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3d Marine Division
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(5) Special Operations
(6) Training
(7) Logistics
(8) Command and Control
(9) Communications - Electronics
(10) Medical and Dental
(11) Civil Affairs
(12) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (12) are submitted.
2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosures (1) through (12).


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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Designation: Third Tank Battalion (Rein), FMF, Third Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Location:

Headquarters, 3d Tank Battalion	DaNang	AT 989708
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: 1-30 November 1965

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Milton L. RAPHAEL

Subordinate Commanders:

H&S 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	Captain Eldon L. ERICKSON
B Company, 1st Tank Battalion	Major Allan W. LAMB

Principal Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major James G. DOSS
Battalion Adjutant/S-1	1st Lieutenant Donald J. ROBINSON
Battalion S-2	2nd Lieutenant Dan F. BECKNER
Battalion S-3	Major Hurdle L. MAXWELL
Battalion S-4	Major Franklin W. COATES

Average Monthly Strength:

Marine Officers	33
Marine Enlisted	748
Navy Officers	1
Navy Enlisted	15

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NOVEMBER 1965 SUMMARY
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battalion's personnel posture continued at an acceptable level in relation to the M-Series T/O. The Battalion reached a peak strength on 30 November 1965 of 33 Marine Officers and 748 Marine Enlisted, together with 1 Naval Officer and 15 Naval Enlisted. While the Battalion's enlisted strength is favorable, the Battalion is 13 Marine Officers under T/O strength. As stated before, this shortage has necessitated some officers performing the duties normally accomplished by two or more.

There has been a substantial response from eligible Staff NCOs to the call for temporary commissioned officers and warrant officers pursuant to MCO 1040.25 (ALMAR 23) of 20 October 1965. Approximately 75% of the eligible Staff NCOs here submitted applications thus far, and more are expected.

The Battalion is presently experiencing a shortage in some occupational fields. The shortage of trained clerks (0141) continues to be a problem and has handicapped our administrative effort. The accuracy of personnel reports and other related administration continues to be satisfactory, but only marginally so. Replacements in this field are sorely needed but seemingly none are available. The Battalion has experienced a shortage of drivers (3531) in the Motor Transport Section. This shortage has caused us to administratively deadline motor vehicles due to the lack of operators. The Battalion is short 20 Tank Crewmen (1811). This problem has been partially alleviated through the substitution of Tank Drivers (1811) with Tank Repairmen (2141) in order to make full Tank Crews. This solution is only possible so long as the Battalion retains its slight overage in the 2100 Occupational Field, and in no instance should this expedient be interpreted as anything but the emergency stop-gap measure it is. Tank Crewmen who do not possess a qualified 1811 primary MOS are not considered desirable. The 20 Tank Crewmen (1811) are badly needed by the Battalion.

The Battalion has had one summary and one special court-martial in this reporting period. In both cases the offense was sleeping on post (Art 113 UCMJ). Aside from this, unit discipline is very good.

Morale remains outstanding. Continued improvement of living conditions was evidenced during the current period. The Battalion Special Services Officer continues to dispense a wide variety of items ranging from games to athletic gear. A Softball game is played every Sunday, weather permitting. R&R trips to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Okinawa and Saigon RVN are well received by the men.

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INTELLIGENCE

The period 1 November 1965 to 30 November 1965 provided tanks with about the same type opposition and enemy tactics which have been employed throughout our stay in the Republic of Vietnam. Again the biggest problem has been mines and our inability to detect them. There have been no tanks hit by anti-tank fire during the reporting period. It is believed that this is due to a curtailment of Main Force Viet Cong activity in the Marine Corps held portions of the enclaves.

During the month of November the S-2 section of the Battalion Staff succeeded in increasing the functionality of the section. This was done by engaging in an active program of collection, evaluation and dissemination. The weakest point in the intelligence cycle for a separate battalion is the collection of information. The agencies available to the Battalion for collection are limited both in capability and use. The tank company is not in a very good position to collect and forward information to the Tank Battalion. This section has found in turn that it is increasingly important to rely upon the infantry regiments as collection agencies. Then in light of the particular KEI's which are important to the Tank Battalion the S-2 section evaluates and disseminates. This approach has been up to this point very successful.

During the month of November 1965 the three Marine Corps Enclaves saw a decrease in the efforts of the Viet Cong against Marine Units and a corresponding increase in their efforts against Regional Force and Popular Force units. This led to much less contact between tanks and Viet Cong. Generally the action involved the Viet Cong in a sniper/ambush role against infantry units with the tanks employed as the infantry commander's decisive weapon. As far as can be discerned the enemy did not attack tanks during this period with anti-tank weapons.

Mines again were a problem though less so than in the preceding month. Many reports of mines of large proportions were received by the units in the Danang Enclave. Prior to November it was estimated that the anti-tank mines being employed ran from 10-25 pounds of TNT, C-3, or black powder. During November the size as well as type was increased to a probable weight in excess of 35 pounds and rather than crude locally manufactured mines it is believed tanks have hit some well made Communist Block type anti-tank mines. These were of the pressure detonating type.

Within the immediate area surrounding the Battalion Command Post there were several unusual events. In broad daylight a Viet Cong carrying a carbine and North Vietnamese war bonds was caught and killed within 150 meters of the Battalion's close defensive wire. In conjunction with this another Vietnamese male was picked up alive and sent to Marine Corps ITT for investigation. Several times a/a fire was received in or very near the Battalion Command Post. This is something which had not occurred at all during the last reporting period.

The S-2 Section has learned that only through vigorous efforts can the intelligence section of a separate battalion, whose companies are in direct support of infantry units, be at all successful in the collection, evaluation, and dissemination of intelligence information.

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TANK COMBAT OPERATIONS

Throughout the month of November 1965 the majority of tank operations were conducted by "B" Company in support of 9th Marines, on the coastal plain southeast of Danang. "B" Company participated in 17 offensive operations in which from two to ten tanks were committed. Patrol reaction force, patrols, blocking and reaction force in search and clear operations, support of company and battalion offensive operations are inclusive in the operations participated in. On one occasion "B" Company tanks were requested and were successful in extricating an infantry squad from an area infested with booby traps. Approximately 110 90mm, 1000 .50 caliber, and 4300 .30 caliber rounds were expended against enemy positions, destroying over 15 enemy emplacements. One Viet Cong was killed (body count) and estimated ten additional Viet Cong killed however no bodies were located.

"A" Company in direct support of 3d Marines occupied strong points along the MLR and supported two infantry company sized isolated strong points, and provided rapid reaction alert forces. One platoon protects the bridge at a strong point in the extreme north and west section of the TAOR.

"C" Company, attached to 4th Marines, continued to maintain positions at strong points along the Regimental MLR. The company provides one tank platoon as part of the alert force near the Chu Lai airfield, and participates in beach patrols along their sector of the perimeter. One hundred and fifty gallons of napalm was expended destroying enemy positions.

"B" Company, 1st Tank Battalion, attached to the 7th Marines, supported operations within the TAOR participating in sweep and clear operations and support of patrols. "B" Company conducted beach patrols in the TAOR and provides one platoon for the defense of the Chu Lai airfield.

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Special operations were conducted by H&S Company during the month of November in areas adjacent to the Battalion CP. Seven patrols and five ambushes were conducted resulting in the capture of three VCS and the discovery of several holes and caves which were destroyed.

One sweep and clear operation covering one thousand meters between the southern perimeter of the Battalion CP and the Song Cau Do river was conducted.

On 19 November 1965 Marines manning positions along the CP perimeter observed a VC hiding a weapon 100 meters outside the perimeter. A patrol was dispatched and the VC was killed. Several documents were found on the body and were forwarded to Division G-2.

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During the month of November the maximum degree of combat readiness was maintained and increased in all sections and subordinate units through realistic and practical general military and ~~and~~ technical training. All training was related wherever possible to combat operations in Vietnam.

Training of Battalion Recon and Liaison teams was completed and selected officers and staff NCO's attended instruction on familiarization and operation of the Seismic Intrusion Device. Plans have been made to further disseminate this information to subordinate units.

The medical instruction team continued to give bi-monthly instruction in first aid and personal hygiene.

The Battalion initiated and conducted weekly firing of individual and crew served weapons.

A syllabus on a complete course of indirect tank gunnery has been prepared and disseminated to subordinate units.

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LOGISTICS

Providing Tank Support for the Division during November 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.

The lack of Tank replacement parts still poses the most serious supply and Tank Maintenance problem. The excessive lead time for small mailable items and the non-supply of heavy Tank replacement parts has crippled our maintenance effort. Some replacement track has been received since the last report. However, of the replacement track received, there were 1284 shoes, assembly for the M1A3 Gun Tank (8sets of track) and 1488 shoes, assembly for the M51 retriever (9 sets of track). It appears that the M51 excess track was erroneously substituted for M1A3 track. This error can be rectified by ordering M51 retriever sprockets and putting them on M1A3 tanks. Documents to accomplish this will be forwarded separately with an explanatory speedletter. Sprockets continue in critical short supply. New track cannot be utilized in many cases in this Battalion until new sprockets are received, since extremely worn sprockets will ruin integral pins on new track. In spite of repeated tracer actions, combined with a special telecon to FSB on Okinawa by DivOrdO regarding sprockets, no results have been achieved in obtaining these critically short items.

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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The Critipak program has alleviated some shortages on light, non-bulky items for housekeeping. While the reasons for bulk and weight considerations are apparent, the weight limitation of 400 lbs has curtailed some of the benefits originally intended by the program. Many items requested initially now cannot be placed on Critipak.

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

The 3d Tank Battalion is reinforced with B Company, 1st Tank Battalion. Two companies are attached to regiments in the Chu Lai enclave and one platoon is attached to the infantry battalion in the Hue Phu Bai enclave. The other two gun companies are in direct support of the regiments in the Da Nang enclave.

The battalion commander maintains administrative control of the reinforced battalion and exercises logistic control and/or supervision of all units regardless of location or support status. Tactical control of the gun companies are for the most part in the hands of the supported infantry commander.

The battalion commander, his staff and gun company commanders attempt to influence the tactical employment of tank units by keeping abreast of friendly and enemy situations in all enclaves, and then advising the infantry unit commanders on the employment of tanks to enhance the accomplishment of their missions. Frequent visits are made to all infantry units down to the rifle platoon level in order to better understand their situation and requirements and to suggest ways to improve the effectiveness of the supporting tanks.

The four gun companies committed outside of the battalion command post maintain daily contact with the battalion. Information is forwarded daily for inclusion in the battalion situation report. The two companies in the Chu Lai enclave submit consolidated weekly reports of all phases of their operations. The battalion maintains radio and telephone communications with all units in the Da Nang areas and between Da Nang and Chu Lai. All company commanders come to the battalion command post to attend the monthly battalion command and staff meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A new main frame was completed to provide better distribution of wire lines in the CP area.

In performing preventative maintenance on the antenna RC-292 all the vertical and ground plane elements were taped, and plastic bags placed over the MP-68 to keep out water and dampness.

Interference has been experienced on two of our Battalion frequencies, 25.6 and 22.2 MC intermittently by friendly Vietnamese stations.

Parts have been ordered in accordance with TI-0247A-35/1 for replacing present antenna lead-in assembly with improved version that features a quick - disconnect mechanism.

All communications items requested under the Criti Pak program were received with the exception of Mono-Blocks.

The Battalion maintains a 24 hour radio net with committed units on the Battalion Tactical Net in the Danang area, also a SSB circuit, AN/PRC-47 provides a reliable circuit to Chu Lai. This circuit is activated two times daily, 0800 and 1800. All radio and telephone circuits are operated from an under ground bunker which affords protection to men and equipment. The Division Tactical and the Battalion Tactical Nets are remoted to the Battalion S-3 for monitoring.

A AN/PRC-41 radio is on hand at all times for Medical Evacuation. The helo landing site has been reworked. Night marking for the helicopter landing point has been accomplished by using three ammunition cans filled with rocks and sand and placed at the apex of the triangle. For illumination the cans will be ignited by a mixture of diesel fuel and gasoline.

Radio operators participated in six patrols and seven civic action programs. Good short range communications were maintained.

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1. During November 1965, sick call produced only complaints of a routine nature. There were 193 treatments, with most common disorder being skin disorders.
2. Buddy Aid training to all tankers of the Battalion was conducted, the forementioned training included the use of Morphine for the wounded. The tank first aid kits were brought up to date and Morphine has been made available to the Tank Commanders. They have custody of 5 syrettes of Morphine and are held responsible for accountability.
3. In connection with civil action, medical treatment was given to ~~all~~ residents of Phong-Bac village. Most common disorder being skin and respiratory disorders.
4. New villages seen in conjunction with 1st Am Trac Battalion were Nai-Nam, Hoa-Ban and Thuan-Hoe of the sampan fleet. Most prevailing complaint being skin and respiratory disorders. 385 were treated during this month.
5. Work has continued throughout November to complete an underground hospital. When finished it will provide the Battalion Surgeon a safe and adequate place to treat casualties. There is sufficient room for 8 stretcher cases and 10 to 15 ambulatory at one time. During a sustained attack, once a casualty is sheltered in the hospital he will no longer have to fear being re-injured.

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After viewing for many months the plight of the fishermen of the "Sampan Fleet", it was decided that some form of aid should be given them. With the approval of the 9th Marine Regiment, who has cognizance over the area, 3d Tank Battalion with the help of 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion began on November 15, 1965 to send four Amphibian Tractors with doctors, corpsman, and civic action people down the Song Han River to the hamlet of Hai Nam coordinates (BT 040755), Hoa Ban coordinates (BT 038757), and Thuan Hoc coordinates (BT 035759). The first trip produced tremendous results with about 200 people receiving relief aid and some 75 receiving medical aid. The medical aid included a life saving operation on a baby whose head had a boil the size of an egg which was putting pressure on the child's brain.

From this initial contact and the warm reception with which it was received, it was decided that the team would return bi-weekly to carry on the program of aid.

