higher headquarters have been down several times for repairs. This has placed a burden on the battalion staff in matters of coordination requiring phone communications.

A general purpose strong-back tent was completed for the message center and off line crypto center.

The Communications SOP has been re-written and up dated. A revision of the Message Center's SOP was also accomplished. In addition, a battalion COI was published.

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LOGISTICS

Providing Tank Support for the Division during October was most difficult from a Logistic view point. The ever increasing demand for tank spare parts has resulted in a maximum effort being put forth by the tank maintenance sections, tank crews, and supply personnel. Tank units have been required to operate tanks with extremely worn track and sprockets, unservicable components, and with secondary firing and control systems. As a result many of the tanks can not be operated at their maximum capability. Tank maintenance personnel have utilized all their professional ability and ingenuity to rebuild, fabricate, and jury-rigg parts and systems. Requisitions, tracer action, and red ball procedures have been aggressively pursued on all Priority 02 and 05 requisitions.

B-23 had to be Deadlined due to unservicable and unsafe track and sprockets. End connectors were pulled apart, and rubber was pulled away from all the pads and pins. The sprockets were worn on both sides to a degree that the track would hang up on the teeth causing excessive stress on final drives and torsion bars. It is expected that many more tanks will be deadlined for the same reason unless track and suspension parts arrive immediately.

An example of the availability of supply is the following percentages of fills by priority. Total Documents represent all outstanding requisitions. Tabulation of the fill rate commencing 1 July.

	<u>Pri 02</u>	<u>Pri 05</u>	<u>Pri 12</u>	<u>Pri 17</u>	<u>Total</u>
Documents	129	647	711	132	1619
Completed	13	22	22	6	63
Fill Rate	10.1%	3.4%	3.1%	4.5%	3.9%

There are no problems concerning our Motor Transport Capability. Between one (1) and three (3) M54, 5Ton are furnished daily for Division requirements. This has imposed no problem on our requirements.

Sanitation and preventative medicine has been actively pursued by our medical section. As a result there have been no problems in these areas. An emergency medical bunker has been completed. This Bunker will be able to accomodate eight wounded and will contain facilities for emergency field medical aid.

The availability of Class I, III, and V materials has been excellent. The preparation of food has been very good and consequently has played an important part in maintaining the high state of morale existing within the organization.

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DOCUMENTS:

Tab A: S-1 Journal

Tab B: S-2 Journal

Tab C: S-3 Journal

Tab D: SITREPs, 1 - 4th Oct not numbered, #89 dtd 5 Oct - 113 dtd 31 Oct 65.
NOTE: 8th, 9th, and 10th all numbered 92.)

Tab E: S-4 Journal

Tab F: Patrol Order 3-65, 16 Oct 65

Tab G: Patrol Order 4-65, 19 Oct 65

Tab H: Patrol Order 5-65, 26 Oct 65

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SS 1-6 DN
S-1 Inc
Oct 1965

TIME IN OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			10 Oct 65	
0900	1		FM SS-1 Neg on SSC-6 301500 H	Stf
1900	2	1900	SSC-6 Received 1 1802 Lt fm	
			TVS Campen	Stf
	3	11915H	FM SS-1 to SSB-6 BnCO	
			Conference at 1300 BnCP rpt	
			to CP by 1200	
			20 Oct 65	
	1	21135H	FM SSB-6 B-6 will be 30' late	Stf
			to CP	
	2	21300H	BnCO conference with	
			executive & Special Staff &	
			Company Commanders	
	3	21500	Briefing by Shove-3 for BnCO &	
			Staff as well as Company	
			Commanders	
			30 Oct 65	
	1	31800	FM SSC-1 Request No. R&R	
			Quotas to Bangkok & Hong Kong	
			available to SSC	Staff
			4 Oct 65	
40800H	1	301447Z	FM NAVHOSP BETHESDA MD -	
			Plt Kyl Thompson admitted Rec	
			PerEff SRB HR PR ASAP to MARIO	Stf
40800H	2	231845Z	FM SECNAV - NSEF Program	Stf
			50 Oct 65	
50800H	1	301500Z	FM USNHosp Bethesda Md	
			2Lt Thompson admitted this Hosp	Stf
			FM CG 3Div - Embossed Name	
			Plates in MarCompParaAdmin -	
			Delay in implementing due to	
			lack of equipment and stationary	
			supplies. Furnish list of	
			short items to 3Div (SC-1)	Stf
	2	1800H	Received 3 Officer replacements	
			1Lt C.W. MORRIS 2500 assg as	
			COMM relieving 1Lt W. B. KLAGES	
			2Lt MURDOCK assg to BCo 1Tk	
			WO-1 WIGGS assg as S-3A relieving	
			1Lt D MORRIS	S
			60 Oct 65	
61118H	1	051630Z	FM NAVCOMSTA SFRAN to 1Cpl	
			RICHARD BENSON H&SCo Parents	
			send love & miss you write them	Stf

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Tab A

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2051		2	041358Z	Fm USAF Clark AFB PHIL Pdlt Malcolm MASSIE admitted with pulmonary embolus Battle Cas in H&SCo	Stf
62100		3	041103Z	Fm USAF Clark AFB PHIL Cpl Leonard C HAMILTON C Co admitted Non Battle Cas	
62100		4	041900Z	Fm CMC - Selection Board extends zone for consideration to Capt. to 3182 on lineal list effects 1Lt C W MORRIS - COMMO 1Lt J D SPARKS - XO Co C 1Lt ABLOWICH - XO Co B 1Lt D MORRIS - S-3A 1Lt R E DOWNARD - SupO	Stf
		5	1500	1Lt MORRIS asg as H&SCo XO AddDu as BuMessO SplServO	
			70ct65		
		1	0800	1st Part of Homebound Oct Draft departed fr BuCP total of 10 persons (Officers: Capt SANDERS USMC, 1stLt KLACES USMC 1stLt ABLOWICH USMC 1stLt SANDLIND USMCR)	S
			80ct65		
		1	081500H	Fm SSC-1 Request info on Cpl George Osborne to be returned Fm IISNH Agana Guam - mother has had coronary. Advise (Osborne in route back to 3Div from Guam - SSC-1 so notified Fm CG 3Div - Place of release AcDu & delay in Hawaii for reserve officers place AcDu release MCAS El Toro DSO 298-65 tr. by SR to SU #2 HqCo H&SPn FMFPac (MCC 110) NonBattle ref USAFH Clark msg 041356Z Oct65 (Cpl L. HAMILTON	Stf
		2			
			90ct65		
		1	0700	Second half of outgoing draft left by aircraft to Okinawa Draft leaving today involves 11 Men	S

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TIME IN OUT		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
				10Oct65	
		1	081040	FM CG 3Div - Application for FDD School - Neg report	Stf
				11Oct65	
				Nothing of interest to report	
				12Oct65	
141100H		1	111350Z	FM CG 3Div - Personnel WIA twice while in combat & receiving 48 Hours hospitalization will be reassigned to SU #2 HqCo H&SBn FMEPac -	
		2	121100H	ICpl ODETTE M. Plat effected FM CG 3Div - Martha RAYE USO Show 13 October-17 October	Stf Stf
				13Oct65	
140530H		1	121540Z	FM MarBks NAS CORPC - joined Cpl James WANSERER 204310 USMC Req PersEff (PersEff shipped to Baggage Center FSR)	Stf
		2	8Oct	FM CG 3Div - DSO 298-65 Tr by SR to SU#2 HqCo H&SBn FMEPac	
				14Oct65	
140945H		1	120338Z	FM CG 3Div - Well done on Senator visit, Good briefing & impressive display	Stf
		2	1600	Received four replacements SIMMONS, B. E. PFC 3041 to H&S ZABO, B. T. Sgt 2811 to G Co SNYDER, D. M. Icpl 1341 to H&S SHIFFLETT, B. M. PFC 1811 to B	
				all asg by endorsement	Sf
141840		3	141840H	FM SSC-1 Req search of Air Freight for Sgt L. MAPP PersEff - Neg Rpt	SF
				15Oct65	
	0900	1		FM SS-1 - To SSC-1 Search of PersEff of Sgt MAPP - Neg	SF
				16Oct65	
140615H		1	102205Z	FM MARLIAN 8FidHosp NHA TRANG VN ICpl Estel L. JOHNSON admitted with malaria	Stf
141500H		2	131036Z	FM USAF Hosp Clark AFB PHIL Evacuated on Flt 534 to Clark with Malaria	

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			170Oct65	
170800H	1	150945Z	Fm USAFHosp Clark AFB - PFC Gregory PETERSON 2127748 C-1K admitted	
170900H	2	151823Z	Fm SECNAV - SGLI notification of election	Stf
170930	3	161223Z	Fm CG 3Div PCS Orders for newly promoted Sgt E-5 - Units not notifying SC207 of promotion prior to rotation - this Bn not guilty	Sgt Stf
171610H	4	170506H	Exchange Hours	
			180Oct65	
	1	181000H	Received 2 1811s as replacements Sgt E-5 & PFC asg to A Co by endorsement	
181825H	2	160218Z	Fm Camp Butler GySgt CHAFFIN will return when medical treatment completed	Stf
181900H	3	171800H	Fm SSC-6 to SS-1 Morphine for emergency Medical Kits in tanks. Action BnMedO	Stf
			190Oct65	
190900H	1	160533Z	Fm USAF HOSP Clark AFB PFC James BRYNER (NonBattle) eye refraction	Stf
190900	2	141900Z	Fm Mar Liaison SFld Hosp NVA TRANG RVN Sgt John A LIDYORD C-Co admitted Prog Good Non Battle	Stf
			200Oct65	
200755	1	200754H	Fm SSC-1 to SS-1 Reg orders on GySgt SHEWELL to CONUS	Stf
200905	2	200905H	FM SS-1 to SSC-1 Orders have been mailed to your Charlie Papa	Stf
			210Oct65	
	1	1800	Received 35 enlisted replacements and one officer Maj H L MAXWELL 1802 asg as Bn S-3	S

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IN	OUT				
				22Oct65	
		1	0900	Enlisted promotion board met at 0900 44 to Cpl and 39 to LCpl - Nominations forwarded by Sr Member to EnCO	S
		2	1400	EnAdj 1Lt D J ROBINSON II 085941/1802 attended Div Adjutants conference	S
				23Oct65	
232000		1	232000H	Fm SSA-6 PFC Richard E. PETERS KIA NonBattle by own handgrenade while posted as a sentry at A Co Tk park investigation & report to follow	Stf
				24Oct65	
		1	1500	Recieved 3 replacements 1 Sgt 1316 to H&S 1 PFC 2141 to H&S 1 SSgt 1811 to B Co	Stf
250945		2	240546Z	Fm CG 3Div - Some per Rotating stateside not converting MPC to US Currency	Stf
250015		3	210620Z	Fm 3Div - Application for Post graduate school will be accepted through Nov	Stf
				25Oct65	
260630H		1	251208Z	Fm CG 3Div - Report of Death (NonBattle) case of PFC Richard E. PETERS 2051986/2141	Stf
250900		2	221210Z	Fm NavHosp Yokosuka Per casualty report HM3 Thomas E GALBALLY 6984478 USN brain tumor serious condition	Stf
		3	24120	Fm CG 3Div - Rpt NonBattle casualty PETERS Richard PFC submit investigation ref JAG Manual	Stf
				26Oct65	
260945		1	251236Z	Fm CG III MAF Navy Day 27Oct FM CG 3Div - Special audit listing FM west coast pers accounting failure of some Div Units to comply	Stf

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IN	OUT				
				27Oct65	
		1	261818Z	Fm SecNav - Results of Major Selection board FY 66 Capt JARNOT CO A Co Capt LAMB CO B Co 1Tk Capt ERICKSON CO C Co selected	
				28Oct65	
281000		1	202227	Fm CMC (NOO 1040.25) Temp 2dlt & WO prog & requirements	Stf
281000		2	260522Z	Fm CINCPAC Flt - Vietnam service medal	Stf
281000		3	271330Z	Fm USAF HOSP Clark AFB PHILA PFC D R FERRELL admitted with berania	Stf
		4	241425Z	Fm NAVCOMSTA SFRAN Sgt Robert JENKINS wire \$145 to wife	
				29Oct65	
292200H		1	290112Z	Fm USAF HOSP CLARK AFB Sgt STARNES H.A. 1345280 H&S Co admitted for Neuro Surg	Stf
				30Oct65	
				Nothing of interest to report	
				31Oct65	
312900		1	290630Z	Fm USNH Hosp Yokosuka HM GALBALLY removed from serious list	Stf

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302400 Sep65
012400 Oct65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0700		1	010645	Monroe Weather Report	S-F
0900		2	302400	9th MARINES ISUM # 82	S-M-F
1830		3	011800	Monroe Weather Report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn.
012400 Oct65
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Time		Serial No.	Time Date	Remarks, Orders, etc.	Action
In	Out				
0800		1	020640	Monroe weather report	S-F
1100		2	012400	9th MARINES ISUM # 82	M-S-F
1910		3	021830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn.
 022400 Oct65
 032400 Oct65

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In	Out				
0830		1	030700	Monroe weather report	S-F
1100		2	022400	9th MARINES ISUM # 82	M-S-F
1900		3	031830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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 032400 Oct65
 042400 Oct65

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Time		Serial No.	Time Date	Remarks, Comments, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700		1	040635	Monroe weather report	S-F
0720		2	032400	9th MARINES ISUH # 82	M-S-F
1900		3	041850	Monroe weather report	S-F

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052400 Oct65

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Time		Serial number	Time date	Incidents, causes, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0700		1	050650	Monroe weather report	S-F
0710		2	042400	9th Marines ISUM # 82	M-S-F
1910		3	051817	Monroe weather report	S-F

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 062400 Oct65

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Time		Serial No.	Date	Incidents, Origin, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0700		1	060650	Monroe weather report	S-F
0720		2	052400	9th Marines ISUM # 82	U-S-F
1900		3	061806	Monroe weather report	

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062400 Oct65
072400 Oct65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0720		1	060655	Monroe weather report	S-F
0730		2	062400	9th Marines ISUM # 90	M-S-F
1900		3	071805	Monroe weather report	S-F

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 072400 Oct65
 082400 Oct65.

