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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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Encl: (1) Organizational Data
(2) Personnel and Administration
(3) Intelligence
(4) Tank Combat Operations
(5) Special Operations
(6) Training
(7) Logistics
(8) Command and Control
(9) Communications - Electronics
(10) Medical and Dental
(11) Civil Affairs
(12) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (12) are hereby submitted.

2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosures (1) through (12).

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Location:

Headquarters, 3d Tank Battalion
A Company, 3d Tank Battalion
B Company, 3d Tank Battalion
C Company, 3d Tank Battalion
A Company, 1st Tank Battalion
B Company, 1st Tank Battalion

DaNang AT 989708
DaNang AT 946762
DaNang AT 067719
ChuLai BT 531094
ChuLai BT 533080
ChuLai BT 548060

Period Covered by report:

1 - 31 January 1966

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Milton L. RAPHAEL

Subordinate Commanders:

H&S Company, 3d Tank Battalion
A Company, 3d Tank Battalion
B Company, 3d Tank Battalion
C Company, 3d Tank Battalion
A Company, 1st Tank Battalion
B Company, 1st Tank Battalion

Captain Arthur E. LEE
Captain Fidelas W. JARNOT
Captain Wayne A. COOMES
Captain Eldon L. ERICKSON
1st Lt James D. SPARKS
Captain Horace A. BERTRAND, JR.

Principal Staff Officers:

Executive Officer
Battalion Adjutant/S-1
Battalion S-2
Battalion S-3
Battalion S-4

Major James G. DOSS
1st Lt Donald J. ROBINSON II
1st Lt Dan P. BECKNER
Major Hurdle L. MAXWELL
Major Franklin W. COATES

Average Monthly Strength:

Marine Officers
Marine Enlisted
Navy Officers
Navy Enlisted

35
786
1
15

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The Battalion's personnel posture continues at an acceptable level in relation to the overall strength authorized in the M series T/O. The Battalion's chargeable strength as of 31 January 1966, was 36 Marine Officers and 784 Marine enlisted, together with 1 Naval Officer and 15 naval enlisted. The increase in strength over the last reporting period may be explained partially through the joining of programmed replacements to this organization, but more important to this increase was the joining of "A" Company, 1st Tank Battalion heretofore attached to RLT-1. The joining of "A" Company established this organization with five gun companies. A Flame Section did not arrive with "A" Company nor did any of the company's gun platoons. Only the "A" Company Headquarters element of 2 Officers and 39 enlisted Marines and 1 Navy Corpsman were joined. Since "A" Company, 1st Tank Battalion was directed to assume the tactical obligations previously assigned to "C" Company, 3d Tank Battalion, two platoons from "C" Company, 3d Tank Battalion were transferred to "A" Company, 1st Tank Battalion.

As stated previously the Battalion is presently experiencing an almost critical shortage in the 01 Occupational Field. The shortage of trained clerks (0141) has handicapped our administrative effort. In many 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 16 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 16 tank crewmen (1811) are indeed badly needed by this Battalion.

Replacements in the 35 Occupational field are also needed. The Battalion Motor Transport platoon is short 12 drivers (3531) for their M-54 6X6 trucks. This shortage has caused the Battalion to administratively deadline motor vehicles due to the lack of qualified drivers to operate them.

The Battalion is presently short 10 Officers. As stated previously this shortage has necessitated the assignment of enlisted personnel to perform the duties normally performed by Officers.

The Battalion has had 1 Summary Court-Martial for violation of Article 92, and 2 Special Court-Martials for violations of Articles 86, 95, 108, and 121. These cases have been the only breaches of discipline this reporting period.

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It should be noted that two Bronze Stars were awarded for heroism to members of this command by the Commanding General of the 3d Marine Division.

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.

A maximum retention effort by the Battalion has resulted in several requests by marines to extend their RTDs. As an incentive to extend, the Battalion Commander has offered an R&R trip to any marine who extends his RTD for three months or longer.

It should be noted that the Battalion will within the next 8 months face a tremendous rate of personnel attrition due to rotation to CONUS. There are at the present time several large blocks of personnel having a like RTD. The two attached companies from 1st Tank Battalion are primarily responsible for these blocks of RTDs since they were deployed to WESPAC from CONUS as units. In order to alleviate the problem of these two companies rotating back to CONUS as units, and thus losing the effectiveness of two tank companies at once, the Battalion has sought to distribute personnel with like RTDs equitably throughout each of its companies. While personnel reassignments within the Battalion have solved the problem of losing, en masse, an entire company in a given month, it has not alleviated the prospect of losing vast blocks of personnel who have the same RTD. Such losses will certainly result in a critical personnel shortage unless a like number of personnel are programed into the Battalion on a timely basis. The following is a breakdown of projected personnel attrition:

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3d TANK BATTALION

RECAPITULATION

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3 | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| Mar | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 9 | 39 |
| Apr | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 19 | 20 | 20 | 75 |
| May | | | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 32 | 26 | 76 |
| Jun | | | 3 | 6 | 12 | 26 | 30 | 12 | 89 |
| Jul | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 11 | 20 | 16 | 24 | 76 |
| Aug | | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 18 | 51 |
| Sep | | 3 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 18 | 34 | 57 | 142 |
| Oct | | | 3 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 58 |

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3d TANK BATTALION

1800 OCCUPATIONAL FIELD

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3 | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| Mar | | | | | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 17 |
| Apr | | | | | 3 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 26 |
| May | | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 23 | 18 | 54 |
| Jun | | | 3 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 9 | 49 |
| Jul | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 43 |
| Aug | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 29 |
| Sep | | 1 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 8 | 15 | 32 | 78 |
| Oct | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 18 |
| Nov | | | | 1 | 3 | | 3 | 8 | 15 |
| Dec | | | 1 | 3 | 5 | | 1 | 5 | 15 |

REMARKS: The forgoing Figures do not reflect one platoon of "A" Company 1st Tank Battalion, which is presently afloat and scheduled to join this command in the near future. No roster of this unit has yet been submitted to this command by 1st Tank Battalion and therefore a rank and MOS breakdown is not possible. From past experience, however, the platoon should comprise approximately, twenty-one 1811's, all of whom will probably have September RTD's.

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3d TANK BATTALION

2100 OCCUPATIONAL FIELD

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3 | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| Mar | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 5 | | | 10 |
| Apr | | | | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| May | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Jun | | | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Jul | | | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 19 |
| Aug | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Sep | | | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 25 |
| Oct | | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 11 |

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3d TANK BATTALION

2500 OCCUPATIONAL FIELD

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3. | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|-------|
| Mar | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Apr | | | | | | 1 | 7 | 1 | 9 |
| May | | | | 1 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| Jun | | | | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 |
| Jul | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Aug | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| Sep | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Oct | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 4 |

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3d TANK BATTALION

2800 OCCUPATIONAL FIELD

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3 | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| Mar | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Apr | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| May | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Jun | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Jul | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Aug | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Sep | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Oct | | | | | | 2 | | | 2 |

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3000 OCCUPATIONAL FIELD

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3 | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| Mar | | | | 1 | | | | 2 | 3 |
| Apr | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| May | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Jun | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | 4 |
| Jul | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| Aug | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Sep | | 1 | | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 |
| Oct | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 7 |

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3d TANK BATTALION
3500 OCCUPATIONAL FIELD

| | E9 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 | E4 | E3 | E2/1 | TOTAL |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-------|
| Mar | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 4 |
| Apr | | | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 3 | | 9 |
| May | | | | 1 | | 4 | 4 | | 9 |
| Jun | | | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 7 |
| Jul | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| Aug | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Sep | | | | | 3 | 2 | 6 | | 11 |
| Oct | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 6 | | 9 |

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INTELLIGENCE

During the period 1 January 1966 through 31 January 1966 the 3d Tank Battalion was confronted with the same type Viet Cong activity as has been prevalent throughout the Battalion's 7 months in the Republic of Viet Nam. The most effectively utilized anti-tank device again was the mine.

In chronological order the mine incidents involving Tank Battalion were as follows:

1. 3 January 66 -- "B" Co. tank hit a mine in the 1/9 area. It is believed to have contained 25-35 lbs of TNT. The tank sustained only moderate damage and was back in action several days later.
2. 8 January 66 -- "B" Co. tank hit a mine in the 1/9 area. Analysis of the hole and damage revealed that it was either 1-2 lbs of TNT or an AP mine. No damage was sustained by the tank.
3. 16 January 66 -- "B" Co. tank hit a mine south of Hill# 22/Hill# 41 complex. Information derived from the crater analysis revealed that 50-75 lbs of TNT had been used. The tank sustained major damage to the transmission and suspension, but has been 90% repaired at this time.
4. 17 January 66 -- "B" Co. tank hit a mine containing 25-35 lbs of TNT. Minor damage was sustained, but the tank remained combat effective.
5. 23 January 66 -- "A" Co. truck hit a mine containing 10-15 lbs of TNT at coordinates (YD 823155). The truck sustained major damage to the front end.
6. 24 January 66 -- "A" Co. tank hit a mine containing an estimated 100 lbs of TNT at coordinates (YD 799104). The tank sustained major damage to the suspension system.

Although the size of mines encountered is increasing and damage sustained is greater, the Tank Battalion Maintenance Section could be able to repair all damage if parts were available except that done to one vehicle. This involved a warping of the hull which is not repairable at this echelon.

The total number of mine incidents involving Tank Battalion vehicles now stands at 17. The total of 6 for this reporting period indicates that the Viet Cong have increased their mine warfare activity. The increased reports of Viet Cong units possessing large quantities of anti-tank mines is rated an (F-3) by the Battalion S-2, however, the possession of material in great quantity with which to make crude anti-tank mines is rated an (F-2). The increased number of incidents involving tanks and mines tends to verify these reports.

In the immediate vicinity of the Battalion Command Post several incidents have occurred which tend to reaffirm the conviction that though this area has been cleared it is not completely secure. This

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fact makes the Battalion's efforts at Rural Construction Development considerably more difficult than if the area were secure.

An increased patrol effort should alleviate this problem considerably. Several probes of the Battalion area occurred during the reporting period. 3 one round incidents occurred early in the month. Of these 1 was a daylight sniper round fired in the general area of a softball game which was in progress, on Sunday, January 2, 1966, and two were night incidents occurring on 23 January 66 & 31 January 66 at 2015 and 0630 respectively.

The Viet Cong placed a Propaganda Banner and Viet Cong Flag in a rice paddy about 300 meters south of the Battalions position during the night of 20 January 1966. In conjunction with this action they spread propaganda leaflets along the dikes in the same general area. The Marines on perimeter guard duty observed this action but withheld fire because of the declared cease fire effect at this time. The Battalion did, however, take immediate action on the morning of 21 January 1966. At the Battalion Commanders direction a 2 fire team patrol was dispatched to tear down the Viet Cong propaganda and replace it with friendly. The patrol put up 4 friendly slogans banners stressing the Chieu Hoi approach as well as extending best wishes to the people for the TET of the Horse. In addition a RVN flag was placed in the exact location the Viet Cong flag had been placed the night before.

The youth director of PHONG BAC hamlet, Hoa Tho village was assassinated on the night of 22 January 1966. Last August his older brother had been assassinated in a similar fashion. Both were avid loyalists and worked very hard with the youth of the village. An investigation of the assassination done by the Battalion S-2 revealed only the fact that 2 or 3 VC had taken him from his home in Binh Thai hamlet, Hoa Tho Village, and in transit from that point to the Village office killed him. His body was discovered the following morning about 200 M north of the village office along side National Highway #1.

Several times during the month reports were received by 3d Tank Battalion of mines and TNT charges being found in the 1/3 area of responsibility. The S-2 feels that this may be an indication of increased activity in that area. "A" Co., 3d Tank Battalion is alerted immediately upon receipt of such information. In addition they periodically receive a summary of experience gained from the more heavily mined 1/9 area. In this way they are kept up to date on current Viet Cong mining tactics and effect of mines on the vehicles.

Conclusions for this month which can be drawn from the Viet Cong activity are not very different from those of preceeding months. However, it has become evident that the Viet Cong influence in the hamlets immediately surrounding the Battalion Command Post is declining at a rapid

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rate. This is evidenced by increased friendliness on the part of the hamlet's people as well as a decrease in the number of Viet Cong penetrations into the hamlet. Both are as a result of a strong Civic Action program combined with heavy patrolling & ambushing.

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TANK COMBAT OPERATIONS

Tank Combat operations during the month of January 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. Tanks in the company were also used for indirect long-range fire. The 3d platoon, Company A, attached to the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, occupies strong points on Highway 1 and provided the battalion with a mobile reserve force. This platoon had three contacts while in support of Marine and ARVN operations. The tanks are credited with an estimated 48 VC KIA (40 of these according to ARVN count).

Company B remains in direct support of the 9th Marines. One platoon is in support of the 2d Battalion and the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, while the remainder support the 1st Battalion. The 1st platoon, Company C is also in support of the 2d Battalion and the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. As in the past four months, this company continues to have the majority of tank offensive actions.

During January, elements of Company B participated in 28 search and clear or search and destroy operations, 5 armored patrols, and were used 8 times in a mobile reserve capacity. The company had 37 VC contacts and killed an estimated 34 VC and wounded an estimated 13 VC. The company has 6 tanks on hill #55 (AT 970620). These tanks are being used extensively to fire deep H and I's south of the hill.

Company C, attached to the 4th Marines, occupied strong points along the MLR and provided a mobile reserve force in the Chu Lai enclave. The Headquarters tanks were used to support Company G while the 2d platoon is in direct support of the 2d Battalion and the 3d platoon supports the 1st Battalion. On 20 January the two platoons of Company C were placed under OPCON of Company A, 1st Tank Battalion just recently arrived in RVN. The Company C Headquarters remains attached to the 4th Marines. Company A, 1st Tank Battalion is attached to the 1st Marines.

Company B, 1st Tank Battalion, attached to the 7th Marines, supported operations within the TAOR, participating in search and clear and search and destroy operations and support of patrols. The company conducted beach patrols in the TAOR and provided one section for the defense of the Chu Lai Airfield.

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During the month of January 3d Tank Battalion units received 28 xenon searchlights. These lights primarily are employed on strong points and airfield perimeters for surveillance and target acquisition. The tanks on hill #55 have two confirmed VC KIA as a result of detecting VC snipers with the infra-red capability of the light.

On 3 January elements of Company B, Company A, and Tank Battalion Headquarters participated in Operation War Bonnet in support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. This search and destroy operation involved the largest number of tracked vehicles used by the Marine Corps thus far in Vietnam. The Commanding Officer of 3d Tank Battalion was coordinator and tracked vehicle advisor to the infantry battalion commander. The tanks were used as the point and rear guard for the armored column, reconnaissance, destruction of fortified positions, and perimeter security. On 28 January War Bonnet II was conducted. With the exception of there being less tracked vehicles, this operation was the same as the operation held on 3 January. The same problems of tracked vehicle control and coordination existed in the conduct of this operation and again the Commanding Officer of 3d Tank Battalion was tracked vehicle coordinator and advisor for the infantry battalion commander. The tanks had the same mission as in the first operation

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

During the month of January H&S Company conducted 22 daylight patrols and 9 night ambushes in areas adjacent to the Battalion Cp. The battalion continued to provide one infantry platoon on standby for immediate employment in the 3d Marine Division TAOR.

Flame tanks have been utilized on several occasions to prepare areas for detection and clearing of mines and booby traps. Areas of probable mining and booby trapping such as bridge approaches, stream crossings and other channelized areas are prepped with flame. This detonates, burns, or exposes the mines and booby traps, as well as destroying trip wires, lead wires, or other detonated devices.

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TRAINING

During the month of January the 3d Tank Battalion, tactical commitments permitting, continued extensive training to maintain a high degree of combat readiness. H&S Company uses the Hoa Cam Training Center weekly for firing of individual and crew served weapons. The gun companies used available areas for firing individual and crew served weapons and for conducting gun tank and flame tank firing exercises. Indirect fire training and application was also conducted by the gun companies.

The Battalion continued training in the employment and utilization of the SID. Battalion units also conducted training in General Military Subjects with special emphasis on subjects applicable to Vietnam and utilizing "Lessons Learned in Vietnam". Small unit leaders taught classes on Vietnam customs and current events to increase the social awareness of the individual Marine.

Future training plans include continued emphasis on tactical patrolling, indirect fire procedures, weapons training, and tank gunnery. The Battalion will also continue "on the job training" in the SID to increase operator proficiency.