On the second trip to the same area important liaison was made with several chiefs from these hamlets. Discussions took place concerning the establishment of a school--theirs had been lost in the 1964 flood. Also the Viet Cong situation was mentioned as a tentative subject for the next meeting. All villagers and chiefs seemed extremely receptive to the Marines.

The Battalion medical team has trained two nurses from Phong Bac to aid them in their work and to carry on after the Battalion leaves the area. In addition these nurses along with the doctor and corpsman are training nurses in the "Calm Seas" project.

Since the security problem in rear areas still exists, the 3d Tank Battalion Civic Action Officer has had lengthy talks with Mr. KHOAI the village chief of Hoa Tho village and Mr. HUE, the hamlet chief of Phong Bac hamlet, concerning the security of their area (AT 995705)--(AT 995715). It was decided that any information received by the chiefs of Viet Cong activity in or around their village would be relayed to 3d Tank Battalion. In addition it was agreed that we would send help to the village if the Viet Cong come.

The results of our Civic Action Program have been (1) and increase in trust by the villagers; (2) an increase in information exchanged between the Battalion and the villagers; (3) a better life, health wise, for the villagers; (4) more education for the children; (5) an improved awareness of the Government of Vietnam.

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CIVIC ACTION

For the period 1 November 1965 through 30 November 1965, this Battalion, in accordance with the overall effort of the division increased their Civic Action activities a considerable amount. The Civic Action Officer attended the USOM Advisor School in Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, from 15 November 1965 through 23 November 1965. The school was excellent and lends a great amount of help to the Civic Action Officer.

In addition the 3d Tank Battalion with the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion initiated project "Calm Seas" on the Song Han River and continued on a bi-weekly basis to administer aid to the people of the "Sampan Fleet."

The Battalion worked on one construction project ie. floor for Phong Bac School, and initiated another ie. Medical Aid Station for the hamlet of Phong Bac. This was in addition to our regular program of medical assistance and relief in which we distributed clothes and food to the people of Phong Bac.

During November the Battalion continued the Civic Action support of Phong Bac hamlet. In terms of relief was distributed a total of 585 pounds of food of which 150 pounds was beef. Most of the total was in the form of diet supplement foods and candy for the children. In a continuing program of encouraging personal hygiene 1165 bars of soap was distributed. In distributing the soap we always have cut these bars in half to discourage resale and encourage personal use by the people of the hamlet. The success of the program is self-evident. The Battalion doctor reports a decrease of 50% in skin diseases and other problems attributed to lack of personal hygiene.

The MEDCAP program continued with the Battalion doctor and corpsmen giving 628 treatments to people in Phong Bac and the people of the "Sampan Fleet." This figure of 628 is lower than the previous month due to the curing of many skin diseases and illnesses.

The Battalion distributed 170 school kits through the Village Chief of Hoa Tho village for use in the Phong Bac school. The children there have not had the advantage of paper, pen, and ink in such a long time that the teacher actually had to show them how to use the various utensils. They were overjoyed with this gift.

The most interesting and perhaps vital aspect of the month's Civic Action program was the initiation by Captain John DONOVAN of project "Calm Seas" in conjunction with the regular Civic Action Program.

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We have learned many things over the past month. First a Vietnamese cannot be rushed and direct talk will get very minimal results. Secondly the peasant in the field has no concept of central government what-so-ever. Third, without training, the people know nothing of personal hygiene. Fourth if a secure area is provided, the people are very willing to cooperate with the rightful Government of Vietnam.

This project received publicity in both the Pacific Stars and Stripes (see enclosure 12) and in the television program Huntley-Brinkley Report. See enclosure 12 for report.

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE	TIME GROUP	INQUIRIES, MESSAGE, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
100000		1	501939Z		1. November 1965 FM USAF HOSP, Clark AFB. Sgt William G. RISKY admitted Schizophrenic reaction.	STF
100000		2	100500Z		FM CINCPAC-Transit billetin to Navy facility, Philippines limited.	STF
		1	0900-2100		2. November 1965 Nothing eventful to report this date.	
			0900		3. November 1965 In Staff Conference of executive & Special Staff Officers plus H&SCo, Cdr.	
100000		1	021700Z	E	4. November 1965 FM OINC MARCOR RCUT STA OKA City OKLA to H&SCo, Cdr, 3d TkBn. Welrep Case of Cpl Richard WAGNER 2035054 to Mother.	STF
		1	0700H		5. November 1965 1/Lt. CBOV Andrew N. (Bn Motor Transport Officer). Detached for rotation to Conus.	
		1			6. November 1965 Preparation for Brig General PLATT's visit.	
		1	1130		7. November 1965 Visit by RGen PLATT, new ADC. 3Div. tourd defence perimeter and billet area, appeared pleased.	S
1300		2	515100Z		FM NAV COMM STA SFRAZ To CO "A" Co, 3d TkBn for Cpl William SHARP.	STF
1300		3	050505Z		FM NAV COMM STA SFRAZ to HM3 V.G. BEARDSLEY. (Personal)	STF
0900		1	030101Z		8. November 1965 FM CINCPAC FIT To AL PAC FIT- Marine Corps Birthday Message	
0900		2	060558Z		FM CTF 76 To III MAF Birthday Message	STF

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				9 November 1965	
0900	1	071238 Z	FM CG 3Div	Birthday Message	STF
				10 November 1965	
	1	0900	FM CG	Conference for executive and Special Staff and H&SCo, Cdr	STF
				FM USAF Clark Flight	
			1600	Departure SSgt FERIDER Nov. Birthday ceremony, H&SCo's from both 3dTk, & 3dAntiTk's held formation, all hands treated to a festive holiday meal, steaks were well received by the troops.	STF
				11 November 1965	
	1	0900-2400	FM CG	Nothing eventful to report this date.	
				12 November 1965	
0900	1	090736 Z	FM CG	3Div Address in Emergency leave must be included in leave orders.	STF
0900	2	081227 Z	FM SECNAV	Rates to be changed for air parcel post.	STF
0900	3	09153 Z	FM CMC	Received message of Birthday congratulations.	
0900	4	060003 Z	FM SECNAV		
0900	1	060003 Z	FM CINCPACFLT	Vietnam day Message.	STF
0900	5	030000 Z	FM CG	3MarDiv GySgt Chaffin on medical hold from R&R.	STF
0900	6	090016 Z	FM CG	3MarDiv leave policy in 3MarDiv	
0900	7	271230 Z	FM CMC	Birthday message from the Commander in Chief, relayed by CIC.	STF
	8	090311 Z	FM USAF	Clark AB PI FIT dept PEC Varne EMTTT "B" Co. (Non-Battle Cas)	STF
0900	9	281227 Z	FM CMC	List of selectees for Warrant Officer program.	STF
				13 November 1965	
0900	1	282123 Z	FM SECNAV	SECNAV Note 1421 Fy 65 Selections to Captains, Lt SPARKS, Lt G.M. MORRIS, Lt D. MORRIS, Lt DOWNARD, Selected	STF

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0900	2	080546Z	FM. Marine. Liaison. USNH. GUAM. Rpt of casualty arrivals.	STF
0900	3	070649Z	FM. USAF. Hospital. Clark. AFB Sgt. John D. WHITE admitted with eye trouble non battle	
0900	4	08220Z	FM. SEC. NAV. Payments to Marine Corps personnel. W/O pay record	STF
0900	5	111920Z	FM. CG. III MAF. to III MAF Birthday Greetings	STF
			14. November 1965	
1000	1	071013Z	FM. SECNAV. Fy 66. Line. Women Lieutenant Selection list of	STF
			15. November 1965	
0900	1	1600	Submitted semi-monthly personnel status report.	STF
			16. November 1965	
	1		Nothing eventful to report this date	
			17. November 1965	
	1	0900	Bn Staff conference for exec- utive and Special Staff plus the H&SCo, Commander.	
			18. November 1965	
0900	1	30115Z	FM. Marine. Liaison. 8th Field Hosp C/Sgt. Raymond DAUGHERTY admitt- ed as (Non Battle Cas.)	STF
			19. November 1965	
0900	1	180225Z	FM. CG. 3Div. Personnel not attaining age 17 by 18 Dec will be resigned to 1st MarDiv	STF
0900	2	160722Z	FM. USAF. Hospital. Clark. Saikley John M. FFC from "B" Co. admitted	STF
			20. November 1965	
0900	1	162130Z	FM. DIR. 9th. MCD. Kansas. City. Mo. Request pay record of Samuel AGUILAR joined 9 MCD 15 Sep 65	SF
0900	2	170627	FM. CG. III. MAF. Marine Corps Moms death of Dicky CHAPELLE	STF

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				21 November 1965 Nothing eventful to report this date	
0900		1	200012	FM CG 3MARDIV. Wearing ID Tags required at all times	STF
0900		2	310010 Z	FM CG 3MARDIV. American overseas Campaign CG desires 100% participation prior to 5 Nov 65	STF
0900		3	171220 Z	FM CG III MAF MSG FM SORRO- MEX. From class SF 66. Local high School	STF
0900		1	160722 Z	23 November 1965 FM USAF. MSG Clark. Flight departure case. PFC SAIKLEY "B" Co. (Non Battle Cas) (Dropped by Service records)	STF
0900		2	190720 Z	FM MAR. Liaison. IENH. GUAM. Rpt. of casualty arrival case of Cpl James W. RICHEY. "B" Co. (Non Battle Cas)	STF
0900		3	190610 Z	FM CG 3Div. No Swimming at China Beach	STF
		1	0200	24 November 1965 Bn CO Conference for executive and Special Staff Officers & JKSCo. Cdr.	
		1	1650	25 November 1965 Thanksgiving day all hands treated to a festive Holiday meal, of Roast Turkey and Baked Ham, well received by the troops.	
0900		1	200229 Z	26 November 1965 FM CINC. PAC. FIT. Mail service overseas to combat areas for parcel packages	STF
0900		2	230125 Z	FM CO Ninth Marines. Damage to private property by tracked vehicles	STF
0900		3	250210 Z	CG 3Div. Rpt of casualty LCpl Rickey Lee BARDFORD. 2066745 BCo contusion of left leg and foot by anti tank mine (Marble Mt.)	

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0900		4	222001 Z	To duty same date FM CINC PAC FLT-Thanksgiving day message	STF
0900		5	20054 E	FM CINC PAC FLT-Vietnameses Medal	STF
		6	060009 Z	FM MARKS GUAM Rec disposition by FM PAC OF PFC PAULY "B" Co. (Dropped by Service Records)	STF
0900		7	131834 Z	FM SECNAV-SECNAV #1421 W/O Selections approved by SECNAV	STF
				27 November 1965	
0900		1	131115 Z	FM Marine Liaison 8th Field Hospital-Casualty (Non Battle) Admittance of Gr Sgt DAUGHERTY (Since been released)	STF
0900		2	251326 Z	FM CG 3DIV Safety of personnel from VC Abduction	STF
0900		3	230258 Z	FM COMSERPA O NODIG Battle of the Bulge not approved by DOD	STF
0900		4	170817 Z	FM Marine Liaison USNHGUAM Casualty arrival (Non Battle Cas) PFC SAINKEY "B" Co, since dropped on DSO	STF
0900		5	210410 Z	FM JCS Thanksgiving day message	STF
0900		6	232324 Z	FM CMC MCBUL 143 December promotion period for Sgt	STF
0900		7	260710 Z	FM CG III MAF Christmas Mail order program	STF
				28 November 1965	
0900		1	270815 H	FM SS CG Request MOS to 1802 for Lt GIOVER and Lt BIERNE	STF
				29 November 1965	
0900		1	210500 Z	FM CG FMFPAC Thanksgiving day message	STF
0900		2	202008 Z	FM CG ENF PAC Chaplins	STF
0900		3	232303 Z	Anniversaries	STF
				30 November 1965	
0900		1	280020 Z	FM COMUSMACV cashing of US treasury checks some stolen	STF
0900		2	241815 Z	FM OIC SURUNIT One MARTD MARTD 2722 Palma St, Pasadena Calif. Request for Humanitarian transfer for PFC McKAY By Originator	STF

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 312400 Oct 65
 012400 Nov 65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0900		1	312400	9th Marines ISUM# 115	M-S-F
0945		2	311236Z	III MAF ISUM# 173	M-S-F

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012400 Oct 65
022400 Oct 65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Name Called	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0900		1	012400	9th Marines ISUM# 116	M-S-F

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022400 Oct 65
032400 Oct 65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Time Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0900		1	022400	9th Marines ISUM# 117 The battalion S-3 Reported that one tank from Company B, 3d TK BN returning to the Battalion CP from Company B positions, detonated a mine at coordinates (BT 102670). Damage to the tank included one track blown off, two road rollers blown approximately fifty meters from the tank, two support rollers destroyed, and the fenders ripped off. A retriever was dispatched to the scene and towed the damaged tank to 3d TK BN CP. There were no casualties reported. The type and size of the mine has not been determined. Additional information will be provided when available.	M-S-F
0900		2	021230		
0900		3	012005	The crew of a tank positioned at coordinates (BT 059718) reported observing a boat in the SONG VINH DIEN west of their position. The tank took the boat under fire and reported sinking it.	
1900		4	031900	From: SS-2 To: Monroe-2 SSB reports large numbers of indigenous people moving North toward Danang on coastal highway VIC (AT 051755).	S-T-F
2145		5	032145	From: SS-2 To: SSB Relay to B-2 Top and sides of hill 55 were covered with 155 dud shell mines as of 30 Sept. No indication of clearing operation advise extreme caution	S-T-F

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Time	Serial	From	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Report
In 0930	1	032400	9th Marines ISUM # 118	M-S-F
0930	2	031015	A tank was dispatched to coordinates (BT 066714), another tank was dispatched to coordinates (BT 075716), and an infantry squad was dispatched to coordinates (BT 066714), to assist in the engagement.	
0930	3	031015	The tank, positioned at coordinates (BT 064719) brought the fleeing Viet Cong under fire, directing approximately three hundred small arms rounds at the swimming Viet Cong and probably killed two Viet Cong. The third Viet Cong may have been wounded by the fire from the tank, but escaped.	
0955	4	021036Z	III MAF INTSUM # 175	M-S-F-
1535	5	041535	From: SS-2 To: SSB Relay to SSB-2 Have received report that VC Bn may be displacing to Pt about 1500 meters East of you --BICH NAM 2.	S-F-T-