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Time In	Out	Serial Number	Place Plotted	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0700		1	080650	Monroe weather report	S-F
1000		2	072400	9th Marines ISUM # 91	M-S-F
1900		3	081800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn.
082400 Oct65
092400 Oct65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0730		1	090650	Monroe weather report	S-F
1000		2	082400	9th Marines ISUM #92	M-S-F
1900		3	091800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn.
092400 Oct65
102400 Oct65

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Time	Serial	Time	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action
On	Number	Date		
0730	1	100700	Monroe weather report	S-F
1000	2	092400	9th Marines ISUM # 93	M-S-F
1900	3	101830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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102400 Oct65
112400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0800		1	110705	Monroe weather report	S-F
0900		2	102400	9th Marines ISUM #94	M-S-F
1900		3	111830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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122400 Oct65
132400 Oct65

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Time In Out	Serial number	Place date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0800	1	130700	Monroe weather report	S-F
0830	2	122400	9th Marines ISUM #96	M-S-F
1900	3	131825	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn.
132400 Oct65
142400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Page Count	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0800		1	140645	Monroe weather report	S-F
0830		2	132400	9th Marines ISUM # 97	M-S-F
1900		3	140800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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142400 Oct 65
152400 Oct 65

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Time		Serial Number	Video Label	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0800		1	150700	Monroe weather report	S-F
0830		2	142400	9th Marines ISUM #98	M-S-F
1900		3	151820	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
152400 Oct 65
162400 Oct 65

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Time In Out	Serial Number	Time Label	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0800	1	160715	Monroe weather report	S-F
0830	2	152400	9th Marines ISUM #99	M-S-F
1900	3	161825	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
162400 Oct 65
172400 Oct 65

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Time		Serial	Time	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Number	Category		
0745		1	170655	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800		2	162400	9th Marines weather report	M-S-F
1900		3	171800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
 172400 Oct65
 182400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time Call	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0730		1	180650	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800		2	172400	9th Marines ISUM #101	M-S-F
1900		3	181800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
 182400 Oct65
 192400-Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0700		1	190630	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800		2	182400	9th Marines ISUM #102	M-S-F
1930		3	191900	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank bn
192400 Oct65
202400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0730		1	200645	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800		2	192400	9th Marines ISUM #103	M-S-F
1930		3	201900	Monroe weather report	S-F

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202400 Oct65
212400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Also Listed	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0800		1	210655	Monroe weather report	S-F
0830		2	202400	9th Marines ISUM #104	M-S-F
1900		3	211835	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
212400 Oct65
222400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0800		1	220700	Monroe weather report	S-F
0830		2	212400	9th Marines ISUM #105	1-S-F
1900		3	221830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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 222400 Oct65
 232400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Date Time	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0730		1	230705	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800		2	222400	9th Marines ISUM #106	M-S-F
0900		3	231830	Monroe weather report	S-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
 232400 Oct65
 242400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
In	Out				
0700		1	240640	Monroe weather report	S-F
0800		2	232400	9th Marines ISUM #107	M-S-F
1830		3	241800	Monroe weather report	S-F

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Time		Serial Number	Time Called	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0800		1	242400	9th Marines ISUM #108	M-S-F

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 252400 Oct65
 262400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0910		1	252400	9th Marines ISUM # 109	M-S-F
0910		2	250ct	Special Area Security Council Meet	S-F
0910		3	250ct	Special Report on V.C. in CAM NE	S-F
0930		4	250932Z	III MAF INTSUM # 167	M-S-F
0930		5	22 Oct	FORCE BULLETIN 03433	M-S-F

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262400 Oct65
272400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Citations, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0930		1	262400	9th Marines ISUM # 110	M-S-F
0930		2	20 Oct	Quotation from VC Documents	S-F

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272400 Oct65
282400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0900		1	272400	9th Marines ISUM #111	N-S-F
0930		2	262320Z	III MAF INTSUM #168	M-S-F
0930		3	271348Z	III MAF INTSUM #169	M-S-F

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282400 Oct65
292400 Oct65

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Time		Serial	Time	Incidents,	Action
In	Out	Number	Dated	Orders, etc.	taken
0830		1	282400	9th Marines ISUM #112	M-S-F
0950		2	281340Z	III MAF INTSUM # 170	M-S-F

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292400 Oct65
302400 Oct65

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Time		Serial Number	Place dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0900		1	292400	9th Marines ISUM #113	M-S-F

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 302400 Oct65
 312400 Oct65

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Time		Serial	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out				
0920		1	302400	9th Marines ISUM # 114	M-S-F
140		2	291642Z	III MAF INTSUM #171	M-S-F
140		3	301354Z	III MAF INTSUM #172	M-S-F

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3d Tank Bn
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010001H Oct 65 to
012400H Oct 65

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STATE M-MAF T-TROOP R-FILE
0200			001	010200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	010400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	010600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1620			004	011620H	Pr 34. Yankee-2 reported seeing 5 or 6 people in black around blow (AT 999699). Center section was blown by same personnel. People retired to village of Phong Le (2). Senator-3 notified.	
1740			005	011740H	Pr SSB-3. B-35 ready to go, request B-35 remain in Bn CP tonight, and proceed to ammo dump 2 Oct 65.	S
2000			006	012000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2005			007	012005H	Pr Senator-3. Request Tank Bn to provide blocking force for ARVN sweep of Yen Bac and Phong Bac, commencing at 0600 2 Oct 65.	S
2205			008	012205H	Ninh Mar or 3d MT Bn hit by SA fire and grenades. To 34. 100% alert.	S
2220		2210	009	012210H	Pr Senator-3. Confirmed on grenade and SA fire.	S
		2300	010	012220H	To 34. Normal Guard.	S
			011	012300H		S
2400			012	012400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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020001H Oct 65 to
022400H Oct 65

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION			
						S-STAFF	M-MAP	T-TROOP	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
	0640		004	020640H	Fr SS Yankee-7. Now is blocking position.				S
	0645		005	020645H	Fr Fertilize-3. Message from Hoa Vang requesting SSY-7 to make contact with Beaverskin-60.				S
	0810		006	020810H	Fr SS Operator. Patrol has returned to Bn CP.				S
	0900		007	020900H	Fr SSC-6. All quiet, unit disposition remains the same. Have men from this unit attending land mine warfare school. Will send you a detail report on value of school and number of men attending at completion.				S
	2000		008	022000H	34 reported all secure.				S
	2200		009	022200H	34 reported all secure.				S
	2240		010	022240H	Fr 34. H-54 reports loud noise of angry voices coming from house in front of tank.				S
	2330		011	022330H	Fr 34. H-54 reports large crowd of people at house in front of tank.				S
	2400		012	022400H	34 reported all secure.				S

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030001Z Oct 65 to
032400Z Oct 65

IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION
						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-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
0930			004	030930H	Fr SSB-6. B-22, B-23, B-24, and B-41 moved into blocking position at 0638H at (AT 113633). Upon arrival noted VCS running south by southwest on other side of horseshoe lake, 2 VC armed, were not fired on because they were out of zone of fire. Sweep force 900 meters north of blocking force. Proceeding south toward us. All tanks operational no casualties to tank crews or infantry (AT 113633). Have 1 VC prisoner on "B" Company tank. Will hold until further action required by the unit. Will be brought to Redwood CP at end of sweep.	S
1545			005	031545H	Fr SSC. No change in Sitrep except one Flame Tank at Piedpiper CP waiting for a sniper that has been bothering them. "C" units working on trafficability diagrams (overlays) for TAOR. Have had all people attend land mine warfare school so far.	S
1810			006	031810H	34 reported all secure.	S
1820			007	031820H	Fr SSA. Eight men from Headquarters conducted 3.5" rocket launcher firing on 2 Oct 65. Inspection of clothing (field) and equipment 782 gear was conducted for Headquarters and Flame section on 2 Oct 65 by commanding officer, results were very satisfactory.	S

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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
1915			008	031900H	Fr SSB-5. Morbib Charlie was broken down at (AT 119638).	S
2005			009	032005H	Fr SSB-3. Retreiver departed from Danang, returning to SS CP.	S
2010			010	032010H	Fr SSB. Sitrep. B-24 situation normal with Redwood "B". B-15 received approximately 5 rds SA fire 1950H. No casualties.	S
2000			011	032000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200			012	032200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			013	032400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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042400H Oct 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-FILE
0200	1345	001	040200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	040400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	040600H	34 reported all secure.	S
		004	041345H	Fr SSC. Reported have never received Shove-6 Msg 260354Z nor did Afterglow have it. So were unable to answer SS-3 Msg 281510H.	S
1423	1500	005	041423H	Fr SSB-6. Two "B" Company tanks and two tanks attached to B-1/9 and two tanks attached to C-1/9 are picking up infantry and are proceeding south on mission.	S
		006	041500H	To Monroe-3. Ref A. Msg 260354Z Sep 65. 1. negative report submitted.	S
1630	1745	007	040745H	Fr SSC-6. Fired flame tank in Pied Piper CP area last night. This flame had been there for a week sighting on a sniper. We think we got him, should have conformation later. Working on trafficability overlay of TAOR.	S
1635		008	041500H	Fr SSA-6. Second platoon has one tank at Bn. Maint for Q Service. Two tanks at Ca De bridge and two tanks at 2/3 CP. First platoon, one tank employed on hills 41 and 22, four at 1/1 CP. Flame section has one tank at Bn Maint. for Q service and two at "A" Company CP. First platoon leader intends to accompany an infantry patrol to the vicinity of Hoi Nue to determine tank trafficability for possible future operations, patrol is scheduled sometime during the next 48 Hours.	S
		009	041745H	To SSB-6. Request you send sitrep on today's operations including area worked.	S