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a. The period covered by this report is from 1-31 January 1966.

b. During the month of January the overall Logistic Support provided this command has improved. Consequently there has been less difficulty experienced by our support sections in providing the internal logistic functions required to keep a tank battalion operating. There are problem areas which still exist however, and these are further amplified below.

c. The main logistic efforts during this period have been as follows:

- (1) An aggressive attempt to procure critically required tank spare parts.
- (2) Helicopter resupply of a tank plt (Rein) on Hill 55.
- (3) Inter-transfer of equipment and logistic personnel between five tank companies.
- (4) Reemphasis of Motor Transport Maintenance.
- (5) Continued development of the Battalion Cantonement.

2. Supply

a. Determination of Supply Requirements

(1) During the reporting period this organization has suffered extensive damage to four tanks due to enemy mines. The enemy mines encountered were large---from 50 to 100 lbs of TNT. The damage to three of these tanks was mainly limited to the suspension system. Torsion bars, shock absorber assemblies, support rollers, road wheels, arm assemblies, track, and final drives were the components most effected. Batteries and transmissions also received damage. One tank did not receive suspension damage but did sustain major final drive and break linkage damage. This increase in mine incidents with the resulting major damage will require a higher stockage objective for suspension parts.

(2) This organization has installed and is using the xenon lights and M-18 night vision binoculars. The usage on batteries, lights and other components is being watched very closely.

b. Procurement, availability, and distribution of Supply.

(1) The availability and distribution of Class I and V Supply is excellent.

(2) The availability of Class III Supply is excellent. The distribution of Bulk Fuel is unsatisfactory. The distribution of Bulk Diesel and Gasoline is not compatible to the tactical requirements of this organization. Our M-49C, 1200 Gal, refuelers must be topped off

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each night. The reasons for this preparedness are obvious, not only for tank refueling requirements, but for the ever present immediate recharging requirements of the Flame Tanks. The M-48A3 Tank will incur serious maintenance problems if subjected to Contaminated Fuel. In this regard condensation is the biggest threat. "Topped off" refuelers are not subjected to this threat. At this time the ESSO distribution point will not fill refuelers unless they are empty. FLSG is cognizant of this problem and is taking corrective action.

(3) The availability and distribution of Class IV Supply is very good.

(4) The availability and resupply of Class II spare parts is improving, however the old "nonavailability of heavy tank spare parts" problem still persists. The lead time on these heavy and bulky items is entirely too excessive. Because these parts are heavy and bulky they cannot utilize the parcel post or the critapak. This problem is now being agitated due to the increase in the enemy mine activity mentioned above.

(5) The availability of Mosquito Nets and DDT Bombs is poor. This situation will become critical if relief is not forth coming in the very near future.

(6) The resupply of the six tanks on Hill 55 (further amplified in paragraph 4. o.) is being accomplished by helicopters. A Tank Bn water trailer w/200 gal of water was lifted to the position to be used by both the infantry and the tank personnel. Water is being replenished by 5 gal cans. 3d Bn., 3d Marines resupplies the Class I & IV requirements. This organization resupplies the Class III & V requirements for tanks. 850 gal of diesel, 400 rds of 90MM HE, 50 rds of 90MM WP, and 50 rds of 90MM Cannister have been resupplied by helicopter since 15 January 1966.

(7) The fill percentage on all Priority Requisitions is increasing. This is due directly to the use of parcel post and critapak. These figures do not reflect the low fill rate for heavy and bulky items. The following is a fill percentage on all Documents made by this organization while in country which are older than 30 days. The % of increase represents the increase since the previous report.

| | <u>Pri 02</u> | <u>Pri 05</u> | <u>Pri 12</u> | <u>Pri 17</u> |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Documents | 193 | 886 | 2253 | 331 |
| Completed | 87 | 330 | 414 | 113 |
| Fill Rate | 45% | 37.2% | 18.4% | 34.1% |
| % Increase | 8.4% | 12.5% | 9.8% | 24.9% |

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b. Supply Administration

(1) Company "A" (-), 1st Tank Battalion landed in Chu Lai. 3d Tank Battalion was directed to transfer the 1st and 2nd Platoons of "C" Company, 3d Tanks to "A" Company. The transfer of supplies and equipment; the sorting of the outstanding requisitions pertaining to the transferred platoons; and the transfer of personnel is a problem which will require close supervision and coordination.

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization

Evacuation Status.

Month of January

| | <u>Air</u> | <u>Surf</u> | <u>Aw Evac</u> | <u>Ret to Duty</u> |
|---------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| KIA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WIA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Bat | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 |

4. Transportation

a. The overall effectiveness of the Battalion Motor Transport is excellent. Vehicles and equipment are being maintained and the utilization of vehicles and equipment is being well supervised. The effectiveness of the Bn Motor Transport Platoon has been greatly enhanced by the assignment of a Motor Transport Officer to this organization.

b. An emphasis of Motor Transport Maintenance stressing drivers and weekly maintenance, has resulted in a much better awareness of this maintenance requirements. The condition of vehicles and equipment has improved greatly as a result.

c. The Battalion was successful in getting tanks on Hill 55. The dominant and commanding high ground on this hill affords outstanding fields of long range tank fire. This position will definitely influence the tactics on the terrain within 1600 meters around the position. Hill 55 is surrounded by marsh, swamps, and quick sand. To get tanks on the hill required a coordinated effort between infantry, engineers, shore party, and this organization. The task was accomplished by using the Shore Party Mat laying vehicle to place mats across the untrafficable areas. Without the mats, tanks could not have made the hill. The used mat was not retrievable and because it was submerged too deep after the sixth tank crossed, it is now untrafficable. Unless another crossing is laid, or a more permanent road constructed, land vehicles can not traverse the terrain to the hill. All resupply is accomplished by helicopter.

d. River crossings still pose a serious problem. The engineer equipment required for this service is very old. Break downs are frequent and time consuming. The Bridge Company, 7th Engineers has cooperated in every way possible however due to the extremely poor condition of the equipment this service can not be counted on.

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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 heavy and bulky spare parts.

b. Cantonment

(1) The cantonment is progressing very well. All personnel, offices, and supplies are off the ground and under shelter.

(2) A new galley was constructed and will be in use within 1 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

On 20 January 1966, Company A (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion came under administrative control of 3d Tank Battalion while remaining attached to 1st Marines. The 1st and 2d platoons of Company C (-) (Rein), 3d Tank Battalion were assigned to Company A (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion. Company C remains attached to 4th Marines. Company B (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion remains attached to 7th Marines. All are supporting operations in the Chu Lai Enclave. Operational control is exercised by the supported units. Administrative control and logistical support is exercised and provided by Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Battalion.

Companies A and B, 3d Tank Battalion remain in direct support of 3d Marines and 9th Marines respectively. Operations are in support of the Da Nang Enclave with one platoon supporting operations in the Hue-Phu Bai Enclave.

Command and control of tank units operating in the three enclaves is exercised through: frequent command and staff visits; a monthly command and staff conference; daily communication between battalion and each company; and, submission of periodic reports of activities by each company.

To obtain maximum effectiveness in the tactical employment of tanks, command and staff liaison is conducted with supported units to aid in planning and execution of tank operations.

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COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

Reliable communications were maintained throughout the month of January to support tactical requirements. Continual communication improvements are being made by this command to insure reliable and correct procedural communications so necessary for effective tank employment. Two AN/MRC-36 radio vehicles have been received on the fiscal year 1966 replacement and evacuation program. A new electronic work bench to accommodate communications-electronics test equipment has been installed in the battalion's electronic maintenance shop.

An unsatisfactory equipment report is being submitted on the electrical leads and cable assembly, special purpose of the MC-2 tank helmet. These items have been added to the Criti-Pak program to expedite the repair of deadlined MC-2 helmets. Because of daily personnel commitments to support tactical requirements, very little time is available for training of radio-telegraph operators. At the present time, no continuous wave circuits are guarded by this command and none are expected to be activated.

A common shackle system to encipher plain language is needed by all units of the 3d Marine Division. There is no suitable shackle system promulgated by division or the registered publications system to adequately meet tactical communication requirements. Shackle system KAC 140 is in use now, but the frequency of supercession and strict accountability makes distribution to units in the field impractical.

A continuous program of preventative maintenance must be carried out to insure operational readiness of all communications-electronics equipment. Due to high temperatures and humidity, condensed moisture will form inside the TRC-75 radio chassis and short the set out. Condensation in the chassis case is more prevalent when the TRC-75 is inoperative for a period of time. The rear of the chassis case must be pulled weekly to check for condensation and the radio set operated daily to vaporize condensed moisture that has collected.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

Battalion sick call for the month of January was consistent with previous months. A total of 382 persons were treated. Colds continue to be the most prevalent complaint.

Seven admissions referrals were made to "C" Med. Total sick days for persons admitted to hospital was 21.

The civil action program for Phong Bac Village is being continued tri-weekly. Sick call is now being held in the aid station built by this battalion on the school ground. A total of 1,181 treatments were given to 743 patients. Diseases of the skin and upper respiratory conditions were the majority treated.

The sampan fleet was visited during the first part of the month. Only 447 persons were seen and given 622 treatments, most of which were skin infections. This operation was discontinued by the 1st Amerac Battalion. Therefore we cannot make further visits due to the isolation of the boats at midstream in the river near Da Nang.

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CIVIC ACTION

The results of Civic Action during the month of January 1966 indicate the increased effectiveness resulting from a more extensive Civic Action effort. More projects were initiated and carried to a successful completion this month than in any previous month; more medical aid was dispensed than in any previous month; and more concrete gestures of friendship were extended by villagers to the Marines of 3d Tank Battalion than in any previous month.

The accomplishments of the 3d Tank Battalion during January 1966 are as follows:

The Battalion MEDCAP Team treated a total of 1,335 people, an increase of 33 persons over December 1965. They gave 1,972 treatments, an increase of one hundred seventy-two over December 1965. (Note: December 1965 totals were an increase of 200% over November 1965). From all indications the MEDCAP program is reaching nearly 100 percent of all people who need medical attention in the hamlet.

In response to the Civic Action conducted by the Battalion the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. M. L. Raphael, was invited to be the honored guest at the annual Phong Bac Hamlet celebration held for all the ancestors of the villagers. The Battalion CAO, Sgt. Maj., and interpreter accompanied the C.O. on his visit. The celebration lasted from 1200-1500 on 4 January 1966.

On 5 January 1966 the Battalion Civic Action NCO and interpreter held classes on health and sanitation for the people of Phong Bac Hamlet. On the 7th of January this class was repeated in a different section of the hamlet. The results of this program of health & sanitation education are hard to detect in a definitive way, but the Battalion doctor states that sanitary conditions are improving and the general health of the villagers is also improving.

During January 1966 the Assistant Civic Action Officer began teaching English pronunciation classes at Sao Mao High School in DaNang. As a vehicle for teaching pronunciation he gives the students history and geography of the United States. The children seem to enjoy this immensely and respond with many questions concerning life and organization of the U. S.

It was during January 1966 that the Battalion began giving its daily garbage to the villagers for pig feed. It is still too early to evaluate the effect on the pigs, but the effect on the villagers is good. They are very appreciative and it is probable that this has been a big factor in their increased displays of friendliness.

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On 20 January 1966 a complete map of Phong Bac Hamlet was completed showing trails, houses, and wells. This is the second step accomplished by the Battalion to enhance population control. Eventually each house will have a list of names of the people who reside at that location.

During January 1966 the Battalion continued to provide music & news from Saigon to the people of Phong Bac via a loudspeaker system set up on the edge of the hamlet. This program has met with great success as witnessed by the fact that numerous individuals from the hamlet have expressed their appreciation for the music and news. It is felt that this program is an effective means of combating Viet Cong propaganda and influence in the hamlet.

On 23 January 1966 the Battalion put up banners in Phong Bac and outside Yen Bac Hamlet wishing the people a joyous T&T of the horse, and encouraging the young men who may have returned home from the Viet Cong army to stay at home and live in peace.

On the 21st of January 1966 the Youth Director of Hoa Tho Village, Nguyen Lang, was assassinated. This was a grave loss to the village and the Civic Action program. Of interest is the fact that his brother had been the former Youth Director of the village and was assassinated in August of 1965.

The Battalion completed its special events portion of the months schedule with a concert by the 3d Marine Division Band of 27 January 1966. In conjunction with the band concert refreshments were served to the people of Hoa Tho Village who attended. Over 300 adults and children listened to the band and it was evident by their remarks afterwards and the look on their faces that the concert was a great success. For the majority of the people it was undoubtedly the first concert they had ever heard.

There are still a number of problems existing which present certain difficulties to the Civic Action program. There are claims outstanding which neither Division or the RVN have processed.

The unsettled claims are for: (1) The land on which the 4 separate Battalions are located. (2) The destruction of graves in the vicinity of Phong Bac by tracked vehicles. (3) Destruction of farm land by the 4 separate Battalions.

The system of the GVN assigning & transferring teachers is unsatisfactory in as much as seems to be done on a helter skelter basis with no prior planning for replacements. (Note: Only through the pressure exerted by this Battalion on Hoa Vang District did the Hoa Tho Village school get a replacement for a teacher who was transferred.).

Though large accomplishments have been made in the area of health

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and sanitation there remains much work to be done in educating the people to the principles of personal hygiene and village sanitation.

Although it is improving the village and hamlet leadership is still weak and uneducated to the principles of good government. The 3d Tank Battalion has forced the villagers to work through their government and by doing so has increased their awareness of the government as well as building some confidence in their governments ability to produce results.

There was substantial progress made during January 1966 in all areas. The greatest progress made was in establishing friendly relations between the people of the village and the Marines of the 3d Tank Battalion. In this area there was a 100% improvement over preceeding months

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 1 AS OF 011800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. 1ST PLT "B" CO. 3D TK BN SPT ELEMENT CO. "C" 1/9 IN
S & D OPN VIC BT 054653.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV.
AT 011415 2D PLT "B" CO. EXPENDED 3, 90MM RDS IN SPT "C" 1/9 VIC BT
0564.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 2 AS OF 021800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE**SPT**2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT/FOR 3D MAR DIV.3. PLANS SUMMARY. ELEMENTS "B" CO AND TK BN HQ PRESENTLY STAGING IN 1/9 TAOR FOR OPN WAR BONNET. CO 3D TK BN OBSERVER/TK ADVISOR FOR OPN.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. HQ TK BN H&S PERS PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING IN PROFICIENCY FIRING AUTO, SEMIAUTO, S.A. AND M 79 AT HOA CAM TRNG CTR RO.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 3 AS OF 031800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. B (-) AND ELEMENTS H&S CO. 3D TK BN SPT 2/9 IN COORD S&D OPN ALONG COASTLINE IN EASTERN PORTION 1/9 TAOR.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. HDQ 3D TK BN CONDUCTED CMBT PATROL/AMBUSH SOUTH OF BN PERIMETER. AT 030510H TK B-33 STRUCK LAND MINE VICINITY BT 090640 EXTENSIVE DMG TO SUSPENSION. NO CAS.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 4 AS OF 041800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "B" (-) SPT 2/9 IN S&D OPN IN COASTAL AREA 1/9 TAOR.
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 5 AS OF 051800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE.
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK COMBT SPT FOR 3DMARDIV. CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH SOUTH OF BN CP.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONDUCT NIGHT FOOT PATROL SOUTH OF BN CP.
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 6 AS OF 061800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. HQ CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROL SOUTH AND EAST OF BN CP. ONE SECTION OF TANKS PARTICIPATED IN SWEEP WITH ELEMENTS OF 3D BN 3D MAR.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONDUCT NIGHT FOOT PATROL IN AREA OF BN CP.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 7 AS OF 071800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CMC AND CO, 3D MAF VISITED BN CP AT 071530H.
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. ONE SECTION OF TKS FROM "B" CO. 3D TKS IN SWEEP WITH ELEMENTS OF 3D BN 3D MAR. ANOTHER SECTION OF TANKS FROM "B" CO. 3D TKS WENT TO THE AID OF INFANTRY RECEIVING HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AT COORD (083698). TKS HAD NEGATIVE CONTACT. FT CMBT PATROL WAS CONDUCTED IN AREA OF BN CP IN CONJUNCTION WITH CIVIC ACTION.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. SQUAD NIGHT CMBT PATROL IN AREA OF BN CP.
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 8 AS OF 081800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "B" TK HIT MINE. NO DAMAGE (DETAILS TO FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE).
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. SQUAD NIGHT COMBAT PATROL WAS CONDUCTED IN AREA OF BN CP.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSH IN AREA OF BN CP.
4. N/A
5. MISCELLANEOUS. TK BN HQ PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED IN FAM FIRING OF T/O WPNS AT HOA CAM TRNG CTR RANGE.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 9 AS OF 091800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. CO. "B" TKS MOVED OUT TO RELIEVE 1/9 PATROL RECEIVING HEAVY ENEMY FIRE. DETAILS TO FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH SOUTH OF BN PERIMETER.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 10 AS OF 101800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. LATE ENTRY AT 082045H "B" CO TANK AT MCB-8 SANK SAMPAN AT BT 060720 EXPENDED 200 RD 30 CAL. PROBABLE 2 VC KIA. LATE ENTRY AT 091045H 2 TANKS FROM "B" CO WENT TO ASSIST INFANTRY RECEIVING HEAVY SA FIRE AT BT 057632. TANKS EXPENDED 14 90 MM RDS, 2000 30 CAL RDS, CREDITED W/ 7 VC KIA AND 13 VC WIA. LATE ENTRY AT 091330H A JEEP RECON FROM "B" CO AT AT 976629 CAME UNDER SNIPER FIRE FROM VC POSN AT AT 973627 AND 982628. 2 TANKS FROM "B" CO CAME TO ASSIST. EXPENDED 11 RDS 90 MM, 2800 RDS 30 CAL. VC BROKE CONTACT. NEG RESULTS. LATE ENTRY AT 091520H 2 TANKS FROM "B" CO WENT TO ASSIST INFANTRY SQUAD AT BT 057632 RECEIVING HEAVY SA FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY 30 VC. EXPENDED 3 90 MM RDS and 1200 30 CAL RDS. NEG RESULTS. LATE ENTRY. AT 091600H 3 TANKS FROM "B" CO WENT TO ASSIST INFANTRY PATROL RECEIVING HEAVY SA FIRE AT AT 999625 AND AT 997625. EXPENDED 2 RDS 90 MM. NEG RESULTS. AT 100015H 2 TANKS FROM "B" CO WENT TO ASSIST INFANTRY AMBUSH AT AT 996643. EXPENDED 7 90 MM RDS, 1500 30 CAL RDS AND 300 45 CAL RDS. 2 VC KIA AND POSSIBLE 3 VC WIA.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR. DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSH IN AREA OF BN C.P.