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Time In	Time Out	Serial No.	Date 042400	Rec'd by 9th Marines ISUM# 119 At 040940, the Battalion S-3 reported that a tank attached to Co K ran over a mine at coordinates (AT 985630), which did not detonate. The mine was destroyed in place by engineers.	Action M-S-F
0900		1			
0900		2	040940		

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 052400 Nov 65
 062400 Nov 65

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date Cited	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
0900		1	052400	9th Marines ISUM# 120	M-S-F
0900		2	5 Nov	Supplementary Intelligence Report	M-S-F
0900		3	5 Nov	A liaison visit to 1/9 S-2 by the	M-S-F
1000		4	031138Z	HOA HAI Village Chief. III MAF INTSUM# 176	M-S-F

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062400 Nov 65
072400 Nov 65

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Time	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In 0900	1	062400	9th Marines ISUM# 121 POW Unterrigation Report	M-S-F
0900	2		Intelligence report from QUANG NAM CENSUS GRIEVANCE STUDIES CEN*	M-S-F
0900	3		TER Pertaining to Viet Cong activity in 9th Marines TAOR.	M-S-F

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 072400 Nov 65
 082400 Nov 65

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In	Time	Serial Number	Time Dated	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
	0930	1	072400	9th Marines ISUM#122	M-S-F
	1000	2	061252Z	IIIMAF INTSUM# 179	M-S-F
	1000	3	051226Z	IIIMAF INTSUM# 178	M-S-F
	1000	4	041218Z	III MAF INTSUN# 177	M-S-F

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082400 Nov 65
092400 Nov 65

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Time	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Captures, etc.	Action taken
1320	1	082400	9th Marines ISUM#123	M-S-F
1310	2	071326Z	III MAF INTSUM # 180	M-S-F
1310	3	011424Z	III MAF INTSUM # 174	M-S-F

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Time In	Serial Number	Date Coded	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
1000	1	p81206Z	III MAF INTSUM # 181	M-S-F
1010	2	p92400	9th Marines ISUM #124	M-S-F
1010	3	p91950	Company B CP located at Coordinates (BT 092667) reported receiving an estimated fifty rounds small arms fire from an undetermined number of Viet Cong positioned to the north west of the Marines position. The marines directed an undetermined amount of small arms fire at the enemy position and two tanks and a squad of Marines were dispatched to provide assistance. The Viet Cong broke contact, without further activity. Two USMC WIA were reported.	

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Time	Ordn	Serial	Date	Incidents, Actions, etc.		Action Item
				9th Marines	ISUM#	
0900		1	112400	9th Marines	ISUM# 126	M-S-F
1355		2	091246	III MAF	ISUM# 182	M-S-F
1355		3	101246	III MAF	ISUM# 183	M*S*F

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122400 Nov65
132400 Nov65

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Time	Unit	Serial	Date	Incidents, Casualts, etc.	Action Taken
0845		1	122400	9th Marines ISUM# 127	M-S-F
0845		2	120700	At 120700 a Co B, patrol receiving sporadic fire from estimated four auto and three semi-automatic wpns as patrol entered HA QUANG(4) Coord (BT 105649). Two Tks and one sqd inf were dispatched to asst patrol but VC broke contact prior to the arrival of the reinforcing element. A serch of the hamlet disclosed a quantity of expended .30 Cal throughout area indicating that the VC had been there but could not be located.	
0905		3	110936Z	III MAF ISUM # 184	M-S-F

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Report
10900		1	132400	9th Marines ISUM# 128	M-S-F
1000		2	131000	Dream 3 Spot Report	S-F
1045		3	120910Z	III MAF ISUM# 185	M-S-F

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142400 Nov65
152400 Nov65

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Time	Out	Serial	ISUM#	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action Plan
0830		1	142400	9th Marines ISUM# 129	M-S-F
0930		2	151815	3d Anti-Tk Bn Spot Report	S-F
0940		3	131054	III MAF ISUM # 186	M-S-F

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Time	Out	Serial	Min	Incidents, Category	Action taken
0845		1	152400	9th Marines ISUM# 130	M-S-F
1010		2	141436Z	III MAF INTSUM # 187	M-S-F
1010		3	140930Z	III MAR DIV INSUM#1	M-S-F

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 162400 Nov65
 172400 Nov65

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Time	Serial	Date	Recipients, Orders, etc.	Action Name
In 0900	1	162400	9th Marines INTSUM # 131	M-S-F
0900	2	151212Z	III MAF INTSUM# 188	M-S-F
0900	3	150653Z	III MAR DIV INTSUM# 2	M-S-F

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Time	Out	Serial Number	Message	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action
0945		1	171200Z	III MAF ISUM # 190	I-S-F
0940		2	160615Z	3d MAR DIV ISUM# 3	I-S-F
0945		3	170620Z	3d MAR DIV ISUM# 4	I-S-F

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182400 Nov 65
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Time In	Unit	Serial Number	Date 182400	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action 141301
0900	1			9th Marines ISUM# 133	M-S-F

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Time In	Out	Serial Number	Incidents, Cnd-ns, etc.	Action Plan
0900		1	192400 9th Marines ISUM# 134 At 191100, Bn S-2 reported that an attached Tk from B Co, 3d TkBn observed three armed VC traveling SW approx twelve hundred meters from tk pos. The marines fired 6 rounds of 90mm at enemy pos and subsequent visual examination disclosed the bodies of 3 VC. The rpt indicated that the wpns of the VC were presumably recovered by other VC. No USMC Casualties.	M-S-F
0900		2	191100	
0900		3	191315 At 191 315 a patrol of the 3dTkBn operating in the vicinity of Coor (AT 990709) rept observing one armed VC in the vic of Coor(BT 988709) who when observed was attempting to hide his weapon. The Marines directed an undetermined amt of small arms fire at the enemy pos, killing the VC (body count). One cal.30 US carbine, and unidentified documents were recovered from the body and evacuated to ITT for evaluation.	M-S-F

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 202400 Nov 65
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Time In	Out	Serial Number	Date	Incident, Orders, etc.	Action Item
0930		1	202400	9th Marines ISUM# 135	M-S-F
0930		2	201000	At 201000 the Bn S-3 reported that a Tk attached to Co C detonated a mine at coor (BT 062649). The mine was described as a shaped charge device, consisting of approx 25 pounds of TNT. A description of the detonating device (fuze) was not reported. No casualties were reported.	M-S-F

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Time	Serial Number	Reported	Incidents, Actions, etc.	Action taken
0900	1	212400	9th Marines ISUM # 136	M-S-F
0930	2	180800Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 5	M-S-F
0930	3	190736Z	3d MAR DIV ISUM# 6	M-S-F

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In	Out	Serial Number	Date		
0900	1	222400		9th Marines ISUM# 137	S-M-F
0900	2	---		INT RPT FR Survey Cnt, QUANG NAM	S-M-F
				Civil Service.	S-M-F
0925	3	201136Z		III MAF ISUM# 193	S-M-F
0925	4	210710Z		III MAR DIV ISUM# 8	S-M-F

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 232400 Nov65
 242400 Nov65

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Time	Serial	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In 0900	1 232400	9th Marines ISUM# 138	S-M-F
0945	2 2009012	III MAR DIV ISUM# 7	S-M-F
0945	3 220800Z	3d MAR DIV ISUM# 9	S-M-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
 242400 Nov65
 252400 Nov65

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Time	Ordn	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action alarm
10945		1	242400	9th Marines ISUM# 139	S-M-F
0930		2	230730Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 10	S-M-F

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S-2 3d Tank Bn
 252400 Nov65
 262400 Nov65

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Time	Serial Number	Message Number	Recipients, Orders, etc.	Action Taken
0900	1	252400	9th Marines ISUM# 140	S-M-F
0900	2	2413062	III MAF ISUM# 197	S-M-F
0900	3	2407582	3d Mar Div ISUM# 11	S-M-F
0900	4	25----	MEMORANDUM FR S-2 OFF OF 9th MAR	S-M-F

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Time	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out			
0900	1	262400	9th Marines ISUM # 141	S-M-F
0910	2	250750Z	3d Mar Div ISUM # 12	S-M-F
0910	3	181326Z	III MAF ISUM# 191	S-M-F
0910	4	251236Z	III MAF ISUM# 198	S-M-F

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Time	Serial	Date	Incidents, Operations, etc.	Action taken
0900	1	272400	9th Marines ISUM# 142	S-M-F
0900	2	191430Z	III MAF ISUM # 192	S-M-F
0900	3	261230Z	III MAF ISUM# 199	S-M-F
0900	4	260730Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 13	S-M-F

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Time In	Time Out	Serial Number	Date	Incidents, Order, etc.	Action taken
0915		1	282400	9th Marines ISUM# 143	S-M-F
0950		2	271156Z	III MAF ISUM# 200	S-M-F

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292400 Nov65
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Time	Serial	Class	Recipients, Order No.	Action
In 0930	1	292400	9th Marines ISUM# 144	S-M-F
0950	2	230748Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 15	S-M-F

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Vietnam
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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION			
						S-STAFF	M-MAP	T-TROOP	F-FILE
1005		001	001	011005H	Fr SSB. B-13 tank just hit mine at 1000H, 600 meters south of D-1-9 position. No visual damage except track. No casualties.		S		
	1435	002		011435H	To SSB. Please send coordinates of mine incident. What is latest on this tank. Any recent information on Sampan episode of last night or other operations today.		S		
1750		003		011750H	Fr SSB. Four B-2 tanks deployed as blocking force for sweep. One confirmed VC body body count located AT 991631. No enemy contact at present.		S		
1935		004		011935H	Fr SSB. Comm Sec from B-1 at approx. 1830H AmTrac hit mine at PT 067676. 1/9 will provide section for tonite. Smoke from explosion seems to be WP. Situation at this CP all secure.		S		
1945		005		011945H	Fr 134. Y-1 reported sporadic fire near bridge jct. and hiway, far side of village. Called Senator-3 for any information. No information at this time.		S		
1955		006		011955H	Called Senator-3 for any information on flare action in vicinity MAG-16 area. Senator-3 reported illum. is from 1/9 to detect river traffic. 1/9 CP and NCB CP are under SA Auto. fire.		S		
2035		007		012035H	Fr SSB-6. 1/9 receiving SA fire. B fired 14 rds 90mm, results unconfirmed.		S		
2040		008		012040H	Fr Senator-3. SA fire into 1/9 CP has ceased. Apparent attempt to penetrate 1/9 CP was stopped. 1/9 under control of situation.		S		
2130		009		012130H	Fr SSB. Enemy attempted probe at 1/9 CP. Same was repulsed. B-34 fired on enemy 1000 meters southwest of NCB-9. Enemy fire ceased. All quiet.		S		

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IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION	
					S-STAFF	M-MAP
2135		010	012135H	Fr Y-1(SS-5). Observed four rds mortar fire WP. Appear to be from village at base of Marble Mountain. Smkr-3 passed this information onto Senator-3. Information from Senator-3. Two vehicles hit in rear areas tonight.		
2145		011	012145H	Fr SSB-14. Reported no enemy contact. Situation normal.	S	S
2150		012	012150H	Relayed telcon to Dream from Senator-3. That 6 and 4 will remain at Marble mountian tonight.	S	S
2155		013	012155H	Fr Y-1. Reported that the FO is receiving msg that Javaman had one truck hit.		S
2255		014	012255H	Fr SSB-6. At this point all quiet. HY2 have located a target at sea and are taking action. Ten rds WP were received by MCB-9. No casualties reported.	S	

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IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION	
					S-STAFF	M-MAP
0130		001	020130H	Fr H-51. Reported flashing light to their direct front across the river.	S	
0200		002	020200H	Fr 134. Wireman checking out phone on Y-4 position.	S	
0803		003	020803H	Fr SSC. SSC unit employment same. One round incoming SA at SSC-2 light section 011830H. Tank C-32 was used to search area on north end for two infiltrators picked up on AN/TPS-21 020130H. No contact.		
1000		004	021000H	SS-3 called 100% alert drill.	S	
1010		005	021010H	Fr 134. Line 100% alert.	S	
1020		006	021020H	Tanks in CP Defense checked into net.	S	
1030		007	021030H	Secured from 100% alert drill.	S	
1330		008	021330H	Fr SSB-6. Tank hit mine at (BT 102670) damage to tank as follows. Two road wheels blown, rollers damaged and fenders on right side destroyed.	S	
1400		009	021400H	Fr SSB-6. Bus dropped off 25 to 30 Vietnamese civilians who went toward mountians. Civilians living in area moving out. A-1/9 under heavy mortar attack.	S	
1655		010	021655H	Fr Y-3. Reported hearing explosion from vicinity of 9th Marines.	S	
2140		011	022140H	Fr SSB. B-31 has returned to Company CP. A-1/9 received 9 or 10 rounds of mortar fire at 021400H.	S	

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IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION	
					S-STAFF	M-MAP
0310		001	030310H	Fr H-54. Reported light to their front that disappears when they try and illuminate.	S	T-TROOP
1140		002	031140H	Fr Y-1. Reported 3 rafts moving downstream in front of their position. Appear to be loaded with articles.	S	E-FILE
1140		003	031140H	Fr SSB. At 1100H B-41 took under fire two VC at (BT 061719) across river from RWC CP two VC were KIA.	S	
1615		004	031615H	Fr 134. Patrol boat with ARVN aboard are moving up river and firing into the water.	S	
1645		005	031645H	Fr SSB-5. B-2 units will be in support of two ARVN Battalions at (AT 965615) on 4 Nov 65.	S	
	1750	006	031750H	To SSB-2. What is extent of operation tomorrow? At 040615H four tanks from B-2 will move into blocking positions for ARVN sweep to launch by APC from Highway 1 west to Hill 55 with Highway 14 as left limit. ARVN will cross LCD at 040730H. Tanks will be accompanied by one reinforced platoon of infantry from 3/9. Engineers will be with first tank to clear route. Route appears trafficable. Operation is scheduled for one day. Request VTR at 3/9 CP to report to liaison/radio operation at tank platoon area.	S	
2200		007	032200H	Fr SSB. One platoon from 1/1 on patrol was ambushed. Area was illuminated and fire mission was called in by helo. Platoon was pulled out.	S	

