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Encl: (1) 3d Tank Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1968 - 31 July 1968

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Headquarters  
3d Tank Battalion, FMF  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

LtCol K. J. FONTINOT JR 1-26Jul68  
Major C. J. SAMUELSEN 27-31Jul68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt J. E. GEORGAKIS	1-28Jul68
	1stLt G. D. PLATT	29-31Jul68
Company A	Capt E. V. SULLIVAN	1-17Jul68
	1stLt J. A. SPALSBURY	18-31Jul68
Company B	Capt C. W. REINKE	1-25Jul68
	1stLt J. T. MILLER	26-31Jul68
Company C	Capt J. L. LINDSEY	1-31Jul68
Company A, 3dATBn	1stLt A. A. OWEN	1-29Jul68
	1stLt J. T. GULLEY	30-31Jul68

2. LOCATION

H&S Company	1-31 July 1968	Quang Tri
Company A	1-31 July 1968	Dong Ha
Company B	1-31 July 1968	Camp Carroll
Company C	1-31 July 1968	Cam Lo
Company A, 3dATBn	1-7 July 1968	Khe Sanh
	8-31 July 1968	Quang Tri

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Battalion Executive Officer	Major C. J. SAMUELSEN	1-26Jul68
	Major J. W. LOWE JR	27-31Jul68
Battalion S-1/Adjutant	1stLt T. MCCOURT	1-31Jul68
Battalion S-2/S-5	1st Lt T. C. EARRY	1-31Jul68
Battalion S-3	Capt C. L. SAIE	1-31Jul68
Battalion S-4	Major J. W. LOWE JR	1-26Jul68
	Capt C. W. REINKE	27-31Jul68

4. AVLRAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Administration. Company level administration is now satisfactory. The units are effectively controlling their internal management. Two 1stSgt's have reported aboard and both will be of tremendous assistance.

Personnel. During July the personnel situation improved in most areas. Sufficient maintenance personnel are now on board to absorb losses to be experienced during August. The Battalion continues to be short eight warehousemen (3051). The Division has been advised of this and will assist when assets become available. The Battalion is short 19 personnel in MOS 3531. Division has assigned five and a battalion school has been started to train additional personnel as drivers until the situation resolves itself. During August five lieutenants MOS 1802 will rotate leaving a significant shortage of platoon commanders. In addition, a Major MOS 1802 and a Lieutenant MOS 2025 will rotate during August.

OFFICERS JOINED

<u>RANK</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Major	1802	1
1stLt	1802	2
1stLt	0302	1
2ndLt	0301	1

ENLISTED JOINED

<u>MOS</u>	<u>E-9</u>	<u>E-8</u>	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-3</u>	<u>E-2/1</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0141								2	2
0231					1			1	2
0353					2			2	4
1811		1	3	2	1	3	4	29	43
2111							1		1
2141					5	4	1	1	11
2149			1	3					4
2151							1		1
2171					1	1			2
2311							1		1
2531								2	2
2841						2	1		3
2861			1						1
3371					1				1
3531								1	1
9999		1	1						2
TOTAL		2	6	5	11	10	9	38	81

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OFFICERS DROPPED

<u>RANK</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>REASON</u>
LtCol	1802	Rotation
Major	1802	Rotation
Capt	3002	Rotation for separation
1stLt	1802	Rotation
1stLt	1802	Rotation
1stLt	1802	Rotation
1stLt	0302	Rotation

ENLISTED DROPPEDROTATION

MOS	E-9	E-8	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	E-2/1	TOTAL
0141						1			1
0231					1				1
1316						1			1
1811		1	1		2	6	1	1	12
2141					3	5	1		9
2143					1	1			2
2149		1							1
2311						1			1
2533						1	1		2
2542					1				1
3051						4	1		5
3371							1		1
3531						4	8	1	13
9999		2							2
TOTAL		4	1		8	24	13	2	52

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MOS	E-9	E-8	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	E-2/1	TOTAL
1811				4	1	3	2		10
2141					1				1
TOTAL				4	2	3	2		11

TRAN TO THIS-DIV

MOS	E-9	E-8	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	E-2/1	TOTAL
0231					1				1
1811				1		4	3	14	22
2141					1	1		2	4
2531								1	1
2841							1		1
3531								3	3
TOTAL				1	2	5	4	20	32

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PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING. Personnel Accounting has greatly improved. The Battalion's error percentage for June was as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REPORTABLE ITEMS</u>	<u>ERROR PERCENTAGE</u>
H&S Co	273	0.4
A Co	194	0.0
B Co	220	0.5
C Co	166	0.0
A Co 3dATBn	125	0.0
BATTALION	978	0.2

EXCHANGE FACILITIES. Satisfactory under the circumstances with sufficient quality and quantity on hand.

SPECIAL SERVICES. Movies were shown almost every night and a beer or soft drink ration was served when available.

REST AND REHABILITATION. During the month of July the Battalion was allocated the following quotas:

IN COUNTRY - 5  
OUT OF COUNTRY - 63

POSTAL AFFAIRS. Satisfactory.

PROMOTIONS. This battalion was again in excess of its authorized M/L on Cpl and there were 15 vacancies for LCpl. Additional quotas were received to enable the Battalion to promote seven to Cpl and 53 to LCpl. The following promotions were actually effected:

To PFC - 4  
To LCpl - 53  
To Cpl - 7

AWARDS. During the month the following award recommendations were submitted:

Silver Star Medal - 1  
Bronze Star Medal - 6  
Navy Commendation Medal - 3

CASUALTIES. The following casualties were reported during the month:

KIA - 1  
WLANE - 7  
WIAE - 7  
NBCE - 7  
DOW - 0  
NBCNE - 1

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LAW AND LEGAL. The following actions were completed during the month:

	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
Special Court Martial	1	2
Bn Office Hours (Art 15)	5	0
Company Office Hours (Art 15)	8	0
Investigations	3	2
Summary Court Martial	0	0

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Weather. Precipitation in the Quang Tri City - Dong Ha area was 1.44 inches for the month of July. The month was a relatively hot one with temperatures reading a high of 103° and a low of 68°. The mean monthly high was 94°, the mean monthly low was 77°. The average monthly temperature was 85°. Although rains were heavy at times and heat casualties were suffered in some units on operations, tank maneuverability and crew operation was not hindered by the weather.