4. N/A 5. MISC. 3D TK BN LOC AT AT 989708

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 11 AS OF 111800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT (111215H) TWO TANKS FROM "B" CO IN SPT OF "F" 2/9 ENGAGED IN FIRE FIGHT AT (BT 002645). EXPENDED 9000 30 CAL RDS, 2000 45 CAL RDS AND 8 90MM RDS. NEG. RESULTS.

2. OPERATIONS: 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCTED AMBUSH VIC BN C.P.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 12 AS OF 121800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: AT (120700H) 2D PLT "B" CO SPT 2/9 IN S AND D
OPW VIC (BT065629).

2. OPERATIONS: AT (120700H) 2D PLT "B" CO. IN SPT OF
2/9 ELEMENTS, MADE CONTACT WITH VC AT (BT065629). EXPENDED
39 90MM RDS, 200 RDS 50 CAL., 400 RDS 30 CAL. CREDITED
WITH 10 VC KIA AND 8 BUILDINGS DESTROYED. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO
PROVIDE TK CMPT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH IN
AREA OF BN CP.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMPT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

4. N/A

5. MISC: NEG

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 13 AS OF 131800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: AT (130700H) 2D PLT "B" CO SPT C 1/9 IN K S
AND D IN VIC (BT061631)

2. OPERATIONS: 2D PLT "B" CO IN SPT OF C 1/9 S AND D WAS
CREDITED WITH 2 VC KIA. EXPENDED 200 RDS 50 CAL AND 100 RDS
30 CAL. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR
DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 14 AS OF 141800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: NEG.

2. OPERATIONS: 3D TK BN CONTINUES SPT 3D MAR. DIV. AT X 132210
CO "C" TK. C-21 REC'D 3-4 RDS SA AT (BT465073). TK ILLUMINATED
W/SEARCHLIGHT AND INFANTRY FIRED 20 RDS SA.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CO "B" AND ELEMENTS HQ 3D TK BN STAGING EQUIPT.
AT TK BN C.P. AND 2/9 C.P. FOR OPN. BIG LODGE.

4. N/A

5. MISC: NEG.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 15 AS OF 151800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: AT 141545H TO 141715H 2D PLT "B" CO SPT ELEMENTS OF 1/9 IN S AND D IN VIC (BT071635). AT 150700 3D PLT "B" CO AND 1ST PLT "C" CO SPT 2/9 IN OPN. BIG LODGE. AT 151000H 2D PLT "B" CO SPT ELEMENTS 1/9 IN S AND D OPN VIC (BT073624).

2. OPERATIONS: AT 141545H 2D PLT "B" CO, IN SPT OF 1/9 MADE CONTACT WITH VC AT (BT 071635). TANKS CREDITED WITH 2 VC KIA. DESTROYED 11 BUILDINGS, EXPENDED 25 RDS 90MM, 200 RDS 50 CAL., 500 RDS 30 CAL. AT 150700 3D PLT, "B" CO AND 1ST PLT "C" CO SPT 1/9 IN OPN BIG LODGE 6 TKS NOW IN POSN ON HILL 55. AT 151000H 2D PLT "B" CO IN SPT ELEMENTS OF 1/9 MADE CONTACT WITH VC AT (BT073624). TANKS CREDITED WITH 6 VC KIA EXPENDED 11 90MM RDS, 200 50 CAL RDS, 1000 30 CAL. Rds 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV. 3D PLT "B" CO AND 1ST PLT "C" CO CONTINUE TO SPT OPN BIG LODGE. CONDUCT NIGHT CMBT PATROL VIC BN C.P.

4. N/A

5. MISC: AT 151315H CG, MAP III VISITED BN CP FOR PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND WARRANTS.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 16 AS OF 161800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 151900H A TANK FROM 1ST PLT "C" COMPANY HIT A MINE AT (AT 934628). ESTIMATE 40 LBS TNT. LIGHT DAMAGE TO TANK.
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. 1ST PLT "C" COMPANY AND 3D PLT "B" COMPANY CONTINUE TO SPT OPN BIG LODGE. CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. 3D TK BN IN SPT OF 3D MARDIV. CONDUCT NIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
4. N/A
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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 17 AS OF 171800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: AT 162105H TWO TKS FROM "B" CO REC'D SNIPER FIRE AT VIC (AT 993638). RETURNED APPROX. 100 RDS 30 CAL. NEG RESULTS.

2. OPERATIONS: 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH VIC BN C.P.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN C.P.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 18 AS OF 181800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: NEG
2. OPERATIONS: 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT TO 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCT DAY LIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
4. N/A CP
5. MISC: 3D TK BN/LOC. AT (AT 989708)

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 19 AS OF 191800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: AT 181958H 3D PLT, "B" CO REQ'D SNIPER FIRE VIC (AT969621). EXPENDED 300 30 CAL AND 100 50 CAL RESULTS UNKNOWN.

2. OPERATIONS: 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN C.P.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSH VIC BN C.P.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 20 AS OF 201800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: ELEMENTS "B" CO AND "C" CO. 3D TK BN ~~RECENT~~
CONTINUED SPT 2/9 ON OPN BIG LODGE.

2. OPERATIONS: AT 192030H 3D PLT CO B TKS FIRED INDIRECT FIRE FROM HILL 55. (AT 966617) TO APPROX 12000 METERS SOUTH OF HILL 55. RESULTS UNK. AT 192020H 3D PLT B CO TKS REC'D LIGHT SNIPER FIRE VIC HILL 55. (AT 966617) RET'D 200 30 CAL AND 1 90MM H.E. ENEMY FIRE CEASED. AT 192145H TK B-35 ON OP AT (AT 956609) OBS 1 VC 500 METERS SW OF HIS POSITION. VC WORE LIGHT GREEN UNIFORM AND CARRIED RIFLE. EXPENDED 2 90 MM RDS. TARGET DESTROYED. AT 200400H ELEMENT B CO 3D TK ~~LOCKED~~ AT B CO CP (BT 068716) FIRED SHORT BURSTS 30 CAL AT UNK NO. VC EAST OF C.P. RESULTS UNK. 3D TK BN CONTINUES SPT 3D MAR DIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: NEG.

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 21 AS OF 211800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS: AT APPROX 201930H A VIETNAMESE WAS SEEN PLACING A FLAG AND BANNER APPROX 300 METERS SOUTH OF BN PERIMETER IN RICE PADDY. THE FLAG WAS RED AND BLUE WITH A YELLOW STAR IN THE CENTER. THE WRITING ON THE BANNER STATED "LONG LIVE THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT." THE FLAG AND BANNER WAS RECOVERED BY A SQUAD PATROL FROM 3D TK BN AT 210830H. THE AREA AROUND THEM WAS NOT BOOBY TRAPPED: HOWEVER MANY LEAFLETS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE WERE RECOVERED, THAT HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN ~~DROPPED~~ ^{PLANTED} WHEN THE FLAG WAS BEING PLACED.

2. OPERATIONS: BANNERS URGING VC TO RALLY TO THE RVN GOVERNMENT WERE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE PHONG BAC VILLAGE COMPLEX.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: NEG.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 22 AS OF 221800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT TO 3D MARDIV. HQ TK BN CONDUCTED PATROL EAST AND SOUTH OF CP PERIMETER.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. NEGATIVE
4. N/A
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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 23 AS OF 231800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT TO 3D MAR DIV. FROM 222100H to 222300H HQ TK BN CONDUCTED PARTOL EAST AND SOUTH OF CP PERIMETER. FROM 231300 TO 231500 HQ TK BN CONDUCTED PATROL EAST AND SOUTH OF CP PERIMETER.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK SPT FOR 3D MAR DIV. CONDUCT NIGHT! AMBUSH VIC BN CP.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 24 AS OF 241800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 240730H A TANK FROM 3D PLT "A" COMPANY IN SPT OF 2/1 HIT A MINE VIC YD 8010. MODERATE DAMAGE TO TANK. AT 231330H A 5 TON TRUCK FROM TK BN RECEIVED 2 RDS SA VIC AT 972770. RETURNED 22 RDS SA, NEG RESULTS. AT 232218 TK BN CP (AT989708) RECEIVED 1 RD SA FROM VIC (AT 990704). AT 240900H 2 TKS FROM "B" COMPANY RECEIVED 1 RD SA FROM HOUSE VIC BT 069637. RETURNED 1 90MM HE AND 1 90MM WP. HOUSE DESTROYED. AT 241300H 3D PLT "B" COMPANY FIRED INDIRECT H AND I'S FROM VIC AT 967610 ON TARGETS AT AT 962488, AT 991492, AT 967468 AND AT 985493. EXPENDED 19 RDS 90MM WP AND 57 RDS 90MM HE. RESULTS UNK.

2. OPERATIONS. 1ST PLT "B" COMPANY SPT "D" 1/9 IN S&C. 3D PLT "A" COMPANY SPT JOINT ARVN 2/1 OPN. 3D PLT "B" COMPANY FIRED INDIRECT H&I'S. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. BN HQ CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSH VIC BN CP.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. TK BN CP LOCATION (AT 989708).

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 25 AS OF 251800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 242140 A TK ON THE TK BN CP PERIMETER AT (AT989708) DETECTED MOVEMENT AT (AT989704). EXPENDED 50 RDS 30 CAL. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH VIC BN CP.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 26 AS OF 261800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT 3D MARDIV. HQ TK BN CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MARDIV. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
4. N/A
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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 27 AS OF 271800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 261300H 3DPLT CO "B" FIRED INDIRECT H AND I'S FROM VIC AT967610 ON TARGETS AT991492, AT967478, AT948462, AT947447 AND 918465. EXPENDED 70 RD 90MM HE AND 10 RDS 90MM WP. AT 261730 2TKS FROM CO"B" IN SPT OF ELEMENTS FROM 1/9 MADE CONTACT WITH EST VC CO. TKS WXPENDED 10 90MM HE, 4 90MM WP, 400 CAL 50, 1200 CAL 30 6 SAMPANS AND 5 HOUSES DESTROYED. ~~XX~~ 1 SAMPAN HAD SECONDARY EXPLOSION VC CAS UNKNOWN. AT APPROXIMATELY 271230H 1 TK FROM CO"B" SAW INFANTRY RECEIVING SA FIRE VIC BT002639. EXPENDED 5 RDS 90MM WP. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK COMBT SPT FOR 3DMARDIV. CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK COMBT SPT FOR 3DMARDIV. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT
PTROL VIV BN CP.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 28 AS OF 281800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. FROM 271700H TO 280700H PROVIDED 1 INFANTRY PLT (REIN) TO SPT 1/9. FROM 280700H TO 281700H PROVIDED 1 INFANTRY SQD TO SPT 1/9. AT 271915H 1 TANK FROM "B" COMPANY EXPENDED 100 RDS 30 CAL AT UNK NUMBER VC AT (AT987637). 1 VC WAS SEEN TO FALL. AT 281335H 2 TKS FROM "B" COMPANY AT (AT970620) FIRED ON UNK NUMBER VC AT (AT960635). VC WERE FIRING ON HELICOPTER. TKS EXPENDED 4 RDS 90MM HE AND 1 RD 90MM WP. RESULTS UNK.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE 1 INFANTRY PLT ON STANDBY FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IN 3D MARDIV TAOR.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV. CONDUCT AMBUSH VIC BN CP.

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 29 AS OF 291800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. AT 290150 TKBN CP AT989708 RECD 10RDS SA FIRE FROM VIC AT991701. AT 290155 H&SCO AMBUSH AT990705 DETECTED MOVEMENT 100 METERS TO ITS SOUTH AND 100 METERS TO ITS EAST. EXPENDED 80 RDS SA AREA SEARCHED AT DAYLIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 290600 A CO"B" 3dPLT TK AT967610 DETECTED PERSON IN TREE AT965604 BY USE OF XEON LIGHT. EXPENDED 1 RD 90MMHE RESULTS UNKNOWN. AT 290930H CO"B" 3dPLT TK AT 967610 FIRED H&I'S AT993502. EXPENDED 2 RDS 90MM WP.

2. OPERATIONS. 3DTKBN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT FOR 3DMARDIV. HQTKBN CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH AND DAYLIGHTN PATROL VIC BN CP.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3DMARDIV. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP

4. N/A

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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 30 AS OF 301800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEGATIVE
2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CMBT SPT OF 3D MAR DIV. HQ TK BN CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROL VIC BN CP.
3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MAR DIV.
4. N/A
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3D TK BN SITREP NUMBER 31 AS OF 311800H JAN 66

1. HIGHLIGHTS. LATE REPORT. FROM 300900H TO 301130H 3D PLT COMPANY "B" FIRED INDIRECT H & I'S FROM VIC (AT967610) ON TARGETS AT (AT991492), (AT982458), (AT 947468), (AT962488), (AT972460), and (AT993502). EXPENDED 56 RDS 90MM HE AND 11 RDS 90MM WP. LATE REPORT. AT 301445H 3 TANKS FROM COMPANY "B" AT (AT967610) IN SUPPORT OF I 3/3 IN SWEEP. EXPENDED 3 RDS 90MM HE AT INFANTRY DIRECTION. RESULTS UNKNOWN. LATE REPORT. AT APPROXIMATELY 301445H 1 TANK FROM COMPANY "B" AT (AT967610) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM VIC AT (AT985623). EXPENDED 1 RD 90MM HE. RESULTS UNKNOWN. AT 311240H BN CP AT (AT989708) RECEIVED 1 RD CARBINE FIRE FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION. AT 311005H A COMPANY "B" TANK AT (AT967610) FIRED 6 RDS CAL 50 AT SUSPECTED VC AT (AT962605). RESULTS UNKNOWN.

2. OPERATIONS. 3D TK BN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TK CNBT SPT FOR 3D MARDIV.

3. PLANS SUMMARY. CONTINUE TK CMBT SPT 3D MARDIV. CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PATROL VICINITY BN CP.

