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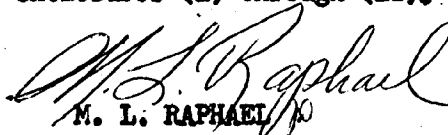
HEADQUARTERS
3d Tank Battalion
3d Marine Division
FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (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), FME, Third Marine Division (Rein), FME

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: 1-31 December 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. CRICKSON
B Company, 1st Tank Battalion	Major Allen W. LAMB

Principal Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major James G. DOSS
Battalion Adjutant/S-1	1stLt Donald J. ROBINSON II
Battalion S-2	2ndLt Don P. BECKNER
Battalion S-3	Major Murdle L. MAXWELL
Battalion S-4	Major Franklin W. COATES

Average Monthly Strength:

Marine Officers	32
Marine Enlisted	735
Navy Officer	1
Navy Enlisted	15

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DECEMBER 1965 SUMMARY PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battalion's personnel posture continues at an acceptable level in relation to the M Series T/O. The Battalion's chargeable strength as of 31 December 1965, was 31 Marine Officers and 718 Marine enlisted, together with 1 Naval Officer and 14 Naval enlisted. The 1st Platoon of A Company, this command, was transferred to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines which rotated as a BLT to Okinawa on 20 December. This transfer explains the sudden drop of 1 Marine Officer and 22 Marine enlisted from the battalion rolls. The 2nd Platoon of A Company, this command, presently on the return leg of the rotation cycle with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, will be returning ADCON to this battalion in the very near future.

The Battalion lost some 23 Marine enlisted personnel through either rotation to CONUS or by medical evacuation (all of which were non-battle cases). One Marine from B Company, 1st Tank Battalion (LCpl John F. ASHMAN 2096207/1811) was killed (non-battle) at Chu Lai. The proximate cause of his death was a through and through missile wound caused by a .50 caliber (cupola mounted MG) round in the left side of the chest. LCpl ASHMAN was standing approximately 5 feet in front of the weapon's muzzle on the right front fender of the tank at the time of the discharge. The incident is presently being investigated in consonance with current directives from this and higher headquarters.

The Battalion joined 28 enlisted marines as replacements during this reporting period.

As stated previously the Battalion is presently experiencing an almost critical shortage in the OI Occupational Field. The shortage of trained clerks (0141) has handicapped our administrative effort. In some cases tank repairmen (2141) are serving as clerks due to the shortage. The accuracy of personnel reports and related administration continues to be satisfactory, but in some cases only marginally so. Replacements in this field are sorely needed, however none seemingly are to be had. A legal clerk (0121) is needed also, as the volume of legal business conducted by the Battalion is such as to make the possession of a legal clerk (0121) an absolute necessity.

The Battalion is still short 17 tank crewmen (1811). This problem has been partially alleviated through the substitution of 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 primary MOS of 1811 are not considered desirable. The 17 tank crewmen (1811) are indeed badly needed by this Battalion.

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Replacements in the 35 Occupational [redacted] are needed. The Battalion Motor Transport platoon is short 11 drivers (3531) for their M-54 6 X 6 trucks. This shortage has caused the Battalion to administratively deadline motor vehicles due to the lack of qualified drivers to operate them.

The Battalion has had no replacement of Officers this reporting period, and is presently short 14 Officers. As stated previous this shortage has necessitated some Officers performing the duties normally performed by two or more.

The Battalion has had only one serious breach of discipline this month and it has been referred to a Summary Court Martial.

Morale remains outstanding. Continued improvement of living conditions is in evidence. The Battalion Special Services Officer has organized both Volleyball and Softball games. The R&R trips to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Okinawa, Tokyo, Taipei, and Saigon RVN are well received by all hands. It seems to be the universal wish that the R&R time period of 5 days could be extended to 7 days.

The Battalion promotion board met on 1 December and promoted 16 Marines to Lance Corporal and 5 Marines to Corporal under the provisions of paragraph 7 of MCO 1418.9D. Two Corporals were meritoriously promoted to Sergeant following a meeting of the Division promotion board. Twenty other Corporals were promoted to Sergeant pursuant to MCBul 1430 of December 1965. In addition, the Battalion Commander, LtCol RAPHAEL, effected the two combat promotions (one to LCpl and one to Cpl) authorized by FMFPacO 1430.6.

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INTELLIGENCE

Viet Cong activity against tanks was light for the month of December 1965. Several bits of information were uncovered, however, which do have significance for the 3d Tank Battalion.

The RPG-2 which has proven moderately effective against tanks in the past was again encountered on Operation Harvest Moon. Though Tanks were not involved in the operation, seven of these weapons were captured from the Viet Cong units involved, indicating that they are in greater abundance than previously supposed. It must be assumed that in future engagements with the Viet Cong Main Force Battalions defensive measures will have to be taken to insure a minimum of opportunity for V.C. employment of the RPG-2. This weapon will penetrate 6-7 inches of homogeneous steel according to the manual on foreign weapons. (reference Chieu Cu, Tap I). It is suspected, however, that this weapon has accounted for 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches of armor penetration on one vehicle in this Bn.

During the month of December 1965 as during previous months the most effective Viet Cong weapon was the land mine. These mines continued to be in the 25-35 pound class; again with the emphasis on shaped charges. The mines again were ineffective in destroying tanks though they continually did enough damage to require extensive maintenance in order that the tanks remain tactically sound.

The Viet Cong continued to avoid contact with tanks indicating the inability of the units involved to destroy the vehicle. On every occasion in which contact was made by tank units with the Viet Cong, the Viet Cong attempted to break contact immediately. In several instances the Viet Cong showed every indication of being capable and desirous of maintaining contact with friendly infantry units. Immediately upon commitment of tanks, however, the Viet Cong broke contact in haste.

On 31 December 1965 the battalion S-2 submitted a special intelligence report on the situation in PHONG BAC hamlet, coordinates (AT990706), to the Commanding General, Third Marine Division. In brief the main points of the report were as follows:

1. Over twenty youths from this hamlet have been recruited into the Viet Cong army since 1963.
2. Although there are no armed Viet Cong staying in the village on a continuing basis, they frequently visit for propaganda and agitation purposes, according to the villagers.
3. The village, though overtly supporting the Government of the Republic of Viet Nam, does, in the opinion of HOA VANG district, HOA THO village, and the 3d Tank Battalion, possess an influential National Liberation Front infrastructure.

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4. Progress has been made in gaining the support of the people of PHONG BAC.

The official government administrative organization of the hamlet is only moderately successful in functioning as an effective governing body. This topic will be discussed in detail in a forthcoming special intelligence report.

The Viet Cong assassinated a popular force squad leader in PHONG BAC on the 20th of December 1965. It is believed that they departed in the direction of the CAM NE Hamlets at (AT980695). It is also believed that the Viet Cong received aid in locating him from some people in the village. (See Special Intelligence Report 31 December 1965).

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Tank Combat operations during the month of December were composed of the following:

Company "A" remains in direct support of the 3d Marines, occupying strong points along the MLR and providing a mobile reserve force for the regiment. The company has two tanks on hill #41 (AT 934664) in support of an infantry company. The tanks working in conjunction with a AN/TPS-21 radar, are used extensively for H&I's fires. Other tanks in the company were also employed in firing H&I's in the TAOR. The 3d platoon, "A" company, attached to the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, occupies strong points on Highway 1 and the airfield and provided the battalion with a mobile reserve force.

Company "B" remains in direct support of the 9th Marines with one platoon of tanks in support of the 2d Battalion and the remainder in support of the 1st Battalion. This company continues to have the majority of tank offensive actions.

Company "B" participated in numerous search and clear and search and destroy operations and armored patrols. They also provided the 9th Marines with a mobile reserve force and occupied strong points along the MLR. During December, elements of the company had 20 contacts with the V.C. and killed an estimated 22 V.C. (17 Confirmed). They also apprehended 9 VCs and sunk two sampans. The most notable contact occurred in an action in which a section of tanks was employed as a mobile reaction force to aid an infantry squad under heavy attack. An estimated 60 uniformed VC were attacked. In the ensuing fire fight 41 VC were killed with the tanks credited with 13 of the kills.

Company "C", attached to the 4th marines occupied strong points along the MLR in the Chu Lai enclave. The company provides one tank platoon as part of the alert force near the Chu Lai airfield, and participated in beach patrols along thier section of the perimeter.

Company "B" 1st tank battalion, attached to the 7th marines supported operations within the TAOR, participating in sweep and clear and search and destroy operations and support of patrol. The 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 were conducted by H&S Company during the month of December in areas adjacent to the Battalion CP. 13 day time patrols and 7 night ambushes were conducted. One sweep and clear operation was conducted over two grid squares south and east of the CP. The battalion provided one infantry platoon on standby for immediate employment in the 3d Marine Division TAOR, during operation Harvest Moon.

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CONFIDENTIAL**TRAINING**

During the month of December, training was continued to maintain and ipcrease the high state of Combat readiness.

Weekly firing of personal and crew served small arms was conducted, including the M-79 grenade launcher.

Headquarters personnel have received extensive on the job and concurrent training in the erection of field fortifications and the construction of bunkers. This was accomplished during improvement of Battalion Headquarters Defenses.

Two, one day instruction periods on the claymore mine was provided to Battalion Headquarters personnel by instructors from the third and seventh engineer Bns.

Individual and tank crew training and drills in the techniques and fundamentals of indirect and long range direct tank gunnery.

Six squad sized patrols have been organized as immediate stand by reaction forces. Training was conducted in scouting and patrolling with emphasis placed on night patrolling and ambushes.

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CONFIDENTIAL LOGISTICS**1. General**

a. The period covered by this report is from 1 to 31 December 1965. During this period the command has continued to perform the normal logistic functions required to support a Tank Battalion (Rein). The overall Logistic Picture has improved and the future seems to be encouraging. There are certain problem areas which still exist however and these are stated below.

b. The main Logistic effort during this period has been an aggressive attempt to procure critically required tank spare parts; analysis and re-organization of supply accounting, warehousing and office procedures; an up-to-date evaluation of anticipated supply requirements (to include a re-appraisal of the requisition objective); and the development of the Battalion Cantonment.

2. Supply**a. Determination of Supply requirements:**

(1) Determination of supply requirements has demanded the personal attention of all the special and executive staff and the unit commanders. It has been found that the usage data accumulated during the nontactical years is not realistic. The usage data concerning Class II spare parts was, in the most part, unsatisfactory. A detailed analysis of the requisition objective for each spare part was conducted by the cognizant section head and the Bn. Supply Officer. This took time and effort, however a much more reliable and realistic stockage objective of Class II spare parts is now in effect.

(2) A determination of Supply Requirements caused by the climate and terrain which is peculiar to this area, is a continuous effort. Mosquito Nets, Wet Weather Gear, Rust Preventives, and foot powders are among the special items peculiar to this environment.

(3) A compilation of the combat allowance for T/E items has been completed. The increases which are significant are as follows: (a study is now being conducted to determine a true need for these items).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>C/A</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>C/A</u>
Binoculars	8	Tank M67	1
M-14 Rifle	18	GP Tent	7
SMG Cal. .45	4	Helmet MC-2	13
Truck M-38A1	1	Body Armor	6

b. Supply Administration. The administrative procedures for storing, accounting, requisitioning, and documenting of supplies was found to be unreliable and slow to respond to field requirements. The office paper flow was indefinite, not only between desks, but between office and warehousing. Consequently errors in records and stock locator files were on the increase. A complete evaluation of procedures and a reorganization of the supply section has alleviated this and other internal problems.

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CONFIDENTIAL**c. Procurement, Availability, and Distribution of Supply.**

(1) Availability of Class I, III, and V supplies has been excellent. The availability of Class IV supplies was fair however bunker material, concertina wire, sand bags, and metal stakes are now obtainable.