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	1810		010	041752H	Fr SSB-6. Will send sitrep as soon as tanks working in area requested in your 041745H call in.	S
	1815		011	041815H	34 reported all secure.	S
	1930		012	041930H	Fr SSC-6. Had flame tank waiting for sniper. Saw him run but don't think he was hit. Have been in condition yellow since this morning and to run through tonight.	S
	2000		013	042000H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2050		014	042050H	Fr SSB-6. Four tanks on sweep 1400-1830H with B-1/9 (BT 096670) to (AT 114619). No enemy contact. Three VC with weapons seen running in vicinity of (AT 112618). Two bunkers destroyed. No VC kills confirmed. Tanks to 3/9 will hinder moving out. Resupply list is larger.	S
	2200		015	042200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2400		016	042400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-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
0935			004	050935H	Fr SSC. Quiet night. All secure. C-2 illuminated in Sudden Death area, negative results.	S
1100			005	051100H	Fr SSA-3. On patrol western sector of TAOR.	S
1110			006	051110H	Fr Shove-3. Report required by ForBul 05440, is not required.	S
1120			007	051120H	Fr SSB-6. Required by Senator-6 to put three tanks under operational control of 3/9 immediately.	S
1200			008	051200H	Fr Senator-3. Hoa Can will have a patrol from 1300-1800 at (AT 998707) to (AT 985703). 34 notified.	S
1635			009	051635H	Fr SSA. First platoon deployed one tank in 1/1 CP when a sector of CP defense was hit by enemy sniper fire. Continued training and PM for all units in company. Lt. Peterson accompanied an infantry patrol from 1/1 to check out trafficability for tanks towards village of Hoi Nuc. Estimated time of return 1830H today.	S
1805			010	051805H	34 reported all secure.	S
1830			011	051830H	Fr SSA. Reported that 1/1 patrol returned to CP. No enemy contact.	S
2000			012	052000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200			013	052200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2255			014	052255H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported loud drums in Phong Bac.	S
2400			015	052400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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0200			001	060200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	060400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	060600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0840			004	060840H	Fr SSC. Unit disposition remains same. No contact.	S
1055			005	061055H	Fr SSB. Three tanks approaching 3/9 CP. No problems.	S
1120			006	061120H	Fr 34. Hotel-54 reported SA fire from Yen Bac. Smk-2 notified Senator-2. Informed engineer's in that area.	S
1645			007	061645H	Fr Dream-3. Maj.Gen. Letsby, US Army (Chief of US Army Mobility Command) will be at Dream CP at 1505 on 7 Oct 65. He wants to be breifed by all Track Vehicle Commanders in area. The subject will be "Track Vehicle Mobility in the I Corps Area" which will emphize on problem areas.	S
1700			008	061700H	Fr SSA. Conducted inspection on 2d platoon. Lt. Peterson accompanied an infantry patrol to the village of Hoi Vuc yesterday. Found a possible trail that tanks can negotiate to this village providing the weather remains good with no rain.	S
1725			009	061725H	Fr SSB-5. B-35 will drop back to "B" Company CP because of broken universal. B-33 and B-35 with Redwood "B". No enemy contact and conducted no sweep. B-15 and B-14 with Redwood "C" have no enemy contact and conducted no sweep.	S
1815			010	061815H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000			011	062000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200			012	062200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			013	062400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION
						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
	0200		001	070200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0400		002	070400H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0600		003	070600H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0900		004	070900H	Fr SSC. A light section from the 1st platoon at Piedpiper "A". Heavy section at Piedpiper CP. 2d and 3d platoons disposition same.	S
	1145		005	070900H	Fr SSB-6. At 0620 B-14 and B-15 moved to (BT 064638) to support Redwood C-3 and G Sniper Team to a given coor. B-14 and B-15 received small arms fire. B-15 destroyed one reinforced bunker and one small bunker and trench line. Returned to C-1/9 CP.	S
	1145		006	070902H	Fr SSB-6. B-2 all secure. No enemy contact.	S
	1145		007	070902H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 is now sitting on hill to your west overlooking rice patty. Have not sited target they wish destroyed. Infantry now moving toward rice patty.	S
	1145		008	071150H	Fr SSB-6. Regarding earlier Sitrep concerning destroying bunker. Infantry did not search target area possible VC KIA or WIA.	S
	1800		009	071800H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2000		010	072000H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2200		011	072200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2400		012	072400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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082400H Oct 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION
IN	OUT				S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0200	1540	001	080200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	080400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	080600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1510		004	081510H	Fr Senator-3. Understand only one Smk B unit is in combat operational condition. What is the situation.	S
		005	081540H	To SSB. Landline is out at this time. Peepsight 3 called and said he had received a report from Redwood that you have only one tank in condition for combat operations. Please advise background and what can be done to fix situation.	S
1620		006	081620H	Fr SSA. First platoon conducted FAM firing for all tank crewmen with .45 Cal pistol and M-3 Sub MG. All platoons conducted PM on tanks and crew training.	S
1930		007	081930H	Fr SS-6. B has two operational tanks with Irontree. Remaining six may be used for emergency combat operations only.	S
2010		008	082010H	Fr SS-6. Prepare 1:25,000 and 1:50,000 overlay of coordinated rear area defensive positions and reaction forces. Also sketch showing location of defensive positions.	S
2015		009	082015	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported brush fire across river and drums beating. Fire was extinguished.	S
2020		010	082020H	Fr SS-6. Prepare range card for Cam No area to the rear of 3d Bn., 9th Mar.	S
2022		011	082022H	Fr SS-6. Senator-6 has authorized firing from Tank Bn location to hill 55 area. Lay in five possible tank positions.	S
2200		012	082200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2250		013	082250H	Fr Shove-3. Wanted to know coor. of Hoa Tho village. Informed them of same.	S
2400		014	082400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
	0200		001	090200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0400		002	090400H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0600		003	090600H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0907		004	090907H	Fr Axehandle B-6. Can tanks cross 11'6" wide bridge Informed that this could be done provided there were no sills and the bridge was no longer than 30 feet. He stated bridges were no more than 13'. Area is along railroad bed in 3d Bn., 9th Marines TAOR.	S
		0915	005	090915H	To SS FO. Prepare to lay tank guns parallel at 091300H.	S
	1030		006	091930H	Fr 34. Yankee-4 have heard total of six small arms rounds in the hamlet west of AT Bn.	S
	1210		007	091210H	Fr Senator-3. Wished to know Tank Bn action on 3d MARDIV msg 030242Z Oct 65. Informed Senator-3 of Tank Bn msg 080430Z.	S
	1345		008	091345H	Fr SS FO. Two guns now surveyed in.	S
	1500		009	091500H	Fr SSA. No operational commitments.	S
	1950		010	091950H	Fr SSA-6. The two tanks on hill 41 and 22 are going on a tank infantry sweep of An My (3) and An My (4) at about 0800 10 Oct morning. Operation should last about five or six hours. I have been down to An My (3) and the road is pretty good. Will keep you informed.	S
	1815		011	091815H	34 reported all secure.	S
	1855		012	091855H	Fr SSB-6. Two tanks with Redwood C and two tanks With Redwood A.	S
	2000		013	092000H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2200		014	092200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2330		015	092314H	Fr SSB. At 2235H expended .50 Cal. .30 rounds at suspected four VC at MCB-8 area.	S

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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0010			001	100010H	34 reported all secure.	S
0200			002	100200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			003	100400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			004	100600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0945			005	091300H	Fr SSC. Unit disposition same. Saint Joe "B" did work for us, will send results in weekly letter. C-6 went on aerial recon this morning of section from C-3 across the river. C-1 is teaching English to children in An Ton village, civil affairs.	
		1010	006	101010H	To SSB. How many men from Maryland will be at this location at 1430H today?	S
2000			007	102000H	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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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-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
1418			004	111418H	Fr SSB. B-1 reports, no enemy contact.	S
1825			005	111825H	34 reported all secure.	S
1905			006	111905H	Fr SSB-6. Seven tanks will have an offensive operation on 12 Oct. Will send shackled message giving coordinates. Approximately 60 VC believed to be in the area.	S
2000			007	112000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2015			008	112015H	Fr SSB-6. One man WIA from 3d platoon "B" Company unable to identify man at this time. SS-16 checking with Whale-16. Non-battle casualty.	S
2200			009	112200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			010	112400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
	0200		001	120200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0400		002	120400H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0600		003	120600H	34 reported all secure.	S
	0840		004	120840H	Fr SSB. Tanks have now occupied blocking positions around Ha Gia (BT 108638), infantry searching village. No enemy contact.	S
		1805	005	121805H	To Plattsburg B-6. SS-6 desires to visit Plattsburg B-2 on 14 Oct. Can you make arrangements from your location? If not possible, please recommend alternate date. If possible recommend you plan to accompany SS-6.	S
	1950		006	121950H	Fr 34. Yankee-3A reports loud voices direct front of their bunker. S-2 notified.	S
	2000		007	122000H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2200		008	122200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2400		009	122400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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0220		001	130220H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	130400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	130600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0800		004	130800H	Fr Plattsburg B-6. Recommend trip be delayed. Plattsburg B-2 expected here future. Flights from here are requested from Monroe air in your area. Request advise.	S
1615		005	131615H	Fr SSA-6. CO visited 3d platoon at Phu Bai 12 Oct 65. Platoons and Headquarters section conducted training in tents due to inclement weather. A-22 (light tank) now at "A" Company CP and F-22 is attached to 2d platoon. Battalion 1st aid team conducted classes for 2d platoon on 12 Oct 65. Will conduct same class for 1st platoon next week.	S
1715	1720	006	131715H	Fr Senator-3. "B" Company ambushed at CP.	S
		007	131720H	To SSB. Have report of ambush at Redwood C area. Senator has comm problem.	S
1820		008	131820H	Fr SSB-6. B-1 units not in contact with enemy. Tanks remaining in general area for support. Situation appears to be normal, enemy broke contact before tanks arrived on scene. No rounds fired.	S
	1825	009	131805H	To SSB-6. Please expedite reporting. Are units still in contact?	S
2000		010	132000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2210		011	132210H	34 reported all secure.	S
2250		012	132250H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reported fire fight accross river at right front.	S
2400		013	132400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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0210			001	140210H	34 reported all secure.	S
0415			002	140415H	34 reported all secure.	S
0450			003	140450H	Fr 34. Yankee-3A reported light approximately 400 meters to their direct front.	S
0610			004	140610H	Fr 34. Reported phones to bunkers not working properly. Comm notified and is troubleshooting line.	S
	0830		005	140830H	To Plattsburg B-6. SS-6 has orders to B-2 effective this date with direct flight. Weather may postpone or cancel. Will keep you informed.	S
0930			006	140930H	Fr SSB-6. Understanding reached on future tank employment. Three tanks standing by to support operation in vicinity of (BT 060595) to (BT 072674) commencing 141000H. Sweep operation.	S
1500			007	141500H	Fr SSA-6. Sitrep no significant activity to report. Headquarters and Flames held GMST training. Platoons conducted tank crew training on tank subjects. Dispatched VTR to B-1/12 vicinity 2/3 CP to assist recovery operation of M-109 Howitzer.	S
1800			008	141800H	34 reported all secure.	S
1930			009	141930H	Fr SSB-6. No enemy activity. No. of tanks deployed unchanged.	S
1950			010	141950H	Fr Senator-3. Have mail for tanks and LVT's. Please come for it immediately.	S
2000			011	142000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200			012	142200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			013	142400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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	OUT					S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0200		001	150200H	34 reported all secure.		S
0300		002	150300H	Fr Shove-3. The elements readiness report is due at Div G-3 by 15 Oct. The ref is 3d MarDiv msg 201758Z Sep 65.		S
0305		003	150305H	Fr Shove-3. FMFPac redops officer will be at Div Headquarters 18 Oct 65. Will be notified to be at Div Headquarters on this date approximately 1 1/2 hours. The time to be set at allater date.		S
0340		004	150340H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reports two men in black clothing coming from village, (CAM HOA), crossed rice paddy and intered village (THON YEO PAC).		S
0400		005	150400H	34 reported all secure.		S
0600		006	150600H	34 reported all secure.		S
0735		007	150735H	Fr 34. Five or six shots and a small explosion from vicinity of Phong Bac or furthar toward bridge.		S
0840		008	150840H	Fr Shove-3. Informing 3d Tank Bn of ForBul 5060 of 14 Oct 65. At 1410H 19 Oct 65 there will be a briefing at 3d Tank Bn on preparedness by Senate Sub Committee. Gen. Henderson will accompany party of four.		S
1245		009	151245H	Fr Senator-3. About 12 friendly troops will be patrolling in Dong Song (1) and Cam Ne (6). 34 notified.		S
1503		010	151503H	Fr Shove-3 (Actual). 3/9 patrol has picked up a woman from Cam Ne (6) who indicated the area is full of VC. 3/9 is sending a platoon to investigate.		S
1505		011	151505H	Copy of range card and target information delivered to 3/9.		S

