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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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1-31Mar1968

H & S Company

Subordinate Units

1st Lt J. E. GEORGEAKLES

1-31Mar1968

Company "A"

Capt. C. L. SALES

1-31Mar1968

Company "E"

Capt. C. W. ALLINE

1-31Mar1968

Company "C"

Capt. W. J. O'NEUGH

1-31Mar1968

Company "A" 3d ATBn

Capt. J. O. LEA

1-31Mar1968

Provisional Infantry Co.

Capt. J. L. LINDSEY

1-31Mar1968

2. LOCATION

H & S Company

1-4Mar1968

Phu Bai

5-31Mar1968

Quang Tri

Company "A"

1-31Mar1968

Dong Ha

Company "D"

1-31Mar1968

Camp J. J. Carroll

Company "C"

1-31Mar1968

Quang Tri

Company "A" 3d ATBn

1-31Mar1968

Khe Sanh

Provisional Infantry

1-31Mar1968

Quang Tri

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Bn. Executive Off.

Maj. E. H. MCILHANN

1-22Mar1968

Maj. JOHN C. DUFF

23-31Mar1968

Battalion S-1/Adj/PersO

2nd L. I. SMITH

1-31Mar1968

Battalion S-2

1st L. V. ANDERSON

1-31Mar1968

Battalion S-3

Maj. C. J. SAMUELSEN

1-31Mar1968

Battalion S-4

Maj. R. E. FINNEY

1-31Mar1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USF	
OFF	E L	OFF	E L
40	705	0	15

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Present officer strength is 42 and the authorized manning level is 42. A total of 23 enlisted men were lost due to normal attrition. Enlisted strength is 80 compared to an authorized manning level of 83. The Battalion is reinforced by Company "A" 3d Anti-Tank Battalion and the 2nd platoon, Company "A", 5th Anti-Tank Battalion. Although overall numbers of enlisted personnel are adequate, a shortage of effective tank crewmen in the Staff Noncommissioned rank exists. The average number of tank crewmen for the month of March was 340.

The Battalion gained 6 officers and 126 enlisted men during March. Losses were three officers and 31 enlisted men.

Five requests for extension of overseas tours were forwarded during March. These extensions bring to a total of 89 the number of man-months gained through extensions for the period 1 January to 31 March. The major factor in the extension of overseas tours is the special 30 days leave program.

The Battalion sustained 17 hostile and 7 non hostile casualties during the month. One of the 17 hostiles was declared DOW.

Of the 17 hostile casualties, 6 were Medevaced. 11 were treated in the field and returned to duty. Of the 7 non hostile casualties 1 was Medevaced and 6 were treated in the field and returned to duty.

There were three instances of punishment under Article 15, USMJ in the Battalion during March. There were no courts-martial held during March, however, two recommendations for trial by Special Courts-martial are pending.

The first of March the Battalion changed from Battalion to Company level administration by authority of CG AFM Pac msg110055 Feb 68. There were no major problems encountered.

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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

During March units of this Battalion participated in four operations.

Operation Scotland The 2nd and 3d Platoons, Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion and the 3d Platoon, Company B, 3d Tank Battalion participated in this operation in support of the 26th Marine Regiment. These units at Khe Sanh withstood heavy enemy bombardment throughout the month. Support rendered included fires at enemy artillery positions, bunkers and troop movement.

Operation Lancaster Tanks of Company B supported the 2nd and 3d Battalions, 1st Marine Regiment, the 2nd and 3d Battalions, 9th Marine Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in this operation in the CALU - Rockpile - Camp Carroll area. Support rendered included road sweep escort, 100mm fire at enemy sniper, mortar, artillery and automatic weapons positions, storage areas and FO positions and 100mm and machine gun fire at enemy troops and in support of friendly maneuver.

Operation Kentucky Tanks of Company A and 3d Platoon Company C, 3d Tank Battalion and Ontos of the 1st Platoon Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion participated in this operation in support of the 12th Marine Regiment, the 1st, 2nd and 3d Battalions, 4th Marine Regiment, the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment and the 3d Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment. Support provided included road sweep escort, assault of enemy positions and fires at enemy artillery and mortar positions, bunkers, troop movement, assembly areas, recoilless rifles and on convoy. In addition tanks were provided to the Base Reaction Force for defense of the Dong Ha Combat Base. On 12 March three tanks went on an operation with the 2nd ARVN Regiment and engaged an enemy force entrenched in bunkers.

Operation Napoleon/Saline Two tanks of Company C participated in this operation in support of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion and elements of the 3d Marine Regiment. Support included participation in perimeter defense and patrols throughout the AO.

Task Force Robbie continued in existence throughout the month and 11 M48A3 tanks and 4 M67 flame tanks of the Battalion are included in the unit. These tanks assumed defensive positions around the Cam Lo Bridge, the Cam Lo District Headquarters, the C-2 position and at the Task Force Command Post at C-3. In addition they participated in a sweep to recover bodies outside of C-3 and conducted road marches to the Dong Ha Combat Base and the Quang Tri Combat Base.

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Confirmed results of activities by elements of this Battalion during March are as follows:

- 109 MIA
- 7 Secondary Explosions
- 1 Recoiless Rifle Destroyed
- 2 Artillery Positions Silenced
- 1 Tank Destroyed
- 1 Mortar Destroyed

With the opening of Highway 1 the displacement of the Battalion Command Post was commenced on 5 March and completed on 23 March.

The Provisional Infantry Company continues to provide security for the Quang Tri Airfield.

Because of the high level of activity and the Command Post displacement only limited training was conducted. Five in-country indoctrinations were held with one hundred and twenty men attending.

Total ammunition expenditures during the month were as follows:

<u>90MM</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Direct	555	38	3.1	24
Indirect	300	36		
Total	855	72	3.1	24
<u>Cal. .30</u>	<u>Cal. .50</u>			
23,450	2,340			

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COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

During March the Communications Platoon, with the remainder of the Battalion Headquarters, displaced from Gia Le to Quang Tri. The radio section ceased communications at Gia Le on the 4th of March, and reassumed radio guard at 1330 on the 6th of March at Quang Tri. The wire section had telephones to Battalion offices on 7 March. The message center began picking up courier traffic from the Third Marine Division message center at Dong Ha on 7 March, but discontinued pick up at Dong Ha the 10th in favor of the Quang Tri message center. The tech shop became fully operational 10 March. A Battalion Telephone Directory was published on 11 March.

The Battalion Communications bunker was started 6 March with the excavation for the future site.