(2) The non-availability of Class II spare parts still continues to be the major supply and maintenance problem. Components of the Tank Suspension System have been of great concern to this command since July 1965. In an attempt to anticipate the need, tank sprockets, track, and torsion bars were placed on Priority 12 and 17 requisitions during July and September. It was anticipated that a number of these items would require replacement in October and November. Except for the recent shipment of track, none of the other items have been received. Consequently the over all condition of the tank track and suspension has continued to deteriorate. Tanks which had poor track and suspension in July are now employed in emergency situations only. Good track and suspension which existed in July has now depreciated to a poor condition. To keep up with the growing requirements and the corresponding urgency, additional requisitions of higher priority have been submitted. Tracer action on all requisitions has been pursued. Of the 17 sets of track just recently received 9 sets were M-51 Retriever Track. There are no M-51 sprockets available. M-51 sprocket were placed on a priority 02 requisition to facilitate the use of the available M-51 track. Many of the sprockets now being utilized on the M-48 and the M-67 are worn to a degree that they would seriously damage new track if it was used. At this time there are enough sprockets on order to outfit 45 Tanks, this includes a request for 40 sprockets which is in the Red Ball System. III MAF and Division have taken a personal interest in this problem. Division dispatch 131118Z Dec, to Third FSK and Dispatch 131120Z Dec, to MSG III MAF requested immediate action on the outstanding sprocket and torsion bar requisitions.

(3) Small spare parts and items of little weight and cube are beginning to arrive in good time. This is mostly due to the utilization of parcel post. The trend however is that heavy and bulky items such as mentioned in paragraph 2, c, (3) above are not coming in. This is a particular serious trend for this organization in that many of our Supply Requirements are heavy. A 400 pound weight limitation was imposed on the critipak program and this has curtailed our full use of the program also.

(4) As stated above the lack of supply support of Class II spare parts is a significant problem. The over all fill rate of requisitions is improving however. The following is the fill percentages of all requisitions, by priority, since this organization has been in country. Note the increase in fill percentage during December.

	<u>Pri 02</u>	<u>Pri 05</u>	<u>Pri 12</u>	<u>Pri 17</u>
Documents	177	699	1134	319
Completed	62	166	135	40
Fill Rate	36.6%	23.7%	11.9%	12.5%
% increase in Dec	14.7%	14.7%	8.6%	9.2%

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization:

Evacuation Status.

Month of December.

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	<u>Air</u>	<u>Surf</u>	<u>Aw Evac</u>	<u>Ret To Duty</u>
MIA	0	0	0	0
WIA	0	0	0	0
Non-Bat	0	5	0	2

4. Transportation

a. The overall effectiveness of the Battalion Motor Transport is excellent. Vehicles and equipment are being maintained, however added emphasis is being placed on driver preventive maintenance. The use of motor transport is supervised and co-ordinated at all echelons. The Battalion Road Master is out on the roads at least 4 hours a day.

b. This Battalion furnished the Division two to four trucks daily. There is no problem in this area.

c. There have been numerous difficulties encountered at the tracked vehicle river crossings at 035775 and 988708. The ferries at these sites are in constant need of repair and maintenance. To transport a tank they are required to put more pressure into the pontoons. The pontoons can not be kept at this required pressure for any length of time due to the weakened condition of the equipment. In emergencies it has taken four hours to prepare the ferries for crossing. During actual crossings the motors for the subject ferries have frequently failed. Twice the motors have failed at mid-stream while transporting tanks. Both times the ferry drifted approximately 300 yards and came to rest on the river bank. The Bridge Company 7th Engineers and the Division G-4 are aware of this problem.

5. Service**a. Tank Maintenance**

(1) The non-availability of major Tank components and spare parts still cripples the maintenance effort.

(2) Crew preventive maintenance and frequent maintenance checks by organizational maintenance personnel have resulted in continued Tank support regardless of the severe lack of supply spare parts.

(3) On 27Dec B-22 was stuck at 985635. The retrieve operation proved to be normal, and the ground condition in the area is not unusual for Viet Nam. In this case the ground looked to be trafficable. The surface was sandy and moist. The vegetation was sparse. B-22 was on a tactical mission and while traversing this ground the surface gave way. Approximately 2 feet below the surface existed a water table. Due to the hazzardous ground condition which existed about 150 feet around B-22, the other Tanks could not get close enough to retrieve. The H&S retriever was called to the scene and did extract him with the main wench. Lesson learned-the command is procuring one 200 foot cable per tank pl. This will allow accompanying tanks to retrieve from a distance.

b. Cantonment.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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(1) The cantonment program is progressing very well. All strong backs for billeting, office space, and storage facilities have been received. 70% of these structures are up and in use. The professional manner in which the members of "B" Co, 7th Engineers performed their duties on this project was outstanding.

(2) The medical Bunker and the Communications Bunker are completed. A 24' X 24' Command Bunker is being constructed now and should be completed within one week.

c. Sanitation. Frequent inspection by the medical authorities and close command attention to preventive medicine and area police has resulted in no sanitation problems.

d. Food Services. The availability of Class I supplies and the supervised preparation of meals has continued to be one of the prime reason for the high state of morale which exists in the organization.

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

The 3d Tank Battalion posture remains unchanged. Of the four gun companies in this reinforced battalion, two are in the DaNang enclave while two are in the Chu Lai area. Companies "A" and "B", 3rd Tank Battalion are in the direct support of the 3rd and 9th Marines, respectively, while "C" company, 1st Tank Bn, and "C" company 3rd Tank Battalion remain attached to the 7th Marines and 4th Marines, respectively. Whereas tactical control is retained by the supported infantry, the CO, 3rd Tank Battalion maintains administrative control and exercises logistic supervision of all subordinate units regardless of their location or support status.

Timely information is passed and close coordination is effected by:

- (a) Frequent visits by the Battalion Commander and his staff to companies and to the supported infantry units
- (b) Daily telephone and/or radio contact with each company.
- (c) Submission of periodic summaries of activities by each company.

for (d) A monthly battalion command and staff meeting. ~~for~~ any operations beyond normal daily activity, close liaison is established by this battalion as early as possible in order to aid in the planning stages, and attempt to influence the tactical employment of tanks toward maximum effectiveness.

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COMMUNICATIONS • ELECTRONICS

Reliable communications were maintained through out the month of December to support tactical requirements. Some difficulty was experienced on the Battalion's command net #2, a single side band circuit, when "C" Co.'s long wire antenna became inoperative and a whip, one-quarter wave length antenna was substituted. This resulted in the net control station, which was using a long wire antenna, receiving "C" Co. weak and garbled due to the omni-directional propagation pattern and the vertically polarized radio waves. Reliable communications resumed immediately after "C" Co. repaired their long wire antenna. The Battalion tactical net (FM) was guarded on a continuous schedule by "A" Co. and "B" Co. without interruption or down time.

All Communications - Electronic equipment evacuated to FLSG has been repaired in a most expeditious manner.

The Critic-pak program has made available certain Communications-Electronic repair parts that have not been available through the regular supply system.

The number of MC-2 tank helmets deadlined for repair is becoming critical. Insulation on the electrical-leads of the MC-2 tank helmet wiring harness, deteriorates rapidly due to heat and body perspiration. Electrical-leads are very difficult to obtain through the supply system. Cable assemblies, FSN 5995-577-8430, (8433), (8434), were requisitioned 1 October 1965, and are still outstanding this date. MK-401 FSN 5995-679-7708, was requisitioned 21 August 1965, on a priority five (5), document number 01133. Two tracer actions have been initiated and the requisition is still outstanding.

The wire gun loop, providing communications to the perimeter defensive bunkers, has been overhauled through out the Command Post area, and EE-8 telephones have been installed on a permanent mount inside each bunker. This arrangement affords protection to the phones and greatly reduces the preventive maintenance problems.

A contact team, consisting of one radio technician from the H&S Communications Platoon is being made available to assist the tank companies.

Several rain leaks were noted in the roof of the underground Communications bunker, and a new water proof covering was added to prevent damage to the radio equipment. The services of a Marine Photographer were obtained through the Third Marine Division's photo lab. Several pictures of the Battalion's underground Communications bunker were taken and the negatives are enclosed as a tab to this enclosure.

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A Public Address System, AN/TIP-1, was set up for the Battalion's Vietnamese interpreter's Civic action broadcasts to the Vietnamese people of Phong Bac hamlet.

Radio operators accompanied nine Civic action team patrols during December and reliable short range Communications with the net station were maintained.

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The routine sick call for the Battalion during December consisted of routine type sicknesses. Colds were most prevalent. Skin rashes and minor stomach disorders were not significant but are worth mention. A total of 373 persons were seen at the Battalion Aid Station.

The civil action program continues in Phong Boe Village. Three visits are made weekly to the school. A total of 747 people were given 1149 treatments. The two most prevalent complaints were skin infection and upper respiratory infections.

The Saipan Fleet is visited twice weekly in conjunction with 1st Amphibious Battalion. A total of 565 persons were given 764 treatments. Most common complaint was skin infections.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

In accordance with 3d Tank Battalion Commanding Officer's desire, the Civic Action program was intensified during December 1965. This included 3 separate Christmas programs for Vietnamese children; aid to the Da Nang orphanage, increased medical aid, and working contact with the Vietnamese on a day to day basis.

In early December the aid station for HOA THO village was completed. It is located at the PHONG BAC school coord(AT998709). The people of the village were delighted with the new building. Its construction brought forth two more volunteer nurses who will be trained in the coming months.

Christmas provided an opportunity for considerable Civic Action. The 3d Tank Battalion combined with 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion to spread Christmas cheer to the people of the Sampan Fleet. A Santa Claus complete with sleigh and reindeer was affixed to the top of an amtrac painted white. Then, with 3d Tank Battalion's interpreter, SSgt TRAN VAN THONG, reading an explanation, written by the Battalion's Civic Action Officer, of Santa Claus and what he means to Americans, Santa passed out candy to all the children. Though it is doubtful that the full impact of Santa and his meaning reached the children, a very Merry Christmas was enjoyed by the children as well as the Marines participating.

One day later on the 24 of December 1965 a tank with a Christmas greetings sign to the Vietnamese in their language and with a Santa Claus riding on top visited the PHONG BAC school. The program was complete with Vietnamese music, American Christmas music and a soccer game with the children. Again the Battalion interpreter gave an explanation of Santa Claus to the children who in turn expressed their appreciation with shouts of glee as the jolly fat man in the red suit passed out candy and toys. After all the children had received individual bags of candy and toys, all the adults received soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, and costume jewelry. This program like the "Sampan Fleet" program brought Christmas not only to the Vietnamese but also to the marines.

The last Christmas program was held at the HOA CAM Training Center's dependent housing area. This program was the same as the one carried out at PHONG BAC School except, jeeps were used in place of the tank. The program was such a success that it rated a five minute thank you speech from the school master of the dependent's school. Again, a more significant Christmas resulted from the unselfish giving of the Marines of Third Tank Battalion to the people of Viet Nam.

The 3d Tank Battalion Commanding Officer made a personal visit to the DaNang Orphanage during the holidays and distributed games, toys, sewing kits, buttons, and clothes to the children there. They showed their appreciation by sending the Battalion a Christmas card.

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An unfortunate event happened on the night of 22 December 1965 when the squad leader of the PHONG BAC popular force squad was assassinated. The Battalion took immediate action and increased its patrolling in the hamlet. The widow of the squad leader is receiving monthly financial aid, food, and clothing from the battalion. To prevent a similar occurrence in the future a joint action patrol squad consisting of popular forces and Marines is in the planning stages at this time.

The Battalion MEDCAP team treated a total 1302 people, more than doubling its output for November. Several persons were evacuated to the USOM hospital in Da Nang. The team gave over 1800 treatments during the month.

The people of both the Sampan Fleet and HOA THO were receptive to the Marines, though for a period immediately after the squad leader was killed the people exhibited a withdrawal type reaction. Gradually they regained their confidence as increased activity in PHONG BAC by the battalion restored their faith in our ability and intentions.

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

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

3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 143 AS OF 011800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 2100 TK BN PERIMETER DEFENSE PERSONNEL DISCOVERED ONE VCS OBSERVING THE BN DEFENSES FROM A TREE LINE APPROX 150 METERS EAST OF THE CP. APPROX 10 ROUNDS SA FIRE CAUSED THE INDIVIDUAL TO FLEE. TWO ROUNDS OF SA FIRE WAS RECD ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PERIMETER ON TWO OCCASIONS.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. A S&C OPERATION COMPOSED OF ELEMENTS OF HQ, 9TH MAR, 1ST ANTHAC BN., 3D AT BN., 3D MT BN., 3D TK BN. AND HOA VANG DISTRICT COVERING GS 9970 AND 9971, PLANNED AND COORDINATED BY 3D TK BN. WILL BE CONDUCTED COMMENCING 020630H.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OJT IN TK GUNNERY, MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 144 AS OF 021800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. SGT MAJ, 3D TK BN CAPTURED ONE VCS ARMED WITH CARBINE WITHOUT STOCK, AND ONE ~~MMK~~ M-26 HAND GRENADE VICINITY BT 029735.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONCEIVED, PLANNED, COORDINATED, AND PARTICIPATED IN S&C OPERATION COVERING GS 9970 AND 9971 WITH ELEMENTS OF HQ., 9TH MAR, 1ST AMTRAC BN., 3D AT BN., 3D MT BN., AND HOA VANG DISTRICT. NEG RESULTS.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. TWO TKS FROM "B" CO. WILL PARTICIPATE IN S&C OPERATION WITH "K" CO., 3/9 VICINITY AT 990641 beginning 021800H.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. N/A.