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					S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
1509	1600	012	151509H	Heavyfist informed of Ser No. 010 entry.	S
		013	151614H	To SSB-6. Report to SS CP for briefing on Senate Committee at 160900H. If operations will prohibit your arrival at above time you select two alternate times and advise.	S
1630	1600	014	151630H	Fr SSB-6. Will arrive 160900H respectively.	S
1800		015	151800H	34 reported all secure.	S
2000		016	152000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2035		017	152035H	Fr Dream-3. LVT's will hold a practice drill using a siren as a warning device, gun loop on 34 notified. Time will be prior to 2130H.	S
2200	2400	018	152200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		019	152400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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	OUT					
0200			001	160200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	160400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	160600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0920			004	160920H	Fr SSB-5. Three tanks left "B" Company CP with a platoon from "D" Company 1/9 with the mission of relieving a platoon that was pinned down by sniper fire. Tanks are currently located at (BT 083698).	S
1000			006	161000H	Fr SSB-5. Three tanks returned to "B" CP at 0945H. Tanks had no enemy contact while moving with Eversharp. Tanks moved from (BT 082698) to (BT 090670) in making sweep. One VCS brought back by Eversharp.	S
1410			007	161410H	Fr 34. About 1500 meters in front of Yankee-1 is about 50 people (Vietnamese) Carrying casket size box.	S
	1910		008	161800H	To SSC-6. Medical instruction team will arrive your area 19 Oct for period of 3 days. Please inform Plattsburg B-6.	S
1920			009	161920H	Fr Senator-3. Hq Bn., 9th Marines Radioman, L/Cpl C.B. Jones reported that while at (BT 001722) he was told by villagers that they were leaving area tonight because VC were going to be in Village.	S
2010			010	162010H	Notified Heavyfist, Yacht, and Dream of 009 entry.	S
2200			011	162200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			012	162400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-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
1430			004	171415H	Fr SSB-5. Tanks went on sweep with "A" Company Eversharp at approximately 0830H at (BT 0864). Completed sweep at 1400H. Have returned to "A" Company CP.	S
1535	1510		005	171510H	To SSB. What type of enemy contact did you have.	S
			006	171530H	Fr SSB. Received medium to heavy sniper fire from different village on sweep. Engaged enemy bunkers. No confirmed hits.	S
1838			007	171838H	34 reported all secure.	S
	1830		008	171830H	To SSB. Have copy of peepsight CpOrder for you. Your tanks involved. Operation to take place 19 Oct. Will you be able to pick up 18 Oct?	S
1930			009	171930H	Fr SSB-6. One grenade thrown into Redwood bunker at corner of SSB perimeter. Tanks fired approximately 50 rounds. Negative results. No friendly casualties.	S
2000			010	172000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2005			011	172005H	Fr SSB-6. Will pick up orders early on 18th.	S
2200			012	172200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2330			013	172330H	Fr 34. One round SA fired into SS area. Undetermined location.	S
2400			014	172400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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						S-STAFF	M-MAP	T-TROOP	F-FILE
0200			001	180200H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
0400			002	180400H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
0600			003	180600H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
0950			004	180950H	Fr SSC. Operation cancelled indefinitely.	S	S	S	S
1130			005	181130H	Fr SSYP. Have departed Tank Bn CP.	S	S	S	S
1255			006	181255H	Fr SSYP. Now located 50 meters east of Check point one.	S	S	S	S
1320			007	181320H	Fr SSB-6. Peepsight OpOrder 49-65 cancelled.	S	S	S	S
1400			008	181400H	Fr SSYP. Now located at Checkpoint two.	S	S	S	S
1455			009	181455H	Fr SSYP. Returning to CP.	S	S	S	S
1800			010	181800H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
2000			011	182000H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
2015			012	182015H	Fr 34. Yankee-6 reported that Yankee-1 observed fire fight and illumination flare directly in front and across driver of position.	S	S	S	S
2200			013	182200H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S
2400			014	182400H	34 reported all secure.	S	S	S	S

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		OUT				S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-FILE
0020		001	182345H	Fr SSB-6. Two tanks deployed as reaction force for Eversharp and village north of MAG-16.	S	
0200		002	190200H	34 reported all secure.	S	
0400		003	190400H	34 reported all secure.	S	
0600		004	190600H	34 reported all secure.	S	
	1355	005	191355H	To Senator-3. Request permission to establish listening post at (AT 986707) from 192100H to 200100H. Permission Granted.	S	
	1400	006	191400H	To Heavyfist-3. A two man listening post will be established at (AT 986707) from 192100H to 200100H. Clear and lock at 192050H, normal at 192115H. Clear and lock at 200045H, normal when word is passed by Smokerroom-3.	S	
	1407	007	191407H	To Dream-3 and Yacht-3. Listening post to be established (AT 986707), 192100 - 200100H.	S	
1420		008	191420H	Fr SSB-6. B-21 and B-23 at 3/9 CP. All secure. B-24 and B-25 at "K" Company CP moved from CP to assist patrol that was pinned down. No marine casualties. No damage to tanks. Presently at "K" Company CP. All secure.	S	
	1645	009	191645H	To SSB-6. Have garbled info that SSB-2 may have had commitment in polish area this date. Can you confirm with details?	S	
2050		010	192050H	34 reports line cleared and locked.	S	
2120		011	192120H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 Reports Lima Papa could not reach position but are maintaining position as far forward as possible.	S	
2130		012	192130H	Fr 34. Reported five persons crossed about 200 meters in front of their position.	S	
2220		013	192220H	34 reported all secure.	S	
2400		014	192400H	34 reported all secure.	S	

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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
	0055		001	200055H	34 reports line cleared and locked.	S
	0215		002	200215H	34 reports all secure.	S
	0405		003	200405H	34 reports all secure.	S
	0605		004	200605H	34 reports all secure.	S
	0800		005	200800H	Fr Shove-3. Fr. Andy Borg, National Commander of VFW is aboard. In the event of inclement weather he will visit 3d Tanks from 210950 - 211010H. Briefing and tour of CP. Will arrive by jeep. Shove-3 will let us know earliest if fair or foul weather schedule is being followed.	S
	0900		006	200900H	Fr SSB. SS-6 departed 200515H for B-2 area. He is accompanied by Morbid-6. Unaware if they plan to stop at your area. Recommend you contact B-2 if possible, concerning visit.	S
	1520		007	201520H	Fr SSB-6. B-6 is at 3/9 CP.	S
	2000		008	202000H	34 reports all secure.	S
	2000		009	202000H	Fr SSB. All B-3 units all secure at 1945H. Received approximately three rounds sniper fire. Returned no fire.	S
	2200		010	202200H	34 reported all secure.	S
	2400		011	202400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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0200			001	210200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	210400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	210600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0700			004	210700H	LATE ENTRY. 210100H. Sentry on road guard at entrance to CP's. Reported a frag grenade was thrown at bunker. Prior to grenade exploding sentry saw a man running NE (Direction of old E-2/12 area). Marine sentry did not fire. Tried to illuminate, flare was a dud. 3d MT Bn notified.	S
0850			005	210850H	Fr Shove-14. VFW Commander is on fair weather schedule will not come to Tank Bn.	S
0927			006	210927H	Fr Yacht-3. Completed inquiry on grenade incident. Intruder was challenged twice. Explosion occurred approximately 60 feet east and north of road guard bunker. Adjacent bunkers verified explosion. Only evidence is small hole outside of wire. Spotrep sent to Shove and Senator.	S
1825			007	211825H	34 reported all secure.	S
1930			008	211930H	Fr SS-6. At air force air freight, require transportation. Smk-35 notified.	S
2000			009	212000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2200			010	212200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2250			011	212250H	Fr Senator-3. Hoa Cam will hold a simulated alert and training exercise at 212400H at (AT 965708). There will be three large explosions set off together. Each man will have one full carbine mag.	S
2400			012	212400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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0200			001	220200Z	34 reported all secure.	S S S
0400			002	220400Z	34 reported all secure.	S S
0600			003	220600Z	34 reported all secure.	S S
1440			004	221440Z	Fr 34. Received check point 3 call from Yankee-6 patrol. 34 reported all secure.	S S S S
1502			005	221502Z	Fr 34. Yankee-6 patrol returned to CP.	
1645			006	221645Z	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reports a vietnamese native moving about outside the wire in front of Yankee-2 area.	
1840			007	221840Z	34 reported all secure.	
1945			008	221945Z	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported drums beating to left front.	
2000			009	222000Z	34 reported all secure.	
2200			010	222200Z	34 reported all secure.	
2400			011	222400Z	34 reported all secure.	

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0200			001	230200Z	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	230400Z	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	230600Z	34 reported all secure.	S
1700			004	231700Z	Fr SSF-14. Both B-1 tanks were called upon to assist squad of infantry pinned down in rice paddy by three automatic weapons at (BT 064652).	
1000			005	231800Z	34 reported all secure.	S
2000			006	232000Z	34 reported all secure.	S
2025			007	232025Z	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reports considerable firing to the SW and a searchlight being employed.	S
2105			008	232105Z	Fr Senator-3. Reported that our tanks fired 14 rounds 90mm in defense of "E" Battery 2/12. No results known.	S
2110			009	232110Z	Fr Senator-3. Hoa Cam is sending out a patrol our vicinity, from 2000-0400.	S
2150			010	232150Z	Fr SSA. Reported a man killed from grenade explosion in the "A" Company CP. Believed it was his own grenade.	S
2200			011	232200Z	34 reported all secure.	S
2400			012	232400Z	34 reported all secure.	S

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3d Tank Bn
Vietnam
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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION
						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0200			001	240200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	240400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	240600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0955			004	240955H	Fr 34. Suspicious movement of Vietnamese native in front of H-54 position.	S
		1310	005	241310H	To SSB-6. SS-3 and SS-3A are on their way to your CP.	S
1410			006	241410H	Fr SSB-3. SSB-6 will return to "B" Company CP at 1430H.	S
1500			007	241500H	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported seeing an ARVN trooper with a rifle passing through village to his front.	S
1800			008	241800H	34 reported all secure.	S
1950			009	241950H	Fr 34. Yankee-3 reported flare tripped in front of position. No movement, believed tripped by animal.	S
2000			010	242000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2025			011	242025H	Fr 34. Yankee-3 reported observing an individual armed with small arm running in direction away from our wire toward and into tree growth. H-52 had light on at time.	S
2200			012	242200H	34 reported all secure.	S
2225			013	242225H	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported flare tripped in front of position. No movement noted.	S
2245			014	242245H	Fr 34. Yankee-3 set off ground flare where movement was suspected. Negative results.	S
2400			015	242400H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-FILE
0200			001	250200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	250400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	250600H	34 reported all secure.	S
1500			004	251500H	Fr SSA. First platoon in direct support of 1/1. Second platoon in direct support of 2/3. Third platoon in direct support of 3/4. "Q" service continues.	
1905			005	251905H	Fr SSC-5. Brought two tanks back from the hill this afternoon. ETA this position 251900H. Will advise of details at 252000H if you will have SS radio set up on air.	S
2000			006	252000H	34 reported all secure.	S
2010			007	252000H	Fr SSC-6. Both C-3 tanks back to "A" Company CP. Tank 1901 engine stalled but not submerged. Tank 1893 okay.	S
2115			008	252115H	Fr 34. Reported ARVN shooting tracers on west side of CP toward the river (south).	S
2130			009	252130H	Fr Shove-3. The bridge platoon will be relieved approximately 1 Nov 65 by 2d platoon "A" Company. To SSA-6. Informed of 010 entry.	S
2150	2135		010	252135H	Fr Heavyist-3. Twenty-one ARVN has made contact with an undetermined number of VC at (AT 968700).	S
			011	252150H	To Drear-3 and Yeacht-3. Informed of 011 entry.	S
	2155		012	252155H	Fr Heavyist-3. Informed that 011 entry was a false alarm. Confirmed by Senator-3 duty. Inform-	S
2300			013	252300H	ed 34, Yeacht, and Drear of same.	S

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Vietnam
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262400Z Oct 65

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP R-FILE
IN	OUT				
0200	1435	001	260200Z	34 reported all secure.	S
0400		002	260400Z	34 reported all secure.	S
0600		003	260600Z	34 reported all secure.	S
		004	261435Z	to Heavyfirst-2. Tank Bn will establish a listening post at (AT 993700) from 262100 to 270100Z.	S
1925		005	261925Z	Tr 34. Yankee-1 reports helicopter fired on by SA fire and returned fire.	S
2000		006	262000Z	34 reported all secure.	S
2050		007	262050Z	Tr 34. Yankee-2 reports flare was tripped on front of position. Threw a hand flare, but was a dud.	S
2055		008	261500Z	Tr SSA. All platoons performed PI in preparation for ordnance contact team inspection.	S
2100		009	262100Z	Patrol left CP to set up LP.	S
2200		010	262200Z	34 reported all secure.	S
2400		011	262400Z	34 reported all secure.	S

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5-3 Section
3d Recon Bn
Vietnam
270000H Oct 65 to
272400H Oct 65

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0100			001	270100H	Patrol on LP returned to CP. Nothing unusual to report.	S S S S
0200			002	270200H	34 reported all secure.	
0400			003	270400H	34 reported all secure.	
0600			004	270600H	34 reported all secure.	
1045			005	271045H	Tr SSB-6. Ball game (operation) started at approximately 1020H at (BM 070645). Operation delayed because of LVP being stuck at above coordinates.	
1955			006	271955H	34 reported all secure.	S S S S
2155			007	272155H	34 reported all secure.	
2400			008	272400H	34 reported all secure.	