The radio and wire sections built bunkers below ground and moved all their operations to these bunkers on the 25th. Sandbagging of the working and living areas continues.

The move from Phu Bai to Quang Tri went smoothly and efficiently, the men displayed a great degree of professionalism and initiative, and communications continues to operate efficiently and improvements are being made daily.

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LOGISTICS

On 31 March 1968, this command had a shortage of fifteen major end items; two M48A3 tanks, one M51 recovery vehicle, five M38A1 utility trucks, one M37B1 truck, one M49C refueler, one TD-15 tractor, one M54 truck and three mixing and transfer units. Receipts of major end items during this period include nine M48A3 tanks diverted from the R&E Program to fill T/E deficiencies. Four M48A3 tanks, one M48A3 tank with an M8A2 dozer blade, and one M109 shop van were received as replacement vehicles under the R&E Program. One M38A1 utility truck and one AN/MRC-36 were dropped from the supply account upon receipt of Code X letters from 3d FSR.

During this reporting period the primary supply activity has centered around the movement of this battalion to the Quang Tri Combat Base, re-establishment of basic supply functions and liaison with FLSG-Bravo supply maintenance support facilities. Relocation of the battalion commenced on 5 March and movement of all equipment and supplies was completed on 23 March 1968. Supply response from FLSG-Bravo at Dong Ha is considerably less than the support received from FLSG-Alpha at Phu Bai. The shortage of repair parts for tracked vehicles is extremely critical. Shortages also exist in general supply categories, clothing, Class IV materials and particularly in ordnance repair parts. During this period additional Marine Corps as well as U. S. Army tracked vehicles have moved in the Northern I Corps zone which receive support from FLSG-Bravo. This influx of tracked vehicles into the FLSG-Bravo support area has drastically reduced maintenance support. Additional motor transport support has been required to receive supplies at the Dong Ha issue point. Difficulties were encountered in changing the flow of supply from the Phu Bai to Dong Ha issue point. Continued shipments of supplies to Phu Bai after the programmed relocation date delayed completion of this battalion's movement by approximately one week and required 20 additional vehicles to complete transfer of supplies.

The overall maintenance situation of this organization continues to be satisfactory in spite of wide dispersion of subordinate units. At the end of this reporting period there were seven tanks, two Ontos, forty-one motor transport vehicles and one ordnance item deadlined plus nine M48A3 tanks administratively deadlined due to lack of OEM (on equipment material as listed in appropriate SL's). Of these, one tank, one Ontos, twenty-two motor transport vehicles, one ordnance item plus five Ontos that were received with no OEM are deadlined at third echelon maintenance facilities. The availability of organizational repair parts has shown a slight improvement. However, the availability of DX and Non Depot Secondary Repairable Items has continued to deteriorate and is the primary reason for the increased deadline ratio.

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Repair parts or replacement items for infrared equipment remains poor. The requisitions for Xenon searchlights that had been nominated for Red Ball action have been cancelled by CG, MCSA Philadelphia and this battalion was directed to resubmit requisitions through the maintenance float holder. No assets are available and the requisitions have been passed again. The deadline rate of M50A1 Ontos has steadily increased due to poor response on requisitions and TERO's submitted for repair parts. During this period all of the organizational repair parts held by the Anti-Tank Company at Khe Sanh were destroyed by enemy fire. It is anticipated that the deadline rate will continue to increase as this battalion is presently providing maintenance support to five Ontos platoons which has depleted most assets. The third echelon deadline rate of motor transport vehicles has remained relatively constant as no vehicles have been returned from repair facilities at 3d FSR.

The personnel of the 2d Platoon, Company "A", 5th Anti-Tank Battalion were attached to this organization on 28 February 1968. Combat ready M50A1 Ontos were supposed to be shipped by the Force Logistic Command to this battalion. Upon arrival, these vehicles had to be turned into FLSG-Bravo for repairs. Currently, these Ontos are being retained by FLSG-Bravo awaiting receipt of required repair parts and OEM before they can be placed into service. As of this time, no in-service date can be predicted.

Services are considered satisfactory considering the recent movement of the battalion. Cantonment improvement continues, locally improvised showers have been erected and all working areas and the galley have electricity.

Transportation requested and initially programmed for the movement of this battalion from Gia Le Combat Base to Quang Tri was withdrawn after the initial convoy. In order to complete the move, ten organic trucks were utilized to shuttle supplies and equipment and complete the relocation. The total lift required was 84 five ton trucks, 48-52 ton trailers, and eight M52 flatbed trucks. Relocation to Quang Tri has resolved the transportation problems previously encountered in transporting personnel to subordinate units except those located at Khe Sanh. Transportation of personnel and supplies to Khe Sanh remains unpredictable and continues to be a problem area. To ensure delivery of supplies couriers must be utilized.

There was a total of eight incidents of enemy mine, mortar or artillery damage to tracked and wheeled vehicles during this period. Two M48A3 tanks and two M50A1 Ontos were repaired and restored to service, one M48A3 tank was replaced under the R&E program as repairs would have required an extensive deadline period. The M35A2 trucks remain deadlined at Khe Sanh awaiting repair parts and one M54 truck is undergoing a technical inspection to determine the extent of damages. However, it appears that this truck will be Coded X.

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During the month, the Motor Transport Platoon and organic company vehicles logged 14,556 miles, hauled 932 short tons of cargo and transported 2,170 personnel.

There were a total of seventeen personnel who required medical evacuation during March 1968.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

During March 1966, 480 cases were seen at sick call. This reflects a continued decrease and is due in part to the Battalion tactical dispersion and the dropping of units supported in the Gia Lo area. No significant disease trends were established for the period of this report. Immunizations have shown a sharp decrease, totaling 100 for the month. This resulting from loss of refrigeration during the CP displacement and destruction of vaccines.

Veneral disease for the month of March continued to be minimal with no cases being reported.

Dental care is currently available only at Delta Company, 3rd Medical Battalion in Dong Ha.

Hospital Corps strength continues to be adequate.

Sanitation of the Battalion CP area is good and continues to improve. Construction of permanent type urinals has been completed, burn-out herds are in use and alley sanitation is good. Mosquitoes in the Quang Tri area are of the night-flying variety only and because of the proximity of rice paddies to the CP area infestation is severe. DDT fogging of the area by the Preventive Medicine Unit of the 3rd Medical Battalion has been started, mosquito nets are in use and efforts have been made to have the rice paddies treated with larvicide.