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 145 AS OF 3 DECEMBER 1965.

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. CO. "A" FIRED 11 RDS H&I FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV TAOR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 146 AS OF ⁰⁴081800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 041435H 1ST PLT, CO. "B" PROCEEDED TO "D" CO., 1/9 CP (BT 064718) TO RESCUE ONE SQD THAT WAS RECEIVING HEAVY SA FIRE.
2. OPERATIONS. AT 041330H THE TK STRENGTH ON HILL 22 (AT 953666) AND HILL 41 (AT 934663) WAS DOUBLED. TWO TKS W/SEARCHLIGHTS REPLACED THE ONE TK ON HILL 22 IN 3/3 TAOR AND TWO TKS W/SEARCHLIGHTS REPLACED THE ONE ON HILL 41 IN 1/1 TAOR.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEO
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. A. TRAINING. THIRTY-FIVE MARINES OF H&S CO. FIRED AUTOMATIC SA AT HOA CAM TRNG CENTER RANGE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 147 AS OF 061800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG2. OPERATIONS. NEG3. PLANSXSUMMARY. TK BN CONT TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR THE
3D MAR DIV TAOR.4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. N/A5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 148 AS OF 071800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT APPROX 070345H THE BN PERIMETER DEFENSE PERSONNEL OBSERVED ONE VCS LURKING NEAR THE WEST SIDE OF THE PERIMETER AND FIRED 30 SA RDS. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NO CASUALTIES.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV TAOR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 150 AS OF 081800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. NEG
3. PLANS SUMMARY. 3D TANK BN CONTINUED TO ~~XXXXXXXX~~ PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV TAOR.
4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG
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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 151 AS OF 091800H DEC ~~2~~ 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR. TWO TK INFANTRY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE 9TH MAR TAOR RESULTING IN THE SINKING OF ONE VIET CONG BOAT AND FOUR VC KIA.

2. OPERATIONS.

A. AT 090815H TWO TKS FR CO. "B" WERE COMMITTED TO ASSIST THE 3D PLT., "A" CO., 1ST BN., 9TH MAR IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY NEAR HA QUANG (4) (BT 106644). WHEN THE TKS ARRIVED THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND THE TANKS RETURNED TO THE "A" CO., CP AT 090930H WITHOUT FURTHER ENGAGEMENT.

B. AT 080700H TWO TKS FR CO. "B" IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 2D BN., 9TH MAR ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE EMBARKED IN A SAMPAN ON THE SONG BAU XAU AT (AT 994640). THE TKS FIRED 200R RDS OF .50 CAL. MG AMMUNITION SINKING THE BOAT AND KILLING FOUR VC.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D AND 9TH MAR.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS. NEG

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 153 AS OF 111800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. THE BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE DIV TAOR.

2. OPERATIONS. AT 100005H THREE TKS MOVED FR MARBLE MTN AREA TO CONDUCT A PATROL ALONG CHINA BEACH TO MONKY MTN. NINE VCS WERE APPREHENDED HIDING IN SAMPAN 300 METERS OFF (BT 070810).

B. AT 100027H TWO SAMPANS WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY TANK LOCATED AT MCB-8. DAMAGE INFLICTED IS UNKNOWN.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE 3D MAR DIV.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 153 AS OF 121800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG

2. OPERATIONS. AT 112130H "B" CO. TK TOOK AN ESTIMATED 30 VC UNDER FIRE IN MCB-8 AREA. AT 120630H NATIVES WAS SEEN DRAGGING WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO BODIES FROM RICE PADDY WHERE FIRING HAD BEEN DIRECTED. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. TANK BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE THIRD MAR TAOR.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. TRAINING. TWENTY-TWO MARINES FAM FIRED .30 CAL MG, M-60 MG, AND ZEROED THEIR RIFLES.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 154 AS OF 131800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. ~~KKKKMMXX~~ FOUR TANKS FR "B" CO., 3D TK BN PARTICIPATED IN S&C OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MAR VIC (BT 125634).

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE COMBAT TANK SUPPORT TO 3D MAR DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. "B" CO., 3D TK BN WILL DESTROY ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS VIC (BT 110650). 15 1544H

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. TRNG. 3D TK BN INITIATED REFRESHER TRNG IN INDIRECT FIRE PROCEDURE FOR TKS.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 156 AS OF 141800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. 3D TK BN HQ TK IN SPT OF "L" CO. 4/12. EXPENDED 30 RDS SA FIRE AT THREE VC VICINITY "L" CO. CP. NO CASUALTIES. AT 140440H "B" CO. 3D TK BN EXPENDED 11, 90MM AND 200M SA RDS IN SPT 1/9, DESTROYED BOAT VIC BT 063714. THREE VC KIA (POSS).

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN ON ORDER 3D MAR DIV CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ONE INFANTRY PLT. ON STANDBY FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IN 3D MAR DIV TAOR. BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE COMBAT TK SPT TO 3D MAR DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

A. TRNG. REFRESHER TANK CREW TRNG IN EMPLOYMENT INDIRECT TANK GUN FIRE PRESENTLY UNDERWAY.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 156 AS OF 151800H DEC 65.

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 150800H A SECT OF TKS FR 1ST PLT, "B" CO., 3D TK BN PROCEEDED TO VIC BT 108647 TO ASSIST ELEMENT OF 2D PLT., "B" CO. 1/9 WHO WERE REC HEAVY FIRE FR AN EST VC PLT. TK SECT EXPENDED SEVEN 90MM, 1050 .30 CAL RDS, DESTROYING BUNKERS AND TRENCHES. VC WERE ROUTED. VC CASUALTIES UNK. NO TK CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. AT 151135H ONE SECT OF TKS FR 3D PLT., "B" CO. MOVED TO BT 057655 TO SUPPORT TWO SQDS IN ATTACK OF TU LAU (3). ~~EXXXMXX~~ NO VC RUNNING IN AREA ATTEMPTING TO DISPERSE. FIVE OF VC RAN INTO TWO LOCAL HOUSES. DID NOT FIRE ON HOUSES ON ORDER OF EVERSHARP. CAPTURED FOUR VCS.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE COMBAT TK SUPPORT TO 3D MAR DIV AND MAINTAIN ONE TO RIFLE PLT ON ALERT FOR DEPLOYMENT IN DIV TAOR.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEO

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES REFRESHER TRNG IN INDIRECT TK FIRING PROCEDURES.

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3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 157 AS OF 161800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 152020H A TANK FR 2D PLT., "B" CO. OBSERVED 10-15 VC IN TREE LINE APPROX 400 METERS WEST OF MCB-8 (BT 065715). EXPENDED TWO 90MM AND 200 .30 CAL. EST. TWO VC KIA.

2. OPERATIONS. AT 160725H 1ST. PLT. "B" CO. TKS IN SUPPORT "B" CO. 1/9. RECD ONE BD 81MM (BT 064714).

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L**3D TANK BN SITREP NUMBER 158 AS OF 171800H DEC 65**

1. **HIGHLIGHTS.** TKS FR CO. "B" CONT TO SUPPORT THE SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION OF 1ST BN., 9TH MAR. IN THE HA QUANG AND CAM SA COMPLEXES SE OF MARBLE MTN.

2. **OPERATIONS.** OPERATING IN SECT. A PLT FR CO. "B" OCCUPIED BLOCKING POSITIONS AT HA QUANG (3) BT 117635 AND CAM SA (2) BT 093643 DURING SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY 1ST BN., 9TH MAR IN THOSE HAMLETS. THE TKS HAD NO ENEMY CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. **PLANS SUMMARY.**

A. A SOD PATROL WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PHONG BAC (AT 993715) FR 181300H TO 181630H.

B. CO. "B" TKS WILL CONT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS IN THE SE PORTION OF THE TAOR OCCUPYING BLOCKING AND FIRE SUPPORT POSITIONS FOR A SWEEP AND CLEAR OPERATION IN VIEM DONG (BT 098658).

C. GRENADE LAUNCHER, M-79, XXXXX LIVE FIRING EXERCISE TO BE CONDUCTED AT HOA CAN TRAINING CENTER 180900H.

4. **M/A**

5. **MISCELLANEOUS.** NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 159 AS OF 181800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 171845H 1ST PLT "B" CO., IN SUPPORT 1/9 CAPTURED 11 VC ONE OF WHICH SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION SE 1/9 CP. AT 181220 ONE SECT TKS FR 3D PLT, "B" CO. TKS IN SUPPORT "D" CO., 1/9 SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION RECD SA FIRE FR FOUR AUTO WEAPONS AND FIVE ENI AUTO VIC BT 067635. EXPENDED 2000 RDS SA SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED BRASS FR AMERICAN AND CHINESE WEAPONS. FOUR ENEMY BUNKERS AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED. EFFECT ON ENEMY PERS UNK. AT 180905H TKS FR 1ST PLT., "B" CO. OBSERVED FOUR FLEEING VC VIC BT 0664 OVERWATCHED "D" CO., 1/9 AS THEY TOOK VC UNDER FIRE. TK SECT CAPTURED SIX VCS SAME VIC.

2. OPERATIONS. NEG

3. PLANS SUMMARY. "B" CO., TK BN. WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT 1/9 IN SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN SE PORTION OF TAOR.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 160 AS OF 191800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 182000H 2D PLT., "B" CO, TKS RECD SA FIRE VIC BT 099659. RETURNED 300 RDS .30 CAL. RESULTS UNK. 2D PLT "B" CO., RECD SA FIRE FR NORTH F-2/9 CP BT 025659.

2. OPERATIONS. "B" CO., 3D TK BN PRESENTLY SUPPORTING 1/9 AND 2/9 IN SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN SE PORTION TAOR. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TK COMBAT SUPPORT OF 3D MAR DIV. BN HQ. CONDUCTED COMBAT PATROL EAST AND SOUTH OF CP PERIMETER.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. A. TRNG. HQ, 3D TK BN INITIATED TRNG IN OPERATING SID.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 161 AS OF 201800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 191840H "B" CO (-), 3D TK BN IN OPERATION WITH ELEMENTS OF "B" CO., 1/9, EMBARKED IN LVTS. ARRIVED VIC HOI AN BT 141518. DESTROYED ENEMY EMPLACEMENTS ENROUTE VIC BT 0762.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TK COMBAT SUPPORT FOR 3D MAR DIV. "B" CO, TK BN. PRESENTLY IN SUPPORT 1/9 IN EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN AND SOUTH OF 1/9 TAOR. 3D TK BN HQ. CONDUCTED SQD SIZED COMBAT PATROL E AND S OF BN. PERIMETER. FOUND SMALL ELECTRICAL DEVICE CONSISTING OF FOUR BATTERIES DIA OF BA-30 BUT TWICE AS LONG AND SMALL ELECTRICAL WIRE WRAPPED IN TAR COATED CARDBOARD. APPEARS TO BE DETONATING DEVICE FOR BOOBY TRAP OR LANDMINE.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. A. TRNG. 3D TK BN CONTINUES INSTRUCTION ON SID AND INDIRECT TK GUN FIRE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 162 AS OF 211800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES PROVIDE COMBAT TK SUPPORT TO 3D MAR DIV.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 163 AS OF 221800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 220820H 2D PLT. "B" CO. TKX HIT MINE VIC BT 085658. AT 220850 2D PLT. "B" CO. TK HIT MINE VIC BT 091657. AT 221430 2D PLT. "B" CO. TKS. OBSERVED 6-7 VCS MOVING EAST VIC BT 092637. TOOK UNDER FIRE W/.30 CAL. RESULTS UNK. AT 221515H "D" CO. SUPPORTED BY 3D PLT. "B" CO. TKS CAPTURED ONE VC AND NINE VCS. LOCATION UNK. AT 221250H 3D PLT. "B" CO. TKS OBSERVED 10-12 MORTAR RDS INCOMING VIC PHONG HO (2) BT 0662. TWO MAR, 1/9 WIA. ONE VC WIA.