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3d Tank Bn
Vietnam
280001H Oct 65 to
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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0045			001	280045H	Fr SSB-6. MAG-16 hit approximate damage unknown. B-6 waiting commitment from Redwood. No enemy contact in our perimeter at this time. Will report continueing situation.	S
	0020		002	280020H	To 34. Silent 100% sounded.	S
0105			003	280105H	Fr SSB. At 0035H received numerous SA fire. B-11 and B-15 returned enemy fire until enemy fire ceased.	S
0535			004	280535H	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported 10-12 trucks approached bridge and then turned lights out reversed direction and headed south with no lights on.	S
0545			005	280545H	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported three trucks dropped out of convoy. Another convoy coming up from south.	S
0545	0545		006	280545H	Relayed 004 and 005 entries to Senator -3 and Fertilize-3.	S
0545			007	280545H	Fr SSB-6. Three tanks located at (BT 091692). Engaged Sampans. Destroyed 3 plus.	S
0556			008	280556H	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported three vehicles which stopped on highway 1A joined four others and moved off to SW toward 1/9 CP.	S
	0556		009	280556H	To Senator-3. Reported 008 to Senator-3.	S
0556			010	280556H	Fr SSB-3. Position (BT 091691); check on village that vicinity. Negative.	S
0600			011	280600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0717			012	280717H	Fr SSB. B-3 reports sweep of his area completed and Eversharp has several VCS. Proceeding back to 1/9 CP.	S
	0725		013	280725H	To SSB-6. Request complete Sitrep of action.	S
0730			014	280730H	Fr 34. Reported ARVN patrol returning Hoa Cam possesses two blindfolded bound Vietnamese.	S

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IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0745		015	280745H	Fr SSC. Alerted 0115H. Only movement by SSC unit was by C-3 to positions at northend. Negative contact. Suggest you contact Monree ²³ for overall details, we had no contact.	S
	0905	016	280905H	To SSC. Understand Plattsburg-B has some sort of an exercise. Can you give any information.	S
0954		017	280954H	Fr SSB-6. B-35 has just hit a landmine at (BT 069692). Two road wheels blown off, escape hatch blown, possible ruptured fuel injector pump. No personnel casualties. Am proceeding to that area to begin retrieving efforts.	S
	0958	018	280958H	To Shove-3. Informed of 017 entry.	S
	1005	019	281005H	To Senator-3. Informed of 017 entry.	S
1007		020	281007H	Fr SSB-2. No tanks employed in patrol activities today. Two tanks at 3/9 CP. Two tanks at E -3/9 CP.	S
1100		021	281100H	Fr SSB-6. In regards to your Lima-Lima 280630H (BT 091693). Approximately 0115H three tanks sighted six Sampans. Three shot, none sunk. Six boats headed toward island checked by navy patrol boats. Irontree had illumination committed elsewhere and did not have anything else to give to tank mission.	S
1107		022	281107H	Fr SSB. Two 1st platoon tanks from D-2/12 beginning patrol at 1000H (BT 055679).	S
1110		023	281110H	Fr SSB. At 0445H B-34 and B-35 departed "A" Co CP with one platoon of A Company. Proceeded to beach, engaged surface craft. Confirmed destroyed. At present B-34 and B-35 at "A" Company CP.	S

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IN	TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
	OUT					
1800		024	281800H	34 reported all secure.		S
2005		025	282005H	34 reported all secure.		S
2040		026	282040H	SS-3 phoned Senator-3 for any information on SA firing in vicinity of bridge. Senator-3 negative.		S
2100		027	282100H	Fr 34. Reported that SSY-6 departed on mission.		S
2205		028	282205H	34 reported all secure.		S
2220		029	282220H	Fr SSB. Replacement of tank arranged. Arrived at "B" Company CP from SS CP at approximately 1900H. Also SSB reported that B-32 received one round of SA Sniper fire at "A" Company's CP. No bad effects Incident at "A" Company's CP was at approximately 2000H.		S
2400		030	282400H	34 reported all secure.		S

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IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0200		001	290200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0204		002	290204H	Fr SSY-6. Cleared return point. Mission completed.	S
0720		003	290720H	Fr SSC. SSC-3 unit imployed on airfield last night and negative contact. Returned to 3/3 CP at 0725. Quiet everywhere else, the coordinates mentioned yesterday netted 10 VC.	S
1200		004	291200H	Fr SSC. Trafficability overlay 4th Marine TAOR forwarded via corrier this date. Last night action was accomplished by apparent infiltration 10 VC. KIA 1 VC. 45 from NHA TRANG. Two A4 destroyed, Two A4 damaged. Four WIA USMC. SSC-3 supported K-3/3 in sweep and occupies blocking position. SSC may alert since 280045H. Weapons captured 3.5, 45 Cal Thompson, 45 Cal Pistol and Demo Charge. Information received that VC assasination team in An Tan (BT 499067). 3/3 executed coordination in attempt to capture. Results unknown. Designated SSC-1 attached 3/3 near future. No comm Co. "B" 1st Tk Bn. Have messenger enroute.	S
1420		005	291420H	Fr SSB. ARVN force in Irontree area located in Area B. No enemy contact. No vehicle problems.	S
	1430	006	291430H	To Senator-3. Informed of 005 entry.	S
	1545	007	291545H	To SSB. Be advised nimefield located vic (AT 993647). Advise B-2 of same.	S
1700		008	291700H	Fr SSA. CO conducted inspection of A-23, 24, 25 F-21 and 22. All Plt. inspected by Tech Ord. Contact team. No significant activity or operations. No future operations planned.	S
1900		009	291900H	Fr 34. Yankee-2 reported drums beating in village to positions front.	S

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1920		010	291920H	Fr 34. Yankee-1 reports same as 009 entry.	S
1940		011	291940H	Fr SSA. Have completed burning exercise on dump.	S
1955		012	291955H	Fr 34. Reported yelling and shooting in bridge platoon area.	S
2115		013	292115H	Fr SSB-6. Three ARVN tanks came to "B" Company CP. Had contact in Phong Ho (1). Start again tomorrow. No confirmed casualties.	S
2120		014	292120H	Fr SSB-6. Guest in TAOR at (BT 073663). Had enemy in Grid Square (BT 060620). Will carry on tomorrow. B-1 in my CP. Will link up with quests early AM.	S
2200		015	292200H	34 reported all secure.	S

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0215			001	300215H	Fr 34. Yankee-1&2 report heavy fire fight vicinity Hills 22 and 41.	S
0220			002	300220H	34 reported all secure.	S
0222			003	300222H	Fr 34. Hotel-54 reports heavy fire fight, mortar fire and explosion from vicinity Hills 22 and 41.	S
	0232		004	300232H	To Senator-3. Request information on fire fight near Hills 22 and 41. Was in forward positions on Hills 22 and 41 attacked by mortars, SA and AW fire. Tanks and artillery are returning fire.	S
0320			005	300320H	Fr Shove-3. Called and stated there was a possible penetration in 1/1 area.	S
0330			006	300330H	Fr Heavyfist. Request to turn off Mess Hall generator. Action taken.	S
0420			007	300420H	To SSA-6. Informed him of hit. He checked and reported no known casualties.	S
0420			008	300420H	34 reported all secure.	S
0530			009	300530H	Fr SSA-6. Damage report. 1/1 area, 10 KIA, 23 WIA, one 60mm mortar tube damaged. (9 KIA Hill 22 and 1 KIA Hill 41).	
0600			010	300600H	Fr SSA-6. Enemy damage report. 30 VC KIA, body count Hill 22. 27 ass't weapons captured. Force attacked from NW and proceeded south. Estimated 100 VC passed on and through Hill 22. 2 KIA appeared to be 9 to 10 years of age.	S
0620			011	300620H	Fr Dream-3. Reports 75 .57 MM shell casings found in area of Hill 22.	S
0622			012	300622H	Fr 34. Reported accidental discharge when Marine was clearing his weapon. Bunker NCO witnessed incident and reported it was no negligence. Bn S-3 investigated incident.	S

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0735			013	300735H	Fr SSA 1st Sgt. Tank Bn personnel didnot receive any casualties in fighting on Hills 22 and 41.	S
0917			014	300917H	Fr Senator-3. Action last night resulted in 50 VC KIA, 13 Marines KIA, 45 WIA. 1/1 will sweep from La Chau (1) and (2) east to Song Yen. 3/9 will block on the east bank of the river from Cam Ne (3) to La Dong (3). ARVN has been requested to sweep and occupy Cam Ne (1) and (2). Air strike being called at (AT 943616). Will keep Smokerroom informed.	S
	0927		015	300927H	To Heavyfist, Dream, and Yacht. Informed of 014 entry.	S
0935			016	300935H	Fr SSC. Maximum alert here due to situation your area.	S
1055			017	301055H	Fr Senator-3. Two companies from 59th RF Bn will begin sweep of Cam Ne (1) and (2) at 301100H. 9th Marines will have liaison man with ARVN. Sweep near La Chau nearly complete. No results available. Units from 3/9 which blocked for 1/1 will move north and block for ARVN. Expect sweep to be completed by dark. ARVN will not remain in Cam Ne overnight.	S
1115			018	301115H	Fr SSB. Two tanks moved to MCB-9 hospital site at 292330H as a reaction force. Tanks fired two HE at temple where small arms fire was coming from. Target neutralized.	S
1340			019	301340H	Fr Senator-3. 50 VCS, 5 VCC, 1 VC KIA during sweep through Cam Hoa (1) and (2) on 29 October. 4th Arm Cav. Regiment sustained 1 KIA on 29 October during action at Phong Ho. Unit pulled back within Marine lines leaving advisors ₂ out front. Advisors	S

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						S-STAFF	M-MAP	T-TROOP	F-FILE
			019	CON'T.	managed to get to Highway (1) and safety. No recent information on 59th RF Bn sweep in Cam Ne (1) and (2). Air strike being called by Division on Hill 55.				
		1600	020	301600H	To SSB. Please send Sitrep on B-1 and anything else ASAP. Needed for Div Sitrep due 301600H.	S			
1640			021	301640H	Fr SSB-5. Situation from all "B" units normal, no enemy contact. B-1A is with ARVN. Have had no radio contact all day.	S			
2015			022	302015H	Fr SSB-1. Got to (BT 147598). Extensive contact at (BT 155605). Long fire fight. No report of results. No problem to reach this point. Advisors who were left on 29 October 1965 were with PF not 4th Armored Cav. Regiment. Problem went very well today. A-41 went a lot of places where M48A3 can not go. M4113 can go anywhere. Fired only 5 rounds of 76mm including 2 WP. Fired mostly .30 Cal and .50 Cal. Largest contact was 10-12. Appeared to be no organization. Paddies have sandy good bottom.	S			
2020			023	302020H	Fr SSB-2. Reported VC contact 700 meters south of "K" Company CP. Tanks expended 25 90mm and 200 .30 Cal in routing VB. Infantry didnot get a body count.				
2025			024	302025H	34 reported all secure.				
2200			025	302200H	34 reported all secure.				
2400			026	302400H	34 reported all secure.				