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Vietnam
040001H Nov 65 to
042400H Nov 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION	
					S-STAFF	M-MAP
0300		001	040300H	Fr SSB . Unit north and south of us were hit by three hand grenades and approx six rounds of SA fire. No enemy contact with this position.	S	
0733		002	040733H	Fr B Co. 1st Tk Bn. Send road map and bridge overlay as formerly requested ASAP.	S	S
1425		003	041425H	Fr SSB. B-2 has one tank out. Two still stuck.	S	
1515		004	041515H	Fr SS 48. Three tanks out. One remains stuck. Need one VTR before last tank can be recovered.	S	
1100		005	041100H	LATE ENTRY. Fr Senator-3.. Reported SSE-2 has three tanks stuck at (AT 983624) and one with thrown track at (AT 985631). Telecon with B-6 confirmed same.	S	
1130		006	041130H	LATE ENTRY. Maint officer left CP with additional tow cable aboard helicopter to deliver to SSB-2.	S	
1600		007	041600H	Fr 3/9. Reported our block vicinity at (AT 9761) secured approx 1400H. No enemy contact.	S	
1610		008	041610H	Fr SSB. All E-2 units free. B-21 requires brass collar.	S	
1735		009	041735H	Fr 3/9. Reported one tank not retrieved as yet. Retriever and two other tanks are working to get it out before dark.	S	
	2040	010	042040H	To H-53 VTR. Remain at position overnight. Help will be arranged for first light.	S	
2230		011	042230H	Fr 134. Y-1&2 reported mortar rounds in vicinity of Cam Ne (1).	S	
2300		012	042300H	Fr Senator-3. Suggested taking mine detector equipment on way out with VTR at first light on recovery operation.	S	
	2320	013	042320H	To H-51. Retriever not to leave without permission from S-3 or SS-5. H-51 stand by for possible escort tank with retriever.	S	

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2355		014		042355H	Fr Senator-3. Third Tank Maint Officer is at 1/9 CP tonight. Is making arrangements with S-3 for VTR protection south.	S

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					S-STAFF	M-MAP
0935		001	050935H	Fr Shove-3. Visit, tour, and briefing for Brig. General J.M. PLATT, 7 Nov 65. 1110-1120 enroute by helicopter to Sandpiper Alpha. 1120-1210 briefing and tour 3d Tank Bn. 1220-1250 lunch hosted jointly by 3d Tank Bn and 3d AT Bn. CG, 3d MarDiv will accompany. At 1250 party will move to AT area.	S	
0940		002	050940H	Fr Senator-3. Tank retreiver departed 1/9 CP at 050820H. Have not yet arrived at destination.	S	
1120		003	051120H	Fr SSB-2. All vehicles are now returning to 1/9 CP	S	
1200		004	051200H	Fr H-53. On way back.	S	
1203		005	051203H	Fr SSB. At 0840H B-33 moved out with infantry to (BT124635) where the patrol was ambushed. Engaged VC. Returned to CP with one infantry KIA at 051110H.	S	
1210		006	051210H	Fr SSC. Unit disposition same. No contact. 18 inch searchlights have been used every night.	S	
	1215	007	051215H	To SSB. What was extent of enemy lose during action described in your 051203H.	S	
1218		008	051218H	Fr SSB. Will not be able to reply to your 051210H until 1400 SitRep.	S	
1400		009	051400H	Fr SSB. Am moving out with two tanks from my CP to engage enemy in south. Will join with other tanks on the way.	S	
1450		010	051450H	Fr SSB. In regards to this mornings operation there were no VC KIA.	S	
1550		011	051550H	Fr SSB. Two tank patrol jumped off at 1400H with A Company, 1st Bn, 9th Marines in search of a VC Company reported at An Luu AT 038679. Will clear out Tra Khe (1) and Man Quan (2) on the way.	S	
1645		012	051645H	Fr 134. Y-2 reported 2 men running, ducking and dodging into house to their direct front. Unable to tell if they were armed.	CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE (2)	S

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	1700		013	051700H	Fr SSB-6. B7A, B-34 are located at Mein Quong (2) set up blocking force. A11/9 making sweep. Found one VCS but was not armed.	S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP E-FILE

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					S-STAFF	M-MAP
0755		001	060755H	Fr SSC. Disposition same. No contact. SSC-6 and SSC-1 met with 3/3. Information available tonight.	S	S
1100		002	061100H	Fr SSB-1A. Reporting to "D" Battery CP. All has ended. No enemy contact. All secure.	S	S
1330		003	061330H	Fr Senator-3. Reported helicopter over B-1/9 area. Saw Marines putting objects on tanks that appeared to be bodies.	S	S
1335		004	061335H	Fr SSB. B-11 and B-15 conducted patrol at BT 063691 to BT 064697. Began at 060930H. No enemy contact at this time.	S	S
1505		005	061505H	Fr SSB. B-33 tanks have finished sweep. Returned to B Company CP with possible 10 VC.	S	S
1508		006	061508H	To SSB. Have had extensive inquiries about B-33 sweep. Please furnish all possible information.	S	S
1550		007	061550H	Fr SSB. B-33 and B-35 left the B Company CP at 1445H and formed a blocking force around the Leper Colony at BT 113649. No enemy engaged. B Company 1/9 picked up ten patients as VCS and returned them to B-1/9 CP for further evacuation.	S	

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						S-STAFF	M-MAP	T-TROOP	F-FILE
1110 1745			001 002	071110H 071745H	General Platt visited Tank Bn CP area. Fr 134. Reported possible fire fight in vicinity of hills 22 and 41.	S			
2120			003	072120H	Fr SSC. SSC-2 units fired 100 rounds for training yesterday. SSC-1 units will fire tomorrow. SSC-6 and SSC-1 went on aerial recon with 3/3 and looked over the area. Will be able to operate there.	S			
2120			004	072120H	Fr Y-2. Reported lights flashing in village of Mieu Dong (1) near Highway 1.	S	S		
2125			005	072125H	Fr Y-2. Reported fire fight in area mentioned in 002 entry.	S	S		
2145			006	072135H	Fr Y-4A. Reported they observed a person about 100 meters to their front. They illuminated by flare and by tank. The person appeared to drop to the ground. No positive identification was made.	S			

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						S-STAFF	M-MAP
0045			001	080045H	Fr SSB. Reported B-34 fired unknown number of .30 and .50 Cal rounds from MCB-8. Results unk.		S
0110			002	080110H	Fr SSB. Reported firing approx 150 rounds at boat and lily pads floating against current. Two persons ran from boat. Other results unk.		S
0545			003	080545H	Fr Y-1. Reported column of troops entered tree line in Yen Bac. Confirmed ARVN patrol.		S
1228			004	081228H	Fr Heavyfist-3. Fire team plus Hoa Cam advisors and Security Officer will enter area where directional signs and other articles were found on 7 Nov. Will depart 081500H and return 081630H.		S
1515		1550	005	081515H	Fr Dream-3. Will have small patrol outside wire to the east until 081615H.		S
1600			006	081550H	To SSB. No one answers the land line what is your Sitrep for today.		S
1620			007	081600H	Fr SSB. Situation normal no enemy contact.		S
			008	081620H	Sgt. Berthine reported all persons (Civilian) have left the vicinity of the water point at bridge 1. One man was packing his belongings hastily. He was the last person in the area. All business stands were deserted.		S
1635			009	081635H	Fr SSA. No significant activity to report by tank units. Second platoon continued to prepare for movement to Okinawa. The roads to our area still trafficable.		S
1840			010	081840H	Fr Heavyfist-3. Results of today's patrol, Ltr dtd 8 Nov 65, found on 7 Nov were definitely placed by VC. All signs and other devices destroyed. Hoa Cam will begin to extensively ambush and patrol the eastern slopes of their area. Heavyfist and Hoa Cam plan extensive sweep of the area.	ENCLOSURE (a)	S

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2356		011	082356H	10 Nov. Will ask Smokeroom for 25 men to assist. Gave tentative approval pending review of concept of operation. Fr SSB. Three tanks SS CP and two tanks K Company CP. Have been receiving sniper fire off and on all evening plus some automatic weapons fire. All secure at present time.	S S

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1515		001	091515H	Fr SSA. Tank at hill 41 fired four HE and three WP rounds at target identified by AN/TPS-21 at 082230H at(AT 929649).	S	
1700		002	091700H	Fr Heavyfist-3. Request 20 man blocking force between path below Tk Bn (south) west to high ground. Patrol will go about 101200H. Patrol order to be issued this evening.	S	
1900		003	091900H	Fr 134. Reported SA and automatic fire in Bridge 1 area approximately (BT 002701). Three rounds sounded something like 81mm.	S	
1910		004	091910H	Fr Y3A. Has group of people spotted in Phong Bac by red brick house.	S	
1915		005	091915H	Fr Senator-3. No Marines fired. ARVN did all fireing at VC. All secure now. Still on 100% alert.	S	
1915		006	091915H	Fr H-54. Have area of firefight Illuminated.	S	
1925		007	091925H	Fr Y3A. Saw two men by red brick building moving toward the south through Phong Bac.	S	
1955		008	091955H	Fr SS-3. ARVN fired (1) WP and (3) HE 60mm mortar rounds at VC.	S	
2000		009	092000H	Fr 134. Reported another man leaving red brick house using same route as previous two.		
2025		010	092025H	Fr 134. Another man dressed in black left red brick house. This total of (4).	S	
2330		011	092330H	Fr 134. Position H-54 reported two trip flares set off. Negative results.	S	
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0030		001	100030H	Fr 134. Reported Y-2 had two flares go off in front of position. Will inform of furthur events.	S	ENCLOSURE 6-2

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0828		002	100828H	Fr SS-5. Contact Fertilize-3 and determine size and location of bridge and waterpoint units. Also inform him that we will check daily to determine unit dispositions across river.	S
0834 1108		003 004	100834H 101108H	Fr Heavyfist-3. Received patrol order 1-11-65. Fr SSB-6. Fired (3) 90mm HE at masonry type fortification. Target destroyed. Detailed Sitrep will follow.	S S
1210	1210	005 006	101210H 101210H	Patrol (20 men) left CP. Blocking force for 3d AT. To SSA. SS-6 sends Happy Birthday. Here is to 190 more.	S S
1445		007	101445H	Patrol returned. Blocking force negative result. Sweep force captured two VCS. Patrol found 4-5 rice straw arrows and 5 circles composed of rocks about 3 foot in diameter covered with fresh green leaves and twigs.	S
1500		008	101500H	Fr SSA. Nothing to report. Will conduct FAM firing with M-60 MG, M-14 rifle. Second plt preparing for BLT 2/3.	S
1744		009	101744H	Fr SSB. B-2 reported bridge 1 has one squad rein with two MGs and one 3.5 R/L. Bridge 2 has one squad rein with two MGs, and bridge 3 has one squad for protection of the bridges.	f S
1850		010	101850H	Fr Y-2. Reported flare had been keyed with piece of wood and wire wrapped around so it would not go off.	S
2000		011	102000H	Tank patrol departed perimeter.	S
0230		001	110230H	Patrol returned to CP.	S

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0930		002	110930H	Fr SSB. Ref 004 entry of 101108H. No confirmed KIA. No further action.	S
2019 2051		003 004	112019H 112051H	Fr Y3A. Reported a light blinking in brick house. Fr Y-2. Reported many flares in Danang east area.	S S
				120001H Nov to 122400H Nov 65	
0920		001	120920H	Fr SSB. Two tanks from K-3/9 moving out on blocking mission at 1000H to (AT 9964).	S
1300		002	121300H	Fr SSB-2. Patrol secured 121230H. Two friendly WIA from K-3/9 by mine. No damage to tanks.	S
1904	1915	003 004	121904H 121915H	Expended 150 .30 cal and 100 .50 cal at (AT 993636). Fr 134. Convoy of trucks moving south across Highway 1 bridge. To SSA. Send complete report of how AN/TPS-21 is set up with tank on hill 41.	S S
1920		005	121920H	Fr Y-1. Reported MG fire and possible mortar explosions in vicinity hill 22.	S
1930		006	121930H	Fr Y-2. Reported light flashing vicinity Hoa Cam training center.	S
2005		007	122005H	Fr H-54. Reported light across river.	S
2010		008	122010H	Reported light incidents to Senator-3.	S
2025		009	122025H	Fr Y-2. Reported flashing light in Phong Le (1).	S
2145		010	122145H	Fr H-54. Reported blinking light in Phong Bac (1).	S
2230		011	122230H	Fr FO. Reported fire to right front approximately 10,000 meters out. Reported to Senator-3.	S
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0030		001	130030H	Fr Y-3. Reported cows set off flare.	S

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					S-STAFF	M-MAP	
0240		002	130240H	Fr Y-1. Reported sniper fire from unknown source. Ordered to return fire if source discovered.		S	
0830		003	130830H	Fr Dream-3. Reported it is sending out patrol of 8 men in Phong Bac.		S	
1905		004	131905H	Fr Y-1. Reported blinking light in Phong Le.		S	
1920		005	131920H	Fr 134. Reported fire fight in water point vicinity. Large number of lights int of Y-2. H-54 reported 1 light in rice paddy to front. Told to shoot azimuth and range and report back. Also told to determine pattern if any. H-54 reported azimuth as 135.		S	
1935		006	131935H	Fr Y-1. Reported red star cluster in Cam Ne (1). Reported same to Senator-3.		S	
1945		007	131945H	Fr Y-1. Reported receiving rounds coming in our CP from direct front approximately 600 yards from Phong Le (1). Reported same to Senator-3.		S	
2000		008	132000H	Fr H-51. Reported blinking light in Cam Ne (2).		S	
2210		009	132210H	Fr H-54. Reported light coming from house at right of tank about 50 meters out.		S	
				140001H Nov to 142400H Nov 65			
0335		001	140335H	Fr Senator-3. Wants to know where convoy on road passing was coming from. Checked with Dream-3 and Y-1. Dream-3 reported convoy is new LVTs arriving from states. Reported same to Senator-3.		S	
0800		002	140800H	Fr H-51. Reported a mine explosion at water point vicinity, casualties pickup by ambulance at (ET 006703). Time of explosion approximately 0740.		S	
0830		003	140830H	Fr S-3 OpChief. Reported H-51 saw a truck in the railroad bed near Phong Le. An explosion occurred.			ENCLOSURE (12)