2. OPERATIONS. "B" CO. 3D TK BN CONTINUES SUPPORT 1/9 IN EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS VIC PHONG HO BT 0963. 3D TK BN SPT 3D MAR DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO 3D MAR DIV.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 166 AS OF 241800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO ~~XXXXXX~~ PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. 3D TK BN CP WAS VISTED BY CG, IIIMAF AND ADC, 3D MAR DIV.

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- 1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE**
- 2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV. 3D TK BN HQ CONDUCTED SQD SIZED COMBAT PATROL EAST AND SOUTH OF BN PERIMETER. NEGATIVE RESULTS.**
- 3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE**
- 4. N/A**
- 5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE**

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 167 AS OF 261800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEG
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TANK COMBAT SUPPORT TO THE 3D MAR DIV. 3D TK BN HQ. CONDUCTED A SQUAD SIZED COMBAT AMBUSH PATROL SOUTH OF THE BN PERIMETER. NEGATIVE RESULTS.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 168 AS OF 271800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES SUPPORT OF THE 3D MAR DIV. ONE PLT "B" COMPANY WITH SECTION OF FLAME TKS SUPPORT 2/9 IN S&D OPN IN SW PORTION 2/9 TAOR. H&S COMPANY CONDUCTED SQUAD COMBAT PATROL EAST AND SOUTH OF BN CP.

2. OPERATIONS. 0800R AT 261345 TWO TANKS FR 3D PLT, "B" CO. RECD ONE RD SA FIRE VICHT 990641. AT 261700H SAME TKS RECD SA FIRE FR AUTO WPN SAME VIC. INFANTRY RETURNED FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN. AT 261745H SAME TANKS RECD TWO RDS SA IN SAME VIC. RETURNED FIRE W/ 3 RDS 90MM WP. RESULTS UNK. AT 261845H SAME TANKS IN VIC EXPENDED 4 RDS 90MM WP AT FORTIFIED POSN. RESULTS UNK. SAME TANKS W/TWO FLAME TANKS FR "A" CO. EXPENDED ONE 90MM RD WP, 500 RDS 30 CAL, AND NAPALM AT BRIDGE AT AT 990641 IN MINE AND BOOBY TRAP CLEARING OPERATION. AT 262051H SAME TANKS RECD 3 RDS SA FIRE FR VIC 990638. RETURNED FIRE W/200 RDS 30 CAL, ONE RD 90MM CANNISTER, ONE RD 90MM WP AND ONE RD 90MM HE, RESULTS UNK. AT 262350 SAME TANKS RECD 5 RDS SA FR VIC AT 985635. RETURNED FIRE W/200 RDS 50 CAL. TARGET NEUTRALIZED.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. TRAINING 42 PERS H&S CO. RECD INSTRUCTION ON CLAYMORE MINE FROM REP 3D ENGR BN.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 169 AS OF 281800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. B CO. 3D TK BN. XXXX SPT ELEMENTS 1/9 IN S&D OPN VIC 0964. 3D TK BN CONTINUES PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV.

2. OPERATIONS 1ST PLT A CO FIRED STD AREA FIRE PATTERN FROM HILL 41 BT9366 XXXX TO BT925656. RESULTS UNK. FIRST PLT B CO IN SPT B CO 1/9 MOVED TO BT084629 TO ASSIST INF SQD RECEIVING HVY ENEMY FIRE. FIRE CEASED UPON ARRIVAL TKS. OBS 8 VC MOVING INTO HOUSES SAME VIC. DESTROYED HOUSES. 60 VC WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS W/BRUSH CAMOU ATTACHED TO BACKS AND ARMED W/MG'S, BAR'S AND OTHER SEMI AUTO WPNS FLED INTO VILLAGE. TKS FIRED 11 90MM XXXX AND 900 30 CAL RDS. AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED IN. RESULTS XXX 40 VC KIA OF WHICH 13 BY TKS. BODY COUNT. TWO MARINES KIA FIVE MARINES WIA. AT 271910 ON RETURN TO CP TK B12 STRUCK AP MINE BT102668. NO DMG TO TK OR CREW. AT 272300 TK B22 REC UNK NO SA AT BT073669. AT 281515 SEC TKS B CO FIRED XXX 7 90MM RDS IN SPT B 1/9 BT105648. RESULTS UNK.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEG.

4. N/A

5. MISC. NEG.

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3d TK BN SITREP NUMBER 170 AS OF 291800 DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT 3DMARDIV
2. OPERATIONS. AT 282150H TKS B34 AND B35 RECD SNIPER FIRE ~~FROM~~ FROM VIC (AT 995645). RETURNED FIRE W/50RDS 50CAL. NEG RESULTS. AT 291300H A SQUAD PATROL WAS RUN SOUTH AND EAST OF TK BN CP IN CONJUNCTION W/CIVIC ACTION NEG CONTACT.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE IN TK CMBT SPT 3DMARDIV. SQUAD PATROL IN AREA OF TK BN CP.
4. N/A
5. MISC. NEG.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 171 AS OF 301800H DEC 65

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT 3D MARDIV.
TK BN HQ CONDUCTED CMBT PATROL EAST AND SOUTH PERIMETER AREA.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT 3D MARDIV. TK BN HQ CONDUCTED CMBT PATROL EAST AND SOUTH PERIMETER AREA.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE
4. N/A
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				1Dec65	
		1	0900	Bn Commander's conference with both Executive and Special Staff and all Company Commander's	S
		2	1150	Bn Promotion Board convened to consider Marines eligible for promotion under Para 7 of MCO	
				1418 0H and MCBul 1430 of 23Nov (ALMAR31)	ST
1000		3	011955H	FM SS-4 to SS-1- Spending evening at SS-B 6 CP. Request Orders for R&R 2Dec through 2Dec SS-4-A deliver to 8th Aerial Port.	SF
1000		4	271621Z	FM CINCPACFLT- Project Gemini Mission GT-7/GT-6	SF
1000		5	010040Z	FM CG III MAF- Conversion of MCP to Plasters	SF
1000		6	010637Z	FM CG 3rd DIV- Severe Weather Plan	SF
				2Dec65	
1200		1	021300H	FM SS-1 to SS-C6- GCT Scores-will advise	SF
		2	1200	SS-4 & SS-B6- Departed CP for R&R to Bang Kok	S
				3Dec65	
				Nothing to report of interest	
				4Dec65	
1800		1	041806H	FM SS-1 to BLATSBURG BRAVO 6- Narcotics inventory due this HQ	SF
				5Dec65	
				Nothing to record of interest	

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				6Dec65	
0900		1	040727Z	FM MARLNO USAF CLARK AFB HOSP-Arrival of Cpl BRAZEAU BCO (Dropped by DSO)	STF
0900		2	060800H	FM BLATSBURG B-6- Narcotics drawn FM PLATSBURG not STARBOARD advise rpt required	SF
0900		3	050656Z	FM CG 3 DIV-SNCO appt to temp OFF or WO	STF
0900		4	050654Z	FM CG 3 DIV-Request Mast Procedures	STF
				7Dec65	
		1	071312H	FM SS-A 6- Request vehicle for SS-4 at 8th Aerial Port. SS-B6 and SS24 back from B&R Bang Kok	
1100		2	050513Z	FM MARLNO USAF HOSP CLARK AB PLU FLT ARRIVAL-Cpl BRUZEAU B Co	STF
				8Dec65	
		1	0900	Bn CO's conference for Executive and Special Staff Officer's	S
0900		2	022010Z	FM NAVMED ADMIN UNIT TRIPIER HOSP- Sgt BRISKY evacuated to CONUS via Travis AFB- request per's Eff of Sgt BRISKY 357 MAGNUM pistol-sent to USNH Philadelphia	STF
0900		3	080746Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Liberty Uniform for Marines	STF
0900		4	022012Z	FM NAVMEDADMINUNIT- Flights to Travis AFB	STF
0900		5	110221Z	FM COMSERVPAC- Radio Christmas Greeting	STF
				9Dec65	
				Nothing of interest to record	

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IN	OUT				
				10Dec65	
0900		1	080344Z	FM MARBKS GUAM- Medical evacs Cpl RICHIE B Co	STF
0900		2	090336Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Amateur Radio Licens	STF
0900		3	080851Z	FM CMC- Pers selected to Ten Promotion to 1stLt 1stLt BECKNER Lt FORNEY Lt RICK-Officer's promoted and accepted such promotion this date	STF
				11Dec65	
				Nothing to report this date	
				12Dec65	
				Nothing of interest of record	
				13Dec65	
0900		1	110805Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Meritorious Promotion to Sgt- 18 Quotas and only 15 Recommendations Board Postponed till 20Dec (This Bn has Three Nominees)	STF
0930		2	110242Z	FM CG 3 DIV- DIV ADJUTANTS CONFERENCE	STF
0930		3	110033Z	FM USAF CLARK AFB- Flight arrival for medical evacuees	STF
				14Dec65	
0900		1	120931Z	FM CG 3 MARDIV- Individual Clothing Prescribed to be taken to RVN by Marine Personnel	S
		2	1400	ADJUTANT ATTENDED DIV Adjutant Conference	
				15Dec65	
		1	0900	Bn CO Conference for Bn Executive and Special Staff	S

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				16Dec65	
				Nothing of interest to record	
				17Dec65	
0930		1	152126Z	FM CNO-Christmas message EMCNO	STF
0930		2	150306Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Lessons Learned in RVN	STF
1200		3	1200	Bn Adjutant COMMO to R&R Bang Kok	
				18Dec65	
				Nothing to report of interest	
				19Dec65	
0930		1	191402Z	FM CG 3 DIV Rotation Roster due to Div by 16Dec	SF
				20Dec65	
0930		1	171136Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Cancellation of base Liberty 19Dec-25Dec	STF
		2	170258Z	FM CINCPACFLT- Training General apprentices	STF
0930		3	160549Z	FM USAFH CLARK AFB- Arrival of casualties at Clark AFB	STF
				21Dec65	
				Nothing of interest of record	
				22Dec65	
		1	0900	Rn. CO Conference for Executive and Special Staff	S
		2	201000Z	FM CG 3 DIV- CONGRADULATIONS FOR SUCCESS of Harvest Moon	STF
		3	202253Z	FM CMC- ALMAR MCBul 1040 Temp 2nd Lt PROG Physical examination	STF

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IN	OUT				
				22Dec65	
		4	1400	Bn Adjutant and COMMO Back from R&R	
				23Dec65	
		1	181313Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Christmas Message	STF
		2	181313Z	FM CMC-ALMAR MCBul 1300 assignment as Drill Instructor	STF
				24Dec65	
0930		1	221238Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Request pickup of ARECOS Material Div HQ's	STF
0930		2	22168Z	FM Marine Liaison Guam- Departures-SSgt FERRITER USNH SETHESDA & Sgt WYNN to USNH Memphis	STF
				25Dec65	
1500		1	251415Z	FM SS B-6- Sgt VERDE Perry 1568021 reported excapated by arr. returned to duty after treated	
				26Dec65	
		1	0700	DIV G-1 called this CP and stated cancellation of Liberty would run through today (Reference 171136Z)	STF
0900		2	220431Z	FM CINCPAC- To JANAFAC Christmas and New Year Message	
0900		3	231210Z	FM CMC-ALMAR 34 MCBul 1480 January promotion period lowered minimum cutting score for Cpl to Sgt	STF
0900		4	240538Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Report of casualties LCpl JUAN N HINOJOSA 2110369/1811 B Co concussion in Rt ear when tank hit Viet Cong Mine	STF
0900		5	240230Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Request nomination for Div Staff Secretary	STF

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IN	OUT				
0900		6	250705Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Command attention to explosives in personal effects baggage for rotation personnel needed	STF
0900		7	240430Z	FM CG 3 DIV- ROTATION REPORTS	STF
0900		8	230020Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Commanding Generals Christmas message	STF
				27Dec65	
0900		1	232122Z	FM CMC- MCO 1900.12A Ch 1 separation policy for regular Marine Corps personnel	STF
0900		2	251300Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Awards and casualty reporting	STF
0900		3	230724Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Message from LtGen NGUYEN CHAHN THI	STF
0900		4	250220Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Personal Effects of Deceased Marines	STF
				28Dec65	
0900		1	270850Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Regimental & Separation Bn Commanders meeting	STF
0900		2	270824Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Precautionary measures for Off Base Liberty	STF
0900		3	202352Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Calendar Pad Distribution	STF
		4	1300	Bn Comdr conducted proceedings for vacation of the suspended BCD sentence in the case of Pvt. Paul F. LEVASSEUR	STF
				29Dec65	
0900		1	272230Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Mesg for Pvt Glen M. STEWART	STF
0900		2	240107Z	FM CG 3 DIV- Visit of Marine Corps Disbursing examination TEAM	STF