Intelligence. Although there were many agent reports during July of enemy movement in every Area of Operation in Northern I Corps, significant sightings were in the Con Thien area and along the coast north of the Cua Viet River.

Tanks operating with the 9th Marine Regiment in the area north of Con Thien below the Demilitarized Zone participated in the capture of many enemy weapons in both large and small caches. Evidence that elements of the enemy's 27th Independent Regiment and 270th Regiment were operating in the Con Thien, A3 area was found; however, no significant contacts were made.

Incidences of NVA/VC anti-tank mining showed a noticeable increase, especially in the Napoleon/Saline area north of the Cua Viet River. There were also numerous incidents of mines in the Leatherneck Square area on primary and secondary roads, as the enemy continued his tactic of LOC interdiction. Large numbers of anti-tank mines were uncovered in caches located by Marines operating in the area.

NVA attacks by fire were most prevalent at Cua Viet and landing zones along Route #9 in the vicinity of Ca Lu. Enemy guns were quiet for the most part north of Leatherneck Square due to the many B-52 strikes in the Demilitarized Zone during July.

During the month the enemy has been concentrating on building and supplying his forces in order to conduct his "third offensive". Intelligence reports indicate that he has been somewhat successful in bringing his forces to a point of readiness for assuming the offense; however, the disposition of enemy forces in Northern I Corps at this time is unfavorable for him to mount any large scale ground attacks. He does retain the capability of attacks by fire, small probes, and sapper attacks at any time.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

During the month of July a total of three MedCaps were conducted in the Chieu Hoi Hamlet (YD 354505) assigned as Civil Affairs operating area to this Battalion. The Chieu Hoi's, who have been very receptive to the Marines of this command, are now striving to enhance their own programs of self-help. The Hamlet health worker was present at each MedCap to aid the Navy Corpsmen and participated in on-the-job training. A number of personal hygiene classes were also given to the civilians.

The Battalion Civil Affairs Officer gave five orientation classes to new personnel in the Battalion during the month.

Future Civil Affairs projects planned are a continuation of the weekly MedCaps and help to the refugees in the Battalion Civil Action area.

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~~DECLASSIFIED~~OPERATIONS & TRAINING

Company A. Company A, participating in Operations Napoleon/Saline and Kentucky, supported the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines; 1st and 3rd Battalions, 3rd Marines; 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines; the 9th Marine Regiment; and the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

From 1 through 8 July, the 2nd Platoon supported the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, operating southeast of Gio Linh, with fire suppression missions, direct fire against enemy personnel, both in bunkers and in the open, and counter-mortar fire. The tanks accounted for 55 KIA(C). One tank (A25) suffered mine damage, was repaired and continued to operate.

The Company, minus the 2nd Platoon, reinforced with its flame section, participated with the 9th Marines in an operation around Con Thien, from 7 through 15 July. The Company provided direct and counter-mortar fire support, and conducted sweeps with the infantry. 14 KIA(C) were credited to the Company. One tank (A53) took a direct hit on the turret by an 82mm mortar round, causing the evacuation of a platoon sergeant. Another tank (A32) sustained mine damage. The tank was short tracked and continued to perform its mission.

Other activity during the month included direct fire at enemy in the open and at enemy observation posts, resulting in three KIA(C), three houses destroyed and three secondary explosions. Several sweeps and patrols with the infantry were conducted. On one of the patrols two tanks (A25 and A35) were submerged while crossing a tidal stream. Two other tanks (A23 and A35) sustained mine damage while operating with the supported infantry.

Company B. From the first through the fifth of the month, the 3rd Platoon of Company B maintained its positions at Khe Sanh Combat Base, providing support for the units moving out of Khe Sanh.

On 5 July a Company B truck was fired on by a sniper between the Rock Pile and Camp Carroll on Route #9. The occupants of the vehicle returned the fire and continued moving. No results could be determined.

At the Rock Pile on 19 July B14 was hit with a 122mm rocket. Extensive damage to the fire control system inside the turret was caused by the concussion.

Supporting Task Force Hotel; the 3rd and 4th Marine Regiments; the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines; and the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 9th Marines in the Lancaster and Scotland II Operations, Company B provided counter-rocket fire and direct fire at enemy troops in the open and at suspected enemy concentrations.

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Company C. During the first part of July the 3rd Platoon of Company C continued to provide road security along Route #9 in support of Task Force Hotel and the 1st Marines in the Scotland II AO. With the evacuation of Khe Sanh Combat Base, the Platoon returned to the Company Command Post at Cam Lo.

From 1 through 8 July the 1st Platoon, supporting both the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in the coastal area north of Cua Viet, conducted sweeps with the infantry. The platoon accounted for five KIA(G). One Marine tanker was killed and two were wounded during the operation. Three tanks (C11, C13 and C14) hit mines sustaining suspension damage. While the retriever (C43) was attempting to retrieve C14, C14 became mired in loose sand so deep as to make the extraction impossible. The tank was stripped and then destroyed in place.

On 29 July, the tanks at Cam Lo assisted other elements of Task Force Mike in securing a landing zone in the C-3 Bridge area for the 2nd ARVN Regiment, which began an operation in the Cam Vu area.

Other elements of the Company remained in support of the 1st Amphibic Battalion and the 3rd Marines (later the 1st Marines) in Operation Napoleon/Saline AO. The Company Headquarters and the remainder of the tanks continued in support of Task Force Mike in defense of C-3, C-3 Bridge and Cam Lo District Headquarters.

Company A, 3rd Anti-tanks. Company A, 3rd Anti-tanks, continued supporting Task Force Hotel in Operation Scotland II during the first part of July. On 6 July, the Company was one of the last units to move out of Khe Sanh Combat Base.

The Company Command Post was relocated at Quang Tri Combat Base with elements at Dong Ha, Cam Lo, C-2 Bridge and Con Thien, in support of Task Force Mike, the 1st Marines, and the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

Untos fired H&I fires and direct fire at suspected enemy positions from Khe Sanh, Cam Lo and Con Thien.