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION
						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0200			001	310200H	34 reported all secure.	S
0400			002	310400H	34 reported all secure.	S
0600			003	310600H	34 reported all secure.	S
0800			004	310800H	34 reported all secure.	S
1050			005	311050H	Fr Heavyfist-3. 15 personnel who appear to be suspicious have just entered Yen Bac. Am sending squad patrol into Hamlet to investigate.	S
	1052		006	311052H	To 34. Informed of 005 entry.	S
	1058		007	311058H	To Dream. Informed of 005 entry.	S
1325			008	311325H	Fr Heavyfist-3. Patrol to Yen Bac returned to CP. Negative results.	S
	1750		009	311750H	To Fertielize Bridge-1. Patrol will leave SS-CP at 311800H, return by 311920H.	S
	1755		010	311755H	To Dream. Patrol to leave SS CP at 311800H to move east and west of CP to return by darkness.	S
	1759		011	311759H	To Senator-3. Please grant authority to conduct patrol east to Highway-1 and south to rice field. TOD 311800H, TOR 311920H. Authority granted.	S
1800			012	311500H	One indigenous person drove approximately five cows along our perimeter south to north and set off two trip flares, he was persuaded to leave our area and the flares were replaced.	S
1900			013	311900H	Fr 34. Patrol returned to CP. Reported negative results.	S
2030			014	312030H	Fr SSB. Have four tank missions with "B" Co 1/9. Six tanks will be involved. Two located at CP. Leave at 0700 will contact periodically.	S
2050			015	312050H	Fr 34. Yankee-4A fired one round at VCS.	S

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						S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
2055			016	312055H	Fr SSB-6. Fired four rounds of 90mm HE from hill on crest of MCB-8. Took two rounds of sniper fire, fire was neutralized. Probable damage to sanpams.	S
2100			017	312100H	Fr 34. Yankee-3 position reported seeing three men flee from their position.	S
2200			018	312200H	34 reported all secure.	S

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TO: CO, THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 301800H SEP - 111111 011800H OCT

3. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR.
BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED ~~XXXX~~ THIRTY-FIVE 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 TADR AND AT THE NAM O
BRIDGE (AT 928841). 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 THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE
OF THAUM DONG. ALL WERE TREATED FOR SORES AND BOILS.

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SITREP

1. THIRD TK BN (FWD)

2. 011800H - 021800H

3. CO. "B" IN SUPPORT OF "A" CO. 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. TWENTY MEN FR H&S CO. AND TWO TKS FR "A" CO. PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE FOR 11TH ARVN RANGER BN. FOURTEEN MEN FR 3D TK BN. FIRED 3.5 R/L FOR FAMILIARIZATION AT HOA CAM TRNG CENTER.

4. CO. "B" IN SUPPORT OF "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR IN OPERATION SNATCH, SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN, PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE FOR SWEEPING ELEMENTS OF "A" CO. TWENTY MEN FR H&S CO. AND TWO TKS FR "A" CO. PROVIDED BLOCKING FORCE AT (AT 975705) TO (AT 975700) FOR 11TH ARVN RANGER BN. UPON COMPLETION OF ARVN SWEEP THE TWENTY MEN FR H&S CO. CONDUCTED SWEEP THROUGH CAM HOA (2) AND YEN BAC (1). NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

5&6. NEG

7. TEN MEN FR H&S CO. AND FOUR MEN FR "A" CO., 3D TK BN FIRED THE 3.5" R/L FOR FAMILIARIZATION AT HOA CAM TRNG CENTER.

8&9. NEG

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3. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE AND AN ELEMENT OF THE SWEEPING FORCE FOR SEARCH AND CLEAR OPER.

4. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE AT (BT 1263) AND AN ELEMENT OF THE SWEEPING FORCE FOR SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION. ONE VCS APPREHENDED.

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2. 031800H - 041800H

3. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF "B" CO. AND "C" CO., 1/9 IN SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 141 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

4. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF CO. "B" AND CO. "C", 1/9 IN SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

5-8. NEG

9. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 141 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS INT THE VILLAGE OF THAUM DONG. 112 FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES, TWELVE FOR URI, TEN FOR ABDOMINAL PAIN, FIVE FOR HEADACHE, ONE FOR BROKEN ARM, AND ONE FOR TRANSMOTIC AMPUTATION.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L**3D TANK BN. SITREP NUMBER 89 AS OF 051800H OCT 65**

1. HIGHLIGHTS CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR CONDUCTED RECON PATROL FR (AT 947700) TO (AT 885712) AND MAINTAINED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ON THE REGIMENTAL MLR. CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR MAINTAINED FOUR TANKS AT THE FORWARD POSITIONS OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR AND PREPARED A HEAVY SECTION OF TKS TO CROSS THE SONG CAU DO TO SUPPORT THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR IN THAT UNITS TAOR.

2. OPERATIONS A RECON TEAM FR CO. "A" ACCOMPANIED BY A UNIT OF THE 1ST BN., 1ST MAR CONDUCTED A TK ROUTE RECON ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG CAU DO FR (AT 947700) TO (AT 885712). CO. "B" REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE DANANG EAST AREA PROVIDING TKS TO THE TWO FORWARD CO. OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR.

3. PLANS SUMMARY COMMENCING AT 060830H CO. "B" WILL MOVE THREE TKS FR THEIR PRESENT LOCATIONS AT THE FLSG AMMO DUMP AND DANANG EAST TO THE COMMAND POST AREA OF THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR FOR EXTENDED PATROL ACTIONS IN THAT UNITS TAOR.

4. CIVIC ACTIONS BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 167 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF ~~THAM~~ THAM DONG. 143 FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES, TWELVE FOR URI, TEN FOR STOMACHE PAIN, ONE FOR OSTICMYHITIS, AND ONE FOR TRANSAMATIC AMPUTATION OF LEFT ARM.

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3D TANK BN. SITREP NUMBER 90 AS OF 061800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS CO. "B" SENT A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS TO SUPPORT
3D BN., 9TH MAR SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER.

2&3. NEG

4. BN CORPSMEN AND SURGEON TREATED 140 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN ~~XXXX~~
THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAG. EIGHTY FOR SORES AND BOILS, THIRTY FOR
WORMS AND THIRTY FOR URI.

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- HIGHLIGHTS.** AT 070820H CO. "B" PROVIDED TANK SUPPORT TO CO. "C", 1ST BN., 9TH MAR NEAR (BT 064638) DESTROYING ONE REINFORCED BUNKER, A TRENCH LINE, AND SMALL ENEMY DEFENSIVE POSITION, WHERE ENEMY FIRE WAS COMING FROM.
- OPERATIONS.** AT 070620H CO. "B" PROVIDED TWO TANKS TO SUPPORT THE PATROL ACTIVITIES OF "C" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. AT 070820H THE INFANTRY PATROL RECEIVED A NUMBER OF SMALL ARMS ROUNDS FROM THE HAMLET NEAR (BT 064638). THE TANKS CAME FORWARD FROM THEIR CONCEALED POSITIONS AND BROUGHT 90MM FIRE TO BEAR ON THE AREA WHERE THE ENEMY WAS LOCATED. ONE REINFORCED BUNKER, A DEFENSIVE TRENCH LINE, AND A SMALL DEFENSIVE STRUCTURE WERE DESTROYED AND THE ENEMY FIRE CEASED. THE INFANTRY ELEMENTS DID NOT SEARCH THE AREA THEREFORE NO CONFIRMATION OF ENEMY CASUALTIES WAS POSSIBLE.
- PLANS SUMMARY.** CO. "A" WILL CONTINUE PROVIDING TANK SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR OCCUPYING STRONG POINTS ON HILL 41, HILL 22, AND THE NAM O BRIDGE. CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PATROL ACTIVITIES OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR AND MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITHIN THE COMMAND POST OF THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR.
- CIVIL AFFAIRS.** BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED SIXTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF THRAM DONG. FIFTY-FIVE FOR SKIN DISEASES AND BOILS, THREE FOR BRONCHITIS, AND TWO FOR DRESSING CHANGES.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 92 AS OF 081800H OCT 65.

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN TANKS AT VITAL LOCATIONS IN THE 3D MAR TAOR. CO. "B" MAINTAINED TANKS IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH "B" AND "C" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR AND THE CP OF THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR.

2. OPERATIONS. BOTH CO. "A" AND "B" REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH TANKS LOCATED ON HILLS 41 AND 22 IN THE 1ST BN., 1ST MAR TAOR, THE NAM O BRIDGE, THE SAND FLATS SOUTH-WEST OF MARBLE MTN, AND THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR COMMAND POST. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED THIRTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF THRAM DONG; ALL FOR SKIN DISEASES AND BOILS. THE BN CO MET WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA THO TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING AN AID STATION IN HOA THO VILLAGE.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 92 AS OF 091800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR AND CO. "B" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MAR. BOTH COMPANIES OCCUPIED CRITICAL TERRAIN FEATURES WITHIN REGIMENTAL TAOR'S. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.
 2. OPERATIONS. NEG
 3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MARINES RESPECTIVELY. THE BATTALION COMMAND POST IS PREPARING FOR A VISIT BY SENATOR BREWSTER 101440H - 101510H.
 4. CIVIC ACTIONS. NEG
 5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG
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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 92 AS OF 101800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TWO TKS FR CO. "A" PARTICIPATED IN A TANK-INFANTRY COMBAT PATROL FROM POSITIONS ON HILLS 41 AND 22 SW TO AN MY (3) (AT 925608). NO ENEMY CONTACT. SENATOR DANIEL BREWSTER, MARYLAND, VISITED THE BN CP FR 101440H - 101510H.

2. OPERATIONS. CO. "A" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR PROVIDED TWO TKS FOR A COMBAT PATROL WITH "M" CO. 3D BN., 4TH MAR. THE PATROL DEPARTED HILL 41 (AT 934663) AT 100800H AND PROCEEDED SW ALONG THE LOWER RIDGES OF NUI SON GA (MTN) TO AN MY (3). NO ENEMY CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 9TH MAR. NO OFFENSIVE ACTIONS OTHER THAN SUPPORT OF PATROL ACTIVITY IS PLANNED.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BN. CMDR. CALLED ON THE RECTOR OF THE DANANG CATHEDRAL AND CONCLUDED TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VIETNAMESE CLASSES TO BE GIVEN TWICE EACH WEEK TO MEMBERS OF THE BN. PRIMARY EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE INSTRUCTION OF PERSONNEL WORKING THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. THE BN WAS VISITED BY SENATOR DANIEL BREWSTER OF MARYLAND FR 101440H - 101510H. THE SENATOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE EXTENSIVE TK OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM AND WAS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE MAKING HIM AN HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE 3D TANK BN.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 93 AS 111800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TKS FR CO. "B" PROVIDED COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR OPERATIONS NEAR LE SON (4). THE TKS, OPERATING IN THIS AREA FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAD NO DIFFICULTY MANEUVERING INTO THEIR POSITIONS AND BLOCKED THE EASTERN FLANK OF THE OPERATIONAL AREA. THE TK HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT AND RETURNED TO THEIR POSITIONS AT THE 3D BN., 9TH MAR CP AT 111515H.
2. OPERATIONS. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING VITAL POSITIONS ALONG THE MLR. NO ENEMY CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.
3. PIANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. NO OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS OTHER THAN READINESS TO RESPOND AS AN ALERT FORCE TO ASSIST PATROLS ARE PLANNED.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BN. PRESENTED THE CHIEF OF HOE THO VILLAGE WITH 2000 LBS OF GRAIN FOODSTUFF. IT WAS DISTRIBUTED AT THE VILLAGE HEADQUARTERS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BN. CMDR AND THE DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED SIXTY-FOUR VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOE THO. ONE FOR DOG BITE, SIX FOR URI, ONE FOR DRESSING ON ARM STUMP, TWO FOR ARTHRITIS, AND FIFTY-FOUR FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES.
5. MISCELLANEOUS.
 - A. TRAINING. EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF THE BN ARE ATTENDING THE MINE AND BOOBY TRAP COURSE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE 3D ENGINEER BN.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 94 AS OF 121800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "B" CONDUCTED A SEVEN TK PATROL FR POSITIONS NEAR MARBLE MTN SOUTH ALONG THE BEACH TO HA GIA (BT 108639). SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED. NO FRIENDLY OR ENEMY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

2. OPERATIONS. AT 120800H SEVEN TKS FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED A PATROL IN COORDINATION WITH "C" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR FR MARBLE MTN SE ALONG THE COASTAL ROAD TO HA GIA (BT 108639). WHILE THE TKS BLOCKED ALL AVENUES OF ESCAPE THE HAMLET WAS SEARCHED BY THE INFANTRY. THE TKS HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SWEEPING OPERATION THE TKS RETURNED TO THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THE PATROL WAS CONCLUDED AT 121210H.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOE THO. ALL WERE TREATED FOR MISCELLANEOUS SORES AND BOILS.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. A. EIGHTEEN MARINES FR THE BN CONCLUDED A TWO DAY HIDE AND BOOY TRAP COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE THIRD ENG BN.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 95 AS OF 131800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR OCCUPYING STRONG POINTS ALONG THE MLR. CO. "B" REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MAR WITH THREE TKS AT THE 3D BN., 4TH MAR CP AND THE REMAINDER OF CO. FORMING PART OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR REACTION FORCE.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY VITAL POINTS WITHIN THE 3D MAR TAOR. CO. "B" WILL CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DIRECT COMBAT TK SUPPORT TO THE 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. A VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TEACHER WILL STAND VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE 3D TK BN. THE CLASSES WILL GO ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FORTY-TWO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOE THO. THREE FOR PNEUMONIA, FOUR FOR BRONCHITIS, TWO FOR CELHILITIS, TWO FOR ARTHRITIS, TWO FOR ANEMIA AND THIRTY-ONE FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 96 AS OF 141800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THREE TANKS FR CO. "B" TO (BT 072674) PARTICIPATED IN SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS WITH "D" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. NO REPORTED ENEMY CONTACT.

