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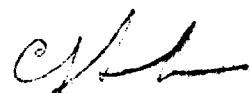
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Feb 1968 - 29 Feb 1968

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Present officer strength is 39 and the authorized manning level is 42. A total of 58 enlisted men were lost due to normal attrition. Enlisted strength is 728 compared to an authorized manning level of 743. The battalion is reinforced by Company "A" 3d Anti-Tank Battalion and the 2d Platoon, Company "A", 5th Anti-Tank Battalion. Although overall numbers of enlisted personnel are adequate, a shortage of effective tankcrewmen in the Staff NCO rank exists. The average number of tankcrewmen for the month of February was 312.

The battalion joined no officers and 70 enlisted during February. Losses were 4 officers and 58 enlisted.

Four requests for extension of overseas tours were forwarded during February. These extensions bring to a total of 52 the number of man-months gained through extensions for the period 1 January to 29 February. The major factor in the extension of overseas tours is the special 30 day leave program.

The battalion sustained 35 hostile casualties during February. Two were KIA, and thirty-three sustained wounds as a result of enemy action. There were six non-hostile casualties.

There was one instance of punishment under Article 15, UCMJ in the battalion during February. There were no courts-martials held during February, however, two recommendations for trial by special courts-martial are pending.

Battalion level administration and personnel accounting continued to present no-major problems. It is noted that this battalion has been directed to revert to company level administration and personnel accounting effective 1 March 1968. There are no major problems anticipated.

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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

During February units of the Battalion participated in five operations.

Operation Hue City. Having entered Hue during the initial enemy attack on 31 January tanks H-51 and H-52 and flame tanks F-32 and F-33 continued to operate in support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, until 17 February. During that time the tanks participated in numerous patrols from the MACV Compound and engaged in clearing operations south of the Perfume River. The tanks fired 1147 rounds of 90MM, 15,000 rounds of caliber .50, 155,000 rounds of caliber 30 ammunition and 60 seconds of napalm. They accounted for 145 enemy dead confirmed and suffered 1 killed, 10 wounded and evacuated and 4 wounded and not evacuated. Tank H-51 was destroyed by four recoilless rifle hits, two of which penetrated the tank. The four tanks involved in the operation sustained a total of 28 hits by anti-tank weapons during the operation. On 17 February the remaining three tanks boarded an LCU to travel to Dong Ha. The LCU was hit by mortar fire enroute up the river and was forced to return to the Hue Ramp and off-loaded the tanks. That evening the tanks reembarked on another LCU and departed Hue and arrived in Dong Ha the afternoon of 18 February.

Operation Scotland. The 2d and 3d Platoon, Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion and the 3d Platoon, Company B, 3d Tank Battalion participated in the operation in support of the 26th Marine Regiment. Support by the AT Company included firing at enemy machine gun and recoilless rifle positions and resulted in two secondary explosions. Tank support included firing at recoilless rifle and mortar positions and firing in support of maneuvering infantry. The confirmed results of these fires were several secondary explosions, one recoilless rifle destroyed and ten enemy KIA.

Operation Lancaster. Tanks of Company A participated in this operation in support of the 2d and 3d Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment and the 2d Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. Support fire on enemy bunkers, enemy rocket and mortar positions, and fired in support of infantry maneuvers. The confirmed results included the destruction of two bunker complexes and several secondary explosions.

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 the operation in support of the 2d Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, the 1st and 3d Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment and the 3d Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment. Support included fires on active enemy mor-

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tars and artillery, fires on one enemy armored vehicle, escorting road sweep teams, participation in a reaction force to assist at YD167611 and participation in a reaction force to reinforce the LCU Ramp at Dong Ha. Confirmed results were three secondary explosions, one enemy gun destroyed, one artillery position silenced, one infra red device destroyed and one tracked vehicle destroyed.

Operation Napoleon. Two tanks of Company C participated in this operation in support of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion. Support included firing at movement around the perimeter and participation in patrols and sweeps.

On 3 February Task Force Robbie was organized as directed by the Commanding General. The Task Force includes eleven M48A3 tanks and 3 M67 flame tanks of this Battalion. The Commanding Officer, 3d Tank Battalion was assigned as Executive Officer of the Task Force and the Battalion Executive Officer was assigned as the Task Force S-3. Initially the unit headquarters was located at the A Company Company Post and moved to Cam Le Hill on the 5th of February. From that position the Force has run armored columns to Camp Carroll and Dong Ha.

Enemy activity in the City of Hue delayed the displacement of the Battalion Command Post which remains at Gia Le. This, the existence of the Provisional Rifle Company, and the formation of Task Force Robbie resulted in a wide dispersion of Battalion elements. The Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Assistant S-3 Officer are at Cam Lo with two platoons of tanks from Company C; one section of flame tanks and two tanks of Company A. The Battalion S-4 is at Gia Le with a Battalion Rear. The Battalion S-3 is in a forward Command Post located at the Company A Command Post. The Provisional Infantry Company is at Quang Tri. Company B is at Camp Carroll with one platoon at Khe Sanh, one platoon at the Rockpile, one section at YD051552 and one section at YD073573. Company A is at Dong Ha with one platoon at Con Thien, one platoon Gio Linh and two platoons at the C-2 Bridge position. In addition to the tanks with Task Force Robbie, two Company C tanks are at Cua Viet and two are at A-3. The Company "C" Command Post is at Quang Tri. Company A, 3d Anti Tank Battalion is at Khe Sanh with one platoon split between Con Thien and the C-2 position. The 2d Platoon, Company "A", 5th Anti Tank Battalion was attached on 24 February and its personnel are located at Dong Ha awaiting the arrival of the platoon vehicles.

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The Provisional Infantry Company continues to provide perimeter security at Quang Tri. During the month the Battalion Reconnaissance Patrol accounted for one enemy KIA (confirmed) outside the Company perimeter.

During the first several days of the month the Battalion Command Post at Gia Le came under rocket attack. No casualties were sustained.

Because of the increase in enemy activity and the wide dispersion of elements only limited training was conducted. Four in-country indoctrinations were held with 48 personnel attending.

Total ammunition expenditures during the month were as follows:

<u>90MM</u>	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>Cannister</u>	<u>Beehive</u>
Direct	2,021	8	109	51
Indirect	343	61	0	0
Total	2,364	69	109	51
<u>Cal .30</u>	<u>Cal .50</u>			
194,900	25,600			
60 seconds of Napalm.				

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COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

During the month of February the Communications Platoon maintained effective communications while operating with a minimum of personnel.

Five men joined the Communications Platoon during the month. Three were reassigned to the latter companies and one to the Provisional Infantry Company.

Twenty ME-3 and one TA-1/PT telephones were provided to the Provisional Infantry Company. One tank mount, antenna base, and antenna mixer were sent to Huo to replace equipment lost in combat.

Four tanks of the 3d Platoon, Company C were modified with new radios during the month. One tank remains unmodified.

Supply assistance has been requested from the Commanding General in obtaining ten additional M/RS-12 radios and test equipment required to properly maintain communications equipment.

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LOGISTICS

On 29 February 1968 the command had a shortage of twenty-three major end items; eleven M48A3 tanks, one M51 recovery vehicle, four M38A1 utility trucks, one M37Bl refueler, one TD-15 tractor and three mixing and transfer units. The only major item received during this period was one M-5 Compressor. One M48A3 tank, eight 106MM Recoiless Rifle and three Xenon Searchlights were declared combat losses and dropped from the supply account.

Primary supply activities during this period have centered around the preparation for relocation of the battalion to Quang Tri Combat Base; support of the Battalion's Provisional Rifle Company and re-establishment of routine supply functions which were interrupted by personnel shortages and increased security requirements. During the early portion of this period movement of supplies to the forward annex was commenced. However, this was interrupted by the Tet offensive and transfer of supply personnel to the Provisional Rifle Company. Storage and packing space in the warehouse has reached the critical stage due to shipments being curtailed plus an increase of personnel effects of casualties and the Provisional Rifle Company. Numerous problems were encountered in resupply of tanks in the Hue City Operation. Although the requirements were not large, all items were combat emergency and several items including weapons were destroyed by enemy activity while in transit. Resupply of the widely dispersed companies in the northern areas has been accomplished by couriers carrying items of small cube and weight. On shipment of heavy items was transported by LCU to Dong Ha during the last portion. Large quantities of material were required to form and support "Task Force Robbid" and the Provisional Rifle Company on short notice. The constant interchange of personnel and problems relating to accountability. Individual equipment availability has remained minimal during this period with many items still unavailable through normal supply sources. Receipt of items previously prominated for Red Ball action has shown a marked improvement during this period.