Training of Hospital Corps and Marine personnel has been resumed with emphasis on technical subjects for Hospital Corps and in-country indoctrination for Marine personnel.

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1 March 1968 14043 tank, USMC 202011 (C41) damaged by enemy mine. Refer to S-4 Journal 01100H Mar 68.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 2 WP and 6 HE T91 and 6 HE M71 90mm at enemy artillery position located at 041715, resulting in a very large secondary explosion.

Tank A52 at Con Thien fired 3 WP and 16 HE M71 90mm on active enemy artillery position located at 034762. Results unknown.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 2 WP, 16 HE M71 and 1 HE T91 90mm on active mortars and bunkers at coordinates 113723, 117723, 122726. Fire observed by 10. One mortar and one bunker destroyed.

Tank C24 and C34 fired 22 90mm HE, 9 Beehive, 100 .50 cal and 2100 .30 cal at enemy ground troops attacking bridge ramp located at 215614. Results unknown.

Tank B13 fired 3 Canister 90mm at confirmed enemy troop movement in support of G/2/S. Results Unknown.

Tank F11 fired 2 Beehive and 2 HE 90mm at enemy sniper position in support of G/2/S. Results unknown.

Tank A41 fired 1 Canister, and 71 90mm HE at NVA troops in open. Results unknown.

2 March 1968 M35A2 truck, USMC 347812 assigned to Company "B", 3d Anti-Tank Company damaged by enemy shrapnel at Khe Sanh. Refer to S-4 Journal 021630H Mar 68.

3 March 1968 Mine damage on 148A3 tank USMC 202011 (C41) was repaired and restored to service, Refer to S-4 Journal 031400H Mar 68.

Tank A52 fired 14 90mm M71 and 1 Canister from Con Thien at enemy artillery position, coordinates 030703. Results unknown.

Tank F25 at Camp Lock Pile used 25 minutes of White Light for perimeter defense.

4 March 1968 Tank A52 fired 2 HE T91 and 2 WP rounds at enemy active artillery. Results unknown.

Tank I23 used 25 minutes of White Light. The light was used for perimeter defense on enemy at coordinates 971524.

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5 March 1968 Tank B23 used 25 minutes of White Light. The light was used for perimeter defense.

In supporting fire for G/2/9, B13 and B11 fired 11 rounds of HE on enemy mortar at 052505, 053535, 054588. Results unknown.

3d Tank Battalion rear moved from Gio Lo to Quang Tri.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 1 WP, 5 HE T91, 12 HE M71 and 40 HE M71A1 at NVA troops in open, coordinates 122736. Results unknown.

6 March 1968 Comm platoon reassumed radio guard for the Battalion at 1530H.

The Wire section laid a wire line to the 3d Davine switch-board.

A Co AT Bn took 1 direct artillery hit in living area. There were 3 evacacs.

B23 tank at Rock Pile used 20 minutes of Xenon White Light for perimeter defense at enemy coordinate 971524.

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Tank B13 and B11 in support fire for G/2/9 fired 5 90mm HE rounds at enemy mortar positions 009582 and 060590. Results unknown.

7 March 1968 Phone lines to the S-1, S-3, S-4, Comm, Supply, M.T., and S Co., and Sgt Major were installed.

Tank B23 used 20 minutes of White Light for perimeter defense at Camp Rock Pile.

Tank A52 at Con Thien fired 3 WP, 4 HE M71, 11 HE T91 rounds at active enemy artillery position at 031763. Results unknown.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 4 HE M71 and 3 HE M71A1 rounds at NVA in open at 122736. Results unknown.

In support of G/3/9 fire delivered on enemy mortar position troops on the skyline and heavy machine gun position at 061594, 062593, 063597 and 063586. Tanks B13 and B11 fired 11 90mm HE. Results unknown.

8 March 1968 Supporting fire for G/2/9 on enemy sniper at 061567. B13 fired 500 .30 cal and B11 fired 500 .30 cal. Results unknown.

Tank A52 fired 3 WP and 1 HE M71 on active enemy artillery position at 029766. Results unknown.

Tank A41 fired 2 HE T91 rounds at NVA in open at 127536. Results unknown.

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Tank A52 fired 3 HE M7 and 1 WP at active enemy artillery position at 083799. Results unknown.

Tank A11 fired 6 HE M71, 4 HE M71A1 and 1 WP at active enemy artillery position 086784. Results unknown.

A Co AT Bn received approximately 6 rounds of enemy artillery. Direct hit on supply tents, both burned and administration hut destroyed. No known casualties.

9 March 1968 H50A1 Ontos, USMC 226832 damaged by shrapnel. Refer S-4 Journal 091000H Mar 68.

An additional antenna BC-292 was erected to improve communications between Battalion and all subordinate units.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 29 HE M71A1 rounds on active enemy artillery position at 064770 and 066774. Results one large secondary explosion.

10 March 1968 M48A3 tank, USMC 201910 B31 damaged by enemy artillery fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 100830H Mar 68.

The Tech shop is completely functional & operational as of this date. Radio is working on improving their shop facilities.

Tank A52 at Con Thien fired 5 WP and 6 HE T91 on enemy artillery position at 086790. Results unknown.

Supporting fire for G/2/9 on enemy mortar position, T13 used 7 90mm HE rounds on the position at 0618. Results unknown.

T13 fired 8 HE in support of G/2/9 at suspected enemy position at 063590. Results, secondary explosion.

11 March 1968 AN/ALC-36 USMC 184392 Coded X by F10G-Bravo. Refer S-4 Journal 112 OH Mar 68.

Tank B11 and B13 located at 073753 fired 9 90mm and 00 .30 cal. in support of F/2/9 at possible enemy position at 0656. Results unknown.

Tank A42 located at Con Thien fired 1 WP, 2 HE M71A1, 6 HE T91 rounds at active enemy artillery at 056741. The batteries were silenced.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 1 WP, 5 HE M71A1 rounds at active enemy artillery at 066767. The batteries were silenced.

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3/4 sighted suspected enemy movement from tower, fired 1 round of HE at suspected enemy square. Results unknown.

12 March 1968 135A2 truck, JMC 347782 damaged by shrapnel. Refer to S-4 Journal 120900H Mar 68.

Tank A52 located at coordinates 056741 fired 1 WP, 6 HE 171A1 rounds at active enemy artillery. Results unknown.

13 March 1968 "A" Co., 3d Anti Tank Company had all autos and motor transport spare parts and clothing destroyed. Refer to S-4 Journal 130915H Mar 68.