2. OPERATIONS. CO. "B" PROVIDED THREE TANKS TO CO. "D", 1ST BN., 9TH MAR TAOR. CO. "A" REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE STRONG POINTS ALONG THE 3D MAR M.R.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" WILL PROVIDE DIRECT TANK SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR. CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTEEN VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. TEN FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES, FOUR FOR URI, AND ONE FOR CELLULITIS OF SCALP.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 97 AS OF 151800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING VITAL POINTS ALONG THE MLR.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. CONTINUED EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO RAPID REACTION BY TKS AND CREWS FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT AT ANY LOCATION IN THE DANANG ENCLAVE.

4. DEVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 98 AS OF 161800H OCT 65**

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" CONTINUED TO DEFEND VITAL POINTS ALONG THE 3D MAR M. CO. "B" COMMITTED THREE TANKS AS PART OF AN ALERT FORCE TO ASSIST ELEMENTS OF THE 1STST 9TH MAR IN CONTACT WITH THE VIET CONG AT (BT 090670).

2. OPERATIONS. AT 160735H THREE TANKS FR CO. "B" WERE COMMITTED AS PART OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR REACTION FORCE EMPLOYED TO ASSIST A PLATOON IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. THE TANKS MOVED RAPIDLY TO (BT 090670) AND SWEEP NORTHEAST TO (BT 082698). THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT AND THE TANKS RETURNED AT 160945H.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR. CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 99 AS OF 171800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT AT STRONGPOINTS THROUGHOUT THE 3D MAR TAOR. CO. "B" TKS SUPPORTED A SWEEP OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE CO. "A", 1ST BN., 9TH MAR ZONE OF ACTION. HEAVY SNIPER FIRE WAS RECD BY THE TKS AND SEVEN RDS OF 90MM AMMUNITION AND 2000 RDS OF MQ AMMUNITION WERE EXPENDED AGAINST THE ENEMY TARGETS. TARGET SURVEILLANCE HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED.

2. OPERATIONS. AT 170830H THREE TKS FR CO. "B" DEPARTED ON A PATROL WITH CO. "A", 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. IN GRID SQUARE (BT 0864) HEAVY SNIPER FIRE WAS RECD FR A NUMBER OF BUNKERS AND ENEMY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. TKS RETURNED THE FIRE WITH 90MM AMMUNITION DIRECTED AT THE HEAVY EMPLACEMENTS AND MQ FIRE DIRECTED AT THE HEDGEROW WHERE THE ENEMY WAS FIRING FROM. TRAFFICABILITY DIFFICULTIES PRECLUDED AN IMMEDIATE SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA FIRED ON BY THE TKS.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. A REINFORCED SQUAD PATROL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY H&S CO. TO THE WEST, SOUTH, AND EAST OF THE BN CP COMMENCING 181130H. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO DETERMINING THE EXTENT AND VALIDITY OF RECENT REPORTS OF VIET CONG ACTIVITY IN YEN BAC (1) AND PHONG BAC (1).

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE BN CP FROM PHONG BAC. ALL FIVE WERE TREATED FOR OPEN CUTS AND BOILS.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. Neg.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 100 AS OF 181800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. A REINFORCED SQUAD FROM H&S CO. CONDUCTED A PATROL IN THE HAMLETS OF YEN BAC (1) (AT 983701) AND PHONG BAC (1) (AT 994713) FROM 181130H TO 181540H. NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS NOTED. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK CO. SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING VITAL STRONGPOINTS ALONG THE MLR.

2. OPERATIONS. AT 181130H A REINFORCED SQUAD PATROL DEPARTED THE BN CP ON A ROUTE WHICH COVERED 2000 METERS TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE STARTING POINT (AT 988711). THE AREA WAS EXTENSIVELY FLOODED AND ALL PREVIOUSLY NOTED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, FIGHTING HOLDS, AND TUNNELS ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG CAU DO WERE UNDER WATER. THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT AND THE PATROL RETURNED AT 181540H.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. TANK COMBAT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 101 AS OF 191800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MARINES.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL ESTABLISH A LISTENING POST AT (AT 986707) FROM 192100H TO 200100H. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MARINES OCCUPYING VITAL POSITIONS ALONG THE MLR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. MEMBERS OF THE BN MT PLT. ATTENDED A SPECIAL CLASS ON WHEELED VEHICLE WATERPROOFING CONDUCTED AT THE 3D MT BN.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 102 AS OF 201800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. TKS REMAINED IN STRONGPOINT POSITIONS ALONG THE MLR IN THE DANANG AREA.

2. OPERATIONS. A LISTENING POST ESTABLISHED BY THE BN AT (AT 986707) FR 192100H TO 200100H HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT AND DID NOT DETECT ANY MOVEMENT ALONG THE NORTH BANKS OF THE SONG CAU DO IN THIS AREA.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. GYSOT. JAMES R. HOLLAWAY RECEIVED A \$10.00 CHECK FROM A NEIGHBOR. THE NEIGHBOR ADVISED THAT GYSOT HOLLAWAY USE THE MONEY FOR AID TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE GYSOT TURNED THE MONEY OVER TO THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHONG BAC SCHOOL. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED THIRTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. ALL WERE TREATED FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 103 AS OF 211800H OCT 65.

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. TKS REMAINED IN STRONGPOINT POSITIONS ALONG THE MLE IN THE DANANG AREA.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO 3D AND 9TH MAR. A REINFORCED SQUAD PATROL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY H&S CO. TO THE SOUTH, EAST, AND NORTH OF THE BN CP COMMENCING AT 221200H.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 104 AS OF 221800H OCT 65**

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" OF THE 3D TK BN CONTINUED TO SUPPLY COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. THE TKSNOX MAINTAINED THEIR STRONGPOINT ROBTTEGNS ALONG THE DANANG MLR.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN, H&S CO SENT ONE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL OF SQUAD SIZE FR THE SOUTHERN POSITION OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITION TO THE EAST AND NORTHEAST THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC. PATROL LEFT H&S CO. AREA AT 221800H AND RETURNED TO CP AT 221500H. NEO VC CONTACT.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED SIXTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. ALL WERE TREATED FOR MINOR SKIN DISEASES.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEO

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 105 AS OF 231800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.

2. OPERATIONS. TANKS THROUGHOUT THE DANANG ENCLAVE REMAINED AT STRONGPOINTS ALONG THE MLR AND FORWARD PORTIONS OF REACTION FORCES FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT IN ANY SECTOR OF THE REGIMENTAL TAOR'S.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. ~~XXXXXX~~ TANK COMBAT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED THIRTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. TWO FOR BRONCHITIS AND TWENTY-EIGHT FOR BOILS AND SKIN DISEASES.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. ~~NR~~ COMMAND POST LOCATIONS:

XXXX	A.	3D TK BN	AT 991710
	KX	"A" CO.	AT 945763
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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SECOND PLT. OF "B" CO. FIRED FOURTEEN RDS OF 90 MM INDEFENSE OF THE "E" BATTERY OF 2D BN., 12TH MAR. AT 232105H. CO. "A" CONTINUED TO SUPPORT 3D MAR IN THE NORTHWESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR.
2. OPERATIONS. AT 232105H "E" BATTERY 2D BN., 12TH MAR REQUESTED THE AID OF TWO TKS FR "B" CO., 3D TK BN. THE TKS RESPONDED AND DISCOVERED BETWEEN EIGHT AND TEN VC WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRING FR POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE "E" BATTERY CP INTO THE CP. THE TKS IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED WITH ILLUMINATION AND THEN PROCEEDED TO POUR FOURTEEN RDS OF 90MM HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND WHITE PHORPHORUS INTO THE ENEMY POSITIONS. THE VC FIRE CEASED AND A CHECK OF THE AREA TURNED UP NEGATIVE.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. TK COMBAT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 107 AS OF 251800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3D AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY. THERE WERE NO ENEMY CONTACTS MADE BY EITHER UNIT.
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. 3D TK BN PLANS AN EIGHT MAN AMBUSH PATROL THURSDAY, 282200H TO RUN UNTIL 290100H. THE PATROL WILL BE LOCATED TO THE SW OF THE 3D TK BN PERIMETER.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED SIXTY-ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. ONE FOR ABCESS OF HEAD, TWO FOR BRONCHITIS, AND FIFTY-EIGHT FOR SKIN DISEASES AND BOILS.
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AREA. TKS OCCUPIED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND WERE ASSIGNED MISSIONS AS REACTION FORCES ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO THE MLR.
2. OPERATIONS. TANKS WERE NOT USED IN OFFENSIVE ROLLS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL REMAIN IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE DIVISION WITH ONE COMPANY IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF BOTH THE 3D MAR AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED ~~KOMXXX~~ FORTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. ALL WERE TREATED FOR MINOR SKIN DISEASES AND BOILS.
5. MISCELLANEOUS.
 - A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER 170 ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED COORDINATES OF COMMAND POST. 3D TANK BN COMMAND POST IS (AT 991710).

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. TKS WERE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION NEAR (BT 070645).
 2. OPERATIONS. AT 271020H TKS FR CO. "B" SUPPORTED A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION OF THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR FR NGAN CAU (1) (BT 070645) WEST THROUGH NGAN TRUNG (3) (BT 057647). NO REPORTED ENEMY CONTACT.
 3. PLANS SUMMARY. ELEMENTS OF CO. "B" WILL ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG THE TRAIL FR (AT 989644) WEST TO (AT 980639) TO SUPPORT A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION IN BICH BAC (AT 987634).
 4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
 5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG
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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 110 AS OF 281800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 280215H TKS FR CO. "B" ENGAGED AN ENEMY LANDING CRAFT FORCE APPROXIMATELY 2000 METERS EAST OF THE COAST LINE AT (BT 091693). OF THE SIX BOATS ATTACKED THREE WERE EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED AND ONE DESTROYED AND SUNK. AT 280940H WHILE RETURNING FR A PATROL ACTION A TK STRUCK A LARGE ANTI-TANK MINE AT (BT 069692). EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE TK SUSPENSION SYSTEM BUT THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

2. OPERATIONS.

A. RESPONDING TO A REPORT THAT PORTIONS OF THE ENEMY FORCE WHICH HAD ATTACKED INSTALLATIONS IN THE DANANG EAST AREA WERE MOVING IN BOATS ON A SOUTHERLY COURSE ALONG THE COAST LINE, A TK PLATOON WAS COMMITTED TO ENGAGE THE TARGETS AT 280320H. MOVING FR THEIR ALERT FORCE POSITIONS AT (BT 069711) THE PLATOON MOVED RAPIDLY ALONG THE BEACH TO (BT 091693). IN SPITE OF THE DARKNESS AND THE UNAVAILABILITY OF ILLUMINATION, THE TANKS IDENTIFIED AND CONFIRMED SIX TARGETS. WHEN ENGAGED THE SAMPANS WERE APPROXIMATELY 2000 METERS OFF-SHORE. FOURTEEN 90MM HE SHELLS WERE DIRECTED AT THE BOATS. ONE WAS SEEN BURNING AND SINKING AND THREE OTHERS WERE SEEN TO SUFFER EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. THE REMAINING CRAFT TURNED ON AN EASTERLY COURSE AND RETREATED OUT TO SEA.

B. AT 280940H ONE TK STRUCK A LARGE ANTI-TANK MINE AT (BT 069692). TWO ROAD WHEELS, PORTIONS OF THE TRACK AND OTHER SUSPENSION SYSTEM COMPONENTS WERE DAMAGED. THE CREW ESCAPE HATCH WAS BLOWN OPEN AND SOME UNDETERMINED DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE ENGINE. RECOVERY OPERATIONS COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY AND WERE COMPLETED BY 281500H. THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL INJURIES.

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3. PLANS SUMMARY. FR 282100H TO 290100H THE BATTALION WILL ESTABLISH A SQUAD SIZE AMBUSH AT (AT 992701). CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO COMMIT A LARGER NUMBER OF TKS TO LOCAL ALERT FORCES FOR EMPLOYMENT AT ANY POSITION IN THE DANANG ENCLAVE.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED SEVENTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. ALL WERE TREATED FOR MINOR SKIN DISEASES AND OPEN CUTS.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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CONFIDENTIAL**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 111 AS OF 291800H OCT 65**

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN ESTABLISHED AN AMBUSH AT (AT 992701) FR 282100H TO 290100H WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING ESSENTIAL LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DANANG ENCLAVE.