Battalion Headquarters. The Battalion Headquarters continued to defend its sector of Quang Tri Combat Base, utilizing patrols and LPs along with the perimeter bunkers.

From 8 to 11 July, the Battalion Headquarters was also charged with the responsibility for Juliet Sector. Personnel augmentation was provided by the 3rd Medical Battalion; 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines (Rear); 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (Rear); and the 25th MP Group, USAF.

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Flame Tank F31 expended 5,440 gallons of diesel fuel in 16 loads burning brush around Quang Tri Combat Base to improve fields of fire on the perimeter.

On 27 July, a change of command ceremony was held, inaugurating the new Commanding Officer.

Five In Country Orientation lectures were conducted during the month with 56 men attending.

The evening briefings for the Commanding Officer and his staff continued.

Ammunition Expenditure. Total ammunition expended during the month was :

	<u>TANKS</u>				
	<u>HE</u>	<u>HEAT</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>CANISTER</u>	<u>BEEHIVE</u>
Direct	<u>567</u>		<u>25</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>250</u>
Indirect	49		24		
		<u>.30 Caliber</u>		<u>.50 Caliber</u>	
		23,650		600	
	<u>ONTOS</u>				
	<u>HEPT</u>	<u>HEAT</u>	<u>APERS</u>		
	57		2		
	<u>FLAME TANKS</u>				
	<u>NAPALM</u>	<u>DIESEL</u>			
	75 gals	5,440 gals			

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As of 31 July, this Command had a shortage of fourteen major end items: one M51 recovery vehicle, two M37B1 trucks, one MRC 110 communications vehicle, one M107 water trailer, three high pressure cleaning units, three mixing and transfer units, and three M38A1 utility trucks. Four M48A3 tanks were received to fill T/ deficiencies, one M48A3 tank and M543 wrecker were received as R&L vehicles, and one TD-15 tractor deficiency was filled when word was received that this battalion's previously coded tractor would be returned when repaired.

There were nine incidents of enemy activity involving damage to battalion vehicles during July. Of these, six have had necessary repairs and returned to use, one is currently awaiting repair, one is a suspected combat loss awaiting authority to be dropped from this account, and the remaining vehicle (M48A3) was declared a combat loss. A replacement vehicle has been received for the combat loss and a replacement M48A3 is available for issue when authority to drop the suspected combat loss is received. In addition two M48A3 tanks were submerged and appropriate requisitions have been submitted by FISG-B for damaged parts.

As of 31 July there were eight tanks, four flame tanks, two VTR's, four Ontos, thirteen motor transport vehicles, two communications vehicles, and four items of motor transport equipment deadlined. Of these, three tanks, two flame tanks, two VTR's, one Ontos, eight motor transport vehicles and one communications vehicle are deadlined for third echelon repairs. These figures indicate a 47% third echelon deadline rate. The overall deadline rate cannot be attributed to any specific reason, but some factors to be considered are damage resulting from enemy activity, insufficient availability of second echelon repair/spare parts, and slow response of third echelon maintenance.

The availability of second echelon repair parts for tracked vehicles continues to deteriorate. A survey indicates an increase in critical items of 84% over last month's list. "Nice-to-have" spare parts are no longer available and currently "need-to-have" repair parts are almost non-existent.

Supply activities during this period centered around relief of the Supply Officer and preparation of one tank platoon for transfer to the SLF. The Battalion Supply Officer was detached from this command on 12 July and was relieved by the then assistant Supply Officer. No major problems are anticipated. This battalion is required to furnish one tank platoon for the soon-to-be activated Special Landing Force. An allowance list from the last SLF is being used as the basis for the current SLF allowance list and no major obstacles are foreseen involving the outfitting of the platoon.

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The Battalion Motor Transport vehicles traveled 13,264 miles, carried 1,050 short tons of material, and transported 1,965 passengers. In addition, during this reporting period 36 M54A2C multifuel 5 ton trucks were force fed to this battalion by Division Motor Transport. Combined with the four M54A2C's on hand, this brought the battalion total to forty. All gasoline engine M54's were turned in to FLSG-B. as excess property. Motor transport personnel shortages in the 3531 field are considered critical. A special program is being instituted whereby excess personnel from other occupational fields are being schooled by the Motor Transport Officer to help relieve this critical shortage.

The availability of repair parts required for infra-red equipment has not improved. Currently this battalion has a deficiency of 27 Xenon searchlights which have been nominated for the Special Commanders Assistance Request (SCAR) program.

Services are considered satisfactory. Cantonment improvement continues.

Medical facilities within the battalion are considered satisfactory. There were 22 Marines requiring medical evacuation during July.

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For the month of July, 1203 patients were treated at routine sick call, an increase of 346 over June. Diarrhea cases surged to 19 cases reported. Various skin afflictions and rashes were primarily responsible for the sick call increase throughout the Battalion.

Three cases of venereal disease were reported.

Dental treatment is available in the 3d Engineers Headquarters area.

Hospital corps strength continues to be adequate.

Sanitation of the Battalion Command Post is improving slowly. Closer coordination with the Battalion Police Sergeant by BAS sanitation personnel is proving its worth.

The rat population in the Battalion CP area has been abated somewhat. Traps, when available, will be utilized to the fullest. The anti-rodent campaign is being supervised by medical personnel.

MedCaps were conducted on the 5th, 12th and 25th of July with 33 adults and 111 children having been treated. Forward BAS personnel conducted MedCap activities in the Cam Lo District Headquarters area totaling 120 adults and 376 children for July.

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The month of July was devoted primarily to management improvement techniques in the areas of electronics maintenance, and supply administration and requisitioning procedures.

Within the Battalion's electronics maintenance facility, specific emphasis was placed on a manual maintenance reporting system. The maintenance report was patterned after 5th Force Service Regiment's DAIS (Data Automated Maintenance System) maintenance reporting system. Distribution of the battalion report is local. It is prepared weekly, updated daily, and designed to assist management personnel in keeping abreast of the electronics communication equipment processed by the Battalion maintenance facility for either calibration or repair.