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				A helicopter landed and picked up what appeared to be casualties while another helicopter circled overhead. The truck proceeded into the woods and did not emerge on the other side. An ambulance passed the incident but did not stop. Reported same to Senator-3.			
0905	004	140905H		Fr 134. H-54 reported five shots fired in Yen Bac area on this side of the river.	S	S	
1305	005	141305H		Fr SSB. At 1300H B-33 and B-35 moved out from Bravo CP with 1/9 to blocking position at BT 095660.	S		
1500	006	141500H		At 1500 Senator Corman of the 22 district of California and judge Harry Pregerson of California visited 3d Tank Bn. CP.	S&T		
1545 1615	007 008	141545H 141615H		VIPs departed. Fr SSA. No significant activity to report during the past 24 hours. Second plt conducted fam firing afternoon of 13 Nov 65.	S		
1620	009	141620H		Fr SSB. B-33 and B-35 have secured blocking position and are returning to B Company CP with 9 VCS. No fire drawn. No rounds expended.	S		
1935	010	141935H		Fr SSB. B Company held reaction drill at 1900H. All radios up on net in 4 minutes.	S	S	
1945	011	141945H		Fr H-54. Mortars and automatic SA fire 3200 meters to right front. Took azimuth on church steeple.	S		
2130	012	142130H		Fr H-54. Light showing 700 meters to SW of position.	S		
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0920	001	150920H		Fr H-54. SA fire to direct front about 750 meters across rice paddy	CONFIDENTIAL	ENCLOSURE (12)	S

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1105		002	151105H	Fr H-54. Reported hill 22 appears to be receiving WP fire. Relayed to Senator-3.	S		
1115		003	151115H	Fr Senator-3. Firing in vicinity hill 22 is from friendly forces.	S		
1415		004	151415H	Fr Yacht-3. Reported three bamboo markers were found by a patrol this morning pointing into Tank Maintenance Shed area. AT 985714.	S		
1700		005	151700H	Fr H-54. Reported smoke grenade explosion located at tree line to right of grave. Three or four men in area that seem to be excited.	S		
1710		006	151710H	Fr SSW. Entered river at 151258H. Arrived project area at 151400H. Passed out civil affairs material to 500 people, gave 126 medical treatments. Women and children came readily, men had to be encouraged by interpreter. Four Marines invited for tour of one boat including Monroe-46. Hamlet Chief unable to be present. Area is officially known as Nai Nam. Departed area at 151550H.	S		
1825		007	151825H	Fr SSB. B-2 reported defenses of bridges will consist of: Bridge 1 - reinf squad, Bridge 2 squad, and Bridge 3 - squad.	S		
1820		008	151820H	Fr Heavyfist. Sgt. BARCOCK requested services of interpreter and surgeon to treat one indiginous man age about 31 who had been wounded in the head by SA round.	S		
	2230	009	152230H	To SSB. Senator liaison officer report from agent Hieu Duc, rated B-1. Two VC companies at AT 973658 may attack Marine and ARVN unit 592 tonight.	S		
2300		010	152300H	Fr Y3A. Reported man about 100 yards to the right of brick house who moved into trees when	S	ENCLOSURE 12	

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						S-STAFF	M-MAP	
0830 1315		001 002		160830H 161315H	Fr Dream-3. Sent out patrol in Phong Bac. Fr Yacht-3. Received patrol order 2-65. Patrol to start 170730H to 171000H Nov 65.	S	S	
1420		003		161420H	Fr SSB-2. Will form blocking position for B-3/9 near railroad station at Ha Dong. Two tanks will be used. Departure time 170700H. M&I Company sweep will be to east.	S	F	
1830		004		161830H	Fr SSB. At 170645H B-3 units will engage in sweep at (AT 105645).	S	S	
2115		005		162115H	Fr SSB. Three to nine VC engaged in front of MCB-8 and B-34 fired two HE. Situation is normal.	S	S	
2150		006		162150H	Fr Y4A. Fired one round at running man. Man kept running and disappeared into Phong Bac.	S	S	
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0250		001		170250H	Fr Senator-3. Blinking light at (AT 989710). Appears to be signal. Believed to be our illumination).	S	S	
0905		002		170905H	Tanks with infantry arrived blocking force 0705 remained in blocking force 0900 when infantry reached LOA. Infantry and tanks in blocking force south end Ha Phang 0905 commenced search and destroy operation.	S	S	
1055		003		171055H	Fr SSB-2. Two tanks in operation AT 9964. All secure at present.	S	S	
1430		004		171430H	Fr SSB. Sweep with 1/9 completed. Eight tanks returned to CP. No enemy contact. Destroyed 1000 meters of three foot barbed wire fence at grid square 1064 and 15 bunkers and numerous punji pits.	S	ENCLOSURE (2)	

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1600		005	171600H	Fr SSA. Second platoon continued preparation to embark. CO checked out route from Museum Pier to 2d Platoon area. Route is satisfactory. ETA of 1/3 BLT is 18 Nov 65. No firm time as yet.	S	
2125		006	172125H	Fr Y3A and H-52. Reported someone walking around with a flashlight. H-52 illuminated and saw a man returning to a building.	S	
2230		007	172230H	3/9 area received 6 to 8 small explosions. Estimated grenades or mortars. On 100% alert at 3/9 CP. No damage to tanks or personnel.	S	
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1320		001	181320H	Fr Y-2. Reported 15 to 20 men at (AT 995702).	S	
1405		002	181405H	Fr 9th Mar CO. Wanted emergency use of trucks to support M Company.	S	
1410		003	181410H	Fr Y-2. Reported 12 helicopters setting down in vicinity of (BT 6402).	S	
1430		004	181430H	Fr Senator-3. In vicinity of (AT 995630) ARVN hit Company of VC. Request Marine reinforcements. Helicopters had other commitments. 9th Marines had to revert to trucks. Didnot need Tank Bn trucks which were returned to Tank Bn CP.	S	
1510		005	181510H	Fr Y-2. Seven helicopters set down at azimuth 3091 about 8000 meters out with two OE's and 4 jets circling overhead.	S	
1518		006	181518H	Fr Y-2. Reported air strike on position noted in 005 entry.	S	
1545		007	181545H	Fr Y-2. Reported ARVN personnel are covering up foxhole dug yesterday.	ENCLOSURE (2) S	

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1546		008	181546H	Fr H-52. Reported air strike. Two planes at area reported in entry 005. Five helicopters left area.		S	
1600		009	181600H	Fr SS-3. Between 1600 and 1630 the S-3 observed two air strikes of approximately four planes in vicinity of GS 9962 - 0062. Approximately eight helicopters moving around area and one FAC plane circling area.		S	
1750		010	181750H	Fr SSB-2. Bridge 1 has one reinforced squad. Bridge 2 has one squad and Bridge 3 has one squad. Tanks are blocking force near broken bridge, 200 VC trapped in area mentioned in entry 005. Encircled by 3 Company's, which are going to hold till tomorrow daylight. Will move out then.		S	
1905		011	181905H	Fr H-54. Reported bamboo drums beating in village of Phon Le Bac and a meeting being held in a house.		S	
1955		012	181955H	Fr Senator-3. Do not use lights till helicopters light is over. Lights confuse pilots.		S	
2145		013	182145H	Fr SSB. B-34 received sniper fire from temple approximately 300 meters to the front. B-34 returned Cal. .30 fire. Unable to tell amount of damage to sniper. All secure at present.		S	
				190001H Nov to 192400H Nov 65			
0010		001	190010H	Fr Dream-3. Reported grenade exploded between post 4 and 5.		S	
0130		002	190130H	Fr Y-3. Reported when illumination was used at Y3B two persons were seen near wire.		S	
0825		003	190825H	Fr SSB-6. B-3 unit is blocking position with 1/9 A Company at 0700H. B-6 with 1/9 CP group in position at 0745H overlooking southern tip of horse shoe. No civilian movement. No enemy contact.		ENCLOSURE (12)	

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IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION		DECLASSIFIED
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0840		004	190840H	Fr SSB-3. Tanks H-51, B-35, and B-32 at blocking position of Horseshoe Lake on OP 2. No confirmed enemy KIA. A-1/9 completed sweep of objective A. Now moving to objective B.	S	S	
1020		005	191005H	Fr SSB-6. B-6 units still with CP Group in blocking position on sout of Horseshoe. 1/9 units in Horseshoe has had one med evac.	S	S	
1115		006	191115H	Fr SSB-6. B-6 units still with CP Group. B-3 units engaged 10 VC with weapons approximately 800 meters south. Believed four KIA. A2E now moving to recon same area.	S	S	
1305		007	191305H	Fr Y-2. Reported five ARVN on river bank. Three ARVN in river diving.	S	S	
1310		008	191310H	Fr SSB. 3/9 units terminated operation, units forming to return to CP. Approximately 30 to 40 VC picked up by 3/9 B Company.	S	S	
1325		009	191325H	Fr Y-2. Reported SA fire between waterpoint and Y-2 position. Average 12 rounds. Man in village fired. Y-2 notified by another H&S Marine.	S	S	
1335		010	191335H	Fr Y-2. Man in front of Gun position 2 ran into tree line and emerged without weapons. Five man patrol sent out to recover either weapon and/or man.	S&T		
1350		011	191350H	Fr Y-2. Our patrol of five men made contact approximately 75 yards in front of position Y-2. Called 100% alert. Dream, Senator, Heavyfist, and Yacht notified.	S		
1400		012	191400H	Fr Y-2. Eight civilians left woods going toward waterpoint.	S		
1420		013	191420H	LATE ENTRY. 1350. Two explosions occurred SE of Y-2 position about 60 yards out. Occurred	ENCLOSURE (12)		

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1431		014		191431H	vicinity of patrol location. Main patrol fired approximately 10 rounds. Dispatched two fire teams to reinforce patrol.		S	S	S	S	
1550		015		191530H	Patrol returned 1431H. 100% secured. One VC KIA. Fr Y-2. Reported Marine who saw entry 009. Weapon hid was short stock type weapon.		S	S	S	S	
1630		016		191630H	Dispatched 12 man recon patrol to search area adjacent to and 500 meters south of southern CP perimeter.		S	S	S	S	
1755		017		191755H	Patrol returned to CP. One VCS brought in.		S	S	S	S	
2055		018		192000H	Fr SSB. Sitrep for sweep with 1/9. Ten tanks used as blocking force. Engaged VC with weapons. Two VC at (AT 128623) about 0700H. Ten VC (AT 86 7) about 1000H. Five VC in trenches and hedge rows at (AT 115624). Six suspected VC KIA, five VC WIA.		S	S	S	S	
2250		019		192250H	Fr GySgt. JOHNS. 1st platoon "C" Company moved into 3/3 CP.		S	S	S	S	
					200001H Nov to 202400H Nov 65						
0050		001		200050H	Fr 1st Plt, "C" Co. CO. 3/3 has no room for us tonight. Am coming on into Tank Bn CP.		S	S	S	S	
0055		002		200055H	Fr LtCol RAPHAEL. Have met tanks at French Fort. Will lead into Maint Area.		S	S	S	S	
0900		003		200900H	Received patrol order 4-65 from 3d MT Bn.						
1030		004		201030H	Fr SSB. B-13 fired three 90mm HE at hill with enemy bunker which was destroyed. Enemy troops seen in vicinity of that bunker.						
1110		005		201110H	Fr SSB. B-12 hit mine at BT 062649 0935H. No casualties. Damage to tank is broken brake linkage, electrical wire torn loose, accelerator full.						