Functioning of the maintenance section is considered to be excellent in view of the wide dispersion of units and the current tactical situation. At the end of this reporting period there were three tanks, one Ontos and twenty-eight motor transport vehicles deadlined. Of these, two tanks and twenty-two motor vehicles are at third echelon maintenance facilities. The availability of first/second echelon repair parts for tracked vehicles remains unchanged. However, the availability of third echelon repair parts has shown a marked improvement and the deadline rate is lowest it has been in over five months. The availability of infrared repair parts.

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or replacement items remains poor. Currently, only 28 of 58 authorized Xenon Searchlights are operational. Six are in third echelon maintenance facilities and the remaining 28 are T/E deficiencies which have been on requisition for periods of time ranging up to four months. The availability of organizational motor transport repair parts remains satisfactory. The third echelon deadline rate has continued to increase as no vehicles have been returned from repair facilities at 1st or 3d PSR.

Services have been satisfactory considering the current tactical situation. All combatment improvements have been discontinued in view of the projected displacement during the early portion of March.

The overall transportation situation has been drastically impaired during this period. No supplies or equipment could be moved to subordinate units by road transportation. Only extremely limited quantities of items classified as combat emergency have been airlifted. All other items have been hand carried by individuals. Transportation remains unpredictable and results in many lost man days. Movement of supplies other than combat emergency items to the front has been impossible during this period.

There were a total of fifty incidents of enemy mine, RPG, recoilless rifle, mortar, artillery or small arms damage to organizational equipment during this period. Of these thirty-six were tanks, four were Ontos, nine wheeled vehicles and one ordnance item. One tank was totally destroyed, all remaining damages have been repaired or replacement items placed on requisition and all tracked vehicles remain operational. Eight wheeled vehicles were damaged, four have been repaired and four remain deadlined awaiting repair parts. Thirty-eight tires, four windshields and radiators were destroyed on wheeled vehicles. The ordnance item has been repaired and restored to service.

During the month, the Motor Transport Platoon and organic company vehicles logged 8,765 miles, hauled 630 short tons of cargo and hauled 2,123 personnel.

There were 38 personnel who required medical evacuation during February 1968.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

For the month of February 68 a total of 467 patients were seen at sick call, reflecting a decrease over the previous reporting period. This reduction is primarily due to a decrease in battalion personnel located in the Gia Le area. Upper respiratory infections continue to be predominant as can be expected during the monsoon season, otherwise no significant disease trends have been established.

Because of relocation, dental facilities have been unavailable locally.

Hospital Corps personnel strength remains adequate with one loss due to hostile fire and one rotation to Conus. Two new personnel have joined the Battalion during this period.

Inoculations for this reporting period are 568 and continue to be current. Venereal disease reported for this past month has been none in-country and 3 cases contracted out of country, reflecting a slight but insignificant change over the previous period.

Training of hospital corps personnel has been severely curtailed as a result of tactical commitments.

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SUSPECTED LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

**2 Feb 1968** One tank from Company "C" AT Bn took artillery hit and exploded causing damage to 2 sections of track, right headlight, fender. Concussion caused 5 guns in tank control panel. All five would not fire.

Two tanks of "D" Company fired 14 90mm HE at enemy mortar position at YD1527+3. Mortar position destroyed.

One tank damaged by enemy mine. Refer to S-4 Journal 022100H Feb 68.

20 B-6 and 1 TA-1/PT telephones were provided to Infantry Company.

**3 Feb 1968** From 1500 to 1700 "A" Company fired 56 90mm HE and 4 90mm WP rounds at artillery position with secondary explosion.

Tank from Company "B" hit mine on bypass on Route #9, bending right fender and right cutting edge of dozer blade bent upward.

Two tanks of Headquarters Company on road were with infantry in the city of Hue received anti-tank hit with 1 WIA who has returned to duty.

Two tanks in-route to C-3 Co pound Hue received heavy enemy resistance in Huo. Suffered two wounded. Probable 50 enemy WIA at Huo.

Tanks from "A" Company in-route to Washout. On sweep with infantry, found one KIA confirmed and recovered one B-40 rocket launcher.

In accordance with C-3d Marine Division Instruction, Task Force Robbie activated.

No tank mount, ent-ma press, and antenna mixer base were provided for one tank which sustained combat damage in Huo.

**4 Feb 1968** Two tanks from Company "D" fired 800 .30 cal, 10 16mm, 14 cannisters and 2 100mm Bochive on assault from main road and to rescue KIA's and WIA's. Then they fired 550 .30 cal, 7 90mm HE, 6 90mm Cannister and 2 90mm Bochive at NVA in river bank, then one tank overran an LA .50 cal gun position and crushed the gun. 1 NVA confirmed, 2 KIA.

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Two 106mm recoilless rifles on M50A1 Ontos were destroyed by enemy fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 040925H Feb 68.

5 Feb 1968 5 90mm HE were fired by tanks from "B" Company at a enemy bunker complex; the complex was destroyed.

Two tanks from Company C received 39 rounds of 140mm rockets, while in a blocking position.

6 Feb 1968 Four H & S tanks enroute to Hu City encountered enemy resistance South of Hu on Route #1, tanks joined forces Alpha Company 1/1 whose mission was to rescue the besieged H-7 Compound in Hu City. After 7½ hours of heavy fighting the mission was accomplished. On 2 Feb 68 tanks were OpCon to 1/1. On 3 Feb 68 at 1430 tanks dropped to (OpCon) 2/5 and remain in that status. Tanks have taken 18 hits from RPG's 340's, recoilless rifles and mortars. All are still operational, and heavily engaged. Friendly casualties are 1 KIA, 84 confirmed enemy KIA. Infantry states many more bodies and weapons are being found in buildings where tanks fired 455 90mm, 65,000 .30 cal, 1,000 .50 cal and 60 seconds of one hr. 3 tankers whom were sent to replace wounded and KIA. Lt Georgakis in command of tank platoon. This message is from Platoon Commander Headquarters, Hu City portion.

Four tanks received 16 hits by enemy anti-tank weapons in Operation Hu City. Refer to S-4 Journal 061700Z Feb 68.

Two tanks were damaged by enemy anti-tank weapons in Operation Hu City. Refer to S-4 Journal 072330Z Feb 68.

7 Feb 1968 From Platoon Commander Headquarters Company, Operation Summary of Hu City from 041800 to 071800 Feb 68. The four tanks continue search and destroy operations in Hu City in support of 2/5. All crews continue to do house to house street fighting in support of infantry. Tanks have taken two over RPG 340 hits. All remain operational. All required replacement parts obtained from organic assets or PLSC-A. Maintenance and Communication contact team from Gia Le sent to Hu. One additional tank crewman sent as replacement. 30 enemy confirmed KIAs. All 90mm fired with delay fuze.

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Two tanks from Company "A" were used as reaction force on re-sweep from Ben Phien to "I" shout.

5 Feb 1968 Two tanks from Company "B" used 105mm fire support, 82mm mortar and anti-tank positions. B11 fired 1500 .30 cal, 100 .50 cal and B13 fired 1500 .30 cal, 100 .50 cal with secondary explosion.

Two tanks from Company "B" fired 4 reactive, 36 90mm H, 3,000 rounds of .30 cal for convoy supporting fire.

One tank was damaged by enemy mortar and recoilless rifle fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 01400H Feb 68.

Operation Huc City Survey - Concrete piercing fuzes proved to be extr. vly effective in continuation of operation. Refer to S-4 Journal 082020H Feb 68.