A concentrated effort was initiated to obtain supply allowances of those second echelon electronics parts authorized this Battalion for the maintenance and upkeep of the new FM Family of Radios (Radio Set, AN/PRC-25 and Radio Set, AN/VRC-12). It was originally theorized that 90% of the electronics failures occurring in FM equipment would be repaired at the second echelon (battalion) maintenance facility. However, second echelon parts have not been available and it has been necessary to evacuate the equipment to FLSG-B for repairs.

The Battalion's increase in the electronics maintenance workload, and the arrival of Company A, 3d Anti-tanks, necessitated additional working area for the electronics repair facility. A mobile repair facility was fabricated for this purpose. The repair facility processed 160 items of electronics equipment during the month.

The message center processed 1,529 messages during July.

A quarterly RPS inspection was conducted by representatives of Headquarters, 3d Marine Division, on 22 July. A grade of satisfactory was given.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 July 1968 C31 fired 20 rounds of HE at enemy troops observed entering bunkers. Negative results.

5 July 1968 CoB truck received sniper rounds between the Rock Pile and Camp Carroll on Route #9. Returned fire and continued moving. Unknown results.

5 July 1968 A25 damaged by AT mine southeast of Gio Linh.

5 July 1968 MedCap conducted in Quang Tri area, treating 35 children and 12 adults.

6 July 1968 C11 damaged by mine northwest of Cua Viet.

6 July 1968 C13 and C14, on sweep with G/2/3, took heavy enemy fire. Tanks fired 17 HE, three canister, seven beehive and 1,000 .30 caliber rounds at likely enemy positions. One friendly KIA and two friendly WIA. Five NVA KIA(C).

6 July 1968 A21 and A24, in support of 1/3, fired 95 HE, 12 beehive, six canister, 9,000 .30 caliber, and 100 .50 caliber rounds at NVA in bunkers. 30 KIA(C).

7 July 1968 C13, while on a sweep with H/2/3, hit a mine northwest of Cua Viet.

8 July 1968 A21 and A24 fired 80 HE, 14 beehive, 14 canister, and 8,000 .30 caliber rounds in support of B/1/3. 25 KIA(C).

8 July 1968 C14 hit a mine northwest of Cua Viet.

8 July 1968 A53 sustained a direct hit by an 82mm mortar round. One friendly WIA.

8 July 1968 A24 had left air cleaner and Xenon searchlight destroyed by enemy recoilless rifle fire southeast of Gio Linh.

8 July 1968 A51 fired three canister and four HE rounds at an enemy RPG position. Three KIA(C).

9 July 1968 While C43 was attempting to extract C14, C14 became mired in deep sand. C14 was stripped and destroyed in place, northwest of Cua Viet.

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10 July 1968 A33 fired two HE rounds at NVA in the open. One KIA(C).

11 July 1968 A32 and A35 fired 21 HE rounds at enemy in the open. Five KIA(C).

11 July 1968 A32 hit a mine west of Con Thien.

11 July 1968 In support of 3/9, the 5thPlt, CoA made contact with an unknown number of NVA. Tanks fired 30 HE, four beehive and two canister rounds. F12 fired 11 seconds of napalm. Five KIA(C).

12 July 1968 MedCap conducted in Quang Tri area, treating 41 children and nine adults.

16 July 1968 A15 fired 26 HE and four canister rounds at two houses being used as enemy OPs. Destroyed two houses.

19 July 1968 B14 received extensive damage from a direct hit by a 122mm Rocket at the Rock Pile.

22 July 1968 B13 fired 18 HE and B15 fired 12 HE rounds at an active enemy rocket site. Results unknown.

25 July 1968 MedCap conducted in Quang Tri area, treating 35 children and 12 adults.

25 July 1968 A23 hit a mine near Mai Xa Thi.

26 July 1968 A31 and A34 fired 12 HE and 13 WP rounds at enemy in the open. Results were three secondary explosions and one house destroyed.

28 July 1968 C12 fired four HE rounds at three NVA in the open. Negative results.

28 July 1968 A31 and A34 fired 29 HE and ten WP rounds at an enemy OP. One KIA(C).

28 July 1968 A31 and A34 fired 17 HE and 11 WP rounds at enemy bunkers and personnel. Two KIA(C).

28 July 1968 A25 and A35 were submerged while attempting to cross a tidal stream at Mai Xa Thi.

29 July 1968 CoC tanks fired 158 beehive rounds in support of ARVN operation southeast of C-3 Bridge.

31 July 1968 A34 hit a mine southwest of A-3.

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PART IV-----SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Tab A: Lessons Learned

Tab B: S-1 Journal

Tab C: S-2 Journal

Tab D: S-3 Journal

Tab E: S-4 Journal

Tab F: Communications "Sequential Happenings"

Tab G: BAS Journal

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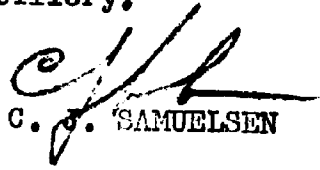
Subj: Lessons Learned for the Month of July 1968

Ref: (a) DivO 348011B

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted:

a. Problem. When tanks are in a defensive perimeter, the direct fire control system enables the tank to rapidly come to bear on enemy mortar/rocket flashes or other lucrative enemy targets; hence allowing range and deflection to be quickly transmitted to supporting artillery. However, to determine the azimuth to the target requires a calculation from what the tank's azimuth indicator reads to a magnetic azimuth, consistent with what the artillery can use. This reduces the response to transmitting the information.

b. Recommendation. The gunner's aid, a seldomly used part of the azimuth indicator, is constructed so that it can be rotated. A circle of cardboard covered with acetate can be cut to fit over the gunner's aid and attached to it. Mil calibrations from 0 to 6400 can then be marked on the acetate. When the tank moves into a defensive position, the azimuth indicator and gunner's aid can be zeroed on a given deflection, coordinated with the artillery. When the gunner traverses onto the target, he can read the deflection directly from the modified gunner's aid and relay it immediately to the artillery.