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1255		006	201255H	broken, comm knocked out. B-15 and B-14 dispatched to area with Maint men to tow tank to this CP. Security being provided 1/9 and B-13.	S
1335		007	201335H	Fr Y-2. Vietnamese men, could not tell how many, digging behind white house in front of position Y-2. Fr H-54. About 10 HE rounds exploded in vicinity of hill 41.	S S
1435		008	201435H	Patrol departed CP.	S
1530		009	201530H	Patrol reached check point 1.	S
1630		010	201550H	Fr SSW. Am checking caves/holes at rivers edge 200 meters from check point 2.	S
1630		011	201630H	Fr 2d Plt, "B" Co. Bridge has one reinforced squad "ridge 2&3 normal Marine squad.	S S
1650		012	201650H	Fr SSW. Have reached check point 3.	S S
1720		013	201720H	Patrol reported from check point 4.	S S
2045		014	202045H	Fr SSB. B-14 encountered two VC with weapons close to fence. Do not know results of enemy after firing.	S
				210001H Nov to 212400H Nov 65	
1245		001	211245H	Fr Dream-3. Am sending out two patrols. Perimeter patrol at 1400H, and armored patrol at 2125H.	T&S
1405		002	211405H	Fr Dream-3. Patrol left CP area.	T&S
1620		003	211620H	Fr SSA. 1st Plt moved one tank (A-12) from 1/1 CP to "C" Co 1/1 CP vicinity (AT 922732) at 201600H. 2d plt embarked from Danang for movement to Okinawa on 20 Nov 65.	
1740		004	211740H	Fr Y-2. Reported three SA rounds fired in vicinity of waterpoint.	S
1905		005	211905H	To G-3. Corrected CP location on Sitrep.	ENCLOSURE (12) S

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2120		006	212120H	Fr Y3A. Reported two flares tripped in front of position. Observed a man but couldn't see him well enough to shoot because of the smoke from the flares. S		
2345		007	212345H	Fr Y-2. Reported a considerable amount of flare activity and yelling a little to the west of the waterpoint.	S	
				220001H Nov to 222400H Nov 65		
1130		001	221130H	Fr H-54. Reported a small boat came from west on river. It contained one man and some bundles. Now out of sight because of the tree line. It stopped at the village in front of position.	S	
1340		002	221340H	Fr Dream-3. Eight man patrol on E and W sides of perimeter 1500-1600.	S	
1410		003	221410H	Tank/AmTrac Bn's Civil Affairs patrol has reached destination.	S	
1525		004	221535H	Fr Senator-3. Unconfirmed report of unknown mines (BT 087677) and (BT 084674).	S	
1705		005	221705H	Fr Y-2. Spotted Sampan coming up flooded draw to right of AT En. Two men and something covered in center of Sampan.	S	
1720		006	221720H	Fr H-54. Reported Sampan crossed river. It was loaded with boxes.	S	
1950		007	221950H	Fr SSB-6. B-32 has thrown track at (BT 083696). H-51, B-23, B-33 and one fire team providing security.	S	
1955		008	221940H	Fr SSB-6. Additional 1/9 sent B-3 for security of tanks. No enemy contact. Will keep SS-3 informed.	S	
2040		009	222040H	Fr H-54. ARVN patrol fired on by unknown source. ARVN are returning fire.	S	ENCLOSURE (1a)

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2155		010		222155H	Fr SSB-6. B-32 towed to 3/9 supply bunker and track being replaced.	S	
2225		011		222225H	Fr SS-4. Three tanks in Maint will be able to move and shoot in an emergency.	S	
2345		012		222345H	Fr SSB. At approximately 2225H "D" Btry received 3 to 4 rounds SA fire. No friendly casualties. No report on damage to enemy.	S	
					230001H Nov to 232400H Nov 65		
1025		001		231025H	Fr Dream-3. Sending eight man patrol into Phong Bac for period of about an hour. Notified H&S Co. Bunkers, Heavyfist, Yacht, and Senator.	S	
1500		002		231500H	Fr Dream-2. Project Calm Seas will go on Friday instead of Thursday.	S	
1635	1635	003		231635H	To Senator-14. Request (UHIE) and (H-34) for operation.	S	
1840		004		231840H	Fr Senator-3. One round of SA fire fust received in Senator CP, apparently from Phong Bac.	S	
1855		005		231855H	Fr SSB. Operation planned for tomorrow cancelled indefinitely.	S	
	2003	006		232005H	To SSA&B. Report ASAP any mines located or detonated to S-3.	S	
					240001H Nov to 242400H Nov 65		
1440		001		241440H	Fr SSA. Informed that one tank is stuck at ferry crossing at (AT 996706). Report was received from 3d Engineer who request retreiver. Notified S-4 who will send Maintenance Crew.	ENCLOSURE (12)	
1445		002		241445H	Fr Sream-3. Nine man perimeter patrol will CP at 241500H moving from SE corner toward west.	S	

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1700			003	241700H	Fr Y-3. Reported children running cows over trip flares and setting them off. Y-2 ran children away from area and reported tripped flares to Y-2 Staff NCO.	S	
1955 2047			004 005	241955H 242047H	Fr Y-2. Reported firing at waterpoint. Fr SSB. B-11 fired one Cannister round and sixty SA rounds. One VC possibly KIA. Received approximately 20 rounds incoming SA fire.	S S S	
					250001H Nov to 252400H Nov 65		
1015 1610			001 002	251015H 251610H	Fr Dream-3. Reported they sent patrol in Phong Bac. Fr 134. Four ARVN in jeep passed Y-4 without stopping. Checking out situation. ARVN jeep contained Major JACKSON, Hoa Cam Training Center advisor.	S	
1710 2045			003 004	251710H 252045H	Fr 134. Y3A heard several shots to direct front. Fr Shove-3. A four man wire team will be in our area checking line from Division to Tank Bn.	S S	
2125			005	252125H	Fr Y3A. Reported he saw a man with a rifle disappear in bushes in front of position when area was illuminated.	S	
2224 2301			006 007	252224H 252301H	Tank Bn. patrol departed. Perimeter to set ambush. Co. "B", A-1/9 was hit by SA fire at approximately 2245. Two friendly casualties.	SSS	
2400			008	252400H	Fr Y-4. Ambush reported all secure.	S	
					260001H Nov to 262400H Nov 65	ENCLOSURE (4)	
0115			001	250115H	Fr Senator-3. Hoa Cam training center reported a marine lost at Hoa Cam front gate.	CONFIDENTIAL	

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDER, ETC.	ACTION	DECLASSIFIED
0400			002	260400H	Fr Y-4. Reported ambush has returned to CP.	S	
2005			003	262005H	Tank Bn patrol departing area.	S	
2125			004	262125H	Fr Y-4. Patrol set in ambush position. All secure.	S	
2230			005	262230H	Fr Wagonmaster-3. FO on our line having trouble with radio. We did not have PRC-9 for replacement but now have PRC-10 set up for FO.	S	
	2235		006	262235H	Fr Y-4. Patrol all secure.	S	
					270001H Nov to 272400H Nov 65		
0405			001	270405H	Fr Y-4. Patrol called and are returning at 0415H. Notified Dream and Heavyfist.	S	
0928			002	270928H	Fr SSB. B-24 has been receiving sniper fire present situation normal. All secure.	S	
1510			003	271510H	Fr Y-2. Five men digging hole on top of hill. Scout went up to check out.	S	
1530			004	271550H	Fr SS-4. Three M48A3 and two M67A2 and two M-51 available for emergency action.	S	
					280001H Nov to 282400H Nov 65		
0010			001	280010H	Fr Y-4. Ambush patrol departing CP area.	S	
0050			002	280050H	Fr Y-4. Patrol in position.	S	
0145			003	280145H	Fr H-52. Reported man seen 150 meters in front of position.	S	
0145			004	280130H	Fr SSB. At 272350H B-13 received three rounds sniper fire. No casualties and no fire returned. Patrol returned. Notified Heavyfist and Dream.	S	
0355			005	280355H	Fr SSB. B-22 and B-24 in sweep (AT 9964). Acting as blocking force. No enemy contact. All secure.	S	
0800			006	280800H			

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0910			007	280910H	Fr Dream-3. Reported it is sending out a patrol.			S	
0940			008	280940H	Fr SSB. Still on sweep, had small enemy contact. Situation normal as of now. Possibly got two VC with small arms.			S	
1325			009	281325H	Fr SSB. B-24 at this time still on sweep front. Have captured 17 VC.		S	S	
1415			010	281415H	Civil affairs officer on patrol to Phong Bac to give out candy, chewing gum and junk jewelry.		S	S	
1420			011	281420H	Fr SSB. Sweep at (AT 9964) secured 1330. No damage to tanks. Have returned to "K" Co. CP. Civial Affairs officer returned from patrol.		S	S	
1730			012	281730H	Fr Senator-3. Reported I Corps Via MAF G-2, one				
2045			013	282045H	VC Co (AT 915625) with one 60mm mortar and one 81mm mortar with mission of mortaring Marine units. Action taken on entry 013. Ambush goes as scheduled. Good blackout of CP. One tank forward to right front.		S		
2150			014	282150H	Fr Y-4. Ambush patrol departed CP.		S	S	
2230	2315		015	282230H	To Senator. Requested aircraft recon of area south of Song Cau Do River through 9th Marines.		S	S	
			016	282315H	Fr Senator-3. Reported no aircraft available for recon. Division has plane on standby to check out specific pin point areas only.		S		
2330			017	282330H	Fr Senator-3. Have AO checking area south of Song Cau Do river between GS 0070 and Son Yen River south of Song Cau Do to GL 66.		S		
2355			018	282355H			S		
					290001H Nov to 292400H Nov 65				
0035			001	290035H	Fr Y-4. Ambush reported all secure.				
0530			002	290530H	Fr Y-4. Ambush returned to CP.				

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1517		003	291517H	Fr Civil Affairs Officer. Medical Officer administered 125 treatments. Dental Officer gave 25 treatments including six extractions. Distributed 3000 bars of soap. Began nurses aid training. Held further discussion with hamlet chief Hoa Sam hamlet. Fr Senator-3. Five males believed to be armed, seen going into a building 300 meters forward of Senator CP vicinity IAT 998720). Senator is sending patrol to investigate.	
1900		004	291900H	Fr Senator-3. Five males believed to be armed, seen going into a building 300 meters forward of Senator CP vicinity IAT 998720). Senator is sending patrol to investigate.	S
1915		005	291915H	Fr Swain-3 (3/3). The patrol at Cam Ne 5 is a friendly Marine platoon patrol.	S
2225		006	292225H	Fr SSB-6. E-22 and B-24 now leaving "K" Co., 3/9 CP on mission at GS 9964.	S
2245		007	292245H	Fr SSB-6. In reference to my routine 292245H. Tanks B-22 and B-24 on mission. One plt infantry in mine field. Possible infantry one KIA AND one WIA.	S
				300001H Nov to 302400H Nov 65	
0100		001	300100H	Fr SSB. B-24 still on sweep, receiving periodic SA fire. Will give final Sitrep after return to CP.	S
1000		002	301000H	Fr Y-4. Tank Bn ambush patrol departed CP.	S
1040		003	301040H	Patrol reported it had reached water point now crossing bridge (AT 998706).	S
1105		004	301105H	Patrol is returning to CP. ETA 1145H.	S
1410		005	301410H	Fr Y-3. In Cam Ne (2) approximately 150 people (mostly women) left village. Six men in civilian clothes with weapons. Notified Hoa Vang.	S
1445		006	301445H	Fr SS-5. Approx 150-200 persons now gathered near school. A few seem to be drifting away. Most are women but there are some men.	S

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					S-1	S-2
2050		007	302050H	Fr Y3A. Seen man lying by tree observing positions. They fired and the man left the area.		S
2310		008	302310H	Fr Dream-3. Reported one of their post on the eastern sector of their perimeter was fired on. They illuminated and returned fire. Three people were observed running to the north. Another post opened fire. Results unknown.		S
2400		009	302400H	Journal closed for month of November 1965.		S

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 114 AS OF 011800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. AT 011000H A TANK FROM CO. "B" STRUCK AN ANTI-TANK MINE AT (BT 060656). THE TANK BRAKE LINKAGE WAS DAMAGED, HOWEVER THE VEHICLE WAS ~~REMOVED~~ ^{RECOVERED} AND IS OPERATIONAL.
2. OPERATIONS. AT 312055H TWO TANKS FROM CO. "B" WERE COMMITTED TO ASSIST THE DEFENSES OF THE MCB-8 CAMP. SNIPER FIRE WAS BEING RECEIVED FROM THE WOODLINE AT (BT 066717). THE TANKS FIRED TWO ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND THE ENEMY FIRE CEASED.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE DANANG ENCLAVE.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
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3D TANK BN SIGHT NUMBER 115 AS OF 021800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "A" CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN TANKS AT VITAL LOCATIONS IN THE 3D TANK BN. CO. "B" CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 9TH MAR. FOUR RANKS ACTING AS A BLOCKING FORCE FIRED ONE HE AND THREE HE WITH ONE VC KIA (BODY COUNT). CO. "B" ALSO ASSISTED IN REPELLING ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE 1/9 CP. FOURTEEN HOUNDS OF 90MM WERE FIRED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 021330H A TANK FROM CO. "B" STRUCK AN ANTI-TANK MINE DAMAGING TRACK AND SUSPENSION. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED. CO. "C" EMPLOYMENT REMAINS THE SAME.

2. OPERATIONS. TO REMAIN AT STRONG POINTS ALONG KMR AND PROVIDE REACTIVATION FORCE FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT IN ANY SECTOR OF THE REGIMENTAL TANK.

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

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 116 AS OF 031800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 031100H ONE TANK FROM CO. "B" ENGAGED A VIET CONG UNIT AT (BT 061719). THREE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF .30 CAL MACH-GUN FIRE WERE DIRECTED AT THE ENEMY AND TWO VIET CONG WERE KILLED (BODY COUNT).
2. OPERATIONS. TANKS FROM CO. "A" CONTINUED TO SUPPORT PATROL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DANANG ENCLAVE. NO ENEMY CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR AND IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE TANK ALERT FORCES AT ALL MAJOR AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO THE DANANG ENCLAVE.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO. TWO WERE TREATED FOR VD, AND THE REMAINING TWENTY-THREE WERE TREATED FOR MISCELLANEOUS SKIN DISEASES.
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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 117 AS OF 041800H NOV 65

- HIGHLIGHTS.** ONE PLATOON FROM CO. "B" OCCUPIED BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM (AT 984632) TO (AT 965616) FOR TWO BATTALION SIZE ARVN SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION FROM HIGHWAY ONE WEST TO HILL 55 (AT 965616).
- OPERATIONS.** A PLATOON FROM CO. "B" MOVED FROM THEIR POSITIONS AT (AT 992678) TO OCCUPY BLOCKING POSITIONS ON A LINE FROM (AT 984632) TO (AT 965616). THE PLATOON DEPARTED AT 040615H ARRIVING AT 040710H. THREE TANKS BECAME TEMPORARILY ~~XXXXXX~~ IMMobilized IN THE FLOODED AREAS NEAR (AT 985632). THE TANKS HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT .
- PLANS SUMMARY.** CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDING MOBILE ALERT FORCES THROUGHOUT THE DANANO ENCLAVE.
- CIVIL AFFAIRS.** PASSED OUT 400 LBS. OF FOOD STUFF AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS TO THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC.
- MISCELLANEOUS.** NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 118 AS OF 051800H NOV 65

- HIGHLIGHTS.** TWO TK ACTIONS OCCURRED SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. ONE INVOLVED THE COMMITMENT OF REACTION FORCE TKS TO (BT 124635) TO ASSIST A PLT OF "B" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. AT 051400H TKS PARTICIPATED AS PART OF A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION BEING CONDUCTED NEAR THE HAMLET OF AN LUU (BT 038679).
- OPERATIONS.** AT 050840H TKS FROM CO. "B" WERE COMMITTED AS PART OF AN ALERT FORCE TO REINFORCE A PLT FR "B" CO. 1ST BN., 9TH MAR WHICH HAD BEEN AMBUSHED NEAR (BT 124635). UPON ARRIVING AT THE PLACE OF ACTION THE TKS EXPENDED 800 RDS OF MG AMMO AT THE ENEMY AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN. THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH TO THE WEST PREVENTED SURVEILLANCE OF THE TARGET AREA. AT 051400H A PATROL FR "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR REINF WITH TKS DEPARTED THE WATER POINT AT (BT 071699) AND BEGAN MOVEMENT WEST THROUGH MAN QUAN (2) TO AN LUU (BT 038679). AT THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD THE TKS WERE NEARING THE OBJECTIVE AREA AND HAD NOT REPORTED ANY ENEMY CONTACT.
- PLANS SUMMARY.** THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR AND TO REMAIN ALERTED FOR COMMITMENT AS REACTION FORCE THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AREA.
- CIVIL AFFAIRS.** NEG
- MISCELLANEOUS.** NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 119 AS OF 061800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TWO TK PATROLS FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD IN THE 9TH MAR TAOR WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT.2. OPERATIONS.