From Platoon Commander Headquarters Company. Four M-5 tanks continued search and destroy and clear operations in Huc. 40 rounds 90mm w/concrete piercing fuzes fired.

9 Feb 1968 Two tanks from Company "C" fired on enemy troops, B31 took 82mm mortar and recoilless rifle fire, superficial damage and fired 11 90mm HE with 6 confirmed KIA by 26th AR.

From Platoon Commander Headquarters Co. Crewman KIA from 82mm mortar and mid-wac. H-51 hit by four unknown caliber enemy recoilless rifle rounds. Gun shield penetrated, runner wounded in face, C blown from tank w/minor wounds. F33 hit w/4 unknown cal. rounds, no penetration. While covering evacuation of H-51 crewman from F33 was wounded by small arms. latter from H-51 wounded by small arms while rescuing a wounded infantry man. Ammo exploded in H-51 and burned all day. That platoon credited with 18 enemy KIA. Total enemy KIA to date for Huc operation is 132. 42 90mm fired. Total of 26 hits recorded on H-51, H-52, F32, F33.

Proli injury 100mm Ammunition malfunction Report submitted. Refer to S-4 Journal 091000H Feb 68.

One tank penetrated by four anti-tank rounds, tank burned and totally destroyed. Refer to S-4 Journal 091139H Feb 68.

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- 10 Feb 1968 Three tanks from Company "A" fired 43 90mm HE, and 9 90mm Cannister to assist infantry 2/9 pinned down by small arms fire.
- 11 Feb 1968 From Platoon Commander Headquarters Company, Hué City Operation. H51 and H52 fired 8 90mm HE. Credited with 142 enemy KIA & confirmed total for operation.
- 12 Feb 1968 Four wheeled vehicles damaged by enemy fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 121630H 105 68.
- 13 Feb 1968 From Platoon Commander Headquarters Company, Hué City Operation. Two tanks conducted bridge security. 55 rounds 90mm expended. 1 platoon of M48 tanks from 1st Tank Bn landed in Hué City at 112200. Conducting operation with 1st Bn 1st Mar. 3d Tanks will be relieved when another platoon of the 1st Tank Bn arrives.
- One tank from Company "B" fired 4 90mm HE as supporting fire on enemy mortar position with secondary explosion.
- 14 Feb 1968 From Platoon Commander Headquarters Co., Hué city Operation. Conducted Security Operation and confirmed 3 enemy KIA. Total enemy KIA for Hué Operation 145.
- Correction on C-3 131740. 4 confirmed by 26th Mar and 1 82 recoilless rifle destroyed.
- 15 Feb 1968 Tank from Company "A" fired 1 90mm HE round requested by 2/1 on suspected enemy IR device Device destroyed.
- 16 Feb 1968 Tanks from Company "A" fired 5 90 mm HE, 3 HE rounds at 82mm Recoilless Rifle position. Resulting secondary explosion.
- 18 Feb 1968 Tanks from Company "B". Supporting fire for 2/9. Incoming mortar hit B13, vision block shattered. B11 x-ray light lens shattered. All drivers vision blocks shattered. Left range finder eye shattered. Telescopic shattered. Three head lights shattered. Two Black-out markers shattered. and 1730 Antenna shaft red, F-111, R117, F118 Destroyed.

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From Platoon Commander Headquarters Co. Hu City Final Operation Rep. rt. Continued security operations w/infantry. Flame to be filled but did not fire. Total enemy confirmed for operation 145. Total also expended for operation 90mm 1147, .50 Cal 15,000, .30 Cal 155,000. 60 Secs of napalm used. Tanks loaded on LCU's and departed for Dong Ha at 1730 on 17 Feb 68.

3 Compressors damaged by enemy mortar while loaded on LCU. Refer to S-4 Journal 181630H Feb 1968.

One M48A3 and two M67A3 tanks departed Hu City Ramp for Dong Ha. Refer to S-4 Journal 18180H Feb 68.

22 Feb 1968 One tank from "A" Company fired 13 WP, 20 90mm T91, 3 90mm HE T71, 9 90mm HE in active artillery position with excellent target coverage.

Detailed 106mm Ammunition malfunction report submitted. Refer to S-4 Journal 221100H Feb 68.

23 Feb 1968 Tank fired 8 90mm HE rounds at an 82mm and enemy troops with recoilless rifle. There was one secondary explosion. Tank was from "B" Company.

Attack Force Robbie. Three tanks to Dong Ha, no incidents; three tanks to C2 and returned - no incidents; two tanks and three flares to Camp Carroll then to C3 then C2 and return - no incidents; eight tanks and 3 flares to Dong Ha Village, no incidents.

24 Feb 1968 M543 wrecker damaged by shrapnel. Refer to S-4 Journal 240900H Feb 68.

25 Feb 1968 M543 wrecker damaged by enemy mine in Hu while assisting Company "A", 1st Tank Bn., 1st Marine Division. Refer to S-4 Journal 251500H Feb 68.

All tank from Company "A" took sniper round that destroyed the #26C set #7034.

M543 wrecker recovered and turned in for repairs. Refer to S-4 Journal 261200H Feb 68.

M48A3 tank 202013 damaged by enemy action. Refer to S-4 Journal 26150 H Feb 68.

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27 Feb 1966 Ones from Company "A" AT M fired at .50 cal position with secondary explosion.

.50A1 USMC 226698 damaged by enemy recoilless rifle fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 271500H Feb 66.

28 Feb 1968 One 50/1 was damaged by enemy fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 281030H Feb 68.

Two tanks on lines destroyed by enemy fire. Refer to S-4 Journal 282100H Feb 68.

Four tanks of the third platoon, Company "B" were modified with the new family of radios.

29 Feb 1968 Two tanks from Company "A" fired 6 90mm T91, 3 90mm T71, 13 90mm T71AI at active artillery with 1 confirmed enemy gun knocked out and one additional secondary explosion.

One tank from "B" Company fired 2 HE, 1 AP rounds at 57mm recoilless rifle position, with numerous secondary explosions.

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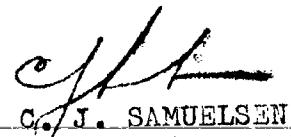
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			21045H	WIA Reported by Co "B" CPL P.L. BADDGOR	
			21405H	KIA Reported by HASCO 1STLT M.A. LIA	
			21405H	WIA Reported by HASCO SGT D.A. SELPH	
			21405H	WIA Reported by HASCO LCPL J.B. MCGRATH	
			21405H	WIA Reported by HASCO PFC R.A. HELSEL	
			21405H	WIA Reported by HASCO SGT A.W. BOTARD	
			1720H	Non-Hostile Reported by Co "B" LCPL M.J. MEDINA	
			1724H	WIA Reported by Co "B" LCPL J.W. GRIFFEN	
			21720H	WIA Reported by Co "C" 1STLT P.F. DRNEC	
			1720H	WIA Reported by Co "C" 2NDLT C.T. RIEHL	
			1800H	WIA Reported by Co "C" PFC S.W. WILLIAMS	
			10300H	KDN Reported by HASCO R.E. HALL, CPL	
			1030H	WIA Reported by HASCO LCPL M. ANDERSON	
			2230H	WIA Reported by Co "A" 3DLMTR PFC T.M. RICARD	
			51615H	WIA Reported by Co "A" H.J.W. MCCLELLAN, LCPL	
			82000H	WIA Reported by HASCO LCPL C.H. FLEISCHMAN	
			2000H	WIA Reported by HASCO CPL R.P. SCOTT	
			2000H	WIA Reported by HASCO CPL D.L. ROBERTS	
			2000H	WIA Reported by HASCO SSGT J.D. SIEBEL	
			0900H	WIA Reported by HASCO PFC K.A. BERTHOLD	
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			120930H	Published BSO 18-68	
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			131145H	WIA Reported by Co "B" LCPL J.W. GRIFFIN	
			111025H	WIA Reported by Co "B" LCPL M.A. ROACH	
			1600H	WIA Reported by Co "A" SGT S. LINDO	