4. N/A

5. MISCELLANEOUS. NEGATIVE

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| 1 January 1966 | | | | | | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 050420 | | Fm CG 3Div- Request semi-annual report of nonjudicial punishments | SFF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 300515Z | | Fm CG 3Div- Military affiliated radio services (MARS) to Hawaii and Conus | SFF |
| 0900 | | 3 | 311030Z | | Fm CG 3Div- DivBul 1430 Meritorious Promotion to Sgt. Cpl. Daniels & Cpl. Krajcik effected | SFF |
| 2 January 1966 | | | | | | |
| 0945 | | 1 | 020943H | | Fm SSC-12 to SS-1- Tank SSC 13 had accident with civilian on road to Da-Nang request assistance (S-4 & CAO Action) | SFF |
| 1000 | | 2 | 021034H | | Fm SSC-6 to SS-1 Pfc. Papageorge not seriously injured no JAGMAN investigation necessary | SFF |
| 3 January 1966 | | | | | | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 310621Z | | Fm Cinc PacFlt- Base Gran CincPac Eff note 150 Viet-Nam service medal | SFF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 011050Z | | Fm CG 3Div- Liberty regulation being violated, Command attention needed | SFF |
| 0900 | | 3 | 010001Z | | Fm CincPacFlt- Effective alcom | SF |
| 0900 | | 4 | 01006Z | | Fm JCS- AINMIActs remaining in effect | SF |
| 0900 | | 5 | 010604Z | | Fm CG 3Div- Change 1 to DivBul 3040 of 18Oct1965 | SF |
| 0900 | | 6 | 312215Z | | Fm CMC- AlMar MCBul 1133- maximum personnel retention effort | SFF |
| 0900 | | 7 | 310056Z | | Fm CG 3Div- Orders for MACV out of Country R&R | SF |
| 0900 | | 8 | 01000Z | | Fm CNO- AComs to remain in effect | SF |
| 0900 | | 9 | 310623Z | | Fm CincPacFlt- Special pay for buty subject to Hostile fire | SF |
| 0900 | | 10 | 312201Z | | Fm CMC- AlMar MCBul 1118 Promotion to L/Cpl and Cpl | SFF |

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| | | | | 4 January 1966 | |
| 0800 | | 1 | 032325H | Fm SSC-15 to SS-1 Cpl J. E. Williams (1992339 USMC) WIA (Non-battle) by accidental discharge of a .45 Automatic pistol on C-11 (JAG Investigation) | SF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 311031Z | Fm CG 3 Div- Meritorious promotion to Sgt E-5 ap- proved Cpl E. M. Daniels Cpl P. H. Kraicik promoted | S&F |
| | | | | 5 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | | Fm C.C.s. Conference for Execu- tive and Special Staff plus all company commanders | S |
| | | | | 6 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 292058Z | FM CMC- Income Tax Exemption | STF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 050653Z | FM CG 3 Div General Officers will present all awards and decorations | STF |
| 0900 | | 3 | 051335Z | FM CG 3 Div Beneficiaries for SGII | STF |
| | | | | 7 January 1966 | |
| | | 1 | 1500 | Unexpected visit by Comm- dant of the Marine Corps to this Co | S |
| | | | | FM CG 3 Div | |
| | | 2 | | Admin extension of tours of duty for pers awarded re- straint or restriction | STF |
| | | | | 8 January 1966 | |
| | | | | Nothing of importance to report | |
| | | | | 9 January 1966 | |
| | | 1 | 1600 | Joined Lt E. J. MCGRAW as- signed to H&S Company for duty as Battalion Motor Trans- port Officer | STF |
| | | | | 10 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 081315Z | FM CG 3 Div Personal Messages (Radio Grams) | STF |
| | | | | 11 January 1966 | |
| | | | | Nothing important to report | |
| | | | | 12 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 110033Z | FM CG 3 Div Nominations for DI and Recruit- er School | STF |

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| 0900 | | 2 | 110034Z | FM CG 3 Div Nominations of Marines for Naval Security Group Duty | STF |
| | | 3 | 1100 | 1stLt Raymond A. STEWART JR. From CoB, 1stTkbN to H&S Co for duty as S-4A 13 January 1966 | STF |
| 0900 | | 1 | 120345Z | FM CG 3Div Report of Casual- ties (Hostile) 2dLt Jimmie D. PATRICK CoB fracture right knee when tank hit mine in the vicinity of Marble Moun- tain | STF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 110248Z | FM CG III MAF Commandant of the Marine Corps visit - - Well Done | STF |
| 0900 | | 3 | 121345Z | FM CG III MAF Transfer of personnel in a UA Status while on R&R Oki- nawa | STF |
| 0900 | | 1 | 1315 | Awards and Promotions Cere- mony Major General WALT at- tended, presented medals 14 January 1966 | S |
| 0900 | | 1 | 102240 | FM Marine Barracks Guam Medical Evacuees returned to duty | STF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 052024Z | FM CG FIFPAC Far Eastern and Pacific Divi- sion matches 15 January 1966 Nothing of importance to re- port | STF |
| 0900 | | 1 | 150645Z | FM CG 3d MarDiv Report of casualties 1Cpl McArthur BOKER of CoB | STF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 141500Z | FM BUPERS Discharge of HM3 V. G. BEARDS SLEY 1801 | STF |
| | | 3 | 1200 | Joined 2dLt J. C. MCGEE 1802 assigned to CoB, 3dTkbN for duty 17 January 1966 | STF |
| 0900 | | 1 | 160640Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv Basic MOS's will not serve in Viet Nam 18 January 1966 | SF |

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| 0900 | | 1 | 110211Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv - <i>lists of</i> Promotion to First Lieutenant | STF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 160530Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv Automotive Mechanics 3526 | STF |
| | | | | 19 January 1966 | |
| | | | | Nothing important to report | |
| | | | | 20 January 1966 | |
| | | | | Nothing important to report | |
| | | | | 21 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 180152Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv Instruction for USMC during Viet Nam holiday period Tet | STF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 311500Z | FM NAVHOSPBETH MD- Hospitalization of Sgt John DIETER transfer by SR to Hen- derson Hall HMC | SF |
| | | 3 | 0930 | Bn S-3 and Bn Adj departed for the Hue Phu Bai enclave returned the same day | |
| | | 4 | 0930 | Major Allan W. LAMB from CoB, 1stTkbN to H&S Co as company officer. Capt Horace A. BEN- TRAND JR. from CO H&S Co to CO, CoB, 1stTkbN | STF |
| | | 5 | 1000 | Joined Capt Wynn A. COOMES From S-2 Section, 3dMarBgt assigned to CoB, 3dTkbN as company officer. | STF |
| | | | | 22 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 200952Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv Nomination for DI and Recruit- er Scol | SF |
| 0900 | | 2 | 210103Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv Uniform Regulations | STF |
| | | | 1600 | 3dTkbN Assumed Administrative control of CoA, 1stTkbN at Chu Lai | |
| | | | | 23 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 220138Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv Extended cancellation of off- base liberty | SF |
| | | 2 | | FM CG 3dMarDiv- Change to Joint Travel Regu- lations | SF |
| | | | | 24 January 1966 | |
| 0930 | | 1 | 230355Z | FM CG 3dMarDiv- Extension of overseas tours | STF |
| | | 2 | 0930 | 1stLt James D. SPARKS assumed command at CoA, 1stTkbN vice 1stLt Samuel TURNER who will now be ExecO, CoA | STF |

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| | | 3 | 0930 | Bn Commander departed for Chu Lai will return 25 Jan 66 | S |
| | | 4 | 0930 | 1st Lt Arthur E. BURNS III FM ExecO, CoA, 1st TkbN to ExecO, CoC, 3d TkbN | STF |
| | | 5 | 1100 | 1st Lt R. F. KEIRNE III and 1st Lt J. R. GLOVER and 45 enlisted reassigned from CoC, 3d TkbN to CoA, 1st TkbN | STF |
| | | | | 25 January 1966 | |
| | | | | Nothing important to report | |
| | | | | 26 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | 191410Z | FM SECNAV-- SecNav Note 1421 FY 1966 2d Lt Selection (Temp) | STF |
| 1000 | | 2 | | Summary Court-Martial convened case of U.S. vs. SEFTON, Viol Art 92, UCMJ | E |
| | | | | 27 January 1966 | |
| 1000 | | 1 | | Capt W. A. COOLES assumed duty as CO, CoB, 3d TkbN vice Capt A. F. LEE who assumed duty as CO, H&S Co. vice 3d Lt 1st Lt D. MORRIS | |
| | | | | 28 January 1966 | |
| 0730 | | 1 | 271819Z | FM Flatsburg A-6 to S-1 Request ETA of two 2531's (Re- ferred to BSQ 10-66) | |
| 0900 | | 2 | 271315Z | FM CG 3d Mar Div-- Personnel Daily Summary Report | SF |
| | | | | 29 January 1966 | |
| | | | | Nothing important to report | |
| | | | | 30 January 1966 | |
| 0700 | | 1 | 301815Z | FM Flatsburg A-6 to S-1. Need two 2531's ASAP (Referred to BSQ 10-66) | SF |
| | | | | 31 January 1966 | |
| 0900 | | 1 | | Visit by Happy Age 6 in prep- aration for their move to Chu- Lai from Okinawa | S |
| 0900 | | 2 | 280510Z | FM CG 3d Mar Div-- Delay in Hawaii on rotation to CONUS | STF |
| 0900 | | 3 | 290331Z | FM CG 3d Mar Div-- Submit Rotation Roster for Cpl and below with March LTD | STF |
| 0900 | | 4 | 1290802Z | FM CG 3d Mar Div-- JSTFAC Personnel accounting system jurisdiction and re- porting procedure | SF |

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| | | | | 312400Dec65-012400Jan66 | |
| 0900 | | 01 | 312400H | 9th Marines ISUM# 176 | S-M-F |
| 0900 | | 02 | 300745Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 47 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 012400-022400 Jan66 | |
| 0900 | | 03 | 012400H | 9th Marines ISUM# 1 | S-M-F |
| 0900 | | 04 | 310730Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 48 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 022400-032400 Jan66 | |
| 0900 | | 05 | 022400H | 9th Marines ISUM# 2 | S-M-F |
| 0900 | | 06 | 010800Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 1 | S-M-F |
| 0900 | | 07 | 020753Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 2 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 032400-042400 Jan 66 | |
| 0900 | | 08 | 032400H | 9th Marines ISUM# 3 | S-M-F |
| 0900 | | 09 | 030535H | Tank Detonated mine Cord(BT090640) | S-M-F |
| 1030 | | 10 | 030820Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 3 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 042400-052400 Jan66 | |
| 0900 | | 11 | 042400H | 9th Marines ISUM# 4 | S-M-F |
| 1030 | | 12 | 040850Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 4 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 052400-062400 Jan66 | |
| 1025 | | 13 | 061200Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 6 | S-M-F |
| 0900 | | 14 | 051200H | 9th Marines ISUM# 5 | S-M-F |
| 1025 | | 15 | 050740Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 5 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 062400-072400 Jan 66 | |
| 0900 | | 16 | 061000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 6 | S-M-F |
| 1030 | | 17 | 070730Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 7 | S-M-F |
| 1300 | | 18 | 071000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 7 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 072400-082400 Jan 66 | |
| 1300 | | 19 | 081000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 8 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 082400-092400 Jan 66 | |
| 1335 | | 20 | 091000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 9 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 092400-102400 Jan 66 | |
| 1345 | | 21 | 101000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 10 | S-M-F |
| 1345 | | 22 | 090930H | Tanks dispatched to assist Co C patrol Tanks fired, VC broke contact. | S-M-F |

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| | | | | 092400-102400 Jan66 Cont | |
| 1000 | | 23 | 080741Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 8 | S-M-F |
| 1000 | | 24 | 090746Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 9 | S-M-F |
| 1000 | | 25 | 100720Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 10 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 102400-112400 Jan66 | |
| 1400 | | 26 | 111000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 11 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 112400-122400 Jan 66 | |
| 1330 | | 27 | 121000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 12 | S-M-F |
| 1400 | | 28 | 110720Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 11 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 122400-132400 Jan66 | |
| 1300 | | 29 | 131000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 13 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 132400-142400 Jan66 | |
| 1500 | | 30 | 141000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 14 | S-M-F |
| 1515 | | 31 | 120735Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 12 | S-M-F |
| 1515 | | 32 | 130745Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 13 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 142400-152400 Jan66 | |
| 1000 | | 33 | 140655Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 14 | S-M-F |
| 1335 | | 34 | 151000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 15 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 152400-162400 Jan66 | |
| 1345 | | 35 | 161000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 16 | S-M-F |
| 1345 | | 36 | 151145H | Tanks accompanying "B" Co 1/9 patrol fired 30 & 50 Cal, and 90mm rds at VC at (BT 070623), (BT 065628). VC broke contact. VC 6 KIA. | S-M-F |
| | | | | 162400-172400 Jan66 | |
| 1045 | | 37 | 150745Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 15 | S-M-F |
| 1045 | | 38 | 160724Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 16 | S-M-F |
| 1355 | | 39 | 171000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 17 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 172400-182400 Jan66 | |
| 1400 | | 40 | 181000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 18 | S-M-F |
| | | | | 182400-192400 Jan66 | |
| 1455 | | 41 | 191000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 19 | S-M-F |
| 1455 | | 42 | 171630H | Tank Directed 1 90mm WP at two VC 2 VC KIA | S-M-F |

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| 1455 | 43 | 170820Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 17 | S-M-F |
| | | | 192400-202400 Jan 66 | |
| 1430 | 44 | 201430H | Fr: SS-2 to SSA-6 Be advised num- erous TNT and ANTI TANK devises were found in area of A-2. May indicate increased activity in that area. | S-M-F |
| 1500 | 45 | 201000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 20 | S-M-F |
| 1500 | 46 | 192135H | Tank fired one 90mm He rd at one ill- uminated VC. 1VC KIA | S-M-F |
| 1530 | 47 | 180840Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 18 | S-M-F |
| 1530 | 48 | 190718Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 19 | S-M-F |
| | | | 202400-212400 Jan 66 | |
| 0915 | 49 | 210915H | Fr: SS-2 To: Monroe 2 At 0130H one VC flag set up at coord (AT995703) when flag fell down some people from village of PHONG BAC set up again. | S-M-F |
| 1300 | 50 | 211000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 21 | S-M-F |
| | | | 212400-222400 Jan 66 | |
| 1000 | 51 | 200650Z | 3d Mar Div ISUM# 20 | S-M-F |
| 1450 | 52 | 221000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 22 | S-M-F |
| 1500 | 53 | 210738Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 21 | S-M-F |
| | | | 222400-232400 Jan 66 | |
| 1500 | 55 | 231000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 23 | S-M-F |
| | | | 232400-242400 Jan 66 | |
| 1030 | 56 | 230600Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 23 | S-M-F |
| 1030 | 57 | 220639Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 22 | S-M-F |
| 1435 | 58 | 241000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 24 | S-M-F |
| | | | 242400-252400 Jan 66 | |
| 1450 | 59 | 251000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 25 | S-M-F |
| | | | 252400-262400 Jan 66 | |
| 1030 | 60 | 240648Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 24 | S-M-F |
| 1030 | 61 | 24 | 3d Tank Bn tank hit mine (YD 799104) | S-M-F |
| 1030 | 62 | 231330H | 3d Tank Bn truck at (AT 972770) recd 2 rds SA fire fr (AT 972768). Fire returned, results unk. | S-M-F |
| 1030 | 63 | 232225H | 3d Tank bn CP (AT990704) recd 1rd SA. | S-M-F |

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| 1030 | 64 | 250826Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 25 | S-M-F |
| 1355 | 65 | 261000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 26 | S-M-F |
| 1335 | 66 | 252710H | Co F Plt CP recd SA rds fr 4-6 VC (AT 990643) TK fired 15 90mm rds & 100 cal. .50 rds. VC ceased fire. | S-M-F |
| 1335 | 67 | 251630H | 3d Tk Bn S-2 rpt NGUYEN LANG, director of Youth Activities, HOA THO Hamlet (BT 000715) assassinated at 232200H. By person or persons Unknown. | S-M-F |
| 262400-272400 Jan66 | | | | |
| 1000 | 68 | 260655Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM # 26 | S-M-F |
| 1400 | 69 | 271000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 27 | S-M-F |
| 272400-282400 | | | | |
| 1500 | 70 | 281000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 28 | S-M-F |
| 1500 | 71 | 261730H | 2 tanks with 1 sqd infantry reinforced SPARROW HAWK unit. Tanks fired 14 90mm rds with secondary explosions observed. | S-M-F |
| 282400-292400 Jan66 | | | | |
| 1000 | 72 | 270809Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 27 | S-M-F |
| 1000 | 73 | 280740Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 28 | S-M-F |
| 1000 | 74 | 271225H | 2d Bn 9th Mar ptl (AT092640) recd 11 rds SA fire fr (AT 994636). Tks Fired 3 VC KIA (POSS), 2VC WIA (POSS). | S-M-F |
| 1400 | 75 | 291000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 29 | S-M-F |
| 1400 | 76 | 282140H | TK at (AT 967613) fired 1 90mm rd at 1 VC (AT 963614). 1 VC KIA. | S-M-F |
| 1400 | 77 | 290328H | TK at (AT 967616) fired 1 90 mm rd at 1 VC at (AT 964624). 1VC KIA. | S-M-F |
| 292400-302400 Jan66 | | | | |
| 1034 | 78 | 290616Z | 3d MarDiv ISUM# 29 | S-M-F |
| 1034 | 79 | 290155H | 3d Tk Bn PSN (AT991710) recd 10 rds SA fire fr 6VC (AT989703) and (AT 990704) Fire returned, results UNK | S-M-F |
| 1400 | 80 | 301000H | 9th Marines ISUM# 30 | S-M-F |