2. OPERATIONS. A BN LIAISON TEAM WAS ASSIGNED TO ASSIST THE SENIOR ADVISOR, 4TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT (ARVN) DURING THAT UNITS SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE COASTAL PLAIN SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE LIAISON TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT AS THEY ENTER THE SECOND AND FINAL DAY OF THEIR OPERATION. BN TKS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR BY OCCUPYING STRONGPOINTS AND FORMING PORTIONS OF ALERT FORCES.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. ALL WERE TREATED FOR MISCELLANEOUS SKIN DISEASES.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. TRAINING. THE COMMUNICATIONS WATERPROOFING INSTRUCTION TEAM WAS HOSTED BY THE BN AND CONDUCTED THEIR INSTRUCTION FOR ALL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS AND TECHNICIANS IN THE BN.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 112 AS OF 301800H OCT 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 292330H THE "B" CO. REACTION FORCE WAS COMMITTED TO THE MCB-9 HOSPITAL SITE TO ENGAGE AN ENEMY TARGET WEST OF THAT INSTALLATION. TWO HIGH EXPLOSIVE 90MM ROUNDS WERE FIRED AT THE SOURCE OF THE ENEMY FIRE AND THE ENEMY FIRE CEASED. AT 300200H THE "A" CO. TANK LOCATED AT HILLS 41 AND 22 ENGAGED NUMEROUS GROUPS OF VIET CONG ATTACKING MARINE POSITIONS IN THOSE AREAS. TWENTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE AND THREE ROUNDS OF CANNISTER 90MM AMMUNITION WERE FIRED AT BOTH THE ADVANCING AND RETREATING ENEMY FORCES. EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TARGET RESULTED WITH MANY OF THE ENEMY KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE TANK FIRE. TEN ROUNDS OF TANK FIRE FROM HILL 41 AT A RANGE OF 1200-1500 METERS WERE DIRECTED AT TWO KNOWN ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS NEUTRALIZING THESE WEAPONS COMPLETELY. THE TANK LOCATED ON HILL 22 WAS DAMAGED BY TWO 57MM RECOILLESS ROUNDS AND A DIRECT HIT FROM A MORTAR. THE TANK CONTINUED TO FIRE AND ~~WILL BE~~ *has been* COMPLETELY REPAIRED BY ~~31 OCT 65~~ *301600H*. *MAR*

2. OPERATIONS. BN LIAISON TEAM REMAINED WITH SENIOR ADVISOR 4TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT ON OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL PLAIN SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT STRONGPOINTS THROUGHOUT THE DANANG ENCLAVE. TANK REACTION FORCES WILL REMAIN ALERTED FOR COMMITMENT TO ANY BATTALION TAOR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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CONFIDENTIAL**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 113 AS OF 311800H OCT 65**

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" SENT TWO TANKS TO THE 2/3 CP AREA TO REPULSE A PROBE. TANKS FIRED THREE ROUNDS OF CANNISTER AND PROBE WAS OBLITERATED. NO CHECK WAS MADE OF THE AREA UNTIL DAYLIGHT AT WHICH TIME NO EVIDENCE OF THE PROBE WAS FOUND. CO. "B", 2D PLT. MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED VC CO. 700 METERS SOUTH OF "K" CO., 3/9 CP.

OPERATIONS.

2. CO. "A", 2D PLT. DISPERSED A VC PROBE OF THE 2/3 CP AT 302200H. UPON INVESTIGATION AT FIRST LIGHT NO EVIDENCE OF THE ENCOUNTER WAS FOUND. CO. "B" 2D PLT. FIRED TWENTY-THREE ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF A RETROGRADE ACTION 700 METERS SOUTH OF "K" CO. 3/9 CP. AO REPORTED TWENTY-SEVEN VC BODIES WITH WEAPONS LOCATED VIC. (AT 989643). ATTACK CEASED AND ALL UNITS SUCCESSFULLY WITHDREW TO "K" CO. 3/9 CP.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO 3D MAR. CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. THIRD TK BN CONTINUES TO IMPROVE COMBAT EFFICIENCY BY A VARIETY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS. FIRST TO TRAIN A RECCOMMAISSANCE LIAISON TEAM AND SECOND TO TRAIN TANK COMMANDERS AND CREWMEN.

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1800	1100			1 October 1965 Thru 7 October 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this period 8 October 1965 LogSum#10 submitted-Selected T/A Items report submitted 9 October 1965 Thru 10 October 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents these dates 11 October 1965 Cpl M. Halleran-Non-bat casualty Accidental discharge of grease gun 12 October 1965 Sgt. J.A. LIDYARD-Non Bat casualty Multiple wounds sharpnel- explos- ion of burn barrel	F
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1800	0800			13 October 1965 Thru 17 October 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this period	F
				18 October 1965 Lt Downard and Sgt Wingert to Chu Lai in regards to supply and deadline	F
1130				19 October 1965 G-4 passed word no bulk fuel for 2 days. relay info. to BN M.T.	F
1610				G-4 called requesting A daily availability of Tks.	F
2030				Capt JOHNSON DivOrd requested Doc# on both Reqs for replacement Dozer Tanks. Doc#'s and DDD's were furnished.	F
2100				Lt. Downard and Sgt. Wingert returned from Chu Lai	F
1800				20 October 1965 Thru 27 October 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this period	F

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3rd Tank Battalion

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0940				28 October 1965 Bravo 35- Hit Landmine- Minor Track damage possible warped hull Ser No 217838- No casualties	
1800				29 October 1965 Thru 31 October 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this period	

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3d Tank Bn
DaNang, RVN
160800H Oct 65

Patrol Order 3-65

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Viet Cong forces are believed to be infiltrating into DaNang area through neighboring villages.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Elements of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines occupy defensive positions at Highway 1 bridge (AT 999705).

(2) 3d Tank Battalion, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, 1st Amph Trac Battalion, and 3d Motor Transport Battalion occupy defensive positions on the ridge line north of Song Cau De River (AT 986699) to (AT 989719).

2. Mission. To conduct a combat patrol east, south, and west of Tank Battalion to prevent infiltration into friendly installations and to kill or capture the enemy.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations. During daylight hours a combat patrol consisting of elements of the 3d Tank Battalion will move out southwest from the 3d Tank Battalion CP along established trails approximately 800 yards to trail junction in tree line (AT 982705), east through Yen Bac (1) approximately 1675 yards to trail junction (AT 996708), northwest through Phong Bac (1) approximately 1600 yards to 3d Motor Transport Battalion CP. Patrol will then proceed along road south to 3d Tank Battalion CP.

b. Composition of Patrol.

- (1) Patrol Leader
- (2) Grenadier
- (3) Three Riflemen
- (4) Two Automatic Riflemen
- (5) Two Ass't. Automatic Riflemen
- (6) One Radio Operator
- (7) One Corpsman

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SECRETc. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Time 181200H Oct 65.
- (2) Confirm targets prior to engagement.
- (3) Maintain visual contact.
- (4) Fire M-79 only on order of patrol leader.
- (5) Recover weapons of VC killed or wounded, if possible.

d. Reports.

- (1) Arrival at check points.
- (2) Enemy contact.
- (3) Loss of contact with enemy.

4. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

- (1) Ammunition (Basic allowance plus riflemen will each carry two frag grenades with spoons taped). Grenadier will carry ten rounds 40mm HE.
- (2) Water (Two canteens per man).
- (3) Medical supplies (Each man will carry jungle kit).
- (4) Resupply in emergency only.

b. Evacuation.

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

c. Uniforms.

- (1) Combat uniform with steel helmet.
- (2) Steel inserts will be worn in jungle boots.
- (3) Flak jackets.

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SECRET5. Communications.

a. Radio silence will be broken only at check points or if contact is made with enemy.

b. Patrol will be equipped with two yellow smoke grenades.



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3d Tank Bn
DaNang, RVN
191510H Oct 65

Patrol Order 4-65

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Viet Cong forces are believed to be infiltrating into DaNang area through neighboring villages.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Elements of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines occupy defensive positions at Highway 1 bridge (AT 999705).

(2) 3d Tank Battalion, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, 1st Amph Trac Battalion, and 3d Motor Transport Battalion occupy defensive positions on the ridge line north of Song Cau De River (AT 986699) to (AT 989719).

2. Mission. To conduct a combat patrol south and east of Tank Battalion to prevent infiltration into installations and to kill or capture the enemy.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operations. During daylight hours a combat patrol consisting of elements of the 3d Tank Battalion will move out south and east from 3d Tank Battalion along established trails approximately 825 yards through Phong Bac (1) to trail junction (AT 995707), northwest approximately 1600 yards to 3d Motor Transport Battalion. Patrol will then procede along road south to 3d Tank Battalion.

b. Composition of Patrol.

- (1) Patrol Leader
- (2) Grenadier
- (3) Three Riflemen
- (4) Two Automatic Riflemen
- (5) Two Ass't Automatic Riflemen
- (6) One Radio Operator
- (7) One Corpsman

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SECRETc. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Time 221200H Oct 65
- (2) Confirm targets prior to engagement.
- (3) Maintain visual contact.
- (4) Fire M-79 only on order of patrol leader.
- (5) Recover weapons of VC killed or wounded, if possible.

d. Reports.

- (1) Arrival at check points.
- (2) Enemy contact.
- (3) Loss of contact with enemy.

4. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

(1) Ammunition (Basic allowance plus riflemen will each carry two frag grenades with spoons taped). Grenadier will carry twelve rounds 40mm HE.

(2) Water (One canteen per man).

(3) Medical supplies (Each man will carry jungle kit).

(4) Resupply in emergency only.

b. Evacuation. Will be handled by the Battalion Reaction Force.

c. Uniforms.

- (1) Combat uniform with steel helmet.
- (2) Flak jackets.

5. Communications.

a. Radio silence will be broken only at check points or if contact is made with enemy.

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3d Tank Bn
DaNang, RVN
261300H Oct 65

Patrol Order 5-65

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Viet Cong activities have been reported on the increase in this area.

b. Friendly Forces. Ridge line north of Song Cau Do River (AT 986699) to (AT 989719) is occupied by friendly forces.

2. Mission. To conduct patrols/ambushes as deemed necessary.

3. Execution.

a. Elements of 3d Tank Battalion will establish a patrol/ambush. See Encl. (1).

b. Coordination Instructions.

(1) Tanks located at (AT 986699) will cover patrol/ambush squad during entire operation.

(2) Tanks will monitor radio.

(3) Weapons of killed or wounded VC will be recovered if possible.

4. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

(1) Normal equipment will be carried.

b. Evacuation.

(1) Will be handled by Battalion reaction force.

5. Communications.

a. See Encl. (1).

b. Radio silence will be maintained except in case of emergency.

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1-31 October 65

Section XII

1. Problems encountered and lessons learned by supporting units.

a. On 23 October we brought two tanks across the Song An Tan River by deep water fording. Extensive preparations were made on the tanks and good sound information was obtained about the fording site. Reconnaissance Group Alpha did a ford reconnaissance of the site just two days prior to the fording operation and found the site suitable.

Lessons Learned - During the two days between the reconnaissance and the actual fording operation, both the river bottom and the river channel changed considerably. Due to rapid changes rivers ~~in~~ in this area are poorly suited to deep water fording operations. Present bridges should be reinforced or new ones erected to accommodate tracked vehicle traffic.

b. We fired our flame tank section in the 2nd Battalion Fourth Marines area. The purpose was to provide training for the flame tank crews and to expend napalm which had been in the container for nearly two months. These tanks contain 378 gallons of gasoline in each napalm bottle. We also have an M-51 tank retriever which holds 400 gallons of gasoline. Only one M49C tank truck is held by this company. This truck is presently being utilized for diesel fuel. To procure gasoline in the quantities required for recharging flame tanks or refueling the M-51 retriever, we must borrow a tank truck from another unit.

Lessons Learned - A medium tank company with a section of flame tanks attached must **EITHER** utilize the inherent capabilities of the M49C tank truck by carrying gasoline in one cell of the fuel tank; or two M49C tankers should be authorized; one for gasoline and one for diesel fuel. During periods of heavy operational commitment, it will be difficult to borrow an M49C tank truck to obtain the necessary gasoline.