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In	Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
1039			01	010807	From CE-A: Received 3 fire missions from Prov Arty In 12th Mar. A31 fired 16 90MM HE, A32 fired 22 90MM HE w/unknown results.	S/M/P
1435			02	011100	From CE-A Vehicle location report	S/M
1435			03	010930	From CE-A 2 Tanks w/infantry on road sweep from Con Thien to Washout w/negative contact	S/M
1600			04	011600	From A Co AT Bn Vehicle location report	S/M

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021145			01	011040	From CE-C C-15 and C-13 escorted convoy from YD105151 to C2 Area negative contact	S/M
021145			02	011100	From CE-B Vehicle Location Report	S/M
021145			03	011655	From CE-B Vehicle Location Report	S/M
021145			04	011005	From CE-B 312000 to 010400. Provided 15 minutes Zenon white light, 10 minutes Infrared light to enemy position 971524 in support of 3/9. Negative results.	S/P
021145			05	012000	From Co A At Bn Ontos A15 took arty hit and exploded ammo causing damage to 2 sections of track, right headlight, fender. Concussion damaged 5 guns in control panel. Guns will not fire.	S/P
021145			06	020855	From CE-B. B11 and B13 fired at perpective enemy positions at YD 05b589 and 06b566 in support of 2/9. B11 and B13 relieved C21 and B142 in field. C21 fired 8 90MM HE, 000.30 Cal. B142 fired 16 90MM HE, 6 Bee Hive and 400 .30 Cal. B11 fired 11 90MM HE, 6 Cannonister and 800 .30 cal. B13 fired 8 90MM HE, 500 .30 Cal. Negative results.	S/M
021145			07	020845	From CE-B from 011300 to 011700. In support of 2/9 B24 fired 40 90MM HE and 2 Beehive w/negative results.	S/M
021145			08	020753	From CE-BLA from 012200 to 012400 Fired direct support for 2/9 for ambush. B11 fired 17 90MM HE 1200 .30 cal. B13 fired 14 90MM HE 1000 .30 cal w/unknown results.	S/M
021145			09	020849	From Co A At Bn. Vehicle location report.	S/M

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In	Time	Out	Ser	Dte	
021315		10	021015	From CR-C Spotted enemy mortar position at YD152743 C31 fired 5 90MM HE. C35 fired 9 90MM HE. Mortar position destroyed.	S/M
020915		11	020930	From CE-C at KR 3/9 CP. Spotted enemy movement at YD 971526. Fired 5 90MM HE w/unknown results.	S/M

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030935			01	021910	From CE-B From 020830 to 021900. Provided supporting fire for 2/9. B13 fired 32 90MM HE 500 .30 cal. 50 •50 cal. B11 fired 21 90MM HE, 1 beehive, 2 cannister 2000 .30cal and 200 cal .50 w/unknown results.	S/M
030935			02	021500	From CE-A Vehicle location report	S/M
030935			03	021700	From CE-A from 021500 to 021700. From Con Thien to O47772. Fire mission on arty position requested from 2/1/ A51 fired 56 90MM HE, 4 90MM WP and observed secondary explosion	S/M
030945			04	022100	From CE-B - B12 hit mine. Right cutting edge of dozer blade bent upwards. Right front fender bent. Hit mine on bypass on route #9.	S/M
030945			05	022055	From CE-B B-24 fired 8 90MM HE and 2 Beehive at suspected enemy position at 061557 and 032504 and 077555	S/M
030945			06	022257	From CE-Y6 H51 and H52 on sweep with infantry in city of Hue received anti tank hit. 1 WIA returned to duty.	S
030945			07	022255	From CE-Y6 From Bn CP to MACV Compound Hue. Received heavy enemy resistance in city of Hue. Suffered two med-evacs. 50 probable KIA enemy in Hue.	S
030945			08	021400	From CE-A From Con Thien to Washout. On sweep with Infantry, found one KIA confirmed and recovered one B-40 rocket launcher	S/M
030945			09	020900	From CE-A Received three fire missions from Prov Arty Bn. Enemy 190790-237790, 169775. A32 fired 16 90MM HE. A33 fired 8 90MM HE w/unknown results.	S/M

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030945		10	021450	From Co A 3d AT Bn- Ontos A51, A52 on road sweep from Con Thien to Washout with 2/1/ w/negative contact.											
030945		11	021450	From CE-C Vehicle location report											
031700		12	021455	From CE-C Request for FMFM 3-1.											
031855		13	unknown	From CO Task Force Robby. Task Force Robby activated IAW CG 3d MarDiv Instruction.											
031900		14	031835	From Co A Athm vehicle location report.											
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040715	01	030900		From CE-C Spot report- From YD 141702 to 225815 C21 fired 5 90MM HE at suspected enemy position w/negative results.	S/M	
040715	02	031030		From CE-C Spot report-From 022400 to 021515 C11, 225 fired 450 •30 cal; 9 90MM HE; 6 90MM WP Cannister; 2 90MM Beehive. C15 fired 350 •30 cal; 1 90MM HE; 8 90MM Cannister. This ammo fired in the assault from main road to 117599. C11 used to rescue friendly KIA's and WIA's. Spotted 8 NVA in river bank at 115597, C11 fired 400 •30 cal; 6 90MM HE; 4 90MM cannister; 2 90MM Beehive. C15 fired 150 •30 cal 1 90MM HE; 2 90MM Cannister. C11 overran NVA •50 cal gun position and crushed gun. 1NVA confirmed; 2 NVA WIA.	S/M	
040715	03	031140		From CE-C From 031000 to 031400 at YD 164598. C13 and C14 received sniper fire and mortar fire. C14 fired 4 90MM HE; 50 •50 cal; 200 •30 cal. C13 fired 4 90MM HE 50 •50 cal. 400 •30 cal. Negative results.	S/M	
040715	04	031800		From CE-B From 030800 to 031700. Friendly 062556 to 0458; 0558; 0658. Supporting fire for 3d Plt H Co 2/9 B11 fired 13 90MM HE, 7 90MM Beehive, 1000 •30 cal; 50 •50 cal. B13 fired 22 90MM HE, 1000 •30 cal and 50 •50 cal. Negative results.	S/M	
040715	05	041050		From CE-B B21 fired at enemy movement at 984512 in support of 3d Bn 9th Mar <del>xx</del> . B21 fired 10 90MM WP. Negative results.	S/M	
041515	06	041100		CE-A From G10 Linh to 177797, 222803, 254798. Fire mission from Prov Arty Bn Cmd Grp 12th Mar. A3D fired 16 90MM HE. A33 fired 8 90MM HE. N/results.	S/M	

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From C-E-A: Friendly Washout to enemy 124674. Enemy movement. A25 fired 5 90MM HE w/negative results.

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041515		07	040835	

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050920			01	041615	From CE-A Friendly 116701; enemy 094747. Fire mission for 2/1. A35 fired 25 90MM HE w/negative results.	S/M
050920		02	041820		From CE-A Friendly 116701 enemy 100680. A55 fired 2 90MM HE M71 and 5 90MM HE M71 w/negative results.	S/M
050920		03	041840		From CE-A A15 fired 8 90MM HK at suspected enemy rocket position at 075622. Unknown results	S/M
051315		04	050945		From CE-B B21 fired 11 90MM HE at enemy movement at 991538 w/unknown results.	S/M
051315		05	050945		From CE-B-1A B11 fired 5 90MM HE at enemy bunker complex located at 063584. Bunker complex destroyed.	S/M
051830		06	051300		From CE-C C-35 fired 31 90MM HE; C31 fired 15 90MM HE at enemy arty position located at 155780, 140780. Results unknown.	S/M
051830		07	051510		From CE-C From 040800 to 041800. C41 and C11 in blocking position at YD 150620. Received 39 rds 140mm rockets at 040800.	S/M