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| 0110 | | 002 | 011110H | H&SCo Whiskey Bravo Patrol returned Bn C. P | S |
| 0200 | | 003 | 010200H | H&SCo, Whiskey Alpha patrol returned to Bn. C. P. | S |
| 1000 | | 004 | 011000H | CoB-6, All Bravo units report all secure at 0900H SITREP- Bravo -23 and Brsvo-25 are to sweep at coord (BT054053). | S |
| 1005 | | 005 | 011005H | H&SCo, Bunker Y-4, Five Vietnamese at their position who wish to see the HQCMDT about setting up a barber shop. H&SCo, notified to provide escort. | S |
| 1300 | | 006 | 011300H | H&SCo, Patrol departed Command Post. | F |
| 1450 | | 007 | 011450H | H&SCo, Patrol returned to Bn C. P. | F |
| 2030 | | 008 | 012030H | 1stPlt, Co"B". Tank has thrown track block at coord S. (BT102669). 2 tanks and 2 LVT's with 1 reinforced sqd in route to this position from Co"B" Co C.P. Disabled tank presently has 1 other tank and 1 sqd at squad at their position for security, will advise when situation is cleared. | |

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| | | | | | S-3 S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE |
| 0050 | | 001 | 020050H | 1stPlt, CoB, Tank with thrown track returned with negative enemy contact. Tanks secured in C. P. | S |
| 0000 | | 002 | 020925H | 1stAmTracBn, S-3 . Sending out a 6 Man patrol at 020930H East of 1stAmTracBn perometer, H&SCo notified. | S |
| 1110 | | 003 | 021110H | H&SCo Bunker Y-1, reports 3 persons wearing civilian clothing and 6 dressed in ARVIN or Marine uniforms armed with rifles. They threw what appeared to be a grenade in the water at coord AT996704. Reported same to 9thMar, S-3. | S |
| 1640 | | 004 | 021640H | CoB-5, Tanks B-33 and B-23 are heading West from B-1-9 CP to assist infantry. | S |
| 2200 | | 005 | 022200H | H&SCo, Patrol departed Command Post. | S |

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| 0010 | | 001 | 030010H | H&SCo Patrol returned to Command Post, ambush stayed out. | F. |
| 0315 | | 002 | 030315H | H&SCo, Ambush returned to C. P. | F. |
| 0530 | | 003 | 030530H | CO, CoB, B-33 Tk hit land mine at coord (BT090640) at 0510H. Extent of damage: two sets of road wheels blown off, front road wheel totally destroyed. Land mine believed same size as those previously hit. | S |
| 0930 | | 004 | 030730H | CoB, Tank 32, B-2 proceeding with B-1-9, F-32, B-23 and B-25, to blocking positions. | S |
| 0935 | | 005 | 03935H | Div-G-3, Request TkBn task organization with tonight SITREP. | S |
| 1125 | | 006 | 031125H | H&SCo, Partol returned to Bn C.P. No enemy contact. | S |
| | 1230 | 007 | 031230H | Div-G-3 and 3dEngBn, S-3, Tk B-33 hit land mine at 030510H vic BT090640. Extensive damage to track and suspension. | S |
| 1440 | | 008 | 031345H | TkBn-6, Departed LOD 0645H reached turn around point at 0820H and began sweep at 0820H. Infantry report AP mines field coord BT183593. Tanks destroyed booby trap nets at coord BT164602. Infantry reports double aporn of barbwire nets and trenches at coord BT176597. Tanks F-21, C-13 returning to "B"Co, CP with retriever and C-12 escorting. Also escorting (1) LVT with (3) VCS. Retriever and C-12 to return to our night position, operation continues with no contact. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0845 | | 001 | 040845H | Co, Co"C", 6 & 7 will depart this area at 0930 should arrive your CP approx 1000. | S. | |
| 1210 | | 002 | 041115H | Co"B"-5, Tanks B-23, B-25, and F-32 on patrol with B-1-9 unit heading for horseshoe. Present position coord (125615). Tanks B-31 and B-34 going on patrol at coord (BT995645). | S | |
| 1340 | | 003 | 041340H | Radio Central TkBn-5, Just departed for 9thMar CP. estimated time of return is 1430. | F | |
| 1435 | | 004 | 041435H | Co"B", Tanks B-34 and B31 started sweep at 1100 secured sweep at 1500, destroyed 2 enemy fortifications expended 7 90MM HE and 1000 Cal 30. | S | |
| 1720 | | 005 | 041720H | 2-9, S-3, Reported two tanks stuck at coord (990648) request a retriever, Msg relayed to S-4 who is taking care of matter. | S | |
| 2100 | | 006 | 042100H | 2-9, S-3, reports that the two tanks have been pulled out, and that they are now pulling out TD-18. All vehicles intend to remain ar 2-9, CP overnight. | S | |
| 2300 | | 007 | 042300H | H&SCo, Ambush/patrol departed Bn. C. P. | F | |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0955 | | | 001 | 060915H | CoB, Jumped off on sweep at 0750H, Coord (987639) | S |
| 1340 | | | 003 | 061315H | CoB, B-31 and B23 secured sweep and returned to their normal position. Infantry report no body count | S |
| 1545 | | | 004 | 061545H | Div G-3, The TkBn has the range on Saturday from 1230 - 1730, H&SCo, notified. | S |
| 2245 | | | 005 | 062245H | H&SCo Tk, H-54 Report sound of diggings from village of Yen Bas. ATBn know of this and reported it to H-54 | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0925 | | | 001 | 070915H | Co"B", B-31 and B34 commenced recon sweep at 0815H on hill 55. | S |
| 1100 | | | 002 | 070950H | CO, Co"B", B-22 and B-24 leaving our CP to assist infantry pinned down at French Fort Coord (BT083698) B-12 and B-41 leaving 1-9 CP to do the same. | S |
| 1300 | | | 003 | 071300H | Civic Action patrol departed Bn CP | F |
| 1315 | | | 004 | 071315H | Civic Action patrol reports it has arrived at School House in Phong Bac (1). | F |
| | 1440 | | 005 | 071445H | CO, Co"B", Request the results of the activity mentioned in your Msg 070950H be furnished this HQ ASAP. | S |
| 1445 | | | 006 | 071455H | CO, Co"B", Answer to entry 005, Three infantry KIA, 2, VC, KIA and 2 weapons captured, No enemy contact made by relief force. | S |
| 1530 | | | 007 | 071530H | Bn CP visited by CMC and CG, 3D MAF | F |
| 1545 | | | 008 | 071545H | CMC and CG, 3DMAF departed Bn CP | F |
| 2200 | | | 009 | 092200H | H&SCo, patrol departed Bn CP | S |

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| 0300 | | | 001 | 050300H | H&SCo, Ambush/patrol returned to BN CP. No contact | F |
| 0742 | | | 002 | 050742H | 3d Div-G-3, Command REDOPS due at division by 5 Jan 66 | S |
| 1150 | | | 003 | 051150H | H&SCo, Bunker Y-3B, A Vietnamese male at gate who requests to come aboard. Civil Affairs NCO and the Bn interpreter went to see why Vietnamese wished to come aboard | S |
| 1310 | | | 004 | 051310H | Civil Affairs NCO returned to C.P. subject mentioned in entry #003 was village chief with invention for TkBn CO, and other civil action matters. | S |
| 1600 | | | 005 | 051600H | 1stAMTracBn, S-3, 6 man patrol departed their CP | S |
| 1950 | | | 006 | 051950H | H&SCo, Bunker Y-4, report shots fired from 1stAmTrac area. S-3, checked with 1stAmTracBn negative report. | S |
| 2130 | | | 007 | 052205H | H&SCo, Patrol departed Bn CP | S |
| 2240 | | | 008 | 052240H | H&SCo, Patrol arrived at check point # 1. | F |
| 2300 | | | 009 | 052300H | H&SCo, Patrol arrived at check point # 2. | F |
| 2350 | | | 010 | 052350H | H&SCo, Patrol returned to Bn CP. | F |

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| 0105 | | | 001 | 080105H | H&SCo, patrol returned to Bn CP no enemy contact | S |
| 1400 | | | 002 | 081400H | H&SCo detail returned from Hoa Cam range, 15 men fired their T/O weapons. | S |
| 1500 | | | 003 | 081430H | CO, Co"B", All Bravo Tks reported. B-25 hit mine on way to position at 1230H, no damage. | S |
| | 1445 | | 004 | 081455H | CO, Co"B", Give details your 081430H Jan66 | S |
| 1600 | | | 005 | 081600H | Co"B", XO, No details available at this time. Complete SITREP will follow at 082000H | S |
| 1715 | | | 006 | 081700H | XO, Co"B", Co"B", 1stAmTrac Bn, LVT hit mine at coord (054657). Damage to LVT is not known at this time. | S |
| 1910 | | | 007 | 081910H | PltLdr, 1stPlat Co"C", Plt has changed tks on hill 22. Tks now on hill 22 are C-11 and C-12. | S |
| 1915 | | | 008 | 081915H | CO, Co"C", C-2 will displace to coord (468068) at 090700H Jan 66 utilizing ferry to spt 2-4. At initial mission no mine clearance, Engineers will provide tank mine sweep for C-2. | S |
| 1935 | | | 009 | 091935H | H&SCo Tk, H-54, Report light blinking about 500 to 600 meters S., Azimuth 4161, reported to G-2. | S |
| 2045 | | | 010 | 082045H | CO, Co"B", B-24 located at MCB-8 spotted 2 VC in sampans to their direct front, expended 200 Cal30 rds. Kills unconfirmed, but highly possible. | S |
| 2145 | | | 011 | 082105H | CO, Co"B", B-23 located at C-1-9 received SA fire fr coord (BT062633). Infantry expended 600 Cal30 effect on target unknown. | S |

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| 2210 | | 012 | 082150H | CO, Co"B", In ref to my 082045H Sampan has been destroyed, it has not been spotted since fired upon. | S | |
| 2300 | | 013 | 082300H | H&SCo, Patrol departed Bn CP. | S | |

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| | | OUT | | | | |
| 0200 | | | 001 | 090200H | H&SCo, Patrol returned to Bn CP. | S |
| 1010 | | | 002 | 091010H | XO, CoB, B-23 and B-25 moved out to assist infantry patrol that is pinned down. B-24 was given credit for two confirmed VC KIA while at MCB-8. | S |
| 1130 | | | 003 | 091130H | S-3, 2-9, Request that Co"B", return a TA 312 Serial No. 5194. Request that it be returned to 2-9 CP. CoB, notified. | S |
| 1200 | | | 004 | 091045H | XO, CoB, B-23 and B-25 are out to assist infantry pinned down near brick factory by Phong Ho, coord BT057632. B-23 expended 9, 90mm WP, 2000 Cal 30. B-25 expended 7, 90mm cannister, 7, 90mm WP 2000 2000 Cal 30. B-25 credited with 7, VC KIA and 13 VC WIA. | S |
| 1410 | | | 009 | 091330H | CO, CoB, At approx. 1100 B-3, B-3A, B-3B and C-3A made wheeled vehicle recon. they were pinned down by sniper fire atm coord (AT976629). Fire came from coord (AT973627) and (AT982628). B-31 and B-34 assisted same. All personnel safe. B-34 expended 1, 90mm HE and 1,000 rds 30 cal. B-31 expended 4, 90mm HE, 1,800 rds of Cal 30, 45, and 50. | S |
| 1440 | | | 011 | 091435H | XO, Co"B", B-23 and B-25 are moving out to Phong Ho to assist infantry. | S |
| 1550 | | | 012 | 091550H | CO, Co"B", B-23 and B-25 assisted infantry squad pinned down at Phong Ho by approx. 30 VC. B-25 expended 1,000 rds cal 30, B-23 expended 1,000 rds Cal 30 and 3, 90mm HE. Effects on target unknown. All secure at this time. | S |

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| 1620 | | 013 | 091620H | CO, Co"B", Reported 3, tanks went to assist infantry partol pinned down at coord (999625) and(997625) Tanks fired 2, 90mm WP rds at coord(999625). "11 secure at this time. | S |
| 1915 | | 014 | 091710H | CO, Co"C", C-2 moved to (465472) completed at 09110H. Tank 2077 DL my CP. Leaking diesel fuel cell. Hq logistics (515055) with G-2-4. | S |
| 2047 | | 015 | 092047H | H&SCO Bunker Y-1, reports a light blinking at such intervals as to suggest code or signals being employed. | S |
| 2056 | | 016 | 092056H | H&SCO, Bunkers Y-1 and Y-2, report SID's have stopped | S |

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| 0015 | | 001 | 100015H | CO, Co"B", B-31 and B-34 located with 2-9 went to aid infantry ambush. Ambush located at (AT996643) Tanks moved to coord (AT995644). Tanks expended 7,90mm cannister, 1,500 Cal 30, 300 Cal 45. No friendly casualties. Two VC KIA confirmed, three VC WIA not confirmed but highly possible. | S |
| 1430 | | 002 | 101430H | ATBn, sending out sq patrol to investigate S/A fire in village Yen Bac. | S |
| 1610 | | 003 | 101550H | XO, Co"B", Tanks B-23 and B-25 moving 1000 meters S of C-1-9, CP. | S |
| 1900 | | 004 | 101500H | CO, Co"C", will have two flame tanks to 3dTkBn"C" CO-2 tomorrow and possibly next day. 3dTkBn, "C", Co-2 located at coord (462072). Hq tanks located with G-2-4 at coord (513064) for period of about one week. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0010 | | 001 | 110010H | H&SCo, Patrol departed Bn CP. | S | |
| 0330 | | 002 | 110330H | H&SCo, Patrol arrived Bn CP. | S | |
| 04055 | | 003 | 1104047H | CO,CoB, B-3A is moving out to the right of his position on sweep. Have spotted some VC. Will keep you informed. | S | |
| 1305 | | 004 | 111215H | CO,CoB, Tanks engaged in fire fight at F-2-9 CP. Fire fight ceased. Expended 1000 Cal 30, 1, 90mm, HE, 7 90MM WP, and 100 cal 45 rds. Infantry sweeping to our front. Believes many VC casualties will give final report later. | S | |
| 1310 | | 005 | 111300H | CO,CoB, relayed from B-3A, we are supporting infantry from CP infantry moving into coord (002645). | S | |
| 1545 | | 006 | 111415H | COCO, Tanks B-13 and B-34 with infantry patrol received fire from coord BT002645. CP received fire from same. Tanks engaged VC at same coord. In Hadvong vicinity. Infantry swept area 30 min after fire fight. Destroyed 2 buildings, no body count Est 3 KIA, 7 WIA, 1 WIA, 1KIA. Expended 9000 Cal 30, 2000 Cal 45, 8 90mm WP, 1 90mm HE. | S | |