Tank A34, 33, and 32 located at grid square 2469 assaulted NVA entrenched in bunker positions. Tank 34 fired 41 HE, 6 HEAT, 13 Cannisters and 4,000 .30 cal, A33 fired 34 HE, 6 HEAT, 5 Cannisters and 4,000 .30 cal, and A32 fired 28 HE, 2 Cannisters and 4,000 .30 cal rounds. 2nd ACV team confirmed 40 KIA. There were 2 friendly KIA.

In support of E/1/3 tank 025 fired 2 Bachman rounds at suspected enemy movement. Results unknown.

In a sweep in the vicinity of 10603 to recover bodies with "X" Co. 3/4 tanks C11, 13, 41, 22, F22 and 23 fired on suspected enemy FO position at 066606. C11 fired 500 .30 cal. Recon by fire, C22 fired 500 .30 cal Recon by fire. C13 fired 500 .30 cal Recon by fire. C11 fired 4 Beehive and 8 90mm HE at 066606 suspected enemy FO position. C22 fired 16 90mm HE at 077522 at suspected enemy FO position, C13 fired 10 90mm HE at 192618 at suspected enemy FO position, C15 fired 2 90mm HE at 091599 at suspected enemy and 2 90mm HE and 1 Beehive at coordinates 066606. Tanks received 14 rounds of mixed artillery, mortar and rocket fire. Results unknown.

Tanks A12 and 13 located at the C-2 Bridge fired 48 HE rounds in 11 fire missions for 3/4 to support their operation. Fires on enemy coordinates, 108605, 108603, 112606, 114605, 099600, 091599, 066598, 808597, 11726, 070635. Results unknown.

14 March 1968 Tank A52 at Con Thien fired 6 HE and 1 WP at active enemy artillery position at 056741. Results unknown.

15 March 1968 Tank B15 at 073573 fired 2 WP and 3 HE at enemy sniper position at 067544. Results unknown.

16 March 1968 Tank B11 at 068555 fired 2 WP and 2 HE at a suspected enemy sniper position located at 055576. Results unknown.

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Tank A41 located at 160007 fired 1 RP and 11 HE at an enemy artillery position. Results unknown.

Tank F15 located at 073573 fired 5 HE and 1000 .30 cal rounds at enemy sniper positions at 064583 and 063905. Results unknown.

17 March 1968 Tank A52 at Con Thien fired 2 RP and 15 HE at an active enemy artillery position at 066766. Results unknown.

Tank A12 at 131646 observed 3 NV running into tree line, fired 5 HE and 40 .50 cal. Results unknown.

Tank B21 located at 967565 fired 3 90mm HE on suspected enemy storage area. Results unknown.

18 March 1968 Tanks E32 and E35 located at 042420 fired 2 90mm HE at enemy troop position at 720310. Results unknown.

20 March 1968 Tank A52 at Con Thien fired 5 RP and 3 HE at active enemy artillery located at 062002. Results unknown.

Tank A41 and A51 at Con Thien held a road sweep from Con Thien to C-2 Bridge with 1 platoon of Infantry. Results negative.

Tank F11 located at 073573 fired 6 HE and 1 WP rounds at enemy sniper located at 065503. Results unknown.

23 March 1968 3d Tank Battalion completed movement of all equipment and supplies to Quang Tri Combat Base.

Tank D23 and B24 escorted the engineers from Camp Carroll along Route #9 to Check Point 69. Results negative.

Tanks C34, 33, and 32 assaulted enemy bunkers and dug in positions firing 23 HE, 1 Beehive and 3,500 .30 cal rounds. 5 KIA, 1 A47 captured, 62mm mortar and B40 rockets destroyed in place.

24 March 1968 Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 8 90mm HE and 1 Cammister at NVA with recoilless rifle, at coordinates 115720. 1 recoilless rifle destroyed.

Tanks B21, 22, 23, and 24 at Rock Pile recorded 122mm rockets incoming and fired 60 HE and 5 Beehive at coordinates 9554, 9653. Results, one secondary explosion.

Tank B21 and 23 at Rock Pile fired 5 HE, 2 WP and 650 .50 cal at enemy located at 9654. Results unknown.

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Tank F31 at 819425 fired 13 90mm HE and 1 WP at enemy troops in open and bunker. 7 VIAs confirmed by 2nd Marines. Enemy coordinates 810420.

25 March 1968 Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 1 WP and 16 HE at NVA assembly area with 3 very large secondary explosions. Enemy position is 123718.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 2 HE on enemy at 162823. Results negative, unable to observe.

26 March 1968 Tank D21 at Rock Pile fired 7 HE at bunkers and ammo stores 958533. Results unknown.

Tank A41 at 122736 fired on occupied bunker. Results unknown.

Tank D21 at Rock Pile fired 3 HE at enemy muzzle flashes at 966521. Results unknown.

27 March 1968 Tank at 119732 fired 30 HE M71A1 at NVA in open. Results unknown.

28 March 1968 Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 2 HE M71A1 at NVA in open. Results unknown.

Tank A41 at Con Thien fired 11 HE M71A1 at NVA in open at 11967325. Results unknown.

31 March 1968 B34 truck, USMC 302396 damaged by mine. Refer to S-4 Journal 311800H Mar 68.

Tank B35 fired 9 90mm HE and 3 90mm WP at suspected enemy artillery position 720326. Tanks at 842420. Results unknown.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General 3d Marine Division (Attn: Asst Chief
of Staff G-3)