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N	3	0900	Bn CO Conference for Special and executive Staff	S
	4	1300	Bn Cmdr referred to Summary Courts Martial Cpl Richard A. SUTTON for violation of Art 86, 89, 113, 92	STF
	1	1900	30Dec65 Recieved 13 Enlisted Marines as replacements	S
0900	1	292149Z	31Dec65 FM CINCPACFLT- New Year's Message	STF
0900	2	272206Z	FM BUPERS- BUPERS NOTE 1132 variable reenlistment bonus	STF
2000	3	3116004	FM SSC-6 to SS-1- PFC Pappa George recieved chest injuries (Non-battle) prognosis unknown will advise	STF

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012400 Dec 65

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Time Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents Orders, etc.	Action taken
0900	1	012400H	9th Marines ISUM# 146	S-M-F
0900	2	290730Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 16	S-M-F
022400-032400 Dec 65				
0900	3	022400H	9th Marines ISUM# 147	S-M-F
0900	4	300730Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 17	S-M-F
0900	5	010820Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 18	S-M-F
032400-042400 Dec 65				
0900	6	032400H	9th Marines ISUM# 148	S-M-F
0900	7	020721Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 19	S-M-F
0900	8	030720Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 20	S-M-F
042400-052400 Dec 65				
0900	9	042400H	9th Marines ISUM# 149	S-M-F
0900	10	041625 H	A section of tanks were dispatched to (BT 054654) and upon arriving at the Marine position, fired four (90 MM rds at the suspected enemy position, and The VC broke contact.	S-M-F
0900	11	040705Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 21	S-M-F
052400-062400 Dec 65				
0900	12	052400H	9th Marines ISUM# 150	S-M-F
0900	13	050730Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 22	S-M-F
062400-072400 Dec 65				
0930	14	062400H	9th Marines ISUM# 151	S-M-F
0950	15	060738Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 23	S-M-F
072400-082400 Dec 65				
0900	16	072400H	9th Marines ISUM# 152	S-M-F
082400-092400 Dec 65				
0817	17	082400H	9th Marines ISUM# 153	S-M-F
0817	18	081520H	Ce F patrol discovered a tunnel containing food and clothing at coor(AT 994642) destroyed by two 90mm rds. directed three 90mm rds at building (AT 993637) which resulted in a large secondary throwing debris two hundred M into the air, and that a bunker was dest. at (AT996628) by two 90mm rds. Tank spotted two armed VC at(AT 995620). Direct hit by two 90mm W.P. rds. 2 VC KIA.	S-M-F

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0900		19	070715Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 24	S-M-F
0900		20	080740Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 25	S-M-F
				092400-102400 Dec 65	
0900		21	092400H	9th Marines ISUM# 154	S-M-F
				102400-112400 Dec 65	
0900		22	102400H	9th Marines ISUM# 155	S-M-F
0930		23	090650Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 26	S-M-F
0930		24	100746Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 27	S-M-F
				112400-122400 Dec 65	
0900		25	112400H	9th Marines ISUM# 156	S-M-F
0900		26	110658Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 28	S-M-F
				122400-132400 Dec 65	
0900		27	122400H	9th Marines ISUM# 157	S-M-F
0900		28	121445Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 29	S-M-F
				132400-142400 Dec 65	
0900		29	132400H	9th Marines ISUM# 158	S-M-F
0900		30	13-----	Fr Counterintelligence Subj: M-1 report of 13 Dec 1965	
0900		31	130700H	3d Mar Div ISUM# 30	S-M-F
				142400-152400 Dec 65	
0900		32	142400H	9th Marines ISUM# 159	S-M-F
				152400-162400 Dec 65	
0830		33	152400H	9th Marines ISUM# 160	S-M-F
0900		34	140758Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 31	S-M-F
0830		35	152035H	Ce B, 3d Tk Bn supporting the 1st Bn 9th Mar, rpt observing 5 to 7 men moving in the vicinity of ceer (BT059717) Four 90mm rds and 200 cal .30 MG rds. Enemy dispersed from area. Enemy cas were not determined.	S-M-F
				162400-172400 Dec 65	
0900		36	162400H	9th Marines ISUM# 161	S-M-F
0930		37	150748Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 32	S-M-F

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Time	Out	Serial Number	Time dated	Incidents Orders, etc.	Action taken
172400-182400 Dec 65					
0900		38	172400H	9th Marines ISUM# 162	S-M-F
0900	T	39	160724B	3d Mar Div ISUM# 33	S-M-F
182400-192400 Dec 65					
0900		40	182400H	9th Marines ISUM# 163	S-M-F
0900		41	180715H	A Co D plt at coor(BT 053649) observed 4 Men leave a hut when the sound of tanks approaching from the north was heard. 1 VC KIA resulted.	S-M-F
0900		42	181100H	a Co D patrol operating in the VIC of coor (BT 067628) rpt receiving automatic and Semiautomatic wpns fire from a small rise. The marines returned the fire, and assisted by a tank, assaulted the enemy position. VC broke contact.	S-M-F
192400-202400 Dec 65					
0900		43	192400H	9th Marines ISUM# 164	S-M-F
202400-212400 Dec 65					
0900		44	202400H	9th Marines ISUM# 165	S-M-F
0900		45	202000H	A squad sized Marine force with two tanks were dispatched to assist a patrol at coor(095672BT).	S-M-F
0900		46	190730Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 36	S-M-F
0900		47	180714Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 35	S-M-F
212400-222400 Dec 65					
0900		48	212400H	9th Marines ISUM# 166	S-M-F
0900		49	210710Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 38	S-M-F
0900		50	200700Z	3d Mar Div ISUM# 37	S-M-F
222400-232400 Dec 65					
0900		51	222400H	9th Marines ISUM# 167	S-M-F
0900		52	170058H	3d Mar Div ISUM# 34	S-M-F

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IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
0020		001	010020H	Fr Dream-3. Reported they secured from 100% alert.	S
0145		002	010145H	Fr Y4A. Reported receiving one round SA fire. Returned fire. Results unknown.	S
0150		003	010150H	Fr Dream-3. Reported one man firing at 9th Marine and 3d MT Bn CP. Five or six other men were observed in that vicinity. Fired an unspecified number of rounds with unknown results.	S
0230		004	010230H	Fr Y-1. Reported receiving one round of sniper fire from their direct front. C-11 returned one round at the sniper.	S
2010		005	012010H	Fr SS-4. Three M48A3, two M-51, and two M67A2 deadlined at tank maintenance for use as emergency weapons only.	S
020001H Dec to 022400H Dec 65					
0530		001	020530H	3d Tank Bn. sweep element departed CP.	S
1035		002	021035H	Fr Y-2. Patrol bringing in VCS blindfolded. Taken back to collection point.	S
1430		003	021410H	Fr SSB. At 1800H B-24 and B-22 will be going on sweep with "K" Co., 3/9 at Ha Dong AT 990641.	S
1530		004	021530H	Fr S-2 OpChief. SgtMaj of Tank Bn apprehended one VCS at 1430 BT 029735. Was armed with carbine w/o stock, one M-26 Handgrenade. Suspect evacuated to Hoa Vang District Hq.	S
1825		005	021825H	Fr SSB. B-24 departed on sweep to BT 9964.	S
1930		006	021918H	Fr SSB. B-24 secured from sweep about 1900H. No damage to tank. Destroyed enemy sniper position.	S

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IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.
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1200		001	031200H	Fr Dream-3. Patrol to the east and west of their perimeter. Our perimeter line informed.
	1515	002	031515H	To SSB. Send five Marines to 3d Engineer Bn at 0800, 7 Dec 1965 for land mine warfare school. Bring mess gear, notebook, and pencil.
1700		003	031700H	Fr 134. Tank Bn patrol returned to CP.
1720		004	031720H	Fr 134. Patrol departed to apprehend Vietnamese male outside perimeter wire.
	2030	005	032030H	To SSA. Send five Marines to 3d Engineer Bn at 0800, 7 Dec 1965 for land mine warfare school. Bring mess gear, notebook and pencil.

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1325		001	041325H	Fr SSA-6. SS-6 has relieved tanks on Hill 22 and is returning to Battalion CP.
1435		002	041435H	Fr SSB-1. Four tanks deployed to D-1/9 CP BT 064718. They have one squad pinned down. Have requested tanks will inform you of results.
1725		003	041725H	Fr SSB. B-11 and B-15 moved to BT 054654. Infantry pinned down by VC fire. Infantry was able to pull back. No casualties to tanks. Casualties to infantry unknown.

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1555		001	051555H	Fr Dream-3. Seven man patrol starting 1600H for approx one and a half hours from east to west of perimeter. H&S Company notified.
1600		002	051500H	Fr SSB-5. A lady struck by tank B-15. Lady was taken to 1/9 sickbay, found to be okay and was sent to village.

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IN	OUT				
					S-THAPP M-NAP T-TROCP F-FILE
0230		001	060230H	Fr Y4B. Reported what sounded like to be a public address system in the village of Phong Bac.	S
0835		002	060810H	Fr SSB. B-21 now leaving CP for recon. Have infantry support from 1/9.	S
0945		003	060945H	Fr SSB. B-23 still on recon. Fired two 90mm HE.	S
1012		004	060945H	Fr SSB. Tanks B23 and B21 are now at "D" Company CP.	S
1410		005	061355H	Fr SSB. B-24 has been receiving sniper fire off and on all day. At present all secure.	S
1930		006	061930H	Fr Shove-3. Range request approved for 11 Dec 65.	S
2020		007	062020H	Fr Swain-3. Called requesting Comm man with AM 65 and PT 70 be sent to Hill 22 tomorrow. Commo notified.	S
070001H Dec to 072400H Dec 65					
1420		001	071420H	Fr Heavyfist-3. Will have men out in front of wire for approx 20 to 30 minutes. Informed H&S of same.	S
1905		002	071905H	Fr Y-2. Explosion and several SA rounds came from vicinity of railroad crossing and highway 1.	S
080001H Dec to 082400H Dec 65					
0420		001	072400H	Fr SSB. At 2400H B-14 spotted two Sampans and expended 150 .30 caliber at BT 078688. Destroyed one Sampan and two VC aboard.	S&F
0422		002	080130H	Fr SSB. Took Sampan under fire at BT 080684. Expended approx 100 .30 caliber. Destroyed Sampan.	S&F
0910		003	080800H	Fr SSB. Tan B-14 and H-51 returned from Leper colony to A-1/9 CP. Captured one VC, one British rifle and two frag grenades.	S&F

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1000		001	090845H	Fr SSB. B-13 and B-11 moving to Hoa Nang (4) to assist 3d plt., A-1/9.
1005		002	090855H	Fr SSB. Tanks B-22 and B-24 still on sweep. Have four VC KIA in sampan and expended 200 .50 caliber rounds.
1010		003	090945H	Fr SSB. B-11 and B-13 have completed mission. Returned to A-1/9 CP and expended no rounds.
1050		004	091050H	Fr Dream-3. Sending out patrol of perimeter wire. Notified 134.
1350		005	091350H	Fr Shove-3. Have not yet received REDOPS. Notified that it was sent on 6 Dec. Told them that we would send special messenger with copy this afternoon. Also notified them that SID report would not be submitted until batteries are available although training was being conducted.
2210		006	092210H	Fr SSB. B-22 and B-24 on sweep 090700H (AT 9964). Secured 091530H. Two sampans, four VC KIA AT 993642.
2325		007	092325H	Fr Shove-3. ARVN sources report increase in acts of treason next 48 hours. Children and old people will be paid by VC to perform such acts as destroying unattended vehicles, stealing weapons, and leaving explosives near billiting areas while appearing to rest.
100001H Dec to 102400H Dec 65				
0755		001	100755H	patrol departed CP.
0900		002	100900H	Fr Dream-3. Sending out a patrol west of perimeter to work to east.
0925		003	100925H	Fr Comm Control. Patrol reached Check Point 2.
1030		004	101030H	Patrol returned. Checked one suspicious person. He had proper identification and was returned to village. Found clothing along trail with what appeared to be bullet holes.