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| 0730 | | 001 | 120725H | CO, CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 now leaving for sweep on outskirts of 1-9 CP. Too close for Coord. now will be in contact with your station. | S |
| 0830 | | 002 | 120755H | CO, Co"C", Flame Tank fired 4 loads each yesterday. Remained attached to Co"C"-2 last night, will fire again today. | S |
| 1000 | | 003 | 120915H | CO, CoB, Tanks 24 and 25 still on sweep. Light contact with enemy. Will give full account later. | S |
| 1240 | | 004 | 121240H | XO CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 went on sweep at 0700 coord BT065629 made contact with VC. Tanks credited with 10 confirmed KIA. Destroyed 8 bldgs, expended 19 90mm HE, 8 90mm WP, 12 90MM cannister, 200 cal. 50, and 400 Cal 30. Tanks now at infantry CP. | S |
| 1250 | | 005 | 121232H | XO CoB, Infantry patrol over tanks not committed, infantry found approximately 11 dead VC from yesterdays operation. | S |
| 1700 | | 007 | 121700H | S-3, 2-9, there will be a briefing tomorrow at 1300 at 2-9 CP. CO. participating unit will attend for OP 1-66 "Big Lodge". | S |
| 1905 | | 009 | 121825H | CO, CoC, Flame tanks have returned fr 2dPlt position. Each Flame tank fired 6 times. C-41 and C-42 still at (513064) with G-2-4. | S |
| | 1910 | 010 | 121910H | CO CoB, CO-2-9 desires your presences at 1300, 13 Jan for briefing regarding Big Lodge. | S |

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| 2020 | | 011 | 122030H | S-3 9thMar, PF Police action from 130600 to 130800 Jan 66 Units involved 3 PF platoons and 2 National Policemen. Area AT991738 and AT 994739 to BT002718 and BT000714 MT notified. | S |
| 2120 | | 012 | 122220H | H&SCo Bunker Y4A reported explosion and fire at air- airbase. 9thMar S-3 reports a plane crash | Base |

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| 0725 | | 001 | 130655H | CO, CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 are leaving on a sweep with C-1-9 around grid coord BT061631 | S |
| 1035 | | 002 | 131035H | 9thMar S-3, A patrol from 9thMar will be in Yen Bac from 1115 to 1300 blasting some bunkers, ATBn and notified. | S |
| 1510 | | 003 | 131445H | XO CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 secured sweep 1415H. Sweep in coord BT061613, BT064626. Tanks credited w/ 2VC KIA confirmed. Expended 200 Cal 50, 100 Cal 30. No damage to tanks or crews. | S |
| 1700 | | 004 | 131700H | S-3, 3-3; "Big Lodge" hill #22 desires to utilize section in screening mission for one or two days. Can we replace with an additional section during time of mission. | S |
| 1705 | | 005 | 131705H | 9thMar HQ cmdr Mission for Monday has been aborted | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0933 | | 001 | 140750H | | CO, CoC, Tank C-21 at (00004) (65073) received 3 to 4 rds SA at 132210H. No WIA. They illuminated and infantry fired 20 rds SA at suspected movements. Results unknown. | S |
| 1535 | | 002 | 141535H | | 3d Div, G-3, Rifle range is only available on Sun. this week, TkBn cancelled out, H&SCo notified of the same. | S |
| 1605 | | 003 | 141605H | | XO, CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 now departing their CP to help infantry pinned down at (0716350 | S |
| 1750 | | 004 | 141730H | | XO, CoB, At 1545H B-24 and B-25 went on sweep hunt in grid coord (071635). Secured at 1715H. Tanks credited with 2 confirmed VC KIA. Expended 1 90mm cannister, 8 90mm W.P. 16 90mm H. E., 200cal 50, 500 cal 30. Destroyed 11 buildings. | S |
| 1835 | | 005 | 141750H | | CO, CoC, 3dPlt will be firing training 90mm HE and 90mm WP tomorrow, HQ tks and flame tanks will fire Cal 30 and Cal 45. Firing will be conducted on 1-4 range at 150800H to 151100H. | S |
| 2220 | | 006 | 142155H | | CO CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 located with C-1-9 received light sniper fire. Returned no fire. Situation now all secure. | S |

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| 0950 | | 001 | 150950H | CO, COB, PltLdr 3dPlt reports Tks now (at (978638) have 5 tks accross first obstical at same coord One tk to go. No enemy contact. | S |
| 1135 | | 002 | 151100H | CO CoB, Tanks B-24 and B-25 now departing on sweep coord (064626) | S |
| 1135 | | 003 | 151125H | XO CoB, Bravo 3A reports all Tks now on hill # 55 | S |
| 1250 | | 004 | 151250H | Hoa Cam Tr Ctr, One Co. from Hoa Cam Training Center will conduct a search and clear operation in area coord (950710) (947700) (960700) (960718) from 1300 to 1700 15 Jan 1966. | S |
| 1415 | | 005 | 151415H | 3dMT, S-3, Sending out a Civil Affairs patrol at coord (0071) | S |
| 1500 | | 006 | 151450H | CO, CoB, Tks B-24 and B-15 are still on sweep contact with VC, will report later. | S |
| 1545 | | 007 | 151520H | CO, CoB, At 1000H tks B-24 and B-25 went on sweep grid coord (073624). Secured at 1450H. Tks credited with 6 VC KIA. 1-9 captured 1 VC. Expended 10 90mm HE, 1 90mm WP, 200 Cal 50, 1000 Cal 30. No damage to tanks or crew. Now at CP. All secure. | S |
| 1900 | | 008 | 151900H | 3-3, S-3, One tk from hill 22 hit 40 lb mine at (934628) blew off one road wheel, damaged other road wheels, busted oil pan. Two plts of infantry provided security. Expect to have tank repaired by 152115H when repaired will tow to hill 22. | S |

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| 1940 | | 009 | 151940H | 3-3, S-3, Tank crew unable to repair tank damaged by mine (008 entry) are towing tank to hill 22. | S |
| 2100 | | 010 | 152025H | CO, CoB, 3dPlt can cover from coord (930640) to (960964) from (970640) to (980640) from (990630) to (010640) can do better in daylight hours. South is excellent to highway 24 and South. | S |
| 2100 | | 011 | 152035H | CO, CoB, Tank B-12 received 6 sniper rds at approx. 2000H from the south. Infantry in front of his position. Tanks have fired no rounds. | S |
| 2105 | | 012 | 152105H | 9thMar, S-3, 3dPlt CoB, has clearance to fire following areas of possible enemy targets O.K. to fire (AT939499) possible VC Co., (AT962488) trail possible VC infiltration (AT946472) trail possible infiltration, (AT947468) trail possible infiltration (AT991492) VC dist. committee HQ., (AT967468) possible BN (AT985493) possible VC infiltration trail, (AT995471) possible rice storage, (BT006463) possible VC Co. (BT022483) trail and stream possible infiltration (AT929465) Possible campsite (AT982456) possible elements of guerrilla Co. Notified CO, CoB. | S S |
| 2400 | | 013 | 152400H | H&SCo Bunker Y-4A reports SA fire at road block. Called 3dMTBn, Bn operator gave following report. Sentry at roadblock saw two persons crouched low crossing road from right to left (toward French bunker) sentry fired 4 rds. Thinks he hit one area was illuminated neg. results. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0030 | | 001 | 160030H | 3-3, S-3 wants retriever to retrieve tank at coord (AT934628) 2 plts and one tank still with tank providing security. | S | |
| 0715 | | 002 | 160715H | 3-3, S-3, wants to know how long it will take for retriever to get to tank damaged by mine (see entry 012 15Jan66). S-3 watch talked to Tk Maint O. who stated 0930 tank retriever should be at disable tank. 3-3, S-3 was informed. | S | |
| 0830 | | 003 | 160809H | CO, CoC, Tank C-21 at (464073) received 100 to 150 SA from est. 5-6 cc at 152215H 25 rds Cal 30 ret. results unknown. | S | |
| 1420 | | 004 | 161420H | 3dDiv, G-3 Basic Armors repair course any MOS GCT 100 or 100 GM and AR Cpl or below 6 months remaining Sout Vietnam on completion of Course. Course convenes 4 Feb for prd of three (3) weeks. | S | |
| 1600 | | 005 | 161600H | 3dSP, S-3, request location of matt laying truck. S-3A stated he would check it out. | S | |
| 1900 | | 006 | 161900H | ATBn, S-3, patrol, will depart AT gate 1, at 2000 will remain out for approx 1 hour and will return through ATBn gate 6. This information reported to H&SCo. | S | |
| 2120 | | 007 | 162105H | CO, CoB, Tank B-35 and H-51 received light sniper fire from coord AT993638, B-32 returned approx 100 rds cal 30, enemy fire was neutralized | S | |
| 2310 | | 008 | 162310H | H&SCo. Patrol departed Bn CP. | S | |

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| 0230 | | 001 | 170230H | H&SCo, Duty reported it's patrol has returned to TkBn CP. | S |
| 1140 | | 002 | 171140H | CO, CoB Tank B-15 has returned to coord (091643) no damage, no casualties. | S |
| 1245 | | 003 | 171245H | Div, G-3, All ranges on 22 Jan 1966 from 1300 to 1700 are for TkBn use. | S |
| 1310 | | 004 | 171250H | XO, CoB, Tanks B-13 and B-15 have returned to B-1-9 CP, have 1 VCS no enemy contact. | S |
| 1810 | | 005 | 171810H | XO, CoB, Tank B-15 hit mine today discovered No 3 left torsion bar broken. | S |

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| 0800 | | 001 | 180800H | H&SCo Patrol departed Bn CP | S |
| 0815 | | 002 | 180815H | H&SCo, Patrol reported it is at check point #4. | F |
| 0850 | | 003 | 180850H | H&SCo, Patrol reported it is at check point #6. | F |
| 0930 | | 004 | 180930H | ATBn S-3, If TkBn will have blade tank at CoC, ATBn CP, at 1200 today 2 ONTOS will escort it to hill 55. | F |
| 1000 | | 005 | 181000H | H&SCo, Patrol returned to Bn CP, no enemy contact. | F. |
| 1105 | | 006 | 181053H | Tk C-15, One helicopter left this position hill 55 for 3-3CP, with 1 tank member, request transportation from 3-3 to Tank Bn CP. | S |
| 1945 | | 007 | 181935H | XO, CoB, 3dPlt will fire indirect tomorrow | S |
| 1950 | 1950 | 008 | 181935H | CO, CoB, ref your 181935H hold indirect fire until my order. | S |
| 2020 | | 009 | 182020H | PltLdr, CoB, Helicopter will not arrive his vicinity until 1200, 2-9 will provide security for hill 55 | S |
| 2045 | | 010 | 182045H | 9thMar S-3, What is DTG TkBn plans to register indirect fire from hill 55. Permission must come from 3dMarDiv and Hoi An. Hoi An will not give permission until it knows DTG . | S |
| 2045 | | 011 | 181958H | PltLdr, 3dPlt CoB, reports light sniper fire from front and rear of his position expended 200 Cal 30 rds. | S |
| 2045 | | 002 | 182040H | CoB, 3dPlt, reports sniper ceased. Expended 200 cal 30 and 100 Cal 50. | ENCLOSURE (2) |

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| 2130 | | 013 | 182130H | 9thMar, S-2, All times approved for indirect fire | S | |
| 2240 | 2240 | 014 | 182220H | CO, CoB, Your 181935H. Indirect party approved for following hours only. 190900-191100H, 191800H-191900H, 192100H-201100H contain area to those previously delivered to PltLdr 3dPlt. Acknowledge when 3dPltLdr gets word. | S | |

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| 0930 | | 001 | 190930H | 9thMar, S-2. ATBn is sending out a patrol to the village of Cam Hoa (2) to investigate tunnels reported being dug in that area. The patrol will be out for approximately 4 hours. | S |
| 1500 | | 002 | 191500H | H&SCo patrol departed TkBn CP. | S |
| 1540 | | 003 | 191530H | EltLdr 3dPlt, CoB, Situation normal. No enemy contact at this time. Expended 2 90mm WP. | S |
| 1545 | | 004 | 191545H | H&SCo patrol returned to Bn CP, No enemy contact | F |
| 2040 | | 005 | 192020H | CO CoB Tank B-32 receiving light sniper fire from automatic weapon. Fire has now ceased. Expended 200 Cal 30 rds 1 90mm HE. | S |
| 2100 | | 006 | 192030H | CO CoB reports fire mission this AM at 0845H target 7, 12 90mm HE effect on target unknown. New subject, fired on target 1, 20 90mm WP, had wide dispersion, will register with AO. | S |
| 2115 | | 007 | 192045H | CO CoB Engaged 1 VC behind fortification. Expended 100, Cal 50, 2, 90mm HE. Effect on target good. effect on VC unknown. | S |
| 2115 | | 008 | 192100H | CO CoB, Tank B-32 and H-51 received 15 rds sniper fire. Expended 100 cal 30. No damage to crew of Tk. | S |
| 2200 | | 009 | 192145H | CO CoB Tk B-35 on outpost at (AT956609) spotted 1 VC approx. 500 meters SW of position in village. VC in light green uniform with carbine. Expended 2 90mm WP target destroyed. | S |

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| 2210 | | 010 | 192155H | CO CoB Tk B-31 and H-51 received approx 10 rds sniper fire. Expended 100 rds cal 30 and 100 rds cal 50. | S | |
| 2250 | | 011 | 192135H | CO CoB Via I-3-3, C. (AT972621). D. Tk spotlight. sighted 1 VC (AT963614) in green uniform. E. Tk fired 1 90mm WP direct hit. I. One observed by spot light. Will search at first light. | S | |

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| 0230 | | 001 | 200200H | CO CoB At 0120H B-41 fired short bursts of auto- matic at VC in village to direct front of this CP. No confirmation on target effect. | S |
| 0900 | 0900 | 002 | 200900H | FR. CO 3dTkBn, to 3dPltLdr CoB. contact CoB at times daily on CoB Tac net, 0900, 1900, 2000, 2100 2200, 2300 and 2400. S-3 will monitor. | S |
| 1130 | 1130 | 003 | 201100H | CO CoB How many SID's do you have and are they all being used. Request answer ASAP. | S |
| 1230 | | 004 | 201200H | Co CoB Ref your 201030H 4 SID's in Co. 1 operating 3 will not work in sand. | S |
| | 1305 | 005 | 201245H | CO CoB, Exercise security measures when discussing XENON delivered to 3dPlt Vicinity Yesterday. Use code words Peach 1, Apple 1, Pear 1, for white method, use Peach 2, Apple 2, Pear 2, for other method. No photos or publicity allowed. Pass to all hands. | S |
| 1335 | | 006 | 201315H | XO, CoB, Have no contact with 3dPlt, landline is down request you contact 3-3 and have them tell unit on hill 55 to come up on CoB frequency. The comm section of 3-3 notified of same. | S |
| 1515 | | 007 | 200800H | CO, CoC, Four Tks with E-2-4 moved out from 463073 to 432103 at 191130. No contact. E-2-4 picked up one VCS. | S |
| 1950 | | 008 | 201950H | MTBn, S-3 Will conduct practice alert at 202230H, H&SCO notified. | S |

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| 2100 | | 009 | 201430H | CO CoA Be advised numerous Anti-Tank devices were Found in area pf 2dPlt CoA may indicate increased activity in that area. | S |
| 2215 | | 010 | 202215H | H&SCO, Bunker Y-3 reports SID picking up movement in fromt of his position, Illuminated with negative results. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0010 | | | 001. | 210010H | Div, G-3 reports III MAF HQs receiving S/A fire. | F |
| 0040 | | | 002 | 210040H | Div G-3 reports that firing in area of Da Nang is celebration of TET by ARVN and NOT VC. H&SCo informed of Msg 001 & 002 | S |
| 0130 | | | 003 | 210130H | Late entry, H&SCo Bunker Y-1 reported a banner in in the rice paddies South of Bn perimeter. | S |
| 0200 | | | 004 | 210200H | 1stAmTracBn S-3 When does H&SCo Listining Post return to TkBn area. | S |
| 0235 | | | 005 | 210235H | H&SCo Listining Post returned to perimeter. | F |
| 0800 | | | 006 | 210800H | H&SCo patrol departed Bn CP to investigate entry #003. | F |
| 0930 | | | 007 | 210930H | H&SCo patrol returned to Bn area with VC flag and propaganda banner and propaganda letters in Vietnamese and English 13 types in Vietnamese and 2 in English. | S |
| 0945 | | | 008 | 210945H | H&SCo Bunker Y-1 reports 1 young male Vietnamese going to area where VC flag was located. | S |
| 1600 | | | 009 | 211600H | Psychological warfare patrol departed Bn CP. | S |
| 1700 | | | 010 | 211700H | S-3, 3-3 would like to know when the tank that lost it's track on hill #22, will be returned to Hill 22 | S |
| 1715 | | | 011 | 211715H | Psychological warfare patrol returned to CP | F |