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060800		01	060800		From CE-4 Hue City Operation report beginning 0830 21 Jan to 4 Feb 68. H & S Tanks H-51, H52, F32, R33 enroute to Hue City 0830 31 Jan 08 encountered enemy resistance 4 miles south of Hue on Route #1. Tanks joined forces with elements of Alpha Company 1/1 whose mission was to rescue the besieged MAC-V Company 1/1 around Hue City. After 7½ hours of extremely heavy fighting the mission was accomplished. On 02 Feb 68 tanks were OpCon to 1/1. On 03 Feb 68 at 1430 tanks chopped to (Opcon) 2/5 and remain in that status. Tanks have taken 18 hits from RPG's B40's, recoilless rifles and mortars. All are still operational, and heavily engaged. Friendly casualties are 1 KIA. 04 confirmed enemy KIA. Infantry states many more bodies and weapons being found in buildings where tanks fired. Ammunition expended: 455 90MM, 05,000 .30 cal, 10000 .50 cal and 60 seconds of napalm. 3 tankcrews sent to replace wounded and KIA. Lt Georgaklis in command of tank platoon.	
061300	02		061300		From JE-B From 060100 to 060500. Friendly 062556 Enemy 023523. Line probed by VC or NVA. B13 fired 2 90MM HE, 190MM <del>AMMUNITION</del> Beehive. B11 fired 1 90MM HE, 1 90MM Cannister. 2 Beehive 2500 .30 cal. Unknown results.	
061630	03		060815		From CE-B located at 3/9 position received 25 enemy rocket rounds. B-22 fired 6 90MM HE; B-23 fired 28 90MM HE at suspected enemy position located at 950545.	
061630	04		060817		From CE-B from 0600 to 1700 5 Feb 68. B11 fired 1 90MM HE, 250 .30 cal at enemy position U68593.	S/M

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071045		01	061710	From JE-A Road sweep from Con Thien to Washout. Two tanks from Company A used as reaction force.		
071420		02	071030	From CE-C C-23 fired 8 90MM HE, 1000 *30 cal. C-25 fired 4 90MM cannister in support of 1/3 from C-4 position to YD296748.		S/M
071800		03	071800	From CE-4. Operation Summary of Hué City operation from 041800 to 071800HFeb68. H51,H52,F32,F33 cont due search and destroy operations in due City in support of 2/5. All engagements continue to be house to house street fighting in support of infantry. Tanks have taken two more RPG B40 hits. All remain operational. All required replacement parts obtained from organic assets or FLSG-A. Maintenance and Communication contact team from Gia Le sent to Hué. One additional tank crewman sent as replacement. 30 enemy KIA (Conf) Ammo expended: 5PFB68 150 90mm. 06Feb68 194 90mmHE, 07Feb68 15290MM. Total ammo expended to date 951. All 90mm fired with delay fuze.		

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081040			01	070830	From CE-A Received 3 fire missions from Gio Linh to 165705, 229798, 243794. A31 fired 3 90MM HE T91. A33 fired 4 90MM HE T91. Unknown results.	S/M
081620			02	071900	From CE-B from 071600 to 071700. Friendly 065507 to 059579. Supporting fire for C-1 2/9. Grazing fire sub-caliber on enemy mortar and anti-tank positions. B13 fired 1500 •30 cal. 100 •50 cal. secondary expl. B11 fired 1500 •30 cal. 100 •50 cal.	S/M
081620			03	071430	From CE-B Friendly 065507 -enemy 066588, 055385, 049 579, 071571. Supporting fire for convoy cover. B11 fired one Beehive, 14 90MM HE, 1500 •30 cal. B13 fired 3 Beehive, 22 90MM HE, 1500 •30 cal.	S/M
081620			04	080915	From CE-B Friendly 349419 Enemy 844453 B33 fired 5 90MM He at suspected recoilless rifle position. Unknown results.	S/M
081620			05	080920	From CE-B Friendly 829415 Enemy 822413, 823415. OP overrun, tank fired in support of troops. Tank fired at NVA in the open. B31 fired 10 90MM HE, 6 Beehive. B34 fired 9 90MM HE, 3 Beehive, Both fired 600 •50 cal and 2000 •30 cal.	S/M
081800			06	071800	From CE-4 H 3 S tanks H-51, H-52, F32, F33 continued search and destroy and clear operations in Hue City. 40 rounds 90MM w/concrete piercing fuzes fired.	S/M

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090905			01	081635	From CE-A From Gio Linh to 195764, 246786. Fire mission from Prov Arty Group. A32 fired 4 90MM HE, A33 fired 4 90MM HE. Unknown results.	S/M
091000			02	081110	From C-E B Fired on enemy troops in open at 022413. B31 took 82MM mortar and recoilless rifle fire, superficial damage. B31 fired 11 90MM HE. 6 confirmed KIA by 26th Mar.	S/M
091430			03	091040	From CE-C At C2 area C15 fired 15-20 NVA. C15 fired 4 Beehive and 1 90MM HE w/ unknown results.	S/M
091505			04	090940	From CE-E From Gio Linh A31 fired 15 90MM HE at enemy in area of 190790, 217808, 206802 w/unknown results.	S/M
092200			05	092200	From CE-H Hue City Operation 081800 to 091800. 4 Crew men WIA from 82MM mortatr. All med-evac. H-51 hit by four unknown caliber enemy recoilless rifle rounds. Gun shield was penetrated and fire inside. Gunner wounded in face, TC blown from tank w/minor wounds. F33 hit w/4 unknown caliber rounds but no penetrations. While covering evacuation of H51 crewman from F33 wounded by small arms. Loader from H51 wounded by small arms rescuing a wounded infantry man. Ammo exploded in H51 and burned all day. Tank platoon credited with 18 enemy KIA. Total enemy KIA to date for Hue operation is 132. F2 90MM fired. Total of 28 hits recorded on H51, H52, F32, F33.	S/M

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100800			01	091350	From CR-B Friendly 035501 to enemy 052507. Recon by fire. B24 fired 700 .30 Cal, 2 90MM Beehive, 7 90MM W.P. w/unknown results.	S/M
100800		02	091350		From CE-B friendly 045509 to enemy 045574. Fire mission from 2/4 at suspected enemy position. Fired 13 90MM HE w/unknown results.	
100900		03	091800		From CR-B Friendly 431835 to enemy 827442. Fired on 10 bunkers. B31 fired 13 90MM HE. 334 fired 5 90MM HE. Unknown results.	
100900		04	091830		From CE-A friendly Con Thien to 049768. Fire mission from 2/1 on enemy position. A52 fired 6 90MM W.P. 18 90MM HE w/negative results.	
<b>Focus/Attack</b>						
100900		05	091730		From CE-A A12, A13, A14 went to assist infantry 2/9 pinned down by small arms fire. A12 fired 17 90MM HE, A13 fired 13 90MM HE, A14 fired 13 90MM HE and 9 90MM Cannister at building in village at 167611.	S/M
101415		06	100945		From CR-A From Gio Link to 205803, 245773. Received 3 fire missions from 12th Mar Prov Arty. A32 fired 5 90MM HE. A31 fired 5 90MM HE. Negative results.	
101815		07	101115		From CE-C, C15 left compensating idler arm 50 meters in front of C2 area gate. Sheared off.	