Subj: Lessons learned for the period 1-31 March 1968

Ref: (a) Division Order 3480-1A

1. In accordance with reference (a) a negative report is submitted.

John C. Duff
John C. DUFF
By direction

Tab A

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY REPORT

01 March to 31 March 1968

TIME		SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACT
IN	OUT				
0001H			021220	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d Tkb Bn PFC G. E. ANDERSON	
			031000H	Published BSO 26-68	
			031330H	WIANE Reported by Co "C" 3d Tkb Bn PFC G. S. NIX	
			041245	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn 1st Sgt O. D. COTTERMAN	
			041300H	Published BSO 27-68	
			041900H	WIAE Reported by H&SCo 3d Tkb Bn SSgt W. L. JOHNSON	
			041935H	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn CPL J. W. GREENE	
			041935H	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn LCPL E. L. CRAFT	
			041935	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn LCPL A. L. REYNOLDS JR	
			061130H	WIANE Reported by Co "C" 3d Tkb Bn CPL B. J. VERELA	
			080930	Published BSO 28-68	
			081030	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn SGT J. ESPARZA	
			081300H	Published BSO 29-68	
			081600H	Published BSO 30-68	
			091300H	Published BSO 31-68	
			091710H	WIANE Reported by Co "B" 3d Tkb Bn LCPL A. G. DUPREE	
			110930H	Published BSO 32-68	
			111255	DOW Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn CPL R. P. PAYNE	
			121400H	WIANE Reported by Co "C" 3d Tkb Bn CPL IARSEN	
			121500H	WIANE Reported by Co "A" 3d Tkb Bn LCPL L. A. CLARK	
			131535H	WIANE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn PFC C. H. TRUSTILL	
			141600H	WIANE Reported by Co "B" 3d Tkb Bn PFC W. E. KRAMMIN	
			141710H	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn SGT J. J. WOODS	
			150835H	Published BSO 33-68	
			151300H	Published BSO 34-68	
			160550H	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d ATBn CPL D. L. MCFADIN	
			160550H	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d Tkb Bn CPL D. T. BENNER	
			160550H	WIAE Reported by Co "A" 3d Tkb Bn CPL R. H. NORRIS	
			160900H	Published Appointing Order Special Court Martial	
			161305H	Published BSO 35-68	
			161600H	Published BSO 36-68	

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY REPORT

TIME		SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACT
IN	OUT				
			171130H	WIAE Reported by A Co 3dATBn PFC M. P. BABBITT	
			171300H	Published BSO 37-68	
			180800H	Published BSO 38-68	
			190930H	Published BSO 39-68	
			201300H	Published BSO 40-68	
			201600H	Published BSO 41-68	
			210900H	Published BSO 42-68	
		1960	221105H	Published Modification to Appointing Order of SCM	
			231100H	Published BSO 43-68	
			240715H	WIANE Reported by B Co 3dTkBn CPL R. D. CAREY	
		1745	260900H	Published Appointing Order Special Court Martial	
			280930H	Published BSO 44-68	
		3-68	281000H	Published Appointing Order Special Court Martial	
			301400H	Published BSO 45-68	
			310930H	Published BSO 46-68	
			311100H	WIAE Reported by C Co 3d Tk Bn GySgt C. R. SEEVERS	
			311100H	WIANE Reported by C Co 3dTkBn Sgt J. J. GOLEMAN	
	2400H		311100H	WIANE Reported by C Co 3dTkBn PFC G. W. KROAMER	

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 To 012400HMER68

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TIME		Ser	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
011100		01	291700	From CE-A A41 fired 2 WP, 6 HE T91, 6 HE M71, fired on active enemy arty, with a very large secondary explosion. Results unknown.	
011100		02	291800	From CE-A A52 fired 8 WP, 18 HE M71, fired on active arty position. Results unknown.	
011100		03	291915	From CE-A A41 fired 2 WP, 18 HE M71, 1 HE T91, fired on active mortars and live bunkers observed by A.O. with one confirmed enemy mortar and one bunker destroyed. Results unknown.	
011353		04	010825	From CE-A G24 fired 15 90MM HE, 5 Beehive, 500 50 Cal, 100 30Cal, G34 fired 7 90MM HE, 4 Beehive, 50 50Cal, 2000 30Cal on enemy ground troops attacking bridge ramp. Results unknown.	

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 Fr 020001H MAR 68
 To 022400H MAR 68

TIME		Ser	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
021910		01	021045	From CE-C C13 fired registration, 613 fired 5 rounds 90MM T91. Results unknown.	

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Fr 030001HMAR68
To 032400HMAR68

TIME		Ser	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
031018		01	022000	From CE-A A52 fired 14 90MM M71 and 1 Cannister Results unknown	
031015		02	031202	From CE-B B15 fired 1 Beehive, 1 90MM HE supporting fire at enemy sniper position, for "G" Co. 2/9 Results unknown..	
031030		03	031205	From CE-B B25 used White Light for 25 minutes for perimeter defense. Results unknown.	
031145		04	031208	From CE-B B15 fired 59MM HE, supporting fire for "G" Co.2/9 at enemy mortar flashes and enemy Eo position. Result unknown.	
031530		05	031450	From CE-B B13 fired 390 MM HE, B11 fired 390 MM HE, supporting fires for "G" Co. 2/9. Results unknown	
031530		16	031458	From CE-B B24 fired 8 90MM HE, C21 fired 10 90MM HE, at enemy position. Results unknown.	

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Fr 040001HMABo8
To 042400HMABo8

TIME		Ser	DTG	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
040745		01	031700	From CE-A Heavy Tank Section assaulted a lightly held enemy position. C9A31 fired 1 cannister and tanks fired a total of 500 .30 cal. C9A31 accounted for 4 KIA confirmed. KIA reported by 3/3. Much equipment turned over to 3/3 X-ray.	
040745		02	031830	From CE-B A52 fired 2 HE T91 and 2 WP rounds at active enemy artillery. Results unknown.	
041015		03	041003	From CE-B B-23 used 25 minutes of white light at Rock Pile for perimeter defense.	
041015		04	040830	From CE-C C24,42, A22, A25 and BF-22 moved in support of Task Force Robbie to 3/4 "L" position. Results unknown.	

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 Fr 050001HMAH08
 To 052400HMAH08

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
051055		01	051000	From CE-B B23 used 25 minutes of White Light for perimeter defense. Results unknown	
051740		02	051705	From CE-B B13 and B11 fired 11 HE rounds for supporting fire for "G"Co. 2/9 at an enemy mortar position. Results unknown	
051900		03	051800	From CE-A A41 fired 1 WP, 5 HE T91, 12 HE M71, 40 HE M71A1 rounds on NVA in the open. Results unknown	

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 Fr 060001HMA868
 To 062400HMA868

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
061615		01	041935	From CE-A 1 enemy artillery round, direct hit on living area. 3 were Medevacs	
061615		02	061250	From CE-B B23 used 20 minutes of White Light for 3/9 at Rock Pile for perimeter defense. Results unknown	
061615		03	061315	From CE-B B13 fired 2 90mm HE and B11 fired 3 90mm HE rounds for support of "G" co. at enemy mortar position. Results unknown.	