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| | OUT | | | | | S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE |
| 2200 | | 012 | 212200H | H&SCo patrol departed Bn CP. | | S |
| 2238 | | 013 | 212238H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #6. | | F |
| 2315 | | 014 | 212315H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #4 | | F |
| 2330 | | 015 | 212330H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #12 | | F |
| 2400 | | 016 | 212400H | Patrol returned to BN CP. | | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE |
| 2110 | | | 001 | 222110H | H&SCo patrol departed Bn CP | S |
| 2155 | | | 002 | 222155H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #5 | F |
| 2215 | | | 003 | 222215H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #10 | F |
| 2230 | | | 004 | 222230H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #12 | F |
| 2245 | | | 005 | 222245H | Patrol returned to Bn CP, no enemy contact. | F |

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| 1300 | | 001 | 231300H | H&SCo Patrol departed Bn CP | S |
| 1307 | | 002 | 231307H | Patrol checked in at checkpoint #12 | F |
| 1320 | | 003 | 231320H | H&SCo Tank H-54 reports seeing 2 Vietnamese in gray clothes come out of woods, meeting two other men in civilian clothes and run back in woods near Yen Bac, S-3 ATBn notified. | S |
| 1400 | | 004 | 231400H | Patrol has man without identification , told to return to CP with subject. | S |
| 1500 | | 005 | 231500H | Patrol returned to CP with VCS. Subject was questioned and released. | S |
| 1510 | | 006 | 231510H | ATBn S-3 Sending out 4 man patrol to Yen Bac H&SCo | S |
| 1605 | | 007 | 231605H | Bn Truck driver reported he was fired on twice when he was returning from Red Beach trash dump. Fire was returned with unknown results. Incident occurred at 1330H at coord 972770. | S |
| 1928 | | 008 | 231928H | ATBn S-3. If the Bn CP comes under mortar or SA fire their patrol tonight will remain where they are. Two white flares mean the patrol is returning through gate near Tk H-54. One white flare means ATBn is sending out a relief squad. It relief squad is sent out request Tk H-54 observe for them. H&SCo notified. | S |
| 1951 | | 008 | 231900H | CO CoB, Tanks B-13 and B-15 received 4 rds sniper fire. Fire was not returned. Tried to locate his position. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | S-STAFF M-MAP T-TROOP F-FILE |
| 2050 | | 009 | 232040H | XO CoB request to know when CoB units on hill 55 commence indirect firing. Report on SID's that was previously requested will be at your CP on 25 Jan. | S | |
| | 2305 | 010 | 232305 | CO CoB, your Msg 232046H. CO 3dTkBn requested clearance to fire on all designated targets 241300H. Will advise when clearance is granted. | S | |

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| 1530 | | 009 | 241518H | XO CoB Tank B-1 has completed sweep, received periodic sniper fire. Expended 1 90mm HE effect unknown. Tank returning to D-1-9 CP. | S | |
| 1530 | | 010 | 241452H | 3dPlt CoB Fired at targets 6,7,2,and 5 expended 19 90mm WP and 57 90mm HE. | S | |
| 1625 | | 011 | 241625H | 9thMar S-3 Check 3dTkBn patrol order 21-66 with ATBn patrol order 20-66. | S | |
| 1715 | | 012 | 241715H | Div G-3 Check out last Div Bul on task org. Disposition of our unit and vehicles the same as reported . Need information ASAP. | S | |
| 2000 | | 013 | 242000H | Bridge Co , reported that they have everything set for crossing tanks 0900H 25 Jan 1966. | S | |
| 2140 | | 014 | 242140H | H&SCo, Tank H-54 fired SA in the area where the Vietnamese flag was located. Tank observed several people in that vicinity. | S | |
| 2210 | | 015 | 242210H | H&SCo Bunker Y-2 Reports SID JUG #4 about 50 yds South S. E. of the bunker. SID has what sounds like two or three people in area. | S | |
| 2225 | | 016 | 242225H | ATBn S-3 Patrol departing Bn area to check area in which Tk H-54 fired. One fire team will check area another fire team will continue on a patrol. | S | |
| 2230 | 2230 | 017 | 242230H | 1stAmTracBn, 3dMTBn, 3-3, and ATBn notified of Tk H-54 firing. | F | |
| 2330 | | 018 | 242330U | H&SCo patrol departed TkBn CP. | F | |

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| 0820 | | | 001 | 240820 | CO CoA The 3dPlt at Phu Bai reports A-34 hit a mine at about 0730 in the area of Hill 153 (YD8010) No Marine casualties. Damage to tank: blew off track, road wheels, compensating idler. Details to follow. | S |
| 0825 | | | 002 | 240730H | XO CoB Sweep with A-1-9. Will send coord when I cross LCD | S |
| 0915 | | | 003 | 240915H | H&SCo Bunker Y-4. Vietnamese male in area, was trying to use our area as a short cut to the village of Tuy Loan (937705). This male was about 70 years old he was escorted out of area. | S |
| 0920 | | | 004 | 240920H | Civil Action patrol departed Bn CP. | F |
| 0940 | | | 005 | 240940H | XO CoB Tanks B-11 and B-14 cross LDOD at (069637). Received one round of sniper fire from roof top. Target destroyed with one 90mm HE and one 90mm WP. Now proceeding on sweep LOA 088610 | S |
| | 1020 | | 006 | 241000H | CO CoB 3dPlt cleared to fire 1300 to 1700 this date only. Obtain AO and FO on your end. If observers not available fire only on targets you can observe. | S |
| 1045 | | | 006 | 241045H | Civil Action patrol returned to CP. | F |
| 1240 | | | 007 | 241200H | XO CoB Tanks B-1 and B-14 now sweeping with D-1-9 from 074608 to 062632. | S |
| 1400 | | | 008 | 241400H | Div G-3 Request for Hoa Cam range approved for Saturday 291500H to 291700H. H&SCo notified. | S |

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| 0015 | | 001 | 250015H | ATBn S-3 Patrol returned to Bn area. Negative report on area in which Tk H-54 fired. | S |
| 0300 | | 002 | 250300H | H&SCo patrol returned to Bn CP. No enemy contact. | S |
| 0320 | | 003 | 250255H | XO CoB 1-9 CP received 20 mortar rds, MCB-9 10 mortar rds, Casualties unknown at this time BoB had no friendly casualties. Situation now all secure complete situation report to follow. | S |
| 0335 | | 004 | 250335H | CO CoB situation has returned to normal, will not know complete situation until morning. | F |
| 1105 | | 005 | 251105H | 9th Marines S-3, the following artillery concentrations have been cancelled by the Division ARTY Officer. (939499), (995471), (022483). | S |
| | 1200 | 006 | 251116H | CO, "B" Company, following concentrations have been cancelled (939499), (995471), and (022483). | S |
| 1420 | | 007 | 251345H | SitRep for last night's action follows: CoB Tank B-23 located on our perimeter, observed 3 flashes from 059724. CoB XO requested permission to fire from 1-9. Permission denied. TC of CoB Tank B-23 states he could have brought mortar emplacements under fire. | S |
| 1745 | | 008 | 251725H | CoB Tank B-23 received heavy sniper fire. Medical evacuation for infantry. Expended 13 90mm HE, 5 90mm WP, 50 rds Cal. .50, and 500 rds Cal. .30. | S |
| 1530 | | 009 | 251530H | Div TIO passed the following targets for tanks, cleared cleared for 25130-260660: | clear ENCLOSURE C |

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| Target Number | Coordinates | Description | | |
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| 50 | 918465 | Rice Storage | | |
| 79 | 939475 | Trng Area | | |
| 416 | 945474 | Supply Installation | | |
| 412 | 947470 | " | | |
| 413 | 945465 | Rice Storage | | |
| 62 | 948462 | Trng Area | | |
| 411 | 947447 | Harbering Area | | |
| 122 | 945445 | Food Storage | | |
| 131 | 951445 | Trng Area | | |
| 65 | 960440 | Harbering Site | | |
| 57 | 963434 | Trng Area | | |
| 64 | 960435 | " | | |
| 410 | 972460 | Supply Installation | | |
| 83 | 970450 | Hq & Harbering Site | | |
| 68 | 990445 | Trng Area | | |
| 415 | 993502 | Supply Installation | SF | |
| 1542 | 010 | 251542 | Entry 009 sent to XO. CoB vice 9thMar S-3 | SF |
| 2030 | 011 | 252030 | SgtMaj called from airport CO wants to be picked up. Notofied XO H&S Co | S |

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| 1210 | | 001 | 261210H | H&S Co Tank H-52 reports 43 women and children, some with bundles, moved from Yen Bac to Phong Bac. | S |
| 1345 | | 002 | 261345H | TkBn S-2 Patrol left Bn Cp. | SF |
| 1400 | | 003 | 261355H | CO CoB. CoB Tank B-32 expended 2 90mm HE and 100 Cal. .30 when infantry thought they saw VC in tree line. Damage UNK | S |
| 1720 | | 004 | 261650H | CO CoB/ I.D. Fire directed at targets 5, 6, 62, 411, and 50. 62 was only target observed by A.O.. Effect on 62 no enemy activity-thick underbrush. | S |
| 1800 | | 005 | 261720H | CO CoB/ I.D. Fire at targets 5, 6, 62, 411, and 50. 62 was only target observed by A.O. Effect on 62-no enemy activity, thick underbrush. Expended 70 90mm HE, 10 90mm WP. Ranges varied from 12,500 to 16,000 | SF |
| 1807 | | 006 | 261807H | B-3 S-3 reports they have a patrol going from Cam Ne 3 to Cam Ne 5 to Cam Ne 4. Departs Cam Ne 3 at 262000H. | S |
| 1815 | | 007 | 261753H | CoB Tank B-24 and B-25 now departing sweep on grid coordinates 0767. | S |
| 1850 | | 008 | 261830H | 3dDiv weather report. | F |
| 1910 | | 009 | 261800H | CO, CoA, 1stTkBn C p(533080). Whole area skosh on infantry. SSC-2 units Cp (466072) Xenon infrared light at (467070) and (462073). SSC-3 Cp (529089). Xenon white light at (527405). Xenon white light at (529089) Charlie wasn't aloud last night. | SF |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 2030 | | | 010 | 261945H | CO CoB. At 1730H Tanks B24 & B25 went on sweep in Grid Coordinates 078675.. Made contact with enemy. Tanks destroyed 5 houses, 6 sampans, 1 sampan had secondary explosion, VC KIA UNK at present. Expended 10 90mm HE, 4 90mm WP, 400 Cal. .50, 1200 Cal. .30. Secured at 1930H. Tanks not damaged. TC Tank B25 received a bad cut on right wrist, first aid applied-should be okay now. All secure-at Cp. | S |
| 2235 | | | 011 | 262235H | 9thMar S-3 called requesting H&SCo to quit shining tank searchlights across river because they were silhouetting friendly positions for the VC. | S |
| 2245 | | | 012 | 262245 | 3-3 S-3, Hill 55 reports approximately 30 boats at coordinates (AT 990630). Will notify if Tanks are ordered to fire. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0745 | | | 001 | 270700H | 3dMarDiv Weather Report | F |
| 0925 | | | 002 | 270715H | CoA, 1stTkBn SSC21, received 10-15 rounds SA fire AT 465072 at 270200H. Could not return fire because of friendly ambush spot. Will talk to Z-4 S-3 about putting ambushes further out. | S |
| 0925 | | | 003 | 270100H | CoA, 1stTkBn. 1stBn, 4thMar units A. (497067), B. (509120), C. (525092), D. (463069), CoM, 3dBn, 7thMar (528109). | F |
| | 0925 | | 004 | 270825H | XO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Reference msg 261945H. How many VC WIA and KIA? How many friendly WIA & KIA? How many did tanks get? | F |
| 0930 | | | 005 | 270930H | 2dBn, 12thMar S-3 called to inform 3dTkBn that they are holding a night drivers' school from 1900-2100 on 28 Jan 1966 at coordinates (992721) in the old artillery park. | SF |
| 1055 | | | 006 | 271010H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn Reference msg 270825H, estimate 1 company VC engaged while digging in. No VC WIA or KIA were confirmed. 1 Infantryman WIA. | SF |
| 1255 | | | 007 | 271245H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Tank B-32 reports infantry received heavy sniper fire from coordinates (002639). Tank expended 5 rds 90mm WP. Enemy fire neutralized. | SF |
| 1555 | | | 008 | 271555H | 3dDiv G-3. Direct One (1) To have reaction platoon to report to 1stBn, 9thMar Cp by 271700 Jan 1966. Msg to follow. | S |

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| 1700 | | 009 | 271700H | Reaction platoon departed 3dTkBn Cp for 1stBn, 9th Mar Cp | | S |
| 1705 | | 010 | 271705H | 3dBn, 3dMar S-3. Ambush from 2130H to 0630H AT 978698 | | S |
| 1915 | | 011 | 271915H | 3dDiv Weather Report | | F |
| 2015 | | 012 | 272015H | Platoon Leader Reaction Platoon. Platoon deployed AT BT 050754 with mission of defending and patrolling village. One squad to remain tomorrow. Not to fight unless VC assault position. New Platoon tomorrow night and until further notice. | | SF |
| 2030 | | 013 | 271905H | CoB, 3dTkBn S-3. We are setting up a defense in a village near MCB-9 Cp. Our coordinates 050754. Call sign Redwood Zulu. Frequency 43.6. | | S |
| 2100 | | 014 | 272100H | CoB, 3dTkBn. Tank B-33 expended 100 rds Cal. .30 at coordinates 9873. Casualties possible. | | SF |

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| 1015 | | 001 | 280945H | CO CoB 3dTkBn. Tank B-22 and B-21 went on sweep with CoA, 1stBn, 9thMar at coordinates 093642. | S |
| 1230 | | 002 | 281210H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Tanks B-21 and B-22 are still on sweep present position is coordinates 099621. | S |
| 1355 | | 003 | 281335H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Tank B-31 reported that helicopter was receiving heavy sniper fire at coordinates 960635. B031 fired 4 90mm HE rds. Tank C-15 fired 1 90mm WP rd. Effect unknown. | SF |
| 1415 | | 004 | 281415H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. 3dPlatLar was able to hit all indirect fire targets except #57 and #64. Will send plans and results on indirect fire to CO, CoB, 3dTkBn and FSCC. | S |
| 1500 | | 005 | 281425H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Tanks B-21 and B-22 secured from sweep. Infantry picked up 4 VC's. Sniper fire accounted for one VC confirmed. Situation now normal. Tank B-32 expended 3 90mm HE rds and 6 90mm WP rds. Had VC sniper fire. Infantry patrol pinned down at coordinates 996637. | SF |
| 1850 | | 006 | 281850H | 3dBn, 3dMar S-3. They have an ambush from 2000 to 0700 at coordinates 977698. Which is across the river in Cam Ne. All forward positions notified. | S |
| 1900 | | 007 | 281900H | Div Weather Report | S |
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| 1903 | | 007 | 281903H | 1stLVTBn S-3. They are having a practice alert commencing at 2120. The drill will be kicked off by the blowing of a whistle. | S |
| 1935 | | 008 | 281935H | CO, 3dTkBn. Bn infantry squad supporting 1stBn, 9thMar has returned to the Bn Cp. | S |
| 2020 | | 009 | 282020H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Tank B-12 received 8-10 rds sniper fire at 1945H. | S |
| 2345 | | 010 | 282345H | 9thMar S-3 originated by 3dDiv S-3. The DaNang ferry will not operate during the hours 290400 - 291000 due to power unit requirement on a tactical unit mission. | S |
| 2400 | | 011 | 282400H | CO, 3dTkBn. The Bn ambush patrol departed the Bn Cp. | S |

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| | OUT | | | | | |
| 0145 | | | 001 | 290145H | CO, 3dTkBn. Ambush patrol reported two men on the En Trail. Requested permission to fire. Permission granted. | S |
| 0150 | | | 002 | 290150H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. Tank H-52 reports receiving incoming fire. | S |
| 0155 | | | 003 | 290155H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. Patrol fired on two suspects. Results unknown, patrol is returning to the Bn Cp. All line positions notified. | S |
| 0220 | | | 004 | 290220H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. Patrol returned to Bn Cp. Where they were debriefed by the S-2. | S |
| | 0250 | | 005 | 290250H | Spot report called in to 9thMar S-3. | F |
| 0355 | | | 006 | 290355H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. Tanks leaving Bn Cp to participate in operation in support of 1stBn, 9thMar. | S |
| 0500 | | | 007 | 290448H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Tank C-14 fired 2 90mm HE rds at VC. Results will not be known till late. | SF |
| 0650 | | | 008 | 290650H | ATBn S-3 called and said that they were sending out a six-man patrol to sweep their perimeter at day-break. Estimate that they will be out for 1 hour. Line notified. | S |
| 0940 | | | 009 | 290940H | ATBn S-3. They just received a couple of incoming SA rds. They are going to send out a five-man patrol to their Southwest about 500 meters for 1/2 hour. Tank H-54 is on an operation so the west side of the hill has no day watch. Hq Commandant notified and will have H&SCo Bunker Y-1 man their position. | ENCLOSURE (1) |