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110930		01	101810		From CE-B friendly 073533 Enemy 069594 Supporting fire for 2/9. Bunker complex destroyed. B42 fired 4 90MM HE	S/N
111420		02	111230		From CE-3 Friendly 073533 Enemy 0659 Supporting fire for 2/9 on enemy position. B42 fired 1500 •30 cal and B13 fired •1500 •30 cal. Negative results.	S/N
111420		03	111130		From CE-B Friendly 3/9 Enemy 930344. B22 fired 15 cal •50 w/negative results.	
111850		04	111850		From CE-4 Hué City Operation report. From 091300 to 111800Feb68. H51, H52 fired 8 90MM HE. Credited with 142 enemy KIA confirmed total for operation.	XXXXXX

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In	Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Info.	Action
120949			01	111800	From CE-A Fire mission from 2/1. A51 fired 5 W.P. and 4 90MM HE. Located at enemy position . Negative results.	
120940			02	111945	From CE-A Received 3 fire missions on enemy positions located at 185758,195777,25C762. A31 fired 5 90MM HE. A33 fired 5 90MM HE. Results unknown.	
			03		From CE-B from 111530 to 111700. Friendly 073573 Enemy 069592. B12 fired 1500 •30 Cal and B13 fired 1500 •30 cal at suspected enemy mortar position with unknown results.	S/M
			04	121100	From CE-A Friendly GIO Link Enemy 183763,203794. Fire mission from Prov Arty Cmd Grp. A32 fired 2 90MM HE. A33 fired 2 90MM HE.	S/M

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In	Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders etc.	Action
130830			01	130830	From CF-4 Hue City Operation from 111300 to 121800. H-52 and F-32 conducted bridge security. 55 rounds 90mm expended. 1 platoon of M-48 tanks from 1st tank Bn landed in Hue City at 112200. Conducting operation with 1st Bn 1st Mar. 3rd Tanks will be relieved when another platoon of the 1st tank Bn. arrives.	S/P
131530			02	130831	From CE-A Friendly Gio Linh, Enemy 170767, 205796, 223777, 246784. Received 4 fire missions from 12th Mar Prov Arty Cnd Grp. A 31 fired 6 90MM HE, A33 fired 2 90MM Hs.	S/M
131530			03	130830	From CE-B B13 fired 4 90MM HE as supporting fire on enemy mortar position with secondary explosion at 056534.	S/M
131530			04	131320	From CE-B Fire mission requested by 3/9. B23 fired 9 90MM HE with unknown results.	S/M

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From CE-4 Hue City Operations from 121800 to 131800. Conducts security operations. 3 confirmed enemy KIA. Total enemy KIA for the operation 145.	141020	01	140800	01	140800	
From CE-3 From 131615 to 131630 friendly B45429 to enemy B46405. B35 returned fire on recoilless rifle with 10 90MM HE and 1 90MM W.P. unknown results.	141020	02	131740	02	131740	
From CE-3 Friendly 0458 Enemy 0550. H & I fire. B11 fired 1 90MM HE. B24 fired 4 90MM HE. Unknown results.	141020	03	131830	03	131830	
Correction on CE-B 131740. 4 confirmed by 26th Mar and 1 82 recoilless rifle destroyed.	141350	04	141115	04	141115	
From CE-B from 141100 to 141430. Friendly 062556 enemy 063592. Suspected enemy mortar position. B12 fired 4 90MM HE. B13 fired 4 90MM HE. Unknown results.	141830	05	141430	05	141430	
From CE-B From 141300 to 141330. Friendly 062556 enemy 067593. 313 fired 6 90MM HE at enemy mortar position requested by G Co 2/9. Results unknown.	141830	06	141325	06	141325	
From CE-A Friendly Gio Linh Enemy 177464. 195782. 246775. Received fire mission from 12th Mar. A32 fired 4 90MM HE. A33 fired 2 90 MM HE with negative results.	141830	07	140820	07	140820	

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151830		01	150715		From CE-A from Jon Thien to 102702. Fire mission requested by 2/1 on suspected enemy IR device. A52 fired 1 90MM HE and destroyed target.	S/M
151830		02	150824		From CE-A to 195786,216798,249764. Received three fire missions from Composite Arty Group. A31 fired 6 90MM T91, A33 fired 3 90MM T91. Unknown results.	S/M

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161100			01	151530	From CE-A from Con Thien to 103762. A51 fired 5 90MM HE on enemy sniper. Unknown results.	S/M
161100			02	151730	From CE-B Friendly 062556-Enemy 152 060592. B13 fired 5 HE 90MM at suspected enemy mortar position with unknown results.	S/M
161915			03	161130	From CE-A - A41 fired 2 WP and 5 HE 90MM at enemy target at 145800 with unknown results.	S/M
161915			04	160940	From CE-B Friendly 042565 to enemy 049574. Recon by fire. B24 fired 3 90MM HE with unknown results.	S/M
161915			05	161515	From CE-B Friendly 062556 to enemy 061591, 065594. 2/1 requested fire mission on suspected enemy mortar position. 411 fired 4 90MM HE. B13 fired 5 90MM HE and 1 Beehive with unknown results.	S/M
161900			06	161100	From CE-A Friendly Con Thien- Enemy 104706- Fired on 82MM Recoiless Rifle position. A41 fired 1 WP. A52 fired 5 90MM HE and 2 WP. Observed secondary explosion.	S/M
161915			07	161110	From CE-A Friendly Gio Linh to enemy 172765, 205302. 274777- Fire mission from Composite Arty Group. A32 fired 8 90HE. A33 fired 4 90MM HE w/unknown results.	S/M

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171600	01	17030			From CG-A • Art fired 10 90MM HE at enemy located at 123705 . Results unknown.	
171800	02	170930			From CG-A Friendly Gio Linh enemy 177768, 196786, 215787. Received 3 fire missions from Composite Arty Group. A 32 fired 12 90MM HE w/unknown results.	
171800	03	170830			From CG-C From 161400 to 161830. Friendly C3 position. To enemy 283619. C12 fired 19 90MM HE and C13 fired 14 2 90MM HE at suspected enemy position with unknown results.	
171800	04	172030				

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181000		01	171630	From CH-B Friendly U62556 to enemy 069592. B11 and H13 fired 4 90MM HE each at suspected enemy mortar position with unknown results.
181900		02	181030	From 3E-A Friendly G10 Link to enemy 196783, 221791. 240705. Received 3 fire missions from 12th Composite Arty • A32 fired 3 90MM HE. A33 fired 4 90MM HE with unknown results.
181940		03	181240	From C8-B From 181000 to 181230. Friendly 07357A to enemy 0659. Supporting fire for 2/9. Incoming mortar hit B13-1 vision block damaged. B11 xenon light lens shattered. All drivers vision blocks shattered. Left ring finder eye shattered. Telescopre shattered. Three headlights shattered. Two Black out markers shattered. AS-1730 Antenna shattered. MF-116, MF117, MF118 destroyed.
181930		04	181830	From C8-C Hue City Final Operation Report. Continued security operations w/in infantry. Flame tanks filled but did not fire. Total enemy confirmed for operation 145. Total ammo expended for operat on 90 MM 1147. •50 Cal 15,000, •30 Cal 155,000. 60 seconds of napalm. Tanks loaded on LCU's and departed for Dong Ha at 1830 on 17 Feb 68.

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In Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.
191540		01	191050	From CH-A Friendly Fio Link Enemy 170770, 184770, 243736. Received fire mission from 12th Comp Arty 3rd Grp. A32, fired 10 90MM HE, A33 fired 5 90MM HE.

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In	Time	Out	Ser	Dtgs	Incidents, Messages, Orders etc.
200930			01	191745	From CEB. Friendly 036558 Enemy 029591.057588. 045584. "E" Co 2/4 scouted possible enemy position. B24 fired 10 90MM HE. C21 fired 6 90MM HE with negative results.
200930			02	191800	From CEA friendly Con Thien Enemy 07597287. A55 fired an enemy artillery position with unknown results.
200930			03	191800	From CEB friendly 073573 Enemy 059595. B13 fired 3 90MM HE and Bill fired 2 90MM HE at suspected enemy movement and mortar position.
201745			04	201055	From CEA friendly Cio Linh Enemy 183765. 238778, 243702. Received 3 fire missions from 12th Composite Arty Grd Grp. A32 fired 4 90MM HE. A31 fired 8 90MM HE with unknown results.
201330			05	201125	From 1st AmTrac Bn. Friendly 325696 Enemy (Same) Tank detonated mine. 1 and 2 road wheels and housing on right back blown off. Crater approx 8ft across and oft deep. Tank evacuated to AmTrac Hqts at Gua Viat.
201330			06	201140	From 1st AmTrac Bn. Request 2 flame Tanks with compressor for 3 days. Nature of target-enemy CSW in fortified position. Post positions engaged at less than 50 meters.