A. AT 060930H TWO TKS FR CO. "B" CONDUCTED A PATROL FR (BT 063691) TO (BT 064697). THE PATROL DID NOT OBSERVE ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY AND RETURNED AT 061300H TO THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

B. AT 061445H TWO TKS SUPPORTED A PARROL FR "B" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. THE PATROL OBJECTIVE WAS THE IEPER HOSPITAL AT (BT 113649). THE TKS BREKKS OCCUPIED A BLOCKING POSITION WHILE THE INFANTRY SEARCHED THE HOSPITAL. TEN NON-REFUGEE PATIENTS WERE REMOVED FR THE HOSPITAL AND TRANSPORTED ABOARD THE TKS TO THE 1ST BN., 9TH MAR FOR INTERROGATION AND FURTHER PROCESSING AS VCS.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL CINTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. TRAINING. RANGE FIRING OF ALL INDIVIDUAL AND CREW SERVED WEAPONS OF THE TANK PLATOON ATTACHED TO BLT 2/3 WAS COMPLETED.

B. COMMAND POST POSITIONS: HQ, 3D TK BN (AT 991710), CO. "A" (AT 945764), CO. "B" (BT 065713).

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 120 AS OF 071800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. BRIGGEN J. M. PLATT VISITED AT 1120H, INSPECTED BATTALION DEFENSES AND REMAINED FOR LUNCH.
2. OPERATIONS. NONE CONDUCTED SINCE SUBMISSION OF 6 NOV 65 REPORT.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR AND TO REMAIN ALERTED FOR COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AREA.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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CONFIDENTIAL**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 121 AS OF 081800H NOV 65**

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING STRONGPOINTS ALONG THE MLR AND FORMING ALERT FORCES FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT AT ANY LOCATION IN THE DANANG TAOR.
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE THE GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE DIV WITH ONE COMPANY IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR AND ONE COMPANY IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. GROUP OF EIGHT MEN DISTRIBUTED SOAP, CANDY AND CLOTHES TO PEOPLE OF PHONG BAC.
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 082230H THE TANK FR CO. "A" LOCATED ON HILL 41 (AT 934663), WHICH OPERATES WITH AN AN/TPS-21, FIRED FOUR ROUNDS OF 90MM HE AND THREE ROUNDS OF 90MM WP AT A TARGET IDENTIFIED AS A SMALL ENEMY UNIT AT (AT 929649). UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIRE MISSION THERE WAS NO FURTHER DETECTION OF THE TARGET.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BATTALION WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 122 AS OF 101800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 123 AS OF 111800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. THREE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE BN IN PHONG BAC DURING THE EVENING OF 10-11 NOV WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT.
2. OPERATIONS. BETWEEN 102000H AND 110230H THREE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED (AT 995707) (AT 991710) (AT 995715). IN SPITE OF THIS NEARLY COMPLETE BLOCK OF ACCESS ROUTES THERE WAS NO ENEMY CONTACT.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. PATROL TO BE CONDUCTED (AT 989708) - (AT 989705) - (AT 982702), 121300 - 121500H. TANK COMBAT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO 3D AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. TRAINING - CO. "A" CONDUCTED RANGE FIRING EXERCISES FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL AND CREW SERVED WEAPONS.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 124 AS OF 121800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR CONDUCTING ONE PATROL AND OCCUPYING STRONGPOINTS ALONG THE DANANG ENCLAVE.
2. OPERATIONS. TANK PATROL CONDUCTED 121000H - 122230H (AT 990677) TO (AT 993636). ENEMY SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED NEAR (AT 992640). TK FIRED 250 MG RDS AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. SEARCH FAILED TO REVEAL ANY ENEMY CASUALTIES.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND SEVEN ENLISTED MEN DISTRIBUTED 150 LBS. OF ~~REFRESHMENT~~ BEEF TO THE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC. THE VILLAGE CHIEF ASSISTED IN DISTRIBUTION. BN CIVIC ACTION OFFICER TALKED TO CHIEF OF HOA THO VILLAGE AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT IF ANY ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, REGARDING VIET CONG, BY VILLAGE, THE CHIEF WILL CONTACT THE 3D TK BN.
5. MISCELLANEOUS.
 - A. TRAINING. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL PRESENTED A FIRST AID LECTURE TO 49 MEMBERS OF "B" CO. FOR 45 MINS. AT 120900H.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 125 AS OF 131800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN HQ. RECD TWO INCOMING SA RDS AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PERIMETER AT APPROXIMATELY 130200H FROM AN UNK SOURCE.

2. OPERATIONS. REG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO 3D AND 9TH MAH.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. REG

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. TRAINING. THIRTY H&S CO. PERSONNEL CONDUCTED FIRING OF CREW SERVED AND INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 126 AS OF 141800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. BN CP WAS VISITED BY TWO DISTINGUISHED QUESTS, REP. CORMAN AND JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON BOTH OF CALIF, BETWEEN 141505H - 141545H.
2. OPERATIONS. AT 141300H TWO TANKS FROM "B" CO. PROVIDED BLOCKING POSITION (JT 095660) WITH "B" CO. 1/9. NINE VC'S WERE APPREHENDED BY THE COMPANY AND RETURNED TO "B" CO. CP WITH NO ENEMY CONTACT.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO 3D AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 127 AS OF 151800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO 3D AND 9TH MAR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. A JOINT PROGRAM INVOLVING 3D TK BN AND 1ST AMTRAC BN WAS STARTED AT 1300H. MEMBERS FR BOTH BNS WORKING AS A TEAM SET UP A LIAISON WITH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS, THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF KHUE TRANG (4), AND CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS FR THE 3D TK BN AND 1ST AMTRAC BN TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUING PROGRAM OF MEDICAL CARE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING, SOAP, AND FOOD STUFFS TO THE VIETNAMESE WHO LIVE IN SAMPANS IN THE RIVER TOURANE TIDAL FLAT AREA. THIS OPERATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY USING AMPHIBIAN TRACTORS TO CARRY MEDICAL AND CIVIL AFFAIRS PERSONNEL ALONG WITH THEIR SUPPLIES DOWN THE SONG CAU DO AND GIVING TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTING SUPPLIES TO NEEDY FAMILIES AT SITES PREDESIGNATED BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF IN THIS AREA.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. TRAINING. "B" CO. AT 141900H HELD REACTION DRILL. COMPLETED 141935H.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 128 AS OF 161800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MARINES OCCUPYING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG THE MLR AND FORMING A MOBIL RESERVE FORCE FOR EMPLOYMENT AT ANY LOCATION IN THE DANANG ENCLAVE.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. TWO TANKS FROM CO. "B" WILL PROVIDE A MOBILE BLOCKING FORCE FOR A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE 3D BN. 9TH MAR SOUTH OF THE SONG BAU XAU. THE TANKS WILL MOVE INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS NEAR HA DONG (AT 990642) AT 170700H.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. COORDINATED CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ OF 3D TK BN AND 1ST AMTRAC BN. CONDUCTED WITH PROJECT CALM SEAS WITH SAMPAN FLEET AT NAI NAM (BT 040755). CIVIL AFFAIRS AND MEDCAP TEAMS DEPARTED IN THREE LVT'S BN CP (AT 988711) AT 151300H, PROCEEDED EAST ON SONG CAU DO AND THEN NORTH ON DANANG RIVER TO NAI NAM ARRIVING AT 151420H. THE MOVEMENT OF THE LVT'S WAS COVERED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON BY TANKS FROM CO. "B" LOCATED ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE DANANG RIVER. RESIDENTS WERE INVITED TO APPROACH THE LVT'S AND WERE INFORMED THROUGH INTERPRETERS OF THE PURPOSE AND EXTENT OF THE PROJECT. APPROX 500 VIETNAMESE RESPONDED AND CAME BY SMALL BOATS AND DUGOUTS. FOOD, CLOTHING, SOAP, AND OTHER CIVIL AFFAIRS MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED. 126 TREATMENTS WERE ADMINISTERED BY THE MEDCAP TEAM FROM ITS WATERBORNE CLINIC. THE PERSONS RESPONDING WERE PREMARILY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITH THE ADULT MALES REMAINING ON THE FAMILY SAMPANS. WHEN SPECIFICALLY INVITED TWENTY OF THESE MEN RESPONDED. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM WERE INVITED ABOARD ONE OF THE LARGER SAMPANS PRIOR TO RETURNING

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TO THE CP. IN GENERAL THE PEOPLE WERE FRIENDLY AND INDICATED THAT THEY WERE RECEPTIVE TO THE PROJECT. FUTURE PLANS CALL FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE PROJECT ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS WITH STOPS BEING MADE AT MANY OF THE OTHER ANCHORAGES IN THE VICINITY.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 129 AS OF 171800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG

2. OPERATIONS. AT 170645H EIGHT TANKS FROM "B" CO. PARTICIPATED IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITH 1/9 IN VICINITY (BT 105645). TANKS WERE UTILIZED IN THE SWEEP AND AS A BLOCKING FORCE. DURING THE OPERATION NO DIRECT CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE ENEMY; HOWEVER 500 .30 CAL ROUNDS WERE USED IN RECON BY FIRE, 150 GALS OF NAPALM WAS USED TO DESTROY A TRENCH LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 1000 METERS OF 3 FOOT BARBED WIRE FENCE WAS DESTROYED IN GRID SQUARE (BT 1064), 15 BUNKERS, AND NUMEROUS NEW PUNJI PITS WERE DESTROYED. ALL TANKS RETURNED TO "B" CO. CP AT 171430H.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED SEVENTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONO BAC. SIXTY-TWO WERE TREATED FOR SORES AND SKIN DISEASES, THREE FOR URI, FOUR FOR STOMACH PAINS, AND ONE FOR HEADACHE.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 130 AS OF 181800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG2. OPERATIONS. NEG3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "B" WITH NINE 90MM GUN TKS AND TWO FLAME TKS IN D/S OF 1-9 IN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE 9TH MAR TAOR IN A TRIANGULAR AREA EAST OF THE SONG HA XAU RIVER BETWEEN NORTH SOUTH GRID LINE (BT 62 AND BT 65) EAST OF GRIDLINE (BT 09).4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. COORDINATED CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM OF 3D TK BN AND 1ST AMTRAC BN. CONDUCTED WITH PROJECT CALM SEAS WITH SAMPAN FLEET AT NAI NAM (BT 040755). CIVIL AFFAIRS AND MEDCAP TEAMS DEPARTED IN FOUR LVT'S BN CP (AT 0900) AT 151300H, PROCEEDED EAST ON SONG CAU DO AND THEN NORTH ON DANANG RIVER TO NAI NAM ARRIVING AT 151420H. THE MOVEMENT OF THE LVT'S WAS COVERED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON BY TANKS FR CO. "B" LOCATED ON THE EASTERN BANK OF THE DANANG RIVER. RESIDENTS WERE INVITED TO APPROACH THE LVT'S AND WERE INFORMED THROUGH INTERPRETERS OF THE PURPOSE AND EXTENT OF THE PROJECT. AFOD, CLOTHING, SOAP, AND OTHER CIVIL AFFAIRS MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED. 20 TREATMENTS WERE ADMINISTERED BY THE MEDCAP TEAM FR ITS WATERBORNE CLINIC. IN GENERAL THE PEOPLE WERE FRIENDLY.5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 131 AS OF 191800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TWO TANK BN MARINES WHILE MANNING POSITIONS AT THE SE CORNER OF THE BN PERIMETER, BEING EXTREMELY ALERT NOTICED AN INDIGINOUS MAN HIDE A WEAPON ABOUT 100 METERS TO THEIR FRONT AND WALK AWAY. A PATROL OF FIVE MEN WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO THE AREA AND WERE SURPRISED BY A SECOND VC WHO THREW TWO GRENADES. THE PATROL AGRESSIVELY RETURNED FIRE AND ASSULTED THE SMALL PAGODA IN WHICH THE ENEMY WAS HIDING, SHOT THE VC CAUSING HIM TO RELEASE A THIRD GRENADE BEFORE HE COULD THROW IT. THE VC WAS KILLED INSTANTLY. TANK BN PERSONNEL SUSTAINED NO CASUALTIES. ONE M-1 CARBINE WITH FOLDING STOCK WAS CAPTURED ALONG WITH PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND SEVERAL VC DOCUMENTS.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE TANK BN WILL INCREASE PATROLS IN VICINITY OF ITS CP.4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 132 AS OF 201800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. CO. "B" IN SUPPORT OF 1/9 AND 3/9 IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF 9TH MAR TAOR. EXPENDED 100 90MM ROUNDS, 2500 .30 CAL AND 300 .50 CAL IN DESTROYING ENEMY BUNKER AND ENGAGING TWO VC AT GC 128623, TEN VC AT GC 128617, AND FIVE VC IN TRENCHES AT GC 115624. BN CP DEFENSES CAPTURED ONE VCS VIC AT 998708. IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERRED SUSPECT TO ITT.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV AND SHARPLY INCREASE PATROL ACTIVITY IN AREAS ADJACENT TO ITS CP.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 94 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILAGE OF PHONG BAC. FOUR FOR WORMS, TEN FOR URI, TEN FOR HEADACHES, EIGHT FOR EYE INFECTION, AND 62 FOR SORES AND SKIN DISEASES.
5. MISCELLANEOUS. *OP-3 (AT 991710), Co. "A" (AT 945764), Co. "B" (BT 065713)* Command Post Positions: Hq 3D Tk Bn