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| 1255 | | 010 | 291255H | ATBn S-3. Negative results from patrol mentioned in entry serne 009. | S |
| 1515 | | 011 | 291425H | CO, CoB, 3dTkBn. Accumulated situation report for 281400H to 291400H. Expended 1 90mm HE rd at coordinates 965604. Target was suspect in tree spotted with infrared light. Effect unknown. 290934H laid tanks for I.D. fire on concentration #415. | SF |
| 1920 | | 012 | 291920H | 9th FSCC. VC Bn Cp BT 004615. 3 VC at coordinates AT 003629 BT 018605 BT 028628. Armed with 14 BAR's 3 Cal. .30 MG. 1 57mm 1 AA. 300 Cadre mission attack Mieu Bong | S |
| 1930 | | 013 | 291925H | CO, CoI, 3dBn, 3dMar. Message contained in entry serne 012. | S |
| 2130 | | 014 | 292130H | H&SCo Bunker called. Light blinking at azimuth 2534. Notified Div G-2. | S |
| 2230 | | 015 | 292155H | CoB, 3dTkBn. CIU at coordinates AT 966623. Fired 4 90mm WP rds. 2 90mm HE rds. And 50 Cal.x.50 rds. No friendly casualties. Enemy casualties unknown. | SF |
| 2400 | | 016 | 292400H | H&SCo Bunker reports two trip flares burning Phong Lai (2) | S |
| 2400 | | 017 | 292400H | H&SCo Bunker reports that one SA round entered Cp from west, Yen Bac | S |

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| 0745 | | 001 | 300745H | 9thMar FSCC. All target concentrations are cleared for firing today from 300700 to 301700H. | S |
| 1300 | | 002 | 301300H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. Patrol departed Bn Cp. | S |
| 1405 | | 003 | 301404H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. CO, 3dTkBn departing for DaNang. | S |
| 1445 | | 004 | 301445H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. Patrol returned to Bn Cp. | S |
| 1645 | | 005 | 301615H | CoB, 3dTkBn. Tank C-14 at approximately 113029 expended 4 90mm WP rds and 2 90mm HE rds at VC at coordinates 966623. Results unknown. Fired indirect mission from 0900 to 1130 30Jan66 as follows. Fired concentration #5. Expended 12 90mm HE rds. Fired concentration #12. Expended 8 90mm HE rds. And 2 40mm WP. Fired concentrations #4 and #2. Expended 12 90mm HE rds, 3 90mm WP rds. Fired concentration #410. Expended 12 90mm HE rds and 3 90mm WP rds. On #410 Air observer spotted for us. Concentration #410 will be used for night mission. Fired at concentration #415. Expended 12 90mm HE rds and 3 90mm WP rds. That's the end of indirect fire. At 1445 30Jan66, Tanks B-34, B-35, and C-14 were engaged to support infantry from this location. C-14 expended 3 90mm HE rds infantry directed fire. Tanks received sniper fire, VC spotted and C-14 fired at coordinates 985623 infantry couldn't check results at this time. CoB Tanks and CoC Tanks engaged in support of infantry. At this time in sweep Support is from this location. | SF |
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| 1840 | | | 006 | 301820H | CoB, 3dTkBn. Tanks C-14, B-31, B-34, and B-35 now securing from blocking force. Returning to Hill 55 | S |

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| 1015 | | 001 | 311015H | 3d Bn, 3d Mar S-3. Will utilize heavy section of Tanks on hill 55 to fire this evening in following coordinates: 9963, 0063, 9962, 0062, 9961, and 0061. F.O. will be utilized. | S |
| 1035 | | 002 | 311005H | CoB, 3d TkBn. Tank C-15 expended 8 Cal. .50 rds at suspected VC. Coordinates 962605. | SF |
| 1050 | | 003 | 311050H | 3d Bn, 3d Mar S-3. Tanks on Hill 55 will not be firing today. | S |
| 1240 | | 004 | 311240H | Hq Commandant H&SCo, 3d TkBn. One carbine round received through H&SCo billeting tent. Round was spent and undamaged. No casualties. Further report to follow. | S |
| 1255 | | 005 | 311215H | CoB, 3d TkBn. Tanks B-11 and B-12 now leaving with CoD, 1st Bn, 9th Mar S-3 to Millers Ridge. Coordinates 962632. Mission: Provide security while platoon position AR being prepared. Will return to CoD, 1st Bn, 9th Mar Cp at 1800H. | S |
| 1345 | | 006 | 311345H | Div G-3. TkBn may have Hoa Cam CM 6 Range from 1500-1700 5Feb66. Pistol and Rifle Range at 1500-1700 6Feb66. Passed on to H&SCo 3d TkBn. | S |
| 1530 | | 007 | 311515H | CoB, 3d TkBn. B-3 units report negative activity. No indirect missions today. | S |
| 1555 | | 008 | 311555H | Late Entry- CO, 3d TkBn. CO arrived this Cp. CO, 1st TkBn arrived this Cp. | S |

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| 1555 | | | 009 | 311555H | H&SCo, 3dTkBn. CO, 3dTkBn and CO, 1stTkBn departed Cp for Hill 55 by helicopter. | S |
| 1600 | | | 010 | 311600H | CoA, 3dTkBn. Sitrep as of 311500H: Conducted a flame firex with F-22. Results of fire were very satisfactory. 2dPlat was scheduled to conduct a fire of long range observed fire in 1stBn, 3dMar TAOR. Firing was cancelled by higher authority. All platoons and CO Hq continue in making preparations for CG's Inspection. | SF |
| 1700 | | | | | SUMMARY 301600H - 311600H: 3dTkBn continued Tk combat support for 3dMarDiv. The afternoon of 30 Jan, 3d Platoon, CoB, 3dTkBn on Hill 55 Support CoI, 3dBn, 3dMar in a S and C. Tanks engaged 2 targets with unknown results. At 311005H a Tank on Hill 55 expended 8 rds Cal. .50 at VC's. Results unknown. At 311240H Bn Cp received 1 rd carbine fire. At 311255H 2 Tanks from 1stPlt, CoB support CoD, 1stBn, 9thMar in Sand C. Results unknown. Plans for 311600H 011600H Feb. Continue Tank combat support 3dMarDiv. | |

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| 1600 | | | | 1 January 1966 No answers received in regards to remaining life in sprockets. | |
| | 1040 | | | 2 January 1966 SSC-6 reports only 1 Tank with 50 miles or less remaining on sprockets 202077 H53 burned out left front idler arm removed same from B43 and repaired H53. | |
| | 1905 | | | 3 January 1966 PlatsburgB-6 reports 8 tanks with 50 miles or less remaining on sprockets. 201968, 202027, 202058, 201884, 201891, 201895, 202127, 201951 SS-4 directed SSC-6 to answer FSR msg 090500Z in regards to Doc #30002. | |
| 1805 | 0945 | | | 4 January 1966 SSC-6 & 7 will depart their CP 0930 will arrive this CP approx 10:00 | |
| 0825 | | | | | |

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| 1730 | 1730 | | | sent two tanks with cable to SSB31 to assist in pulling 31 out. Trying to get VTR to same area. 3A has arrived at DaNang ferry with VTR | |
| | 1600 | | | 5 January 1966 Pri 02 and 05 items of supply (small mailable items) are being received in good time. Big heavy items still remain some- what of a problem. | |
| 2125 | 0910 | | | 6 January 1966 SS4 request SSB6 to report number of Run shoes and Nurse shoes on hand that have not been put on. Request info ASAP Platsburg Bravo and SSC reported following information requested by SS4. CP Coord Arcrage 560048 360,000 SqFt Blst 532088 137,214 SqFt C3rd | |
| | 1400 | | | 7 January 1966 Received 1 tank on Doc 01799 replacement to CA stock M48A3 USMC No 202149 | |

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| | 0930 | | | 8 January 1966 Following information submitted to G-4 as requested- Land area occupied. <table><tr><th>Org</th><th>Occupied Area</th><th>Grid Coord</th></tr><tr><td>3dTkBnCP</td><td>70,000 SqYds</td><td>985713</td></tr><tr><td>ACo 3dTks</td><td>20,000 SqYds</td><td>951762</td></tr><tr><td>BCo 3dTks</td><td>18,270 SqYds</td><td>068715</td></tr><tr><td>CCo 3dTks</td><td>15,246 SqYds</td><td>532088</td></tr><tr><td>BCo 1stTk</td><td>40,000 SqYds</td><td>560048</td></tr></table> Ltr 4/FWC/rpw over 8010 dtd 8Jan66 B-33 hit mine no info at this time. | Org | Occupied Area | Grid Coord | 3dTkBnCP | 70,000 SqYds | 985713 | ACo 3dTks | 20,000 SqYds | 951762 | BCo 3dTks | 18,270 SqYds | 068715 | CCo 3dTks | 15,246 SqYds | 532088 | BCo 1stTk | 40,000 SqYds | 560048 | |
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| CCo 3dTks | 15,246 SqYds | 532088 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BCo 1stTk | 40,000 SqYds | 560048 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1000 | | | | 9 January 1966 SSB request ferry to bring F23 to Bn CP Arrangements made for same/ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1550 | | | | 10 January 1966 SSC reports 1 M48A3 and 2 M67A2 on D/L all vehicles at FLSU for 3d Ech repair SSC requests SL 4-02329A for Flame Tank. Advised them to order from Phila direct. SSB requests 400 gal diesel tomorrow. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0800 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 0745 | | | 11 January 1966 Dispatched Refueler to B CP 400 gal Diesel | |
| | 0940 | | | 12 January 1966 SS-4 request SSB6 to send 1 truck to CP with track and sprocket requirements. | |
| 1730 | | | | 13 January 1966 SSC reports 1 M48A3 and 1 M67A2 on D/L. | |
| 1755 | | | | SSC requests 2 manuals-advised to order direct from Phila | |
| 0755 | | | | 14 January 1966 SSC requests valve #5 for F12. N.I.S. | |
| 1755 | | | | 15 January 1966 SSC requests 1 starter for tank 1 road arm. | |
| 2000 | | | | SSB6 request Ferry their side and escort from DaNang ferry site to parkgreen area arrangements made. | |
| | 0800 | | | 16 January 1966 SS-4 to SSC6 NIS on starter and Valve requested. | |

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| 1125 | | | | 17 January 1966 SSC1 requests one 2000W search light one aiming circle and 500 sand bags to hill 55. Resupply of 100 rds HE and 50 rds cannister 90MM to hill 55 | |
| | 1130 | | | | |
| | 0830 | | | 18 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55- 100 rds HE, 30rds WP, 50rds cannister- 1 water trlr USMC # 205919 C-12 hit mine- extent damage not known at this time. SSB6 request info on availability of jeep 312138 77pr IR Binoculars received this date | |
| 0900 | | | | | |
| 1145 | | | | | |
| 1500 | | | | | |
| | 0800 | | | 19 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55- 100rds HE 90MM and assorted small arms. SSB-6 requests 1 Helicopter to air lift 2 maint men four search lights, 6 small boxes and aiming circle to hill 55. arrangements being made. | |
| 1525 | | | | | |
| | 1252 | | | 20 January 1966 SS5 to SSB6. Exercise Security measures when discussing toys delivered to B3 vicinity yesterday | |

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| | 1600 | | | Use code words peach 1 @ Apple 1 @ Pear 1 for white method @ use Peach 2 @ Pear 2 @ Apple 2 for other method @ No photos or Publicity allowed @ Pass to all hands @ SS-4 to SSB6 resupply to hill 55 tomorrow Get to us ASAP 3 cooking stoves, 2 flash lights w/batteries and mess gear for 13 men. @ Your men are without and require these items. 1 M48A3 w/Dozer Kit received this date USMC Ser # 202138 Doc #00438 | |
| 1615 | | | | | |
| | 0800 | | | 21 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55 40rds WP 90MM, 5rds HE 90MM Received following vehicles under E&E 1 M51 VTR USMC # 229162 replacement for 229168. 2 AN/MRC 36 USMC #197948 and 178549 rep- placements for 197196 1 M54 trk Ser #302184 hit mine in Phu Bai replaced by FLSU with M54 Ser #302387 | |
| 1000 | | | | | |
| | 1130 | | | | |
| | 0800 | | | 22 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55 10rds WP 90MM 4 Pear2 and M18 Binoculars | |

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| 0925 | | | | 23 January 1966 SSB5 requests wrecker to tow 1 M54 Ser #302195 to Bn CP Brakes are locked. Wrecker dispatched. | |
| | 0935 | | | | |
| | 0800 | | | 24 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55 70rds HE 90MM SSB5 states H-52 at DaNang ferry waiting for escort. Also is B21 ready. | |
| 1125 | | | | B-21 on way with escort. A-34 hit mine at Phu Bai No injuries extensive damage to vehicle. | |
| 1500 | 1200 | | | | |
| | | | | 25 January 1966 SSB31 requests 1000 gal diesel fuel and 1 transfer pump at 907017 (hill 55) | |
| 1302 | | | | | |
| | 0800 | | | 26 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55 100 rds HE 90MM, 850 gal diesel. | |
| | 0928 | | | SS4-SSB6 send escort to this CP to pick up your 31. | |
| 1300 | | | | Plattsburg A6 requests cable accessories control valve FSN 2590-806-1126 for Tank Dozer 1 ea. | |
| | 1450 | | | Plattsburg A6 states he has found source of nitrogen & are purging today & request info on computer Do we have one. | |

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| | 1800 | | | 27 January 1966 SSH to Platsburg A6- your request for computer NIS requisition at your encl. | |
| | 0800 | | | 28 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55 50 rds HE 90MM w/o fuzes, 50 V.T. fuzes 10rds W.P. 90MM. | |
| | 0800 | | | 29 January 1966 Resupply to hill 55 50rds HE 90MM | |
| 1200 | | | | 30 January 1966 Requested for hill 55 resupply for tomorrow 50rds HE 90MM and 30rds w.p. 90MM | |
| 1000 | 0800 | | | 31 January 1966 Resupply of ammo sent to hill 55 Platsburg A reports no combat essential deadlined equipment B 22 hit mine-damaged batteries broken acceleration linkage, Fuel cut off inoperative. | |
| 1815 | | | | SSB requests 300 gal Gas to B CP by noon tomorrow. | |
| 1855 | | | | | |

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1. Problems encountered and lessons learned by supporting units.

a. In spite of the improving weather, terrain limitation of mobility remains one of the most serious problems confronting tank units in Vietnam. Engineer support is necessary to move tanks into many areas. Lack of sufficient support has caused tank operations to be curtailed, in some cases to the extent that tanks are not utilized in offensive operations.

LESSONS LEARNED - The considerable value of tanks in an offensive operation demands that every effort be made to employ them in the best possible manner. In Vietnam maximum effectiveness requires the capability to rapidly improve routes and bridge obstacles such as streams, swamps and rice paddies. Without this capability the shock action of the tank is dissipated through delays at obstacles or the necessity to use a circuitous route to the objective, and optimum application of its firepower is hampered by the loss of surprise.

Although the tank battalion has a limited organic capability for route-improvement and road building which is normally augmented by the engineers, nowhere in the division or any its supporting units is there the capability to bridge obstacles with the speed and frequency required to utilize tanks with maximum effectiveness. A recommended solution to this problem is the Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge (AVLB) presently in use by the U.S. Army. The AVLB is a 63 foot class 60 bridge which is transported on a full tracked chassis with speed and mobility characteristics comparable to a tank. The vehicle can emplace its bridge in a few minutes, drive across, and recover it from the far side of the obstacle. Thus it can accompany tanks on an operation and provide rapid bridging capability wherever and whenever it is needed.

The Army TE provides for two AVLB's in each tank battalion. Due to the frequent separate employment of Marine Corps tank companies it would be advantageous to increase this to provide one AVLB for each company. This would be a relatively inexpensive method to achieve a tremendous increase in the mobility, and therefore effectiveness, of Marine Corps tank units.

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