  
C. J. SAMUELSEN

COMBAND CHOROKO'DAY REPORT

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			021345	NBCE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn Sgt J. PERRY	
			021415	Published BSO 87-68	
			031000	Published BSO 88-68	
			041100	Published BSO 89-68	
			041800	WIAE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn SSgt P. C. CARTER	
			051600	Published BSO 90-68	
			052100	WIANE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn LCpl O. E. MARTIN	
			051130	NBCE Reported by B Co 3dTkBn LCpl V. W. YOUNG	
			052100	WIANE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn Cpl R. N. HASTINGS	
			052100	WIANE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn LCpl B. W. KLEINATLAND	
			061100	Published BSO 91-68	
			061330	WIAE Reported by C Co 3dTkBn LCpl R. A. TRUITT	
			061330	WIAE Reported by C Co 3dTkBn LCpl T. P. OGORMAN	
			061500	KIA Reported by C Co 3dTkBn Cpl R. E. INGRAM	
			081115	WIAE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn SSgt A. N. ALLEN	
			081400	WIANE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn Cpl H. C. BAKER III	
			090750	WIAE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn SSgt T. E. R. TENS	
			090830	NBCE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn PFC J. A. PEARCE	
			090745	WIANE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn Cpl T. L. MOINETTE	
			091400	Published BSO 92-68	
			091530	NBCE Reported by C Co 3dTkBn Cpl K. A. FOSTER	
			090745	WIAE Reported by A Co 3dTkBn SSgt T. E. R. TENS	
			101100	Publ	
			091500	Published Appointing Order 9-68 SPCM	
			101100	Published BSO 93-68	
			101230	WIANE Reported by C Co 3dTkBn LCpl R. A. WHITTEMORE	
			101230	NBCE Reported by B Co 3dTkBn LCpl J. L. Q. ESTRADA	
			111500	Published BSO 94-68	

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			121600	Published BSO 95-68	
			131400	Published BSO 96-68	
			150900	NBCE Reported by B Co 3d TkBn PFC R. LAURIA	
			152030	NBCE Reported by A Co, 3d ATBn Pvt C. W. LITTLEFIELD	
			161400	Published BSO 97-68	
			161600	Published BSO 98-68	
		-	181300	Published BSO 99-68	
			191230	Published BSO 100-68	
			191815	WIAE Reported by B Co 3d TkBn Sgt T. A. YAX	
			191815	WIANE Reported by B Co 3d TkBn GySgt D. ROCCO	
			201500	Published BSO 101-68	
			221230	Published BSO 102-68	
			241700	Published BSO 103-68	
			251600	Published BSO 104-68	
			261100	Published BSO 105-68	
			271300	NBCE Reported by B Co 3d TkBn LCpl W. R. PJURA	
			281100	Published BSO 106-68	
			281400	Published BSO 107-68	
			291600	Published BSO 108-68	
			301030	Published BSO 109-68	
			301430	NBCE Reported by B Co 3d TkBn PFC D. M. LANZA	
			311500	Published BSO 110-68	

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1200		1	011800Z	300001H to 312400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #181, 1st Air Cav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		2	021800Z	010001H to 012400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #182, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		3	031800Z	020001H to 022400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #183, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		4	041800Z	030001H to 032400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #184, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing, 1stAirCav Intsum	s-m-f
1200		5	051800Z	040001H to 042400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #185, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		6	061800Z	050001H to 052400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #186, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		7	071800Z	060001H to 062400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #187, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		8	081800Z	070001H to 072400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #188, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		9	091800Z	080001H to 082400 3dMarDiv Intsum #189, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		10	101800Z	090001H to 092400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #190, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		11	111800Z	100001H to 102400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #191, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		12	121800Z	110001H to 112400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #192, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		13	131800Z	120001H to 122400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #193, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		14	141800Z	130001H to 132400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #194, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		15	151800Z	140001H to 142400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #195, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f

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1200		16	161800Z	150001H to 152400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #196, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		17	171800Z	160001H to 162400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #197, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		18	181800Z	170001H to 172400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #198, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		19	191800Z	180001H to 182400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #199, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		20	201800Z	190001H to 192400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #200, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		21	211800Z	200001H to 202400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #201, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		22	221800Z	210001H to 212400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #202, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		23	231800Z	220001H to 222400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #203, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		24	241800Z	230001H to 232400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #204, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		25	251800Z	240001H to 242400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #205, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		26	261800Z	250001H to 252400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #206, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		27	271800Z	260001H to 262400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #207, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		28	281800Z	270001H to 272400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #208, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		29	291800Z	280001H to 282400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #209, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		30	301800Z	290001H to 292400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #210, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f
1200		31	311800Z	300001H to 302400H 3dMarDiv Intsum #211, 1stAirCav Intsum, Quang Tri Sector 4 Briefing	s-m-f

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070845		01	061450H		Location report C Co.	
070845		02	061500H		C11 mine damage.	
070845		03	061500H		C11 fired 4 HE in support of 2/3, results unknown.	
070845		04	061225H		Location report AT.	
070845		05	070700H		B21 fired 12 HE at enemy. Results unknown.	
071102		06	071015H		B23 fired 17 HE at enemy. Results unknown.	
071150		07	070803H		C14 & 13 in support of 2/3 fired 3 can, 7 BE, 18 HE 1000 .30 cal., 1 friendly KIA and 2 friendly WIA.	
071150		08	070700H		C13 fired 1 HE & C14 fired 2 HE in support of 2/3.RU	
071615		09	071400H		Location report AT.	
080900		01	081600H		" " A Co.	
080900		02	072020H		Min8 sweep request for.	
080900		03	071545H		Location report C Co.	
080900		04	080030H		A21 & 24 in support of 1/3 fired 80 HE, 14 BE, 14 Can. 8000 .30 cal., 25 confirmed NVA-KIA.	
081100		05	080900H		C13 & 14 in support of 2/3 fired 1 HE, 1 Can, 500 .30 cal. recon by fire, results unknown.	