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IN	OUT				
1215		005	101215H	Civic action team departed on Operation Calm Seas to treat Vietnamese in Sampans near Danang.	S
1830		006	101830H	Tank Maint reports having one tank that will run and shoot in emergency. F-21 will move and shoot small arms.	S
110001H Dec to 112400H Dec 65					
0100		001	110005H	Fr SSB. Three B Company tanks and two LVT's units have moved out at 102340H on patrol mission.	S
0100		002	110015H	Fr SSB. In reference to my 110005H the three B Company tanks and two LVTs have reached the beach at Monkey Mtn. LVTs have entered water to check boat. Infantry is checking boats on beach.	S
0200		003	110027H	Fr SSB. B-25 located at MCB-8. Sighted two sampans in their direct front. Took same under fire.	S
0300		004	110300H	Fr SSB-6. Have completed patrol from Monkey Mtn. Captured nine VCS hiding in Sampan 300 meters off shore. BT 070810.	S
0430		005	110430H	Fr Senator-3. ARVN at Dien Ban experienceing busses being stopped and kidnapping taking place. ARVN will have people disguised as civilians riding various busses. They will be armed. ARVN at check points alerted. Alert check point Marines. Will patrol busses for indefinite period. Bus patrols will operate between Ho Yen and Dien Ban and Mieu Bong day and night.	S
1100		006	111100H	Fr Co GySgt. H&S Co. 22 people fired on the range. Range is now all secure.	S
2100		007	112100H	Fr SSB-5. B-23 at MCB-8 observed VC in river to the west of their position. Took enemy under fire. Effect on target have not known at this time. Est. 30 people in patty. No confirmed KIA or WIA.	S

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IN	OUT				
2245		008	112245H	FrSSB-5, Brave units had enemy contact. Tanks expended 14 90mm HE, 5 90mm WP, 3 90mm cannister 2000 30 Cal, 250 50 Cal. Estimated 6 VC KIA, not confirmed. Tanks encountered enemy SA plus one grenade. No friendly casualties. Situation now normal. All secure	S
2400		009	112400H	Patrol has departed Y-3 gate.	S
				<u>120001H Dec to 122400H Dec 65</u>	
0445		001	120445H	Patrol has returned via Y-3 gate.	S
1655		002	121655H	Fr SSA "A" Co SITREP	S
1840		003	121840H	Fr Y-2, report one man in a small, boat in front of their position.	S
1845		004	121845H	Fr H-54, outgoing machinegun fire coming from hill 22	S
1950		005	121950H	Fr Y-3, there is a noise to their front which sounds like something dragging along the deck.	S
1952		006	121952H	Fr Y-1, report flashing lights to their immediate front.	S
2010		007	122010H	Fr H-52, report brush moving away from their position about 100 meters to their front.	S
2015		008	122015H	Y-2 Reports blinking light to their direct front	S
2035		009	122035H	Y-2 Reports drums beating in Phong Bac (1)	S
2105		010	122105H	A.T.Bn. requested one M48A3 be sent to occupy a position in their C.P. defense.	S
				<u>130001H Dec to 132400H Dec 65</u>	
0045		001	130020H	SSB-2, B-6 Just left with 4 Tanks, 3 LVT's with Infantry on sweep.	S
0320		002	130300H	SSB-6 All Tanks And LVT's returned to C.P. No enemy contact.	S
1700		003	131700H	SSA-6 Fired one Flame Tank near 3d Mar C.P. Plan to fire S.A. 15 Dec 65. 50 Cal and 30 Cal from Flame Tanks 16 Dec 65.	ENCLOSURE (2)

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1710		004	131717	Fr SSB, B-34 while returning to CP, picked up 2 small boys making panji pits, Boys taken into custody, panji pits destroyed.	S
1830		005	131830	4 men dispatched to reset flares in Yankee-3 area.	S
1910		006	131910	Fr Yankee # 1 & 4A, both report blinking lights to their direct front.	S
1930		007	131930	Patrol returned with to VCS, which were taken to HOA VANG.	S
2000		008	132000	Fr DIV, weather report	F
2035		009	132035	VCS were retained at HOA VANG	S
2250		010	132250	Fr Shove-3, informed us to have our alert platoon standby for a possible 30 minute call out.	S
0440		001	140440	140001H Dec to 142400H Dec 65 Fr SSB, At approximately 0304 1/9 requested SSB to check out boat movement in the rivers. Tank in MCB-8 observed boats but did not take them under fire. B-41 and B-12 moved from CP and destroyed boat from thr ridgeline behind the CP. Approx 3 people observed in boat. Expended 10 90mm HE, 1 90mm WP and 200 30 Cal.	S
0735		002	140735	Fr Shove-3, Secure the alert platoon	S
0845		003	140845	Fr Div, Weather report	F
1040		004	141040	Fr Shove-3, Range request for Saturday (1300-1730) approved with the exception of the 25 meter range which is being used by the Air Police.	S
1900		005	141900	Fr DIV, Weather report	F
2135		006	142135	Fr BRAVO-2, One VC company, 150 men wearing gray and black clothing at (AT 997640) have mission of attacking Dong Son at (AT 994669) will probably move through Tan Hanh.	S

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0950		001	150950	Fr SSB, At 0800 this morning B-12 & B-13 proceeded to Hong Cuang 4 to assist RWB-2 who were pinned down by approx 1 plt of VC. B-13 fired 4 cardinals & 300 robbins at Hong Cuang 4, The same position that B-6 & B-1 were at approximately 2 days ago. Bunkers on high ground and trenches were positions from which RWB were fired on. Bunkers and Pagoda were destroyed.	S
1100	1100	002	151100	To Happy Age -6, Bring written discussion and be prepared to discuss lessons learned at next CO's meeting 5 Jan 66.	S
1115		003	151115	Fr SSB-6, B-34 & H-51 moving to (BT 052665) to support 2 squads in the attack. The village is Tu Cau 3.	S
1215		004	151215	Fr SSB-6, B-34 & H-51 moved xx 1000 meters Tu Cau spotted VC running with rifles, Have majority in two houses.	S
1335		005	151335	Fr SSB, B-34 & H-51 moved to Grid Coord (057655) to support two squads in attack of Tuc Cau 3. 1000 meters South of Tuc Cau 3, B-34 spotted 5 VC with rifles running into two houses. Eversharp would not allow runs to engage VC, Secured mission and returned squads to D-6 CP. Have completed mission, Have 4 VCS now returning to RWD CP.	S
1330	1330	006	151330	To SSB-6, Attention invited to peepsight ISUM 159 paragraph one bravo 140420H entry. Good coverage but evidently 52 must be honored guest at funerals before substantiation complete. Keep working for proper credit. Also review enclosure one to Isum 159.	S
1415		007	151415	Fr Shove-3, Keep reaction Plt standing by tonight.	S
1445		008	151445	Fr Yankee-2, report man and woman crossing river in a boat, landed on this side of the river and went into the village, Man was carrying an object that looked like a rifle.	S

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IN	OUT				
1740		009	151740	Fr Yankee-3, A dog apparently foaming from the mouth and mad is hanging around their position permission to put the animal out of its misery granted by S-2.	S
1810		010	151810	Fr Yankee-4, Two women cleared a small area on the knoll to their left front, then disappeared into the woods.	S
1820		011	151820	Fr Yankee-4, report a lot of unusual movement off to their left front, SS-3 called heavyfist -3 and they will check it out.	S
1955		012	151955	Fr Yankee-2, report that hill 22 is under fire.	S
2030		013	152030	Fr Yankee-1, report muffled sound of heavy gun fire coming from far down on highway # 1.	S
2125		014	152125	Fr SSB, B-23 located at MCB-8 took VC targets under fire. VC were spotted in treeline to direct front B-23. 02 VC KIA. Expended 200 30 Cal.	S
160001H Dec to 162400H Dec 65					
0745		001	160745	Fr SSB-1, Have crossed LOD, commenced phase one of Operation Redwood Bravo. Received one round of 81mm mortar fire, no casualties.	S
0900		002	160900	Fr Div, Weather report	F
0900		003	160900	Fr SSB-1, Have completed sweep in Ha Quang (4). No enemy contact.	S
1340		004	161345H	Fr SSB, Tanks B-34 & B-35 were called upon to assist Eversharp units at AT 668057. B-34 and B-35 proceeded 500 meters before mission was cancelled. Then B-34 & B-35 returned to D 1/9 CP.	S

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0825		001	170718H	Fr Div, Weather report
0920		002	170820H	Fr SSB-6, All B-1 tanks are presently at South end of horseshoe lake. No enemy contact.
1030		003	171030H	Fr SSB, B-15 & H-51 now leaving B 1/3 CP for Cam Sa area.
	1245	004	171245H	Fr SS-3 to Platsburg B-6, Bring written discussion and be prepared to discuss lessons learned at the next CO's meeting 5 Jan 66.
1300		005	171300H	Fr SSB, B-15 & H-51 have completed search, now at 3/9 CP. Infantry had 1 VC KIA, tanks had no enemy contact.
1345		006	171345H	Fr SSB, B-1 units have completed phase 2, commencing phase 3 of operation, approximately 1 day ahead of schedule.
1845		007	171845H	Fr SSB-1 picked up 11 VC's one seriously wounded but as a result of sweep. One slightly wounded as result of sweep. B-1 also spotted 5 VC's crossing rice paddy but was unable to fire. Tanks have had negative contact.

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1020		001	181020H	Fr SSB, B-35 & B-34 still on sweep. Infantry fired at four fleeing VC. Do not know extent of damage. Tanks did not fire, presently have 6 VCS, no further contact.
1220		002	181220H	Fr SSB, At 0730 two tanks with B 1/9 started sweep. Infantry picked up 12 VCS coord (AT 054653) moved to hill entering Phong Hoi coord (AT 067635), was fired on by 4 AW's and 5 SAW's. Cartridges from Chinese and USA weapons were found after area was secured. Effect on targets: 4 bunkers and 4 enemy fortifications were destroyed. Effect on enemy troops unknown. Damage to tanks, small chunks of rubber shot from road wheels. Expended 2000 30 Cal 90mm HE, 15 90mm WP. secured sweep at 1130

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1242		003	181242H	Fr SSB, B-11, 12, & 13 are returning to our CP for resupply. Had negative contact on today's sweep.	S
1510		004	181510H	Fr radio central, patrol reached check point 2.	S
1610		005	181610H	Fr radio central, patrol reached check point 3.	S
1615		006	181615H	Fr radio central, patrol returning to BN CP.	S
1850		007	181850H	Fr Yankee-4, report an explosion about 3 feet in front of their wire to their direct front. They think it was a trip flare that didn't go off.	S
2050		008	182050H	Fr Yankee-1, report fire in Cam No 5.	S
2055		009	182055H	Fr Yankee-1, report firing across the river in Cam No 5.	S
190001H Dec to 192400H Dec 65					
0815		001	190815H	Patrol departed Bn CP	S
0915		002	191915H	Patrol returned to Bn CP, Negative results	S
1400		003	191400H	Fr S-3 LVT's, report that their patrol is leaving their CP area and will return in an hour, line notified.	S
1425		004	191425H	Fr SSB-1, Still on pearl hunt, presently at coord (095591) have been receiving sniper fire. Have destroyed 5 enemy bunkers, no friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.	S
1535		005	191510H	Fr SSB-6, Now heading north from our last position at coord (140580). No enemy contact on the way North.	S
2115		006	192100H	Fr SSB, B-13 with Redwood Brave received three to four rds. of sniper fire. Pin pointed sniper, fired 3 WP damage unknown, situation all secure.	S
2130		007	192130H	Fr Yankee-2, reported green star cluster in the vicinity of the bridge, reported same to Senator 3.	S
2145		008	192145H	Fr Yankee 4A, reported firing one round to their front, at what they thought was a man. Results Unk.	S
2200		009	192200H	Fr Yankee-2, reports about 50 50Rds SA fired in the vicinity of the bridge.	ENCLOSURE (2)