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 Fr 070001HMM 68
 To 072400HMM 68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
071125		01	070940	From CE-B2 B23 used 20 min. of White Light for perimeter defense at Rock Pile. Results unknown	
071600		02	070930	From CE-A A52 fired 3 WP, 4 HE M71, 11 HE T91 rounds at active enemy artillery. Results unknown.	
071715		03	071405	From CE-B B13 fired 5 90MM HE, 3 Beehive, 1000 .30cal and B11 fired 390mm HE, 250 .30 cal in support of 2/9 "C" Co. Fire was directed at enemy sniper fire and mortar position. Result unknown.	
071715		04	071515	From CE-B B13 fired 5 90mm HE and B11 fired 6 90mm HE at enemy sniper position, troops on the skyline, heavy machine gun fire. In support of "G" Co 3/9 Results unknown.	

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 Fr 080001H 268
 To 082400H 268

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
081030		01	071735	From CE-B B13 fired 500 .50 Cal. and B11 fired 500 .50 Cal rounds at enemy sniper fire in support of "G" CO. 2/9. Results unknown	
081030		02	071800	From CE-A A51 fired 6 A6 T91 rounds for sighting & zeroing. Results unknown	
081030		03	071803	From CE-A A52 fired 3 WP and 1 HE M71 rounds on active enemy artillery. Results unknown	
081030		04	071805	From CE-A A41 fired 2 HE M71 rounds on NVA in open. Results unknown	
081030		05	072010	From CE-A A41 fired 6 HE M71, 4 HE M71 A1, 1 WP rounds at active enemy artillery.	
081105		06	080815	From CE-C All Tigers except H52 has mover from CE3 to God Mother in support of Task Force Robbie.	
081730		07	081702	From A Co AT Bn. Received approximately 6 rounds of artillery. Direct hit on supply tents, both burned, Admin. hut destroyed.	

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 Fr 090001H
 To 092400H

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
090945		01	082000	From CE-A A41 fired 29 HE M71A1 with one large secondary explosion on active enemy artillery. Results unknown	
091310		02	091055	From CE-C All C tanks moved to Dong Ha in support of Task Force Robbie.	
091910		03	091800	From CE-A CRA52 fired 5 WP and 6 HE T91 rounds at enemy artillery position. Results unknown	

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 Fr 100001H ~~MAR~~ 68
 To 102400H ~~MAR~~ 68
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Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
101000		01	091045	From CE-B B13 fired 7 90mm HE rounds in support fire for G Co 2/9 on enemy mortar position. Results unknown.	
101000		02	091800	From CE-A CEA52 fired 5 WP and 6 HE T91 rounds at enemy artillery position. Results unknown	
101000		03	091835	From CE-B B13 fired 8 HE rounds in support for G Co 2/9 at suspected enemy troop position with secondary explosion. Results unknown	
101645		04	101200	From Task Force Robbie S-3 Flame F33 now located this position as part of Task Force Robbie.	

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 Fr 110001HMMAR68
 To 112400HMMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
110935		01	101216	From CE-B B13 fired 6 90mm HE and 800 .30 cal and B11 fired 3 90mm He rounds in support fire for F Co. 2/9 on possible enemy position. Results unknown.	
111105		02	101830	From CE-A A42 fired 6 WP, 2 HE M71, 6 HE T91 rounds at active enemy artillery, batteries silenced. Results unknown	
111105		03	101830	From CE-A A41 fired 1 WP, 5 HE M71 rounds at enemy active artillery, batteries silenced. Results unknown	
111105		04	101915	From CE-B 3 Anti-Tank mines found in vicinity of 985505 while escorting for engineers sweep. Results unknown.	
111515		05	111015	From CE-C C15 fired one HE at suspected 3/4 sighted Enemy movement from tower. Results unknown	

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 Fr 120001H 68
 To 122400H 68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
120925		01	111945	From CE-A A52 fired 1 WP and 6 HE M71A1 rounds at active enemy artillery. Results unknown.	

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Fr 130001H ~~MAR~~68
To 132400H ~~MAR~~68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
130745		01	122215	From CE-C C34 fired 41 HE, 6 H AT, 13 cannister and 4,000 .30 cal, C33 fired 34 HE, 6 HEAT, 5 cannisters 4,000 .30cal. and C32 fired 28 HE, 2 cannisters and 4,000 .30 cal, fire was directed in an assul at NVA intrenched in bunker position. Results unknown.	
131055		02	131030	From CE-C B25 fired 2 Beehive rounda at suspected enemy movement in support of B Co. 1/3. Results unknown	
131900		03	131100	From CE-A Completed road sweep from Y station to C-E in support of A Co. 2/1	
131900		04	131210	From CE-C C11 fired Beagles recon by fire, C22 fired 500 Beagles recon by fire, 16 90mm HEAT, C13 fired 500 Beagles recon by fire, 10 90mm HEAT, C11 again fired 4 Beehive and 8 90mm, C15 fired 2 90mm HEAT and 2 90mm HE and 1 Beehive, all rounds were directed at enemy position, suspected. Results unknown.	
131820		05	131500	From CE-A A12 fired 24 HE, A13 fired 24 HE, received 11 fire missions from 3/4 to support operation. Results unknown	

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 Fr 140001H ~~MR~~68
 To 142400H ~~MR~~68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
141000		01	131915	From CE-A A52 fired 8HE, 1 WP rounds on active enemy artillery. Results unknown	
141900		02	140920	From "A" Co AT BN A24 took 82mm mortar rounds exploding approximately 30 meters from A24. No casualties Results unknown	
142032		03	141600	From CE-B B15 fired 2 WP and 3 HE rounds at enemy sniper position. Results unknown	

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 Fr 150001H ~~150001H~~ 68
 To 152400H ~~152400H~~ 68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
151335		01	141820	From CE-B B15 fired 2 WP and 3 HE rounds at enemy sniper position. Results unknown	

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 Fr 160001H 161558
 To 162400H MAR 68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
161630		01	161515	From CE-B B11 fired 2 WP and 2 HE rounds at suspected enemy sniper position. Results unknown	
161845		02	161600	From CE-A A41 fired 7 HET91 rounds for bore sighting and zeroing. Results negative.	
168145		03	161603	From CE-A A41 fired 1 WP and 11 HE rounds at active enemy artillery position. Results unknown.	
161845		04	161740	From CE-B B15 fired 5 HE and B13 fired 1500 .30 cal. rounds at enemy sniper position. Results unknown	

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 Fr 170001HMAR68
 To 172400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
170825		01	161900	From CE-A A52 fired 2 WP and 15 HE rounds at active enemy artillery. Results unknown	
170825		02	161920	From CE-A A12 observed 3 NVA in tree line and fired 5 HE and 40 .50 cal. Results unknown	
170825		03	161925	From CE-B B 21 fired 3 90mm HE rounds on request from 3/9 at suspected storage area. Results unknown	

