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SUBJECT: Commander's Letter #8, Quarterly Maintenance Services

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1. I am becoming concerned about the increasing numbers of combat vehicles and other equipment that are nonoperational. One cause for this high deadline rate is the requirement for nonscheduled maintenance. This results from a failure by units to follow the periodic maintenance services required in 1st Division Regulation 750-1, paragraph 2-6, and specified in the equipment technical manuals.
2. Units at all levels should pursue a maintenance program which is well planned, coordinated, and supervised.
3. Maintenance plans will include adequate time for quarterly preventive maintenance services as outlined in the technical manuals. The mechanized infantry battalions and the armored cavalry squadron will stand down the combat vehicles of one platoon at a time, augmented with other equipment as necessary to complete a cycle each quarter. All other units will devise programs which insure compliance with prescribed maintenance services for all combat, tactical, and special purpose vehicles.
4. Maintenance plans for January - March 1969 will be submitted to G4 not later than 1 December 1968. All subsequent quarterly maintenance plans will reach the G4 by the first of the month preceding each quarter. The G4 will monitor the program and provide staff supervision.
5. To insure that operational commitments are fully considered, maintenance stand-downs will be coordinated with the G3. G3 will review plans and will adjust operational commitments to permit execution of maintenance plans.
6. The 701st Maintenance Battalion will provide technical assistance and contact teams upon request.

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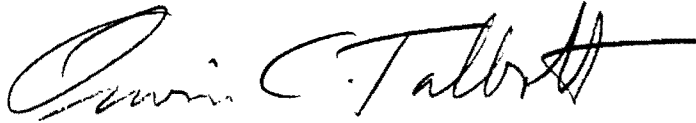
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7. Vigorous implementation of this program will result in a significant decrease in nonscheduled maintenance, safer equipment, and longer service life for equipment.



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