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081100		07	081605H		Location report C Co.	
081700		06	080930H		C13 hit mine, damage to #2 Rdwheel and parts.	
081700		08	081500H		A53 hit with 82mm, SSgt A was injured at time RPG hit near A51. Fired 4 HE and 3 can. Results unknown.	
081700		09	081545H		Location report B Co.	
081700		10	081500H		" " A Co.	
081700		11	C14 hit		mine w/attached to 2/3.	
071900		12	071550H		Location report B Co.	
090900		01	090900H		Report on destruction of C14.	
091500		02	091430H		Location report A Co.	
091600		03	091420H		" " C Co.	
091600		04	091015H		" " B Co.	
091600		05	091516H		A15 & 14, 23 fired 13 BH, 9 can, 6 HE, & 2200 .30 cal. Results unknown.	
100940		01	092220H		A51 fired 3 can, 4 HE in support of 3/9. 3 KIA confirmed.	
101500		02	101400H		Location report A Co.	
101500		03	101500H		" " AT.	

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111000		01	101820H	A3 sweep through and search area.		
111000		02	101514H	Location report C Co.		
111000		03	101530H	" " B Co.		
111000		04	101600H	A53 found 1 dead NVA partically buried.		
111000		05	101555H	A55 & 41 fired 4 HE in support of 3/9. Results unk.		
111000		06	105210H	A 25 hit mine, 2 WIA friendly.		
111000		07	101950H	A33 fired 2 HE, 1 KIA confirmed, 2 KIA probable.		
111300		08	111725H	Location Report AT.		
111120		09	111000H	A 32 hit 15-20 lbs mine damage to track.		
111510		10	111500H	A32 & 35 fired 21 HE at NVA in open. 5 NVA confirmed.		
111800		11	111300H	Location report A Co.		
111800		12	111540H	" " C Co.		
111800		13	111540H	" " B Co.		
111800		14	111540H	" " C Co.		
	110925	15	111925	Request name for school.		
111800		16	111730H	Not able to comply with mission due to loc. situation.		

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120835		01	<del>111</del> 1925H	<del>11100</del> A52, 53, 54 fired 30 HE, 4 BH, 2 Can, Flame 12 fired 11 seconds flame. 5 KIA confirmed.	
121800		02	121520H	Location report A Co.	
	121954	03	121954H	Nomination for school.	
121400		04	A21 and	24 fired 95 HE. 12 BH, 6 Can, 9000 .30 cal. 100 .50 cal.. 30 KIA confirmed.	

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131000		01	121600H	B21 fired 30 HE, at NVA in open. R/W.	
131646		02	131535H	Location report C Co.	
131630		03	131537H	" " B Co.	
131810		04	131800H	Change to location report B Co.	
141015		01	132000H	A Co 6 effected coordination to get 48 s VTR into A3.	
141525		02	141445H	A Co AMMO Location report.	
141525		03	141500H	Location report C Co.	
141615		04	141535H	Location report B Co.	
141615		05	131930H	All Mined suffered damages.	
141800		06	141615H	Location report ATs.	
141800		07	141630H	Section @ C4 not moved since Feb.	
	141835	08	140930H	OPSTAT 162 as of 141500H 168	
151204		01	150959H	A Co. sport report	
151500		02	151500H	A Co location report	
151626		03	151523H	A co-AT's location report	

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151627		04	151500H	Location report C Co.	
151628		05	151500H	Location report B Co.	
	151724	06	150900Z	OPSTAT 163	
151915		07	151000H		
	151040	08	151040H	AM3 to AMC subj: Tigers	
160945		01	160900H	Co 7 Nomin. for SNCO school	
161100		02	160810H	A Co Spot report	
161550		03	161505H	A Co - AT OPSTAT rept.	
161550		04	161508H	A co - AT location report	
161638		05	161600H	A Co location report	
170856		01	161550H	C Co. location report	
170855		02	161935H	B Co. location report	
171623		03	171530H	B Co. location report	
171822		04	171530H	C Co. location report	
171822		05	171600H	A Co. location report	

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171740	171915H	06	171030Z	OPSTAT 165	
		07	171645H	B Co location report change	
181640		01	181650H	A Co spot report.	
181751		02	181445H	C Co. nomination for school.	
180905		03	181510H	B Co location report	
180905		04	181515H	C Co. location report	
180905		05	181530H	A Co location report	
181730		06	181605H	A Co - AT	
181050		07	181050Z	OPSTAT 166	
191730		01	191607H	A Co - AT location report	
191730		02	191645H	B Co correction to location report.	
	190955	03	190955H	Nomination for BLT	
	190930	04	190930Z	OPSTAT 167	
200834		05	191530H	B Co location report	
200835		02	191505H	A Co location report	
191635		03	191008H	A Co sport report	

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191636		04	191430H	B Co	spoxt Report		
200833		05	191545H	B Co	spoxt report		
200835		06	192020H	C Co	location report		
	201958	07	192020H	DPSTAT	168		
201700		01	201530H	A Co	location report		
201130		02	200930H	A Co	mine/booby trap school		
201635		03	201535H	C Co	location report		
201700		04	201620H	B Co	location report		
200950		05	201945H	A Co	spoxt report		
201630		06	201535H	A Co	- AT location report		
211620		01	211510H	A Co	vehicle status and location report		
211620		02	211525H	B Co	vehicle status and location report		
211620		03	211500H	A Co	- AT location report		
211 635		04	211535H	B Co	spoxt report		
211635		05	211130H	B Co	spoxt report		

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211641	0930	06	211605H	B Co.	7 Nominee F/embarc school		
		conf	220140Z		OPSTAT 169		
221620		01	221430H	C Co.	Location report		
1625	2055H	02	221530H	A Co.	Status/Location report		
1653		03	221532H	A Co.	AT's		
231010		04	221600	B Co.	Status/Location report		
230945		05	221945	B Co.	Spot report		
		conf	221242Z		OPSTAT 170		
0956		01	230915H	A Co.	AT's/Spot report		
1632	1842	02	231445H	C Co.	Training report 14-20 July		
1535		03	231500H	B Co.	Status/Location report		
1610		04	231500H	C Co.	Location reports		
1610		05	231550H	A Co.	AT's/Location report		
1650		06	231600H	A Co.	Location report		
		conf	231020Z		OPSTAT 171		