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2210		010	192150H	Fr SSB, correction to my message 192100H, 006 journal entry, Ammo expended 3 cannister rds instead of 3 WP.	S
200001H Dec to 202400H Dec 65					
0015		001	200015H	Fr Yankee-2, reported three rounds SA fire in the vicinity of the water point.	S
0020		002	200020H	Fr Yankee-2, report one round SA fire and what sounded like a grenade going off in the vicinity of the water point.	S
0800		003	200800H	Patrol departed Bn CP	S
0914		004	200914H	Patrol arrived at checkpoint #7	S
1010		005	201010H	Patrol arrived at checkpoint # 10	S
1100		006	201100H	Patrol returned to Bn CP.	S
1315		007	201315H	Fr S-3 AT Bn, requested that we provide a blocking force in Phong Bac, for a sweep to take place immediately. WO WIGGS making preparations.	S
1520		008	201520H	Fr Yankee-3B, 2 woman came to the gate with a small child needing medical attention. A corpsman was sent from sickbay and brought the child into the dispensary where medical assistance was provided.	S
1700		009	201655H	Fr SSB, At 1630 tanks H-51 and B-12 moved to assist infantry at coord (085633). Had slight enemy contact. Infantry received SA and Auto fire, No casualties to tanks or infantry.	S
2000		010	202000H	SSA-6, reports SSA3 is scheduled to depart Hue-Phu Bai enclave with 3/4 beginning tomorrow.	S
2010		011	202010H	Fr Yankee-4A, spotted man to their front(right). hiding behind bushes, they fired a couple of rounds and two men disappeared behind the brick house to their right front.	S
2030		012	202030H	Fr Yankee 3A, They fired at a man running from the brick house.	S

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2035		013	202035H	Fr Yankee-4A, they fired at one man who appeared from behind the brick house.	S
2045		014	202045H	Fr Yankee-4, They fired at a man crawling in the bushes.	S
21000		015	202100H	Fr Div S-3, Maj BURNETTE (XO 1st tanks) called fr MAF III requesting transportation pick him up at G-2 to bring him to Tank Bn CP.	S
210001H Dec to 212400H Dec 65					
0950		001	210900H	Fr SSB, Armored recon on 19 Dec. Six tanks, 2 LVT's and 2 Plt's from 2/9 destroyed 8 bunkers and 6 VC with weapons, unconfirmed coord of destroyed bunkers: (BT 061630, 078643, 084605, 078615, 078609, 079609, 079606, and 088608). Six VC observed at (BT 066633). 3 90mm directed at them and were observed hitting in immediate vicinity of VC. No search of area held. Expended 8 90mm WP, 23 90mm HE, 3000 30 Cal, 200 50 Cal. No damage to tanks, LVT's or 2/9.	S
1100		002	211100H	Fr Yankee 3B, report they have a man at the gate who needs an escort to come aboard and work on graves.	S
1510		003	211510H	Fr H-54, To their left front about 75 yds out personnel are driving metal stakes into the ground approximately halfway between H-54 & H-51 positions.	S
1400		004	211400H	Fr SSA-6, Alpha 6 departed 1/3 CP for HUE-Phu-Bai	S

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1805		005	211715H	After action report Harvest Moon ACG 3D MAR DIV 2007302, 1 participating units submit subject reports in accordance with ref A to TF Delta Hqs NLT 230800H.	S
1820		006	211820H	Fr Yankee-1, plane dropped smoke (red) in area where fire fight in 008 wds. Also firing on this side of the river to the right flank, just past the 2nd ridge line.	S
1850		007	211850H	Fr Div, weather report.	S
2020		008	212020H	Fr Yankee-4A, They fired into the village of Phong Bac at what was described as unknown persons moving in the tree line.	S
<u>220001H Dec to 222400H Dec 65</u>					
0800		001	220755H	Fr SSB, B-2 is 500 meters North of Vim Dong, have hit mine. Have broken track block and have lost number two road wheel, on the right side.	S
0900		002	220900H	Fr Capt BERTRAM, about a company of ARVN's working in the Cam Ne complex.	S
1035		003	220920H	Fr SSB-6, SITREP from B-35, Infantry had slight contact with VC at hill near Phong Ho 1. One VC KIA, 2 captured. Tank had no contact. B-35 and B-34 position now on hill at Phong Ho 1.	S
1320		004	220830H	Fr SSB, B-23 has hit a mine 800 meters East of B-25 position. Damage 2 road wheels, 3 track blocks, 1 support roller. If spare parts are available tank can roll immediately.	S
1345		005	221150H	Fr SS-5, Confirmation on msg 220755H, Tank B-23 hit mine at 0850 coord (091657). B-25 hit mine at 0820 coord (085658).	S
1350		006	221250H	Fr SSB, B-35 reports Phong Ho 2 hit by 10 to 12 mortar rounds, some infantry hit, no tanks hit or crews damaged. 2 infantry WIA, 1 VC WIA.	S

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1410		007	221410H	Fr Shove 3, BrigGen ENGLISH, ADC Danang area, will visit and be briefed as follows: a. 241630H-241700H, 3D Tk Bn b. 241700H-241730H, 3D AT Bn c. 241730H-241800H, 1st AmTrac Bn General will travel by jeep. Party of four will include driver and escort officer who will be either Lt Col FISHER or Lt Col Mc CLOSKEY. No plans to visit 3D Mtrs. Smokeroom notified Heavyfist and Dream.	S
1445		008	221347H	Fr SSB-5, B-35 tanks now on hill overlooking Phung Ho l. Artillery just worked place over, D units now moving in to survey damage.	S
1445		009	221355H	Fr SSB-5, making mobile sweep south and west of horseshoe and complexes in this area.	S
1453		010	221430H	Fr SSB-5, B-2 still on sweep on hill southwest of horseshoe. Have stopped tank and embarked infantry to check out suspicious area. Spotted 6 to 7 young males moving east from coord (092637), took VC's under fire with .30 Cal. Do not know extent of damage. Infantry now checking out the area.	S
1515		011	221515H	General WALT to visit this CP from 0930-0945 on Friday 24 December 1965.	S
1520		012	221515H	Fr SSB-5, B-35 reports D units just brought in one uniformed VC and nine VCS.	S
1600		013	221600H	Fr SSB-5, LVT with B-2 hit mine at coord (BT089642) LVT still operational, picked up one VCS at the same coordinates.	S
1700		014	221700H	Fr SSB-6, Just completed firing 100 rds through correctional mounted .50 Cal, no stoppages. LVT hit mine at 221600H coord (089642), LVT is under own power heading home.	S
1840		015	221800H	Fr SSB-5, At 0730 B-34 and B-35 moved out left infantry position all day. Received what was believed mortars. D Compant says that it was ARVN	S

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1840	entry cont			in infantry target. B-35 destroyed one bunker and one wire tank trap with B-34. Tanks have no further activity.
1900		016	221850H	Fr Div, Weather report
1900		017	221840H	Fr SSB-5, Late situation report on B-34 and B-35 activities. Infantry picked up 4 VC WIA and 12 VCS. One uniformed VC is dying. Infantry sustained one WIA.
1940		018	221940H	Fr Senator-3, Police operation from 230600 thru 230900. One plt PF from district headquarters, and 1/2 of PF squad of Hoa Cam village. Area of operation (AT 999725, AT 997708, AT 993707 and AT 999717). Purpose of operation to gain intelligence information and find VC dugout. Informed 134.
230001H Dec to 232400H Dec 65				
1135		001	231135H	Fr H-52, They had an accidental discharge on their tank while cleaning the M-60 machinegun.
1245		002	231245H	Patrol orders 25 & 26 for 30 & 31 Dec delivered to Company Executive Officer.
1545		003	231545H	Fr Shove-3, Tank Bn has the range on Saturday 25 Dec 65 from 0800-1200. 300 meter, 25 meter, and the impact area, unit will check in and out when using the range. H&S Co notified.
1546		004	231515H	Fr SSB-5, 1/9 S-2 reports detection of mines at coord (073661).
1620		005	231620H	Fr Dream-3, Capt DONOVAN called in from operation Calm Seas and requested that chow be held for 15 people. Messhall informed.
1900		006	231900H	Fr AT Bn S-3, They have cancelled their ambush due to the close proximity of an ARVN ambush.
1920		007	231920H	Fr Yankee-1, report drum beating from the village to their left front.
1925		008	231925H	Fr Div, Weather report.

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1945		009	231945H	Fr Yankee-2, report small fire fight with heavy small arms fire to their left front down highway 1 near the radio tower.	S
2025		010	232025H	Fr SSB-5, Two B-3 tanks at water point require security for the night, Coord (998707).	S
2040		011	232040H	SS-3 notified 134 to break out the alert squad, 1 corpsman and 1 radio operator.	S
2045		012	232045H	Fr SSB-5, Tanks moving back into 2/9 CP, so our alert force is not needed. 134 notified of same.	S
240001H Dec to 242400H Dec 65					
0405		001	240405H	Fr Yankee-3A, report that a man scampered into the woods near LVT's when a trip flare went off to their left front, in front of the LVT perimeter.	S
0931		002	240931H	Fr 134, General WALT just arrived on the helicopter pad, The standby squad is providing security.	S
	1410	003	241410H	SS-3 called Div S-3 and cancelled the range request for the Hoa Cam range on Saturday 25 Dec 1965.	S
1530		004	241530H	Fr 134, General ENGLISH, ADC in the area.	S
2055		005	242055H	Fr AT Bn S-3, report they have picked up definite activity to the west of H-54, have spotted one man about 25 yds out, also they have picked it up on the seismometer.	S
2121		006	242121H	Fr Yankee-6, report firing in the vicinity of hill 22	S
2220		007	242220H	Fr Yankee-3A, report loud drum beating to their fr.	S

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1145		001	251145H	Fr H-51, one of the men on H-51 spotted a Vietnamese with a weapon crawling in the bushes about 10 ft from the wire. Marine fired with a sub-machinegun. Person with weapon ran, damage unknown.	S
1730		002	251730H	Fr SSB, sweep with B-33 and B-24 secured at 1700H at coord (BT 047660) 3 WIA from C-1/9, no rounds fired by tanks. No damage to tanks or crews.	S
2300	2329	003	252300H	Ambush patrol left CP.	S
2300		004	252329H	Fr SS-3, Late msg from higher authority indicates possible cancellation of Parkgreen and Warehouse dinner. Call SS-3 and Parkgreen 3 before Patrick's playboys leave. Hope to have final dope by then.	F
				260001H Dec to 262400H Dec 65	
	0015	001	260015H	Fr SS-3, SSA & SSB much attention for use on temporary cease fire for Christmas period. Do not fire unless aggressive or hostile act committed against you. If you are forced to fire, you had better have an armed dead VC to show newsmen. Stay loose, but protect yourselves.	S
0110		002	260110H	Fr Yankee-1, report blinking light South about 3500 meters, azimuth 335 degrees. Blinked 10 to 15 min. Reported to Div G-2.	S
0145		003	260145H	Ambush patrol returned to CP.	S
0725		004	260725H	Fr Div, weather report	S
0800		005	260800H	Fr Div S-3, Resume aggressive operations.	S
1415		006	261345H	Fr SSB-6, B-34 & B-35 located at Ha Dong bridge received one rd sniper fire. B-34 moved off the road and was stuck, but has since been freed.	S
1610		007	261610H	Fr SSB-5, H-51 & B-12 have reached destination, had one VC aboard who was evacuated by hel.	S
1700		008	261700H	Fr SSB-5, B-34 & B-35 are back in position at Ha Dong bridge. Have two tanks from "A" Co with them.	S

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IN	OUT				
1700		009	261700H	Fr SSB-5, B-34 & B-35 received automatic rifle fire from approximately 1000 meters to their left front. Infantry returned fire.	S
1835		010	261835H	Fr AT Bn S-3, The large explosion coming from our Southwest about 500 meters to the front of AT's was a booby trap triggered off by a dog. They are sending out a patrol to check out the area.	S
1845		011	261845H	Fr 3D MT Bn S-2, One of their drivers at the old MAF trash dump observed a VC flag, Also the children in the area were making obscene gestures at the driver.	S
1847		012	261745H	Fr SSB, B-34 and B-35 received two sniper rounds, B-34 expended three 90mm WP in vicinity of sniper fire.	S
1848		013	261815H	Fr SSB, H-31 & B-12 returning to 9th Mar CP with two VCS and one wounded boy.	S
1900		014	261845H	Fr SSB-5, B-35 expended 4 90mm WP rounds at fortified position accross the river.	
1945		015	262051H	Fr SSB-6, B-34 & B-35 received 3 rds sniper fire approximately 5 minutes ago. Coord of sniper fire (990638). Expended 300 rds of .30 Cal, 1 90mm WP, 1 90mm cannister, and 1 90mm HE. No enemy contact at present time.	S
1945		016	261945H	Fr SSB-6, B-35 expended 1 WP & 500 .30 Cal on bridge. F-232 then moved to bridge and expended rod. No enemy contact at this time.	
270001H Dec to 272400H Dec 65					
0315		001	270315H	Fr Yankee-2, report drum beating in Phong Bac. tempo is slow.	S
0815		002	270700H	Fr Div, weather report.	
1245		003	271245	Patrol departed Bn CP	