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In Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
211030		01	201600	From CE-B Friendly 063572 Enemy 058588 Suspected enemy movement and mortar position. B13 fired 3 90mm HE. Unknown results.	
		02	211030	From CE-A Friendly 1746B3, Enemy 197778,236791, 245767. Received 3 fire missions from 12th Prov Arty Cmd Grp. A31 fired 10 90MM H. A32 fired 5 90MM HE. Results unknown.	
211430		93	211000	From CE-A Friendly Con Thien Enemy 114724. Fired on active mortar site. A41 fired 5 90MM HE with negative results.	
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In Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders, Etc., from CFA, friendly arty position. 20 90HE T61, 3 90MM HE T71, 9 90MMKE T71 with excellent target coverage.	Action
221400		01	211800	From CFA, mission from active arty position. A52 fired 13 WP.	
		02	221535	From CFB friendly 064555 enemy 055585. Suspected enemy mortar position. B12 fired 3 WP. B24 fired 3 WP. Negative results.	
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In Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
231200		01	221800	From CE-B. Friendly 073573 Enemy 069589. Enemy mortar position. B13 fired 2 90MM HE with negative results.	
231200		02	221640	From CE-B. Friendly 036553 Enemy 058568. Fired supporting fire. B15 fired 4 90MM HE. Results unknown.	
		03	221755	From CE-A Friendly Con Thien Enemy 100740. Fire mission on artillery position. H52 fired 2 90MM WP. Could not observe due to overcast weather.	
231200		04	221925	From CE-B. Friendly 045429 Enemy 049411. Enemy troops with 82MM and enemy troops with recoilless rifle. B35 fired 8 90MM HW with one secondary explosion on 82MM.	
		05	221927	From CE-B Friendly Khe Sanh. B31 fired 1 90MM HE and 50 •30 cal with unknown results.	
231200		06	231000	From CE-B. Friendly 073573 Enemy 064578. Suspected enemy troops. H13 fired 3 90MM HE with unknown results.	
231750		07	231140	From S-3 All reguarded units with Task Force Robbie. Time 141000- 3 tanks to Dong Ha - returned at 1500 no incidents. Time 161500- 3 tanks to C2 and returned no incidents. Time 211118 to 211105- two tanks and 3 flames to Camp Carroll then to C3 then C2 and return. No incidents. Time 211730 to 211905- 8 tanks and 3 flames to Dong Ha Village. No incidents.	
231650		08	231515	From CE-B. Friendly 051552 Enemy 053555. Suspected enemy troops. B15 fired 13 90MM HE, 000 •30 Cal. C21 Fired 12 90MM HE, 000 •30 Cal with negative results.	
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In Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
250915		01	241430	From JL-A Friendly Con Thien, Enemy A51 hit by shrapnel. Zexon light was destroyed and small hole in bore excavator. Shrapnel damage to left front render. Shock absorber was dented.	
250915		02	241630	From CE-A On to 24 position. Enemy 062742. Fire mission on active arty position. A52 fired 16 90MM HE and 6 cannister.	
250915		03	241345	From CE-A On to 24 position. Enemy 046409. Sighted enemy recoilless rifle position. Fired 2 rounds 106MM with unknown results.	
251800		04	251245	From CE-A From A-2 position. Enemy 063412. Spotted •50 Cal machine gun position. Fired 1 106 HEPT with unknown results.	
251800		05	251315	From A Co AF Bn. Enemy 075411. Spotted •50 Cal MG position. Fired 1 106 HEPT round with unknown results.	

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In Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
260900		01	251300	From C-E-A Friendly Con Thien Enemy 058705. Fired on active Arty position. All fired 18 90MM HE with negative results.	
260900		02	251350	From C-E-A Friendly Con Thien Enemy 056761. Fired on active Arty position. A41 fired 8 90MM HE, 3 90 MM HEP91, 2 Cannister with unknown results.	
260900		03	251500	From OH-A All took sniper round that destroyed the M2BC SER# 7034.	
260900		04	251555	From A Co. AT Bn. Friendly Khe Sanh Enemy 063412. Fired 3 HEPF at 50 cal position with unknown results.	
260900		05	251556	From A Co AT Bn. Friendly Khe Sanh. Enemy 375411. A21 fired 3 HEPF 106RR at .50 cal gun position with unknown results.	
260900		06	251645	From C-E-A Friendly Con Thien Enemy 071746. 2/1 requested H & I fire. A 11 fired 7 90MM T91. A41 fired 3 90MM T91.	
260900		07	252000	From C-E-B. Friendly 349415 Enemy 849408. Cover fire for withdrawal of B Co 1/26. 335 fired 700 rds .50 cal with unknown results.	

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In	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
270945		01	261415	From A Co AT Bn. Enemy 056408. Fired at .50 cal MG position with secondary explosion. Untos	
270945		02	261455	From A Co AT Bn. Enemy 056405 Ontos 21 fired 3 HEPT 106mm at suspected enemy .50 cal position with negative results.	
270945		03	261500	From A Co AT Bn. Enemy 056412. Ontos 21 fired 2 HEPT 106mm at suspected enemy .50 cal position w/unknown results.	
270945		04	261655	From C-E-B Friendly 014915 Enemy 048411. B35 fired 2 90 MM HN at suspected enemy mortar position with negative results.	
270945		05	271630	From C-E-A Friendly Gon Thien Enemy 032762, 056746. Fired on active enemy arty position. A-11 fired 31 90MM HE and 7 WP. A-51 fired 11 90MM HE M71A1 and 4 90MM M71 and 1 WP. Negative results.	
271300		06	261450	From C-E-C Friendly 257596 Enemy 275605. While acting /arty. rounds followed bx6 on road for approx 1000 meters. About 15 pounds fell.	
		07	271745	From C-E-C Friendly 073573 Enemy 057535. Provided supporting fire for G 2/9 against enemy sniper fire. B13 fired 100 .50 cal. B15 fired 300 .50 cal. Results unknown.	
		08	271955		

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In	Time	Out	Ser	Dtg	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
280915			01	271800	From C-2-A Friendly Con Tien Enemy 068776. A41 fired 10 90MM HE M71 and 1 Cannon at enemy arty battery. Results unknown.	
280915			02	271801	From C-2-A Friendly Con Phien Enemy 068776. A41 fired 6 90MM HE M71 and 2 Cann. ster at enemy arty battery. Results unknown.	
280915			03	271802	From C-2-A Friendly Con Phien Enemy 105698. A55 fired 5 90MM HE M71 for the purpose of Bore Sight & Zeroing. Results unknown.	
280915			04	271805	From C-2-A Friendly Con Phien Enemy 123717. A51 fired 7 90MM HE M71 for the purpose of Bore Sight & Zeroing. Results unknown.	
280930			05	281115	From A Gc AT Bunker Banah Enemy 856407. Fired Recoiles Rifle at enemy bunker. Results unknown.	
281730			06	281100	From C-2-B Received 25Min White Light, B21 used 15Min Infra Red Light. Results unknown.	
281730			07	281400	From C-2-B Received enemy small arms fire while retrieving a tank. B42 fired 100 1.62MM. Results unknown.	
281730			08	281505	From C-2-B Provided supporting fire for 2/9 G Co. Fired on enemy sniper and enemy mortar position. B11 fired 1 Beehive and 500 .30 cal. B13 fired 100 .30cal. Results unknown.	

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In	Out	Ser	Dte	Incidents, Messages, Orders Etc.	Action
291100	01	281800		From CE-A A51 fired 6 90MM M91, A11 fired 3 90MM M71, 13 90MM M71A1. Fired on active arty, with 1 confirmed enemy gun knocked out and one additional secondary. Results unknown.	
291100	02	281836		From CE-A A421 fired 2 106 PT, at enemy bunker. Results unknown.	
291400	03	282015		From CE-3 #35 fired 2 T7, 1 M7 rounds at 57MM R.R. position, numerous secondary explosions. Results unknown.	

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		1 February 1968	
1000		Motor Transport Operations Report submitted to SCI-35. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 11240 of 1 Feb 68.	
		2 February 1968	
0900		Tracked Vehicle Damages During January 1968 submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 8000 of 2 Feb 68.	
1300		M16A1 Rifle Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 8000 of 2 Feb 68.	
2100		Msg from: Co. "B", 3d Tank Battalion Mine damage report on M48A3 tank, USMC 201994. Doser blade and right front section of fender damaged. Tank still operational. Ref: Co "B" msg 022100H Feb 68.	
		3 February 1968	
1400		Monsoon Requirements Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 4000 of 3 Feb 68.	
		4 February 1968	
0925		Msg from: H&S Fwd, 3d Tank Battalion Artillery damage report - two 106mm recoilless rifles were destroyed and turret damaged on M50A1 226818 by enemy artillery fire.	