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1640		01	241520H	C Co.	Location report		
1640		02	241530H	A Co.	AT's/Location report		
1641		03	241530H	B Co.	Status/Location report		
1640		04	241545H	A Co.	Status/Location report		
1730		05	241615H	A Co.	Spot report (from A3)		
	1840H	conf	240957Z	OPSTAT 172			
1320H		01	2511170H	A Co.	Spot report A23 mined		
1320H		02	251130H	A Co.	Sopt report		
1602H		03	251517H	A Co.	AT's/Location report		
1655H		04	251530H	A Co.	Status/Location report		
1622H		05	251535H	C Co.	Location report		
1622H		06	251540H	B Co.	Status/Location report		
	1756H	conf	250950Z	OPSTAT 173			
0957		01	260945H	A Co.	AT/Spot report		
0859		02	261530H	A Co.	Status/Location report		

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1900		03	261535H	C Co.	Location report		
0900		04	261530H	A Co.	<sup>AT</sup> Status/Location report		
0901		05	261610H	B Co.	Status/Location report		
1935		06	261840H	A Co.	Spot report		
	2300H	conf	261011Z	OPSTAT 174			
1532		01	271435H	A Co.	AT's/Location report		
1615		02	271500H	B Co.	Status/Location report		
1615		03	271500H	A Co.	8 to A Co. 6via-AM3		
1045		04	271510H	A Co.	Status/Location report		
1030	EX	05	271540H	C Co.	Location report		
1050		06	271825H	A Co.	Spot report		
	6647	conf	270930H	OPSTAT 175			
1536		01	281130H	A Co.	Spot report		
1536		02	281500H	A Co.	Status/Location report		
1636		03	281500H	B Co.	Status/Location report		

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1635		04	281545H	C Co. Location report	
1635		05	281600H	AT's Location report	
1820		06	281610H	C Co. Spot report	
291000		07	281800H	A Co. Spot report	
291000		08	281810H	A Co. Spot report	
	1942	conf	281942	OPSTAT 176	
1615		01	291500H	B Co. Status/Location report	
1610		02	291520H	A Co. AT's Location report	
1815		03	291540H	C Co. Location report	
1650		04	291600H	A Co. Status/Location report	
1750		05	291630H	C Co. Spot report	
1750		06	291635H	C Co. Spot report	
	1700	07	291800H	AM3 to AMC-6 reg. after operations report	
300800		08	291900H	C Co. after operations report	
	18374	conf	291805Z	OPSTAT 177	

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1525	1425	01	301400H	A Co. AT's/Spot report	
		02	301530H	AM3 to all Co's notification of MS compressor school	
1603		03	301500H	C Co. Location report	
1602		04	301510H	A Co. AT's/Location report	
1603		05	301515H	B Co. Status/Location report	
1010		06	301550H	A Co. Status/Location report	
1010		01	310835H	B Co. Nominee F/compressor school	
1508		02	311420H	A Co. 7 Nominee F/school	
1537		03	311445H	C Co. Location report	
1526		04	311502H	A Co. AT/Location reports	
1623	1832	05	311520H	B Co. Location report	
1622		06	311520H	A Co. Status/Location report	
1930		07	311640H	C Co. Spot report	
		conf	310920Z	OPSTAT 178	
1945		09	311925H	A Co. 6 Spot report mine damage A34	

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	040945	01	040945H	Lt. Hoyt to Military Justice School.	
041325		02	041000H	Transfer of vehicle. C Co.	
	041415	03	040620H	SID's report.	
041610		04	041510H	Location report B Co.	
041610		05	041510H	" " AT	
041620		06	041514H	" " A Co.	
041605		07	041545H	" " C Co.	
051615		01	051501H	" " A Co.	
051605		02	051430H	Reference School Nomination	
060815		01	051440H	Location Report C Co.	
060815		02	051600H	" " " B Co.	
060815		03	051500H	Truck rec. sniper fire from 2 Civ Shotgun returned fire. Results unknown. Spot report from B Co.	
060920		04	042002H	A24 fired 7 HE and 300 .30 cal. to suppress mortar. Results unknown.	
061730		05	061525H	Location report B Co.	
061730		06	061450H	" " A Co.	

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		1 July 1968	
	0815	Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 7000 of 1 Jul 68.	
	1130	Tracked Vehicle Damages Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/ldm, 8000 of 1 Jul 68.	
		2 July 1968	
	1000	Quarterly Motor Vehicle Accident Report submitted to SCI-35. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/EAM/tpm, 11240 of 2 Jul 68.	
	1030	Motor Transport Operations Report submitted to SCI-35. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/ldm, 11240 of 2 Jul 68.	
	1530	Command Chronology submitted to S-3. Ref: 3d Tk Bn S-4 Input for Jun 68.	
	1700	Modification of Allowances submitted to CMC. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/ldm, 4441 of 1 Jul 68.	
	1830	Request for Services Support submitted to MCB-11. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/ldm, 11100 of 2 Jul 68.	
		5 July 1968	
	1100	Weekly Training Report submitted to CO, H&S Company. Ref: S-4 Trng Rpt of 29 Jun to 5 Jul 68.	
		6 July 1968	
	0930	Class V Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/ldm, 8000 of 6 Jul 68.	
	1430	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/tpm, 4400 of 6 Jul 68.	
		7 July 1968	
0840		M48A3 tank, USMC 201825 (C11) had suspension system damaged by mine on 6 July 1968. Tank was deadlined. Ref: "C" Co msg 061500H Jul 68.	
	1530	Amphibious Lift Requirement submitted to SCI-39. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/ldm, 4620 of 7 Jul 68.	