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 Fr 180001HMAR68
 To 182400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
181117		01	180925	From CE-B B32 and B35 fired 2 90mm HE rounds at an enemy troop position. Results unknown	
181130		02	171950	From CE-B B43 fired 100 .50cal and 3000 .30 cal rounds for test firing. Results unknown	

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 Fr 200001HMAR68
 To 202400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
201010		01	191900	From: CE-A A52 fired 5 WP and 3 HE rounds at active enemy artillery. Results unknown	
201450		02	201000	From: CE-A A41 and A51 held a road sweep with 1 platoon of infantry. Results unknown.	
201610		03	201600	From: CE-B B11 fired 6 HE and 1 WP rounds at enemy sniper. Results unknown	

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 Fr 230001HMAR68
 To 232400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtr	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
230800		01	221920	From CE-B Tanks B23 and B24 escorted engineers from B Co on Route #9 to Check Point 69. Results unknown. Results unknown.	
231745	b	02	231200	From CE-B1 Tanks B11, 13, 15 and C21 Pam fired into grid square 0559 so 3d Division photographer could get plt in action C21, B11 and B13 fired 2 90mm WP a piece and B15 fired 3 90mm WP Results unknown	
231755		03	231200	From CE-C3 In assaulting enemy tank C34 fired 20 H # 1 Beehive and 1500 .30 cal.; tank C33 fired 1 HE, 1000 .30 cal; and tank C32 fired 2 HE and 1000 .30 cal., fired was directed at enemy forces, bunkers and dug in positions. 6 NVA confirmed, 1 AK47, unknown number 82mm mortar, b 40rockets (destroyed in place. Mission accomplished. Results unknown.	

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 Fr 240001HMAR68
 To 242400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
241115		01	240945	From CE-A A41 fired 8 90mm and 1 cannister rounds at NVA with recoilless rifle. One recoilless destroyed, Destroyed by tank A41. Results unknown.	
241130		02	240953	From CE-B B21,22,23,24 fired 68 HE and 21 also fired 5 Beehive rounds at recon incoming 122mm rockets. Secondary explosion. Resultst unknown.	
241130		03	240955	From CE-B B21 fired 5 WP and 650 .50 cal and B23 fired 2 HE rounds at small arms on OP bunker. Results unknown.	
241800		04	241630	From CE-B B31 fired 13 90mm HE and 1 90mm WP rounds at enemy troops in open and bunker complex with 7 confirmed by 26th Marines. Results N/A	

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 Fr 250001HMAR68
 To 252400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
250845		01	242100	From CE-A A 41 fired 1 WP, 16 HE with 3 very large secondary explosions on NVA ass. area. Results unknown	
250845		02	242300	From CE-A A41 fired 2 HE rounds on enemy convoy. Unable to observe ground. Results unknown.	

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 Fr 260001HMAR68
 To 262400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
260900		01	251940	From CE-B B21 fired 7 HE at bunkers and aiming stakes spotted by FO. Results unknown	
261115		02	261050	From CE-B B21 fired 3 rounds of HE at spotted muzzle flashes. Results unknown.	
261415		03	261052	From CE-B Escorter engineers from 39 on route #9 to 39B Results unknown.	
261800		04	261605	From CE-A A41 fired 2 HE rounds at enemy occupied bunker. Results unknown.	

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Fr 270001HMAR68
To 272400HMAR68

Time		In	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
271300				01	270830	From CE-A A41 fired 38 HK M71A1 on NVA in open. Results Unknown	

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 Fr 280001H MAR 68
 To 282400H MAR 68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
280945		01	272115	From CE-A A41 fired 2 HE M71A1 rounds on NVA in open. Results unknown	
281105		02	281007	From CE-A A41 fired 11 HE M71A1 rounds at NVA in open. Results unknown	

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 Fr 290001HMAR68
 To 292400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
291136		01	290900	<p>From CE-A A51 fired 8 HE T91 1 HE M71; A52 LWP 8 HE M17A1; A55 3 HE M71 7 HE M71A1 rounds for Bore sighting and zeroing. Results unknown.</p> <p>From CE-T.F.R. Task Force Robbie advance elements moved north to C-2 then reverse south past Gam Lo Village. Unit returned at 1930. Results unknown.</p>	

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 Fr 300001HMAR68
 To 302400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
301440		01	301245	From CE-C All tanks except H52 moved from C3 to 094570 and returned to C3. Results unknown.	
301835		02	301630	From CE-A All fired 8 HE M71 rounds for bore sighting and zeroing. Results unknown.	

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 Fr 310001HMAR68
 To 312400HMAR68

Time		Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
In	Out				
311115		01	302000	From CE-B 2/9 OP sighted track vehicle moving West to East AO called on station. B15 fired 26 90MM HE. Results unknown.	
311715		02	311120	From CE-B B35 fired 9 90mm HE and 3 90mm WP at suspected enemy arti artillery position. Results unknown.	

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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRIPS E-FILE
1 March 1968			
0900		Report of Receipt-Deadlined Equipment submitted to SCI-21. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 1 Mar 68.	
0930		Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 1 Mar 68.	
1800		M48A3 tank, USMC 202011 (C41) received mine damage. Three road wheel housings, four road wheels, two support rollers, three road wheel arms and eight blocks of track were destroyed. Ref: "C" Co. msg 011425H Mar 68.	
2 March 1968			
0830		Amphibious Lift Requirement submitted to SCI-39. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4600 of 2 Mar 68.	
1400		Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 2 Mar 68.	
1630		Truck, M35A2 USMC 347812 had five tires, five inner tubes, brake line, two windshields, left window, door and bed damaged by shrapnel. Ref: "A" Co., AT msg 021605H Mar 68.	
3 March 1968			
0830		Motor Transport Operations Report submitted to SCI-35. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 11240 of 3 Mar 68.	
1000		1967-1968 Monsoon Season Historical Data and Lessons Learned submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 3 Mar 68.	
1230		M48A3 tank, USMC 202011 (C41) repaired and restored to service. Ref: 48 Fwd msg 031203H Mar 68.	
1400		Tracked Vehicle Damages Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 8000 of 3 Mar 68.	
4 March 1968			
0930		Unit Report Force Data Base submitted to SCI-39. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/LDM/ldm, 4600 of 4 Mar 68.	