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		5 February 1968	
0930		School Trained Embarkation Personnel Report submitted to SCI-39. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/LDN/ldm, 4600 of 5 Feb 68.	
1100		Request for Supply Assistance submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 10/JFK/Ajo, 4000 of 5 Feb 68.	
		6 February 1968	
1700		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #1. M6A3 tanks 202050 and 201969 and M67A2 tanks 211207 and 211227 became engaged in heavy fighting in Hue and had taken 18 hits from RPG's, B-40's, recoilless rifles and/or mortars. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 061700H Feb 68.	
		7 February 1968	
1300		Report of Receipt-Deadlined Equipment submitted to SCI-21. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/RKF/ldm, 4000 of 7 Feb 68.	
1330		Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/RKF/ldm, 7000 of 7 Feb 68.	
2330		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #2. M6A3 tanks 202050 and 201969 and M67A2 tanks 211207 and 211227 continued operations in Hue. A total of 20 hits by RPG's, B-40's, recoilless rifles and mortars have been sustained thus far. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 072330H Feb 68.	

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		8 February 1968	
2020		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #3. Tanks still engaged in heavy fighting, concrete piercing fuses proving extremely effective. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 082020H Feb 68. (*) SEE LATE ENTRIES.	
		9 February 1968	
1000		Preliminary Ammunition Malfunction Report submitted to SCI-S. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/REF/1am, 8010 of 9 Feb 68.	
1139		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #4. Tanks continued mission in Hué. M48A3 tank 202050 was hit at 1100 by four unknown caliber enemy recoilless rifle rounds, burned and was destroyed. Tank was dropped from supply accounts and another put on requisition. Total hits taken by tanks stands at 28 with one M48A3 and two M67A2 tanks remaining operational. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 092200Z Feb 68.	
		10 February 1968	
1105		Es: from: "B" Co., 3d Tank Battalion M48A3 tank 202143 had a .30 caliber machine gun problem corrected and was sent to the field to replace M48A3 tank 202167 which was having fuel problems. Ref: "B" Co. 6 msg 101150H Feb 68.	

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		11 February 1968	
1850		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #5. Remaining tanks continued search-clear-destroy and blocking force operations in Hué. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 111850H Feb 68.	
		12 February 1968	
1100		Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 7000 of 12 Feb 68. (***) SEE LATE ENTRIES.	
		13 February 1968	
0830		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #6. M48A3 tank 201969 and M67A2 tanks 211207 and 211227 remain operational but have considerable damages. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 130830H Feb 68.	
		14 February 1968	
0915		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #7. Remaining tanks still operational and supporting equipment and personnel sent to Hué. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn msg 140915H Feb 68.	
		15 February 1968	
1000		Conex Inventory Report submitted to SCI-6. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 4030 of 15 Feb 68.	

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		15 February 1968 (Cont'd)	
1030		Monsoon Requirements Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/REF/1dm, 4000 of 15 Feb 68.	
1700		Msg to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #8 Tanks remain operational, cannot conduct operations in southwest portion of Hue because they cannot cross pontoon bridge. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 161700H Feb 68.	
		Late Entries	
1400		(*) 8 February 1968 - M48A3 tank USMC 201910 (B31) damaged by enemy mortar and recoilless rifle fire. Ref: "B" Co. msg 081110H Feb 68.	
1630		(**) 12 February 1968 - Following vehicles reported damaged by shrapnel: M422 and 307965, M35CA2 USMC 347812 and M37 USMC 303255. Ref: Co. "A", 3rd AT Co. ltr 6, 8430 of 12 Feb 68.	
		16 Feb 68	
1700		Msg. to CE-6. Subj: Hue City Operation Summary #8. H52, F32 and F33 Continued search - destroy and security operations in support of infantry. No, 90MM rounds were fired during this period and operation in southwest portion of city was cancelled because tanks could not cross pontoon bridge. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 161700H Feb 68.	

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16 February 1968			
1700		Mag to CE-6. Subj: Hué City Operation Summary # 8. H52, F32 and F33 continued search-destroy and security operations in support of infantry. No 90mm rounds were fired during this period and operation in southwest portion of city was cancelled because tanks could not cross pontoon bridge. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 161700H Feb 68.	
1715		Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment Report submitted to SCI-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/MEP/ldm, 4000 of 16 Feb 68.	
17 February 1968			
0900		Report of Receipt-Deadlined Equipment submitted to SCI-21. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/MEP/ldm, 4000 of 17 Feb 68.	
1500		M16A1 Rifles Report submitted to SCI-8. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/MEP/ldm, 8000 of 17 Feb 68.	
18 February 1968			
1630		M3 compressor USMC 58546 damaged by enemy mortar fire while loaded aboard an LCU awaiting shipment to Dong Ha. Compressor was off loaded to await repairs. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 161630H Feb 68.	
1830		Mag to CE-6. Subj: Hué City Operation Summary # 9. Tanks H52, F32 and F33 continued security operations with infantry. Tanks were loaded on an LCU on 17 Feb and departed Hué Ramp at approximately 1200H 17 Feb. After departing, the LCU was damaged by enemy mortar fire and returned to the Ramp at approximately 1630H 17 Feb. The tanks were offloaded and were then loaded on another LCU which departed at approximately 1730 on 18 Feb 68. Ref: 3d Tk Bn msg 161830H Feb 68.	
20 February 1968			
1100		Resources Report submitted to SCI-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr h/MEP/ldm, 7000 of 20 Feb 68.	

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27 February 1968		
1000		Logistic Summary Report submitted to SCD-4. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/HSE/1dn, 4000 of 27 Feb 68.
1100		Resources Report submitted to SCD-50. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/HSE/1dn, 7000 of 27 Feb 68.
1100		150AL USMC 226766 had four 106mm recoilless rifles damaged by shrapnel. Ref: 48 Pad msg 271200H Feb 68.
28 February 1968		
1530		150AL USMC 226766 damaged by shrapnel. Number 2 106 mm gun; buffer plate, 2 drive spring rod, magazine and trigger housing assembly. Ref: "A" Co., 3d AT Co. msg 281700H Feb 68.
2200		Two tank engines destroyed by enemy fire at the Banh while awaiting transportation to 3d echelon maintenance facilities. Ref: 48 Pad msg 281900H Feb 68.
29 February 1968		
1100		150AL USMC 226766 number 2 106mm gun dented by shrapnel and was Code-I. Ref: "A" Co., 3d AT Co. msg 290900H Feb 68.
1400		Report on SEA nets and boilings used by 3d Tank Bn. submitted to Cia Le Combat Base Coordinator. Ref: CO, 3d Tk Bn ltr 4/HSE/1dn, 11100 of 29 Feb 68.

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- 02 FEB THE COMMUNICATIONS PLATOON PROVIDED THE PROVISIONAL FORCE WITH 20 ADDITIONAL DOUBLE E-EIGHTS, AND ONE TA/1.
- 03 FEB ONE TANK MOUNT, ANTENNA BASE, AND ANTENNA MIXER WAS REQUIRED IN HUE, SUBSEQUENT TO ONE OF OUR TANKS SUSTAINING COMBAT LOSS OF THIS GEAR.
- 10 FEB COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF DELIVERED TWENTY GVG HELMETS FOR THE FLOAT PLATOON.
- 23 FEB ONE LINE (TELEPHONE) WENT DOWN TO PHU BAI, COMM 8 CONFERRED WITH TASK FORCE X-RAY, AND THE LINE WILL BE REPLACED BY A NEW LINE, INSTEAD OF REPAIRING THE OLD ONE.
- 28 FEB FOUR TANKS OF THE FLOAT PLATOON WERE MODIFIED TO THE NEW FAMILY OF RADIOS
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TAB E