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8 July 1968			
1100		M48A3 tank, USMC 217802 (C13) hit a mine while conducting sweep in A-1 area. Damage included one set of road wheels, one bumper spring, one housing, one shock, and one arm (all left side no. 2). Damaged on 7 July 68. Ref: "C" Co msg 080930H Jul 68.	
	1300	Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/tpm, 7000 of 8 Jul 68.	
	1400	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/ldm, 4400.7 of 8 Jul 68.	
1515		M48A3 tank, USMC 201958 (C14) hit a mine while on an operation in A-1 area. Extent of damaged parts included one set of road wheels, one housing (right side), and vehicle belled on damaged side. Damaged on 8 July 68. Ref: "C" Co msg 081100H Jul 68.	
1600		M48A3 tank, USMC 202026 (A24) had left air cleaner and Xenon searchlight destroyed by enemy recoilless rifle fire on 8 July 1968. Ref: "A" Co msg 081500H Jul 68.	
1600		M48A3 tank, USMC 202169 (A53) was hit by 82mm mortar rounds between antenna bases. Vehicle remained operational. Ref: "A" Co msg 081500H Jul 68.	
9 July 1968			
0930		M48A3 tank, USMC 201958 (C14) previously reported as combat damaged due to a mine, was stripped and blown in place on 8 July 1968. Ref: "C" Co msg 090900H Jul 68.	
11 July 1968			
	1000	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/ldm, 4400.7 of 11 Jul 68.	
1510		M48A3 tank, USMC 201954 (A32) hit a mine and had support rollers, road wheel housing and arm damaged. Ref: "A" Co msg 111400H Jul 68.	

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		12 July 1968	
	1130	Report of M48A3 Tank T/E Deficiencies submitted to SCI-8. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/lam, 8000 of 12 Jul 68.	
		13 July 1968	
	1130	Deadlined Equipment for Red Ball Action submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lam, 4400.7 of 13 Jul 68.	
		15 July 1968	
	0800	Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/tpm, 4000 of 15 July 1968.	
	0930	Conex Inventory Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JAS/tpm, 4030 of 15 Jul 68.	
	1015	Combat Losses Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lam, 4400 of 15 Jul 68.	
	1100	Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lam, 7000 of 15 Jul 68.	
		16 July 1968	
	0930	Report of Receipt - Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lam, 4400.7 of 16 Jul 68.	
		17 July 1968	
	0930	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lam, 4400.7 of 17 Jul 68.	
		18 July 1968	
	1000	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lam, 4400.7 of 18 Jul 68.	
	1115	Deadlined Equipment for Red Ball Action submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 18 Jul 68.	

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		18 July (Cont'd)	
	1430	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 18 Jul 68.	
	1445	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 18 Jul 68.	
		19 July 1968	
	1130	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 19 Jul 68.	
		20 July 1968	
0830		M48A3 tank, USMC 202076 (Blk) was hit by 122mm rocket at 2000 on 20 July 1968. Cupola was blown off tank and there was extensive damage to interior of turret. Tank is a suspected combat loss. Ref: Telecon with "B" Co. 6 on 19 Jul 68.	
	0900	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 20 Jul 68.	
	1015	Class V Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/ldm, 8000 of 20 Jul 68.	
	1330	Deadlined Equipment for Red Ball Action submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 20 Jul 68.	
	1500	Request for Maintenance Assistance submitted to SCI-4. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/ldm, 4000 of 20 Jul 68.	
		22 July 1968	
	0910	Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 7000 of 22 Jul 68.	
	1000	Deadlined Equipment for Red Ball Action submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 22 Jul 68.	
1300		M54 truck, USMC 331852 was wrecked on Route #1 between Dong Ha and Quang Tri on 22 July 1968. The truck received extensive damage and is a suspected loss. Awaiting LTI. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 35/SDH/aa, 11240 of 22 Jul 68.	

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		22 July (Cont'd)	
	1315	Review of Allowances submitted to G-4 Reports. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400 of 22 July 68.	
	1400	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 22 Jul 68.	
		23 July 1968	
0830		Acknowledgement of Receipt of Unsatisfactory Equipment Report submitted to this Headquarters, Ref: MCSA, Phil ltr 843A:WVC: as over MCSA #8192, #8192A, #8192C, #8192D, #8192E of 17 Jul 68.	
	1410	Request for Selective Interchange Authorization submitted to SCI-4. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4000 of 23 Jul 68.	
		24 July 1968	
	1115	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 24 Jul 68.	
	1300	GA Cards of critical items submitted to G-4 Reports. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/lcm, 4400 of 24 Jul 68.	
	1430	Deadlined Equipment for Red Ball Action submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 4400.7 of 24 Jul 68	
		25 July 1968	
	1015	Request for Deletion from Red Ball submitted to SCI-21. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/JWL/tpm, 440017 of 25 Jul 68.	
	1130	Deadlined Equipment for Red Ball action submitted to SCI-21.	
1430		M48A3 tank, USMC 202019 (A23) hit an A.T. mine while operating with 2/1 on 25 July 68. Damage is as follows: first set road wheel on left side thrown off, compensating idler arm broken, two track blocks destroyed and #1 shock absorber destroyed.	
1430		Ref: "A" Co. msg 251100H Jul 68.	

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1550		28 July 1968	
		M48A3 tanks, USMC 202005 (A25) and 202043 (A35) were submerged in Mai Xa Thi while attempting to cross river. Both vehicles were recovered and sent to 3d Tank Battalion Maintenance Facility to await evacuation. Ref: "A" Co. msg 281500H Jul 68.	
		29 July 1968	
	0930	Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/CWR/tpm, 7000 of 29 Jul 68.	
		30 July 1968	
1945	1015	Unit Report Force Data Base submitted to SCI-39. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/CWR/tpm, 4600 of 30 Jul 68.	
		31 July 1968	
	1115	Monthly Bunker Report submitted to SCI-15. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/CWR/ldm, 11000 of 31 Jul 68.	
	1130	Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/CWR/ldm, 4000 of 31 Jul 68.	
	1300	Combat Losses Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/CWR/ldm, 4400 of 31 Jul 68.	
		M48A3 tank, USMC 202115 (A34) hit a mine on 31 July 1968 and sustained the following damage: 3 sets of road wheels right side, and no. 1, 2, and 3, housings. Ref: "A" Co. msg 311925H Jul 68.	

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<b>08 JULY 68</b>	<b>WIRE SECTION LAID A GUN-LOOP AND HOT LINE FOR QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE "J" SECTOR</b>
<b>11 JULY 68</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY FOR "J" SECTOR WAS TRANSFERED TO THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES</b>
<b>12 JULY 68</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS NET FOR "A" COMPANY AT'S WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE COO BUNKER</b>
<b>22 JULY 68</b>	<b>THE MESSAGE CENTER WAS ADMINISTERED A QUARTERLY RPS INSPECTION. ALL ACCOUNTABLE ITEMS WERE PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR</b>

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