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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRIPS E-FILE
		5 March 1968	
0800		Battalion began move from Gia Le Combat Base to Quang Tri Combat Base.	
		9 March 1968	
1000		M50A1 Ontos, USMC 226832 damaged by shrapnel. Right wheel, solid rubber tires, arm assembly, right interior final drive parts seal. Ref: "A" Co., AT msg 090915H Mar 68.	
		10 March 1968	
0830		M48A3 tank, USMC 201910 (B31) had 90 mm evacuator chamber, cable and Xenon Searchlight damaged by enemy artillery fire. Ref: "B" Co., msg 091900H Mar 68.	
		11 March 1968	
0930		Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 7000 of 11 Mar 68.	
1200		AN/MRC-36, USMC 184392 Code-X by FLSG-Bravo because it was beyond economical repair. It had been deadlined since 1 Nov 67 for engine. Ref: CO, FLSG-B ltr JAG/mfb, X-1387-8, 11240 of 21 Jan 68.	
		12 March 1968	
0900		M35A2, USMC 347782 had radiator, front rims, hood, fenders, and left front headlight all damaged by shrapnel. Ref: "A" Co, AT msg 120820H Mar 68.	
1500		Request for Mogas sent to Commanding Officer, FLSG-Bravo. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 12 March 68.	

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IN	OUT		M-MAP S-STAFF T-TRIPS F-FILE
13 March 1968			
0915	"A" Company, 3d Anti-Tank Company had all Ontos and Motor Transport spare parts and all clothing destroyed by enemy rocket. Ref: "A" Co., AT msg. 130135H Mar 68.		
14 March 1968			
1300	Letter sent to companies informing them that vehicle windshield covers may be desposed of in Vietnam. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 14 Mar 68.		
15 March 1968			
1100	Total Weapon Density as of 15 March 1968 submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 8000 of 15 Mar 68.		
1125	CONEX Inventory Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn msg 4/REF/ldm, 4030 of 15 Mar 68.		
16 March 1968			
1600	Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 16 Mar 68.		
17 March 1968			
1200	M16A1 Rifle Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn 4/REF/ldm, 8000 of 17 Mar 68.		
18 March 1968			
1100	Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 7000 of 18 Mar 68.		

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19 March 1968			
0830		Report of Lightweight Rainsuits available for turn-in submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 19 Mar 68.	
20 March 1968			
0900		Request for Bunker Building Materials submitted to SCI-15. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 11000 of 20 Mar 68.	
1100		Marine Corps World Wide Inventory Report submitted to SCI-21. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 20 Mar 68.	
1330		Nominations for Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 20 Mar 68.	
22 March 1968			
0930		Class V Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 8000 of 22 Mar 68.	
24 March 1968			
1030		Assignment of Unit Responsible Officer for Garrison Property Messhall Equipment submitted to SCI-33. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4400 of 24 Mar 68.	
1300		Review of Semi-Annual Vehicle Status Report submitted to SCI-35. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 11240 of 24 Mar 68.	
1500		Refrigeration Equipment Report submitted to SCI-43. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 4000 of 24 Mar 68.	
25 March 1968			
0830		Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/ldm, 7000 of 25 Mar 68.	

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26 March 1968			
1030		Letter received from FLSG-Bravo informing 3d Tank Battalion that our M49C, USMC 196094 was erroneously evacuated to FRC 14 as an excess vehicle. Ref: CO, FLSG-B ltr 3/EJK/htk, 11240 of 24 Mar 68.	
27 March 1968			
1630		Requirements for Strongbacked Tents submitted to SCI-15. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lbm, 11100 of 27 Mar 68.	
28 March 1968			
1130		Logistic Summary Report as of 28 March 1968 submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/lbm, 4000 of 28 Mar 68.	
1700		M48A3 tank, USMC 201831 received turret, antenna and range finder damage from enemy artillery fire. Ref: "A" Co msg 281530H Mar 68 & 011900H Apr 68.	
29 March 1968			
0900		Ammunition Suspension Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/lbm, 8010 of 29 Mar 68.	
30 March 1968			
0930		Unit Report Force Data Base submitted to SCI-39. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/LDM/lbm, 4600 of 30 Mar 68.	
31 March 1968			
1800		M54 truck, USMC 302398 hit a mine on highway #1. Front suspension and crankcase destroyed, engine severely damaged. Ref: "C" Co. msg 311605H Mar 68.	

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06 MAR COMM PLATOON REASSUMED RADIO GUARD FOR THE BATTALION
AT 1330H.

THE WIRE SECTION LAID A WIRE LINE TO THE 3D MARINES
SWITCHBOARD.

THE COMM O MADE INQUIRIES AT THE DIV CEO OFFICE CONCERNING
THE MISSING VRC-73.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE AT THE DIVISION MESSAGE CENTER
TO START MESSAGE PICK UP ON THE 7TH.

THE BATTALION MESSAGE CENTER HAS REINSTITUTED THE
PROCEDURE OF TYPING ALL INCOMING RADIO MESSAGES AS
OF 1530 06MAR68.

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07 MAR PHONE LINES TO THE S-1, S-3, S-4, COMM, SUPPLY,
M.T., H&S CO, AND SGT MAJOR WERE INSTALLED.

BASE DEFENSE COORDINATOR WAS VISITED, AND THE BASE
FREQUENCY WAS OBTAINED. THIS NET WAS ACTIVATED AS
OF 1730 THIS DATE.

EXCVATION FOR THE FUTURE COMM BUNKER WAS STARTED TODAY.

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08 MAR

COMMO AND ONE COMM TECH VISITED TASK FORCE ROBBIE FOR THE
PURPOSE OF IMPROVING COMM BETWEEN BN HQRTS AND T.F.R.

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09 MAR AN ADDITIONAL ANTENNA RC-292 WAS ERECTED TO IMPROVE
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AND ALL SUBORDINATE UNITS

THE WIRE SECTION STARTED TO PUT TOGETHER A TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY TO ASSIST ALL USERS OF THE BATTALION
TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

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10 MAR WIRE SECTION LAID TWO ADDITIONAL LINES ONE TO THE
USAF DET, AND ONE TO THE BN MESSHALL.

THE TECH SHOP IS COMPLETELY FUNCTIONAL & OPERATIONAL
AS OF THIS DATE.

RADIO IS WORKING ON THEIR SHOP FACALITIES

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11 MAR COMMUNICATIONS PUBLISHED A BATTALION TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY TO ASSIST ALL USERS OF THE BATTALION
WIRE SYSTEM.

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12 MAR ONE VRC-76 WAS TRANSFERED TO 1ST 8" HOW BATTERY. THE
PROPERTY TRANSFER REPORT WAS GIVEN TO BN SUPPLY.

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