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1520		004	271520H	Fr Div G-3, Cmdr or representative invited to attend briefing on Market time operation. Briefing by Senior Naval Advisor 1st coastal district at 0900 28 Dec 1965, at the 3D MAF conference room.	S
1545		005	271450H	Fr SSB-5, Infantry had 1 KIA and 6 WIA while operating with B-12.	S
1855		006	271835H	Fr SSB, All b-2 tanks at Ha Dong bridge will proceed to 2/9 CP later this evening. No damage to crew or tanks.	S
2005		007	271905H	Fr SSB, At 1330 B-12 & H-51 moved to coord (084629) with one reinforced squad to relieve a squad size patrol that was under heavy enemy fire. This fire seized when tanks arrived. Redwood Bravo-6 observed 8 VC moving into three houses. B-12 destroyed same when B-12 fired. VC withdrew into a village, air strike called in. VC wore green uniforms with camouflaged neck scarves & brush tied on their backs. VC had machineguns, BAR's and other semi-automatic weapons. Approximately 60 VC spotted. Total confirmed VC KIA 40, of which 13 were accounted for by B-12 tanks. Village not searched due to superior enemy forces. Expended 11 90mm WP, 9 90mm HE, and 900 rds .30 Cal. Infantry had 5 WIA and 2 KIA. Tanks found no casualties. B-12 tiger strikes again.	S
2005		008	272005H	Fr SSB, B-12 hit a mine at 1910 this evening at coord (102668). Appeared to be a large anti-personnel mine, no damage to tank or crew. B-12 and H-51 are presently at Redwood Bravo CP.	S
2025		009	272025H	Fr Yankee-2, report small arms fire to their immed front. Also red flare in the same area.	S
2130		010	272130H	Fr SSB-6, B-22 received a few sniper rds, presently at 100% alert.	S
2220		011	272220H	Fr Yankee-2, report small arms fire in the vicinity of the bridge. coord (AT 992683)	S

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270001H Dec to 272400H Dec 65

TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
IN	OUT				
2230		012	272230H	Tk Bn XO reports small arms fire vicinity coord (AT 970700).	S
280001H Dec to 282400H Dec 65					
0800		001	280800H	Patrol departed Bn CP	
0915		002	280915H	Patrol has two VCS whom they are bringing in. One prisoner released by S-2, the other was taken to Hua Vang.	S
0925		003	280925H	Patrol is at Yankee-3B with the two VCS	S
1110		004	281110H	Patrol has another VC in custody.	S
1115		005	281115H	Fr SSB-6, B-24 & B-33 secured sweep which went from coord's (037680 to 047675). Tanks had no no enemy contact and expended no rounds.	S
1145		006	281145H	Patrol returned to the Bn CP	
1450		007	281440H	Fr SSB-5, B-12 is now moving out to support B 1/9	S
1530		008	281515H	Fr SSB-6, H-51 and B-12 are now at Coord (BT 105648) supporting B 1/9. B 1/9 had 1 WIA, tanks expended 5 90mm WP and 2 90mm HE.	S
2300		009	282200H	Fr SSB, B-34 and B-35 received sniper fire from coord (995645)at 2150H. Expended 50 .50 Cal rds target neutralized.	S
290001H Dec to 292400H Dec 65					
1245		001	291230H	Fr SSB-5, Tanks H-51 and B-12 going to support infantry 1200 meters east of B 1/9 position.	S
1300		002	291300H	Civic action patrol departed Bn CP.	S

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300001H Dec to 302400H Dec 65

IN	TIME OUT	SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	CLASSIFICATION
					S-CLAPP M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0500		001	300500H	Fr Yankee-3A, report woman screaming and baby crying in the village to their front.	S
0730		002	300718H	Fr Div, weather report	F
0800		003	300800H	Patrol departed Bn CP	
0830		004	300830H	Patrol reported that it was chasing two men armed with rifles. Turned out to be two men out there who were setting trip flares.	S
0845		005	300845H	Fr SSB-5, Tanks B-16 and B-12 are proceeding to Hong Quong for resupply tanks and blocking force.	S
0910		006	300910H	Patrol picked up an ARVN with no weapon or ID card.	S
0920		007	300920H	Fr SSB-5, Have reached destination North of Hong Quong. (4).	S
1000		008	301000H	Patrol returned to Bn CP.	S
1200		009	301045H	Fr SSB-5, Tanks B-16 and B-12 are now returning to B 1/9 CP	S
1200		010	301115H	Fr SSB-6, Tanks B-16 and B-12 are now returning to SSB CP. Have 3 VCS with tanks.	S
1210		011	301210H	Fr Div G-3, Frost Call: Road condition Bravo, essential administrative vehicles only, dispatched by C. O. . No track vehicles, except tactical employed only.	S
1410		012	301410H	Late entry in reference to entry 006, DTG 300910H, a check of ARVN revealed he lacked ID. He was evacuated to Hoa Vang for questioning. Later he was taken to his home along route # 1 and retrieved his papers.	S
1420		013	301420H	Fr SSB-6, Helicopter recon of War Bonnet area to take place 311000H to 311100H. Will stop at Sandpiper Alpha and can accomodate up to 5 passengers.	S
1910		014	301755H	Fr Div, weather report	

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310001H Dec to 312400H Dec 65

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
IN	OUT				
0925		001	310900H	Fr SSB-5, All SSB tanks situation remains all secure	S
0930		002	310930H	Fr Comm, SSB just called and said that the incoming helicopter would require smoke. No smoke grenades yellow available in S-3, H&S Co called and furnished the yellow smoke grenade. Three yellow smoke grenades checked out by S-3 for future use.	S
0830		003	310830H	Patrol departed Yankee-2	S
1000		004	311000H	Patrol returned via Yankee 3A, nothing significant to report.	S
1640		005	311640H	Fr H-54, report that 6 - 7 shots were heard from vicinity of the river in clump of trees to their direct front.	S
1900		006	311900H	Fr Div, weather report	S
2030		007	312030H	Fr SSB, B-34 and B-35 received incoming sniper fire at coord (995645). Expended 290 WP, 1 90mm, 100 50 cal effect target neutralization. No enemy contact at present.	S
2200		008	312200H	Alpha and Bravo ambushes departed Bn CP.	S
2235		009	312235H	Fr Alpha ambush patrol, they are returning Bn CP	S
2300		010	312300H	Alpha ambush patrol arrived Bn CP	S
2330		011	312330H	Alpha ambush patrol departed Bn CP vicinity 991711	S
2355		012	312355H	Fr Yankee - 2, report firing from the water point and Phong Le.	S
2400		013		H A P P Y N E W Y E A R	

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TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
IN	OUT				
					6-SIAPP M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
1400				1 Dec 1965 Div G-1 called for 5 man working party on 3 Dec to last 3 or 4 days. Coordinate transportation with AT Bn and AnTrac Bn.	F
0915				2 Dec 1965 Shove 50 requested dollar value of POL products usage for one year.	F
	1600			3 Dec 1965 Dollar value of \$39,832.18 submitted to Shove 50 on POL products for 1 year.	F
	1000			4 Dec 1965 LogSum #14, Ammo Expenditure and Selected T/A Items report submitted	F
	1030			Requested Transportation for 3 trucks to Chu Lai.	F
1000				5 Dec 1965 Div Embark verified request for transportation to Chu Lai for 3 trucks and 6 men. Will notify us when ready.	F
	1800			Committed 1 truck to Division vise 2.	F
	1830			3 Trucks with one compressor and two sets of M51 track standing by to go to Chu Lai.	F
0830				6 Dec 1965 Bn Supply notified that 80 pallets of track arrived at FLSG. Supply Officer left area to verify.	F
	1300			6 trucks dispatched to pick up track All track in CP	F
1530					
1600				7 Dec 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this date	F

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IN	TIME		SERNO	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
	OUT					
						S-SEAPP M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
0800				8 Dec 1965	SSC reports receipt of a Battery Charger. Charger belongs to Bn. Will bring it to Da Nang upon return of 3 trucks.	F
	1800			9 Dec 1965	4 Trucks committed to FLSG. for division tomorrow	F
	0630			10 Dec 1965	4 Trucks to FLSG	F
1200	1230			11 Dec 1965	SSB requested 1200 gal diesel fuel. Refueler dispatched to Bravo CP.	F
1600				12 Dec 1965	No outstanding comments or incidents this date.	F
1055				13 Dec 1965	Plattsburg Bravo requests 160 track blocks ASAP. Also request ETA of same	F
	0630			14 Dec 1965	3 trucks with 1 compressor and 2 sets of M51 track to Chu Lai on LST 603.	F
	1020				Notified SSB to send crew of 21 to this CP for extended period. Also requested quantity of extra OEM	F
1015	1020			15 Dec 1965	SSB requested 300 gal gas	F
1030					Refueler dispatched to Bravo CP	F
1315					3 trucks with gear for Chu Lai is loaded. Ship has not left.	F
					SSB will pick up two torsion bars this afternoon	F

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IN	TIME		DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
	OUT	SERNO			
					10-11-65 S-SIAPP M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE
1600				16-17 Dec 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this period	F
0610	0830			18 Dec 1965 SSB requested 200 gal diesel fuel Refueler dispatched to Bravo CP	F F F
1600				19-20 Dec 1965 No outstanding comments or incidents this period	F
1000				21 Dec 1965 SSB requests 300 gal of diesel by tomorrow	F
1000	0730			22 Dec 1965 Refueler dispatched to Bravo CP Bravo 23 and 25 reported as having hit land mines. No casualties. minor damage to vehicles.	F F F
1600				23-24 Dec 1965 NO outstanding comments or incidents this period	F F F
1745				25 Dec 1965 SSC reports that 3 trucks have arrived at SSC CP Chulai. Return scheduled for 2000 departure.	F
1830				26 Dec 1965 Vehicles returned from Chu Lai.	F
	0920			27 Dec 1965 SS4 requests SSB6 for up to date status report on M67 flames	F

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IN	TIME		DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	
	OUT	SERNO			
	1600			28 Dec 1965 SSA requests SSC and Flatsburg B for listing of M48 and M67 tanks which have 50 miles or less remaining on all sprockets. also number of torsion bars. all to be broken down by USMC #	F G-SEAP M-MAP F-TROOP F-FILE
0800				29 Dec 1965 Clarification to above message sent this date;	F
1000	1015			30 Dec 1965 SSB requeste 600 gal gas ASAP Refueler dispatched to Bravo CP	F F
1810				31 Dec 1965 Correction to 290900H sent requesting amount of sprockest with 50 miles or less remaining life.	

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Section XII

1. Problems encountered and lessons learned by supporting units.

a. The inherent tank capabilities of firepower, armor protection, mobility, and shock action have not been utilized to their maximum potential. In most instances tanks have been utilized on the FEBA as static pillboxes to reinforce defensive positions.

LESSONS LEARNED - Due to employment of Viet Cong gallantry platoons/teams, the static positioning of tanks on the FEBA presents a lucrative target. The mission assigned the tanks could be adequately fulfilled by organic infantry weapons. FMFM 9-1 is quoted in part as follows: "Tanks should be employed in mass with the reserve to exploit the situations arising in battle, to counterattack, or to react aggressively." It is further stated: "Employing tanks with the counterattack force affords the best opportunity to utilize the full capabilities of the tank." Primary and alternate positions should be prepared for tanks along the FEBA, but they should be assigned positions with the reserve unit and move to positions on the FEBA when reinforcement is necessary.

b. On 25 December the An Tan bridge was attacked by the Viet Cong. An infantry company was dispatched by truck to reinforce the bridge defense. Tanks were available but were not utilized to escort the trucks to the bridge.

LESSONS LEARNED - Whenever possible tanks should be utilized to lead a mechanized-motorized force when truck mounted infantry move into the battle area. It is a well known enemy tactic to ambush relief forces. Use of tanks as mobile security and fire support for relief forces greatly enhances the chances of effecting reinforcement or relief. The inherent communications capabilities and mobility of tank units provide the Commander with an immediate method of effecting relief.

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