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 133 AS OF 211800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 134 AS OF 221800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHT, NEG
2. OPERATIONS, NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY, 3DTK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS, NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS, NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 134 (ADDENDUM) AS OF 221800H

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. PROJECT "CALM SEAS" CONTINUED WITH THE MEDCAP TEAM AND CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM TRAVELLING TO HOA BAN HAMLET (BT 038757) AND TO THUAN HOC HAMLET (BT 035759) BY AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR. TANKS LOCATED IN DANANG EAST PROVIDED COVER FOR THE FIVE AMTRACKS. THE BATTALION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER MET WITH THE HAMLET VICE CHIEF OF HOA BAN AND THE HAMLET CHIEF OF THUAN HOC AND DISCUSSED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH LIVING ON SAMPANS PARTICULARLY EDUCATION. ARRANGEMENTS WERE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF THE PROJECT. CIVIL AFFAIRS MATERIAL WAS DISTRIBUTED IN COORDINATION WITH THE HAMLET CHIEFS. THE MEDCAP TEAM TREATED SIXTY PERSONS IN THE WATER-BORNE CLINIC.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 135 AS OF 231800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING STRONGPOINTS THROUGHOUT THE DANANG ENCLAVE.
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "B" WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST BN. 9TH MAR IN PHONG HO (1) AND (2) (BT 062630) (BT 067625) COMMENCING 240700H.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BATTALION COMMANDER DISTRIBUTED CIVIL AFFAIRS MATERIAL (SOAP, CANDY, AND LIQUID MALT) AT THE ORPHANAGE ADJACENT TO THE DANANG CATHEDRAL. SOAP WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE RESIDENTS OF PHONG BAC (AT 989709) AND (AT 992712) IN COORDINATION WITH THE HAMLET VICE-CHIEF.
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 136 AS OF 241800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE COMBAT TANK SUPPORT TO 3D AND 9TH MAR.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. INCREASED PATROLLING AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM TREATED 43 PERSONS IN THE HAMLET OF THON PHONG BAC (GS 9971) SCHOOL AND DISTRIBUTED 15 BARS OF SOAP AND TWO PACKAGES OF CANDY.
5. MISCELLANEOUS. VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA THO VILLAGE (GS 9971) VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SEVERAL VC RESIDE IN THE VILLAGE AND CONDUCT UNKNOWN CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND DAYLIGHT.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 137 AS OF 251800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING STRONG POINTS ALONG THE MLR AND FORMING MOBILE RESERVE FORCES.
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH AT (AT 987714) FR 252200 - 260500H. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 138 AS OF 261800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. A FOUR MAN PATROL FROM H&S CO. LOCATED A SERIES OF TRENCHES AND TUNNELS IN PHONG LE BAC (1) AT (AT 989706) APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS SOUTH OF THEIR CP. A DEMOLITIONS TEAM WAS DISPATCHED AND THE TUNNEL AND TRENCH LINE WERE DESTROYED.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CO. "A" AND CO. "B" WILL REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D AND 9TH MAR RESPECTIVELY. INCREASED PATROLLING AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. AS PART OF PROJECT CALM SEAS THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER'S TEAM AND MEDCAP TEAM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 1ST AMTRAC BN., VISITED HOA BAN HAMLET (BT 039758) IN FOUR LVT'S. TKS COVERED THE ENTIRE ROUTE FROM POSITIONS IN DANANG EAST. CIVIL AFFAIRS MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED, DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH THE HAMLET CHIEF, AND 30 MEDICAL TREATMENTS WERE ADMINISTERED. INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO BEGIN THE TRAINING OF TWO SAMPAN RESIDENTS AS NURSE'S AIDES.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. ON A CONTINUING BASIS 3D TK BN HAS BEEN VISITING THE CHIEF (MR. KHOAI) OF HOA THO VILLAGE, HOA VANG DISTRICT AND DISCUSSING THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE VILLAGE. THIS INCLUDES THE HAMLETS OF PHONG BAC AND YEN BAC. IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS THE CHIEF HAS STATED THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS VC IN THESE HAMLETS, BUT THAT THEY REMAIN HIDDEN IN CAVES DURING THE DAY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE VILLAGERS AIDED THE VC BY WATCHING MARINE CORPS PATROLS AND WARNING THE VC OF THEIR LOCATION. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THESE VC WERE PRIMARILY PROPAGANDA TEAMS AND OPERATED BETWEEN 0100 AND 0400, 2-3 NIGHTS A WEEK

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 139 AS OF 271800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TKS COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING STRONGPOINTS ALONG THE MLR AND FORMING MOBILE RESERVE FORCES. THE BN WILL ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH AT (AT 987714) FROM 272300H - 280600H.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. CARE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO 150 STUDENTS AT THE PHONG BAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BT 000712).

5. MISCELLANEOUS. COMMAND POST POSITIONS: HQ, 3D TK BN, (AT 991710), CO. "A" (AT 945764), CO. "B" (BT 065713).

6. TRAINING. FIFTEEN PERSONNEL FR H&S CO FAM FIRED THE M-60 MG AND 15 MEN FIRED THE M-14 RIFLE FOR FAM 1300-1600H.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 140 AS OF 281800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. TWO TKS OF "B" CO. BLOCKED FOR "K" CO. 3/9 SWEEP VICINITY GS 9924. EXPENDED FOUR 90MM, 100 .50 CAL. AND 125 .30 CAL. RDS. CAPTURED 17 VC'S
2. OPERATIONS. THE 3D TK BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. *BN.*
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE WILL ESTABLISH AMBUSH AT (AT 987714) FROM 282230H TO 290500H.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. FIVE LBS CANDY, FIVE LBS CHEWING GUM, AND APPROX 50 ITEMS OF CONSUME JEWELRY DISTRIBUTED TO INHABITANTS OF PHONG BAO (BT 995706).
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 140 AS OF 291800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MARX AND THIRD MAR DIV TAOR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BN MEDCAP TEAM TREATED PEOPLE FROM THE FLOATING CLINIC (AMTRACS) IN THE SONG CAU DO RIVER. THEY GAVE 125 MEDICAL AND 25 DENTAL ASSISTANCE AND CONTINUED TO TRAIN SEVERAL NURSES TO WORK FULL TIME IN THE AREA.
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG.

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FR: CO, THIRD TK BN
TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 141 AS OF 301800H NOV 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.
2. OPERATIONS. AT 292225H A PLT FR CO. "B" WAS COMMITTED TO ASSIST THE EVACUATION OF A PLT FR "K" CO., 3D BN., 9TH MAR WHICH HAD ENCOUNTERED AN EXTENSIVE MINED AREA NEAR GS (AT 9866). THE PLT ARRIVED IN THE POSITION, ASSUMED PERIMETER DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, ASSISTED IN EVACUATING CASUALTIES, AND ESCORTED THE REMAINDER OF THE INFANTRY PLATOON TO ITS POSITIONS ON THE MLR SHORTLY AFTER DAYBREAK 30 NOV. NO MINES NOR ENEMY TROOP ELEMENTS WERE ENCOUNTERED BY THE TANKS DURING THIS OPERATION.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR OCCUPYING STRONGPOINTS ALONG THE MLR AND FORMING PORTIONS OF MOBILE RESERVE FORCES.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER ACQUAINTED HIMSELF WITH APPROXIMATELY 50 PERSONS IN PHONG BAC (AT 990705), DISTRIBUTED FIVE LBS CANDY TO APPROXIMATELY 75 CHILDREN.. FURTHER WORK WAS DONE ON THE MEDICAL STATION FOR PHONG BAC. PROCUREMENT OF TIN AND BRICK FOR THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION WAS DISCUSSED.
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In	Out				
1000	1010			1 November 1965 SS-B6 Requests 500 Gal Gas ASAP Refuler Dispatched	
1030				Bravo 13 hit land mine- minor track damage-no casualties	
0810				2 November 1965 Platsburg Bravo 6- requests a Maint Contact team to perform Q Service after 8 Nov. FISU can not perform it.	
1215				Bravo 31 Hit landmine- extent of damage not known at this time	
0820				SSC6 requests clutch pressure plate of MR083 and throw out bering USMC No. 210356.	
0830				SSB Requests generator control Box-NIS	
1500				3 November 1965 SSB5 Requests 400 gal gas first thing tomorrow-Notified M.T. to dispatch regular 0800	

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	0800			4 November 1965 Dispatched Refueler	
1000				Bravo-21,23,25 stuck across river-dispatched retriever to pull out above vehicles.	
2000				Mission accomplished	
	0800			5 November 1965 Selected T/A Items report sub- mitted	
	1800			6 November 1965 Notified SSC to save charger hoses from two Code X Squeezes	
0830				7 November 1965 SSC verified getting charger hoses from Code X Squeezes.	
1805				SSC Request-Oil Filter Kits 3ea to finish Q Service.	
	1830			SS4 Requests slip ring from SSC or Plattsburg 6	

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	1100			8 November 1965 Logsum #12 submitted to G-4 Engineer Readiness report submitted to Div Engineer Office SSC sending slip ring 0830 9Nov	
0805				9 November 1965 DivOrd phoned-two civilian Tech Reps are on the way to look at Tanks.	
0800				Civilian Tech Reps arrived in area- Dick Pressly US Army Weapons Command, Michigan Army Miesel Plant, Warren, Mich: and C.I. Seymour, Continental Motors Corp, St. Plant, Muskegon Mich.	
0845				10 November 1965 190 yrs old today- Marine Corps 190th Birthday Republic of Viet Nam.	
0001	1610			11 November 1965 Ammo Expenditure Submitted	

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	1800			12 November 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
	1800			13 November 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	
	1803			14 November 1965 2nd Plt Bravo 1st Tks arrived in Chu Lai- No Tanks at Qui Uhon	
	1300			15 November 1965 Contact team from 7th Engrs arrived to firm up cantonement of camp	
	0800			16 November 1965 Camp cantonement begins tomorrow Rep of 7th Engineer confirmed this date.	
	1300			Combat Vehicle Deadline report submitted. FSAO team arrived in area (field Supply Analyzed)	
1305					

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				17 November 1965	
0800				7th Engrs started strongbacking of tents in area	
1700				Pick Bay Tent Completed this date	
1600				18 Nov 1965	
	1800			Camp Cantonment of strong-backing has progressed as scheduled.	
1345				SS4 requested SSC to inventory track jackets.	
				19 November 1965	
				SSC sent Doc# of required track and spare parts that are still outstanding.	
				20 November 1965	
0930				Report of B12 hit mine- no Cas. Extensive damage to vehicle- bringing same to C.P. tomorrow	
				21 November 1965	
0930				Damage of B12 extensive- Hull warped evaced to FISG	

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1805	1800			22 November 1965 SS4 requested SSC and Plattsburg B send list of tanks with search lights mounted.	
	0750			23 November 1965 Plattsburg B6 reports 8 tanks with searchlights	
	1500			24 November 1965 SS4 request Plattsburg Bravo furnish USMC No's of Tanks with search lights	
				LOGSUM#13 submitted.	
	1830			25 November 1965 Tank track being off loaded at Monkey Mtn. landing: All avail trucks in Bn commenced hauling same.	
	0530			26 November 1965 Track for Tanks in area: ap rox 190 pallets each.	

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1500				27 November 1965 Confirmed count of track on pallets is 192-M18A3 and M51 track	
1600				28 November 1965 1224 shoes assy M18 and 1188 shoes assy M51 received in ship- ment	
0920	0930			29 November 1965 SSB requested 400 gal gas ASAP Dispatched refueler	
1800				30 November 1965 CO "C"Co and CO "B"Co 1stTks arrived in area	

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-30 November 1965

Section XII

1. Problems encountered and lessons learned by supporting units.

a. On 13 November, the 1st Platoon was attached to BLT 3/3. There was no adherence to normal administrative procedures necessary in the attachment of a supporting unit to a BLT. This platoon physically effected attachment in accordance with the operation order. When the time came for the necessary administrative transfer of personnel and the establishment of a system for casualty reporting, BLT 3/3 told attachments that they (BLT 3/3), would have OPCON and parent units would retain ADCON.

Lessons Learned - The Dictionary of United States Military Terms for Joint Usage defines "attach" as follows:

"The placement of units or personnel in an organization where such placement is relatively temporary. Subject to limitations imposed by the attachment order, the commander of the formation, unit or organization receiving the attachment will exercise the same degree of command and control thereover as he does over units and persons organic to his command."

In instances where supporting units are attached in combat zones and are deployed at any great distance from their parent unit, it is extremely important that the unit to which they are attached have administrative control over them. This is necessary to ensure proper personnel accounting and casualty reporting. If a supporting unit is under OPCON only of the supported unit, the order must so state. Proper use of terms defining a unit's status or mission is extremely necessary for accomplishment of the mission.

b. On 27 November, the Viet Cong established a roadblock on route #1 at the northern edge of the TAOR. The railroad bridge across the Song An Tan River (BT 498067), has not been reinforced to accomodate tanks.

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Lessons Learned - All bridges within a TACR should be reinforced to accommodate passage of the heaviest combat vehicles. In this instance a platoon of tanks with Infantry aboard could have arrived at the roadblock within 20 minutes of notification if the bridge on the Song An Tan River had